

First10Forward Presents Inaugural Scholarship Awards to USMMA Midshipmen during Connie Awards Luncheon

On December 10, 2018, First10Forward (F10F) awarded its first Annual Grant to the Containerization and Intermodal Institute (CII) scholarship program. The 2018 scholarships were awarded to three women attending the US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA). The scholarships were awarded to the midshipmen based on academic performance and financial need. Recipients M/N Shelby Bowman and M/N Alexa Lumpkin, from the Class of 2022, were honored at the CII Scholarship Ceremony and Connie Awards Luncheon. A third scholarship will be awarded to an incoming 2019 female plebe midshipman (Class 2023).

Susan Winfree, a F10F 2018 contributor and Vice President of the New York Shipping Association presented the scholarships. Also, in attendance was Margaret Kaigh Doyle, F10F's President.



First10Forward was founded in 2017 by a group of women graduates from the USMMA. F10F's mission is to support women and girls pursuing non-traditional careers. This group came together over their shared sense of gratitude for the life altering, professional and personal opportunities their Kings Point education bestowed upon them, and an awareness of the challenges they had to overcome to succeed in a traditionally male dominated industry. Together, they decided to pay forward their wisdom and financial backing to girls and women embarking on similar non-traditional journeys. The 2018 awards coincide with the 40th anniversary of the first women graduates from the Academy. The USMMA was the first of the five federal academies to accept women. For more information, please visit www.first10forward.com.

USMMA was dedicated in 1943 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to train U.S. citizens for service as officers in the U.S. merchant fleet. Operated by the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation, the academy has produced more than 20,000 graduates who serve the nation in the maritime industry, both at sea and ashore, and in the armed forces.