

# **Bethlehem Central United Employees Association 2019 KATHERINE 'KATY' DEPORTE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This year, members of the Bethlehem Central United Employees Association (support personnel of the Bethlehem Central School District) will be awarding two \$500.00 scholarships to college bound graduating seniors of the Bethlehem Central High School and graduating seniors of BCUEA members.

The Katherine 'Katy' Deporte Memorial Scholarship is open to all graduating seniors. Applications must be completed in full and returned to the Counseling Center, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054, no later than Friday, April 12, 2019. Winner will be announced at the end of May.

## **ABOUT KATHERINE 'KATY' DEPORTE.....**

Katy retired in September of 2002 after 46 years as a lunch-room aide at Slingerlands Elementary School at the age of 81. But that is not all there is to know about Katy.

In fact, Katy was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelor's Degree in English. Katy started volunteering as a grade mother at Slingerlands Elementary when her daughter was in second grade. At that time, the teachers had to eat lunch with their students. Katy voluntarily came in to take the students and read to

them while the teachers had a lunch break. In the late 1950's Katy became part of a statewide pilot program to institute an aide program for elementary school lunch periods and helped to develop the noon aide program as it exists today. Over the many years, Katy mentored every lunch aide as they began their new positions at the school. As an employee of Bethlehem Central, Katy stood out as an exemplary employee who was always willing to go above and beyond. Her love for education and for children was demonstrated in every aspect of her life for more than 40 years.

Katy also shared her skills in the community, as she had been a volunteer for the Multiple Sclerosis Society for more than 35 years, although no one in her family ever suffered from the disease. She had written a monthly newsletter for MS patients called 'To You From Katy'. This is just another example of Katy's sacrificial giving.

To demonstrate how important Katy was to our school district, her peers have established this scholarship in her name because of her heart of gold, her love of children, and her dedication to education.

It is with great pride that we award this scholarship to this year's recipients and it is our hope that they too will value Katy's attributes of unselfishness, citizenship, education and empathy for other people's needs.

**Bethlehem Central United Employees  
Association  
2019  
Katherine 'Katy' Deporte Award**

**APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Are any brothers or sisters attending college during the  
2018-2019 school year?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ How many \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please list colleges applied to and/or accepted to and your intended field of study:

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List activities in which you participated (school, community, work).

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Community: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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