

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 29, 2020

**The National Federation of Paralegal Associations announces
2020 Award and Scholarship Recipients**

Minneapolis, MN – October 2020 - The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, Inc. (NFPA®) announces its 2020 awards for accomplishments by individual members, local associations, and students. The awards were presented at NFPA's inaugural virtual Convention on October 24.

William R. Robie Leadership Award presented to Christine Hansen, ILAP, Illinois Paralegal Association. Sponsored by Larkin Hoffman Attorneys, this award recognizes an NFPA member in honor of the Honorable William R. Robie and his dedication to the paralegal profession, the expansion of the delivery of legal services and equal access to justice for all Americans.

The Justice Champion Award presented to Maren Schroeder, MBA, RP®, MnCP, Minnesota Paralegal Association. Sponsored by Gustafon Gluek, PLLC, this award recognizes a practicing paralegal whose conduct, actions and activities demonstrate extraordinary dedication to diversity and inclusion as defined in NFPA's [Position Statement on Diversity](#).

Paralegal of the Year Award presented to MaryAnn Ivie, RP®, Oregon Paralegal Association. Sponsored by Paradigm Reporting & Captioning, this award recognizes an individual NFPA member whose on-the-job achievements have contributed to expansion of the paralegal profession, including contributions to his or her employer, colleagues and the paralegal profession in general.

Outstanding Local Leader Award presented to Amy Conrad, Minnesota Paralegal Association. Sponsored by Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A., this award recognizes an individual NFPA member for outstanding local leadership contributions to his or her local association.

Individual Pro Bono Award presented to Kimberly Kasper, MnCP, Minnesota Paralegal Association. Sponsored by Maslon, this award recognizes an individual paralegal who has exhibited extraordinary dedication to the delivery of quality legal services to a portion of the population that cannot afford to pay for legal services.



The Paralegal CORE Competency Exam™ (PCCE) Scholarship presented to Julianne DiBenedetto, Illinois Paralegal Association. Sponsored by the Paralegal Education Group (PEG), this scholarship covers the costs of a review manual, a PEG online review course and the Paralegal CORE Competency Exam™.

NFPA's Student Scholarships was awarded to Mary Andriani, member of the New York City Paralegal Association. Sponsored by Paradigm Reporting & Captioning, this scholarship is awarded to a paralegal student in the U.S. to be used to pursue a paralegal education.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 8,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. NFPA's core purpose is the advancement of the paralegal profession. NFPA promotes a global presence for the paralegal profession and leadership in the legal community.

###

CONTACT

Isaiah Allen

Executive Director

executivedirector@paralegals.org

NFPA, PACE Registered Paralegal, RP, PACE, the PACE design logo, NFPA - *The Leader of the Paralegal Profession* and the NFPA design logo are all Registered Trademarks/Service Marks of NFPA. Links to other organizations are provided solely as a convenience and do not constitute an endorsement by NFPA.