## TechRochester Announces First Scholarship Award Winner

**ROCHESTER, NY, February 8, 2021** — TechRochester, an organization founded in 2000 as Digital Rochester, announces their first scholarship winner – Brandon Baggatta. Baggatta is currently attending Western Governors University and is studying Computer Science. He is interested in programming and has most recently been laid off from his Restaurant Manager position.

Baggatta's application and necessary paperwork was received mid-December. He was then interviewed by the committee members and the Workforce Development Judging committee who reviewed his credentials. The Workforce Development Judging committee stated, "We believe that we have a solid candidate worthy of receiving this award. It was a nice holiday surprise for him, and we made a displaced worker very happy."

TechRochester has partnered with COMIDA and Monroe County in creating a new scholarship program to help those impacted by job loss during the COVID-19 pandemic. This scholarship program helps individuals with a financial need obtain an IT certification with the goal of finding a new job in the Rochester area.

**About the TechRochester Scholarship**

- Applications are available on the TechRochester website at https://techrochester.org/techrochester-scholarship/.
- Complete an application form and email it to TechRochester.
- Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee and be awarded quarterly.
- Applicants can apply as many times as they would like.
- Contact Kim Gaylord at kim@techrochester.org with any questions.

TechRochester is an organization comprised of professionals and companies that are working together to strengthen the Greater Rochester Area's technology community. We accomplish this through the development and sponsorship of relevant events and stimulating programs focused on skill building and the cultivation of individual and business relationships.

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