

Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C. Commits \$100,000.00 in Scholarships for New Haven Youth

Scholarship recipients are college-bound students of New Haven based LEAP

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (October 22, 2013) - The New Haven, Connecticut law firm of Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C. has established the Neubert, Pepe & Monteith Scholarship for the benefit of college-bound students who are active in the New Haven Connecticut based organization Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership, Inc. (LEAP). The scholarship awards of \$2,500.00 or more for up to 4 students each year will be funded by Neubert, Pepe & Monteith in the amount of \$10,000.00 per year for a period of ten years for a total amount of \$100,000.00. The Neubert, Pepe & Monteith Scholarship is intended to assist New Haven high school seniors pursue their college education, providing financial support to those who may otherwise have significant difficulty in securing funds for a college education.

Eligible students will demonstrate a strong work ethic, a solid record of community service, commitment to their education, exemplary school attendance, and a long and constructive relationship with LEAP. Neubert, Pepe & Monteith recognizes and appreciates the efforts of LEAP, most notably its College Prep Scholar program which prepares college-bound seniors for the road ahead. To support those efforts and to enable New Haven high school seniors to fulfill their dreams, Neubert, Pepe & Monteith is delighted to establish the Neubert, Pepe & Monteith Scholarship.

“Over the past 20 years, Neubert, Pepe & Monteith has been a part of the greater New Haven area and has benefitted enormously from the support we have received from the community. As we reflect on the past 20 years, and look forward to the next 20, we hope to further develop and strengthen our community ties,” said Gregory J. Pepe, founder and president of Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C. “We view the firm’s commitment to this college scholarship program as a way to become more involved in New Haven in a meaningful way, and to help create opportunities for everyone here.”

Ms. Esther Massie, Executive Director of LEAP remarked, “We are thrilled that Neubert, Pepe & Monteith has selected LEAP to be a partner for this scholarship program. LEAP students, despite being academically qualified, often lack the financial resources to pursue their college dreams. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Pepe and his firm, our College Prep Scholars will be one step closer to making their dreams a reality.”

Neubert, Pepe & Monteith is committed to community involvement and service. Firm members proudly serve in leadership positions with civic, charitable, education, and community organizations throughout Connecticut. The Neubert, Pepe & Monteith Scholarship attests to the firm’s resolve to better the welfare of the communities in which they serve and the educational achievements of youth.

About Neubert, Pepe & Monteith

Neubert, Pepe & Monteith, P.C. is a general practice law firm with offices in New Haven and Fairfield Connecticut (www.npmlaw.com). The firm, founded in 1993, presently has twenty-four attorneys, many of whom are leaders in their respective fields and have been listed in Best Lawyers in America and the Connecticut, New England and New York Tri-State Super Lawyers lists. Neubert, Pepe & Monteith’s fundamental goal is to provide its clients with the benefits of large firm experience together with the

personal attention, flexibility, and competitive rates found in a smaller firm. The firm is committed to providing its clients with quality representation in a professional and cost effective manner.

About LEAP

LEAPs mission is to develop the strengths and talents of young leaders who implement year-round, community and school-based programming designed to achieve positive academic and social outcomes for children living in high poverty urban neighborhoods. LEAP (www.leapforkids.org) reaches into New Haven neighborhoods that are laden with a shortage of positive resources and empowers the children and youth of those communities to be positive resources themselves. Since 1992, LEAP has led the movement to provide children and youth with opportunities to thrive in all areas of their lives.

The very essence of LEAP stands for the primary components of a developing student's life:

- *Leadership* teaches students to make careful and safe choices;
- *Education* serves as the tool to make and pursue dreams;
- *Athletics*, arts and other cultural experiences bring meaning and confidence into life; and
- *Partnerships* bring families, schools and community organizations together to create and sustain a landscape ripe for leadership, education and enrichment – for ALL children.

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