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## Coarc Elects New Officers, Awards Local Students with Scholarships

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The Coarc Board of Directors elected its 2024-2025 officers and announced its 2024 scholarship winners at the agency's Annual Meeting held on June 17 in Mellenville.

The 2024-2025 Board of Directors Officers include President Tracy Cantele, Vice President Doris Meier, Secretary Dorothy Wheeler, Treasurer Christopher Nardone, and Self-Advocate Representative Mark Harris.

Seven local students were also awarded with scholarships totaling \$3,500.

The Annual Coarc Employee Sponsored Determination (A.C.E.S.) Scholarship was awarded to Leonard (LJ) Morse Jr. (Chatham Central School District/Columbia-Greene Community College), Elizabeth Morse (Chatham Central School District/Hudson Valley Community College), Lance Hopwood (Hudson City School District/SUNY Polytechnic Institute), and Vanessa Vick (Ichabod Crane Central School District/Hudson Valley Community College).

The Kathelyn Caswell Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Alexis Meyers (Chatham Central School District/Hudson Valley Community College) and Mikaela Scully (Ichabod Crane Central School District/Columbia-Greene Community College).

The Mary Markowitz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Coarc Employment Trainer Lisa Sullivan (Columbia-Greene Community College/SUNY Albany).

"The Coarc Board of Directors is proud of the students who earned these scholarships based on their academic efforts and drive to further their education," said Coarc Board of Directors President Tracy Cantele. "We look forward to the positive impact they will make in our community and beyond."

"Coarc is thrilled to be able to award these scholarships to these deserving students," said Coarc Interim Chief Executive Officer Karen Amanna. "We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of their educational journey and wish them much success as they strive to reach their goals and further their education."

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Pictured left to right: Lance Hopwood, Lisa Sullivan, Vanessa Vick, Leonard Morse Jr., Alexis Meyers, Elizabeth Morse, and Mikaela Scully

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### About Coarc

Coarc is the Columbia County Chapter of The Arc New York and a chapter of The Arc United States. Established in 1965, Coarc currently serves approximately 350 people living with intellectual and developmental differences. To learn more about Coarc, visit [www.coarc.org](http://www.coarc.org).