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Customer Bank Awards Scholarships in Memory of Civil Rights Leader and Activist Dr. Leon H. Sullivan of Philadelphia’s Zion Baptist Church

Philadelphia, Pa. (December 1, 2017) – Customers Bank is pleased to announce that five students have been named recipients of its 2017 Dr. Leon H. Sullivan Scholarship, which is dedicated to the memory of civil rights leader and social activist Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, former pastor of Philadelphia’s Zion Baptist Church.

The students, who are all members of the Church, have been selected to receive a total of $5,000 per student towards the pursuit of continuing education. This is the fourth year that Customers Bank has sponsored the scholarship, awarding a total of $100,000 to student members of the Zion Baptist Church who embody the spirit and work ethic of Dr. Sullivan, as well as a commitment to academic excellence.

“Dr. Sullivan’s legacy as a leader and activist for justice continues to impact individuals throughout Philadelphia and beyond,” said Richard Ehst, President and COO of Customers Bank. “This scholarship honors his memory, and enables young people to invest in their dreams, their futures, and their communities – just as Dr. Sullivan did.”

Varsovia Fernandez, Senior Vice President and Philadelphia Market Leader for Customers Bank, presented the 2017 Dr. Leon H. Sullivan Scholarships to the following recipients during worship services on Sunday, November 19th:

- **Jewell Adams**, a native Philadelphian and four-time scholarship recipient who is studying psychology at Alabama’s Tuskegee University.
- **Demetria Dove**, a freshman at Bloomsburg University who is majoring in Math and Computer Science.
- **Amber Mole**, a four-time scholarship recipient who will graduate from Point Park University in 2018 with a degree in business management and accounting.
- **Jeremiah Milligan**, a student at St. Joseph’s University, who is expected to graduate in 2020 with a degree in economics.
• **Jelani Wheeler,** a freshman at Florida A&M University who studies business management.

The 2017 recipients were selected with the assistance of a special scholarship committee, which monitors the ongoing awards program. In addition to Ehst, members of the committee include Varsovia Fernandez, George VanNorton of Zion Baptist Church; Joseph Schupp, Senior Vice President—Community Development Officer for Customers Bank; Alex Mammelis, Vice President, Fair and Responsible Banking Officer for Customers Bank; Mike Quick, former professional football player with the Philadelphia Eagles; and Wendell Whitlock, owner of Progress Plaza in North Philadelphia. The award is open to students between the ages of 15 and 25 who have a minimum 3.0 grade point average at an accredited education institution at the time of their application.

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