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Kane and Bielli Win Fulmont Roadrunners Scholarships

Alexis Kane of Canajoharie High School and Alex Bielli of Gloversville High School are winners of the Fulmont Roadrunners Club's 2015 James R. Dern Memorial Scholarships.

The scholar-athletes excelled in the classroom, as well as in long-distance running and extracurricular activities at their respective high schools, and soon will be moving on to college—Alexis to SUNY Cortland where she will pursue a Master's Degree in Physical Education and Health Education and Alex to the University of Hawaii at Hilo where she will seek a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Science with the goal of becoming a marine park ranger.

Alexis and Alex bring to 44 the number of recipients of the scholarship that bears the name of the late Jim Dern, a Canajoharie resident, Beech-Nut executive, and longtime running enthusiast and Fulmont Roadrunners Club member.

The scholarships are awarded to college-bound seniors from Fulton and Montgomery County high schools, along with club members from other high schools, who have competed in varsity running programs for at least two years. Candidates are judged on personal qualities related to their academic, running, and extracurricular efforts.

With this year's \$500 awards, presented following the club's recent Mule Haul road race, more than \$21,000 in scholarships have been granted to young men and women from nine high schools. The awards program is chaired by long-time club member Stu Palczak, who teaches at Amsterdam High School and heads its running program. The scholarships first were awarded in 1995.