



# International Union of Police Associations

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## **Edward J. Kiernan Memorial Scholars Selected for 2024!**

Annually, the I.U.P.A. selects impressive students who demonstrate both academic excellence as well as the desire to pursue studies and careers within the law enforcement and labor fields in order to assist them with the costs of attending an academic institution. This year, some extremely noteworthy students were selected. Their academic interests included criminal law, forensics, criminal profiling, cybersecurity, criminal justice, and labor law.

2024 Recipients:

- Sophia Ayala of Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Christopher Boudreaux, Jr. of Toledo, Ohio
- Amanda Hergenreder of Sarasota, Florida
- Jessie Jensen of Seneca Falls, New York
- Tierney Licht of Yonkers, New York
- Caleb Osorio of Woodland, Washington
- Dwayne Parker-Lowe III of Stuart, Florida
- Emilee Miller of Sarasota, Florida
- Haley Stewart of Denham Springs, Louisiana
- Emerson Toole of Vero Beach, Florida
- Kyah Velie of Monroe, Washington

The Edward J. Kiernan Memorial Scholarship was established in 1999 by Sam A. Cabral, I.U.P.A.'s International President, to honor Edward J. Kiernan, a New York City Police Officer and former I.U.P.A. President, in recognition of Eddie's long commitment to the improvement of law enforcement officers' and their families' lives. In order to qualify for a Kiernan scholarship, an applicant's parent or guardian must be a member of an affiliate of the I.U.P.A. The applicant must also be accepted at an accredited university or college in a course of study in law enforcement, labor relations, or a related field. He or she must submit a current transcript as well as their SAT/ACT scores and a letter of recommendation by an official from the applicant's school.

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**NOTE:**

*Originally chartered in 1979, the **International Union of Police Associations** is the only chartered labor union that exclusively represents law enforcement personnel. The I.U.P.A. represents active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel nationwide – including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The I.U.P.A.'s mission is to protect and advance officers' wages, benefits, and work conditions. Membership includes officers from agencies throughout the United States, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. More information is available at [www.iupa.org](http://www.iupa.org).*