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THE FORUM AT DESERT HARBOR AWARDS 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

PEORIA, Ariz. – The Forum at Desert Harbor, a waterfront retirement community on the shores of Desert Harbor Lake, hosted an outdoors celebration honoring 11 employees at its 26th Annual Scholarship Awards Reception.

The 2016-17 Scholarship Fund Committee raised a total of \$24,000 in resident contributions, which were awarded to this year's scholars: Katherine Barney of administration; Hayley Gragnano, Colter Hatfield, Ashley Higginbotham, Danielle Johnston, Caila Macias, Ericca Milliken, Angel Ream, and Diana Shelnett of the dietary staff; Manuella Khoshaba of the healthcare staff; and Louise Julich of housekeeping.

The 11 scholarships serve a variety of diverse fields ranging from Colter Hatfield's desire to become an athletic trainer, to Danielle Johnston's focus on studying criminal justice, and Angel Ream's pursuit of a career in musical theatre.

Chairperson Martha Vickers, introduced the members of The Forum Scholarship Fund Committee: Rosalind Barnes, Bill and Lorraine Battis, Evelyn Collen, Adamae Gilmore, Jim Goodman, Ron Green, Fred Harrison, Tom Judd, George Peck, Irene Peterson, Rex Williams, and Nancy Zink, all residents of The Forum at Desert Harbor.

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The committee members presented each recipient with their scholarships along with two red roses. As the 2016-17 Scholarship Awards were awarded, each employee extended heartfelt appreciation to The Forum residents for their generosity.

The committee also entertained the crowd with a group interview of the scholars, asking questions such as, “What keeps you at The Forum?” Answered unanimously by the award recipients, “Residents and scholarships.”

In response to the question, “What do you like best about The Forum?” Angel Ream, enrolled in the musical theatre program at Arizona State University, replied, “It’s wonderful that so many Forum residents come to my shows. I’ve been asked, ‘How many grandparents do you have?’”

The Forum Scholarship Fund was founded in October 1991, as a means of enhancing employees’ potential through the benefits of continuing education. In 26 years, Forum residents have awarded 370 scholarships, totaling \$534,785 for tuition and books.

To learn more about the Scholarship Tax Exempt Program, contact The Forum at Desert Harbor’s Lifestyle 360 program director, Margie O’Boyle, at 623-972-0995. The full-service, rental retirement community is located at 13840 N. Desert Harbor Dr., north of Thunderbird Road at 91st Avenue in Peoria.

The Forum at Desert Harbor is owned and operated by Five Star Senior Living, a division of Five Star Quality Care, Inc. To learn more about The Forum at Desert Harbor visit www.theformatdesertharbor.com or Five Star Senior Living’s Web site at www.fivestarseniorliving.com for information.



**AWARD RECIPIENTS
THE FORUM AT DESERT HARBOR**

Photo by Marla Levine

The Forum at Desert Harbor raised a total of \$24,000 in resident contributions that were awarded to 11 employees of the Peoria retirement community. The 2016-17 Forum Scholarship recipients include, from left, Diana Shelnutt, Katherine Barney, Ashley Higginbotham, Angel Ream, Colter Hatfield, Caila Macias, Ericca Milliken, Danielle Johnston, and Haley Gragnano. Not pictured, Louise Julich and Manuella Khoshaba.



**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
THE FORUM AT DESERT HARBOR
Photo by Marla Levine**

The Forum at Desert Harbor's Scholarship Fund Committee raised a total of \$24,000 in resident contributions, which were awarded as 2016-17 scholarships to 11 Forum employees. The Forum Scholarship Fund was founded in October 1991, since then Forum residents have contributed to 370 scholarships, funding \$534,785 for tuition and books.



**OUTDOOR RECEPTION
THE FORUM AT DESERT HARBOR**
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The Forum at Desert Harbor's great outdoors shined on several of the 2016-17 Forum Scholarship recipients, from left, Angel Ream, Katherine Barney, Ericca Milliken, Ashley Higginbotham, Danielle Johnston, and Haley Gragnano.



**ANGEL REAM AND ADAMAE GILMORE
THE FORUM AT DESERT HARBOR
Photo by Marla Levine**

The Forum at Desert Harbor's dietary staff member, Angel Ream, receives roses and heartfelt congratulations from Scholarship Committee member, Adamae Gilmore. Enrolled in the musical theatre program at Arizona State University, Ream was one of 11 employees honored at the Peoria retirement community's 26th Annual Scholarship Awards Reception.