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UNH Student Wins National Scholarship For Work With Manchester Teens

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DURHAM, N.H. – Ryan Barrieau, a student in the University of New Hampshire’s master in social work program, has been awarded a national scholarship by the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) for his commitment to serving children, youth and their families.

Barrieau, of Manchester, was chosen as the New England recipient of the Freddie Mac Foundation’s David S. Liederman Scholarship. Seven regional winners are awarded \$12,000 (\$7,000 from Freddie Mac and \$5,000 from the CWLA sponsoring agency).

The national scholarship program is designed to help agency employees purse an M.S.W. or other relevant degree full- or part-time.

Barrieau, who is a student at UNH-Manchester, supervises a group of teens and paid workers who do outreach work finding and engaging homeless teens for Child and Family Services in Manchester.

According to the nomination, Barrieau’s “exceptional ability to establish relationships is evident as he simultaneously spends time on the street winning the trust of homeless teens and rallying the corporate community around the issue.