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**Annual Event Raises Funds for SteppingStones and College Scholarships Three Scholarship Recipients to be Recognized at Jim Dunn Run** in Morgantown, WV, on June 14, 2018 . . . The Jim Dunn Memorial Twilight 5-miler (Jim Dunn Run) and 2-mile fun walk will be held at 7 p.m. on Fri, July 13 at the Wharf Street parking garage on Clay Street. Online registration is \$30 until noon on July 12. Day of event registration is \$35; gates open at 5 p.m. Funds raised from the Jim Dunn Run benefit SteppingStones of Monongalia County and the Jim Dunn Memorial Scholarship Fund. To date, 23 scholarships totaling \$20,000 have been awarded to West Virginia high school cross country and track and field athletes. This year's scholarship recipients are Hannah Lipps, Hampshire High School, Samantha Hatcher, Morgantown High School and Ward Ries, Preston High School. The scholarships, awarded by YCF (Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc.), are valued at \$1,000 each and earmarked for college-related expenses.

“Our scholarship committee is consistently impressed by the experiences students share about how they have benefited from sports. Time management, goal-setting, teamwork and learning how to overcome failures are common characteristics among applicants and valuable skills in today's workforce,” says Darlene Dunn, chair of the Jim Dunn Memorial Scholarship Committee and wife of the late Jim Dunn. Other characteristics that resonate with Dunn are learning how to work with others toward a common goal and helping others succeed. These characteristics were fundamental traits of Jim Dunn and have been key to the committee's fundraising success.

Although candidates may choose any college in the country, nearly 70 percent of Jim Dunn Memorial Scholarship recipients are attending or have graduated from colleges in the state. Lipps and Hatcher will be attending WVU, and Ries will be attending Edinboro University.

To further Jim's commitment to serving others in need, SteppingStones of Monongalia County is a co-beneficiary and co-supporter of the Jim Dunn Run. Since 2013, the committee has awarded \$35,000 to SteppingStones which provides year-round recreation for children and adults with disabilities. Funds raised from the 2018 Jim Dunn Run will be used to further support physical activity programs at SteppingStones — including Miracle League Baseball, Miracle Golf, Swimming, Basketball, Summer camps and other activities.

For more information about the Jim Dunn Run - which is held rain or shine, scholarship recipients, and SteppingStones visit [jimdunnrun.com](http://jimdunnrun.com).