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2013 Scholarship Award Winners Announced

Bluegrass.org is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2013 Scholarship Awards. Each year, bluegrass.org selects two students for its Joseph A. Toy scholarships, one student for its Fay Friedman scholarship, and one student for its John Yearsley scholarship.

Joseph A. Toy MHA Scholarship Winner: **Rose Tortora**

Joseph A. Toy MPA Scholarship Winner: **Jesse Stephenson**

Fay Friedman Scholarship Winner: **Elizabeth Anderson**

John Yearsley Scholarship Winner: **Sarah Jo Barnes**



Rose Tortora went into the MHA field because of her desire to be in an industry that gave back to people and to the community. Her strong passion for this field led her to networking and shadowing with local healthcare leaders at Baptist Health, Kentucky One Health, and the Markey Cancer Center. Upon her graduation in 2014, Rose hopes to be a part of the Business Development and Marketing Department for a 200-300 bed hospital. Ultimately, she wants to help better the patient's overall hospital experience.

Jesse Stephenson graduated from Transylvania University with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science in May 2012. Currently, he serves as Rippling Hope's Director of Social Media. His career goal is to work within the policy-making process. Additionally, he hopes to take his research findings and turn them into realistic and effective policy recommendations to assist with the guidance of a grant to improve the quality of life in Lexington's East End.



Elizabeth Anderson obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Kentucky in May 2012. Elizabeth currently works as a Research Assistant to Dr. Jennifer Cole at the University of Kentucky, where she is analyzing the commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking of children in Kentucky. Her ultimate career goal is to work with survivors of sexual violence. She hopes to advocate for more services, agencies, support and funding for this underserved population.



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Sarah Jo Barnes graduated from Harrison County High School and hopes to pursue her teaching degree through Union College. Sarah's volunteer work at a local daycare and Buddies To Youth, helped lead her to the decision to become an elementary school teacher. Additionally, Sarah also served as a volunteer for Little Sprouts Daycare Center, Cedar Ridge, and as a student teacher's aide.



Bluegrass.org has served the seventeen county Bluegrass Area for over 45 years, assisting individuals and families in the enhancement of their emotional, mental and physical well-being by providing behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance abuse services.

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