



# NEWS from the Fulmont Roadrunners Club

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## **Kasza and MacFarland Win Fulmont Roadrunners Scholarships**

Jamie Kasza of Fonda-Fultonville High School and Ryan MacFarland of Mayfield-Northville High School are winners of the Fulmont Roadrunners Club's 2016 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—Jamie to SUNY Oswego where she will study liberal arts & science and Ryan to Rochester Institute of Technology where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering.

Jamie and Ryan bring to 46 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 including work ethic, leadership skills, sportsmanship, commitment to team goals, and respect of peers.

With this year's \$500 awards, presented following the club's recent Mule Haul road race, more than \$22,000 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.

Caption:

Dern Scholarship committee chair Stu Palczak with 2016 winners Ryan MacFarland and Jamie Kasza.