



International Union of Police Associations

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Statement of President Cabral Regarding I.U.P.A. Family Members Being Awarded a 2023 Union Plus Scholarship

I am pleased to share with you that two family members of I.U.P.A. members were selected this year for the Union Plus Scholarship program. Jaymi Lauree Steele, wife of Garrett Steele, who is a member of I.U.P.A. Local 6020; and Clare Charlie Verbert, daughter of Susan Buckley, who is a member of New York Police Investigators Association, I.U.P.A. Local 4.

Jaymi is a Bachelor of Science candidate in FAU's Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. She expects to graduate in August 2024. Jaymi completed the EMT applied technical diploma program (2019) and the paramedic technical certificate program (2022) at Florida's Broward College (BC). These steps were necessary for her to pursue her goal of becoming a flight nurse. At Christmas, Jaymi visits assisted living facilities and spends the day with a veteran who has no family or gets no visitors. She does this of her own volition, not through an organization.

Clare plans to attend Sacred Heart University and will major in education. She aspires to become an elementary school teacher. Her mother, a senior investigator for the New York State Police, was diagnosed with breast cancer during Clare's junior year. "My mother is a proud I.U.P.A. member and cancer survivor," Clare said. "She is the strongest woman I know; but, without her union, she would not have had a good salary, medical benefits, and paid leave time to fight cancer. I.U.P.A. organized food delivery, care packages, and transportation for my mother. There was never a day when we didn't have food, flowers, or support during the struggle."

I join with I.U.P.A. Local 6020, I.U.P.A. Local 4, and all of the I.U.P.A. in being truly proud of these inspiring, driven ladies who I know have extremely promising futures ahead of them.

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NOTE:

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