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Murphy wins 1st Law Enforcement Family Member Scholarship

LEWISTON, Tuesday, October 13, 2015 — Christine Murphy, a graduate student at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., has been named as the 2015 recipient of the Fales & Fales, PA, Law Enforcement Family Member Scholarship.

Murphy will receive \$1,000 in financial aid as she pursues her master's degree in security studies at Georgetown's School of Foreign Studies. She will graduate from the program in May of 2017.

Murphy, a native of Springfield, Mass., is the daughter of Det. Lt. Thomas Murphy, a 30-year veteran of the Massachusetts State Police and current unit commander of the Western Massachusetts Special Services Section.

She graduated in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in English from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

Murphy has received numerous awards and honors during her academic career, including election to the Sigma Tau Delta and Phi Beta Kappa national collegiate honor societies, the Union College dean's list and scholar's program, and the Women's Golf Academic Achievement Award.

She is focusing her studies in the fields of international security and terrorism and substate violence, and plans to start a career within the intelligence community after graduation.

In applying for the scholarship, Murphy submitted an essay that described her father's lengthy and distinguished career as a law enforcement officer and how his influence positively impacted her life and inspired her to pursue her career in security services.

She also described her recent experiences as an intern with the Special Services Section, getting to meet her father's co-workers and working with members of several other law enforcement and federal agencies including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Department of Homeland Security, and conducting surveillance and undercover work in the field.

The Lewiston law firm created the Law Enforcement Family Member Scholarship in 2015, and Murphy is the first student to be awarded the grant.

The scholarship is open to any student enrolled at an accredited university or law school who has an immediate family member who is or was an active duty member of law enforcement, including reserve, retired, deceased or disabled officers. Students must also have a current GPA of at least 3.0. The award is intended to be used exclusively for tuition and academic expenses.