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CONCORD CARLISLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Past recipient helps out at Phonathon

Travis Minor graduated from Concord Carlisle High School (CCHS) in 2005 and graduated from the University of Vermont in 2009 with a degree in secondary education. Throughout his college career he was a recipient of Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund (CCSF) grants.

On March 20 Travis volunteered at the CCSF Phonathon to give back to the organization and the community by helping to raise scholarship funds for current students.

"I am very appreciative of the scholarship help that CCSF provided during my college years," Minor said. "My college education was the most valuable thing in my entire life."

He taught at a charter high school in West Philadelphia for a couple of years then moved to Acton, where he started a business, Open Door Test Prep (www.opendoortestprep.com), which provides both college test preparation and tutoring for middle school and high school students. Things have gone full circle for Minor, since he is now providing tutoring services to some CCHS students.

"It was doubly rewarding to have both a successful Phonathon and to hear about the effect that CCSF Scholarships had on a recipient," said Lucy Miller, chairman of the Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund.

This year more than 100 CCHS National Honor Society candidates assisted the



Travis Minor, CCHS 2005, Lucy Miller, chairman of Concord Carlisle Scholarship Fund, and Al Powers, CCSF treasurer, work together at the March 2012 CCSF Phonathon. COURTESY PHOTO

CCSF at the annual Phonathon held on March 18 and 20, placing more than 4,000 calls to townspeople and friends. This year a competition was held between groups of students making the calls, with the group that got the most pledges receiving Dunkin' Donuts gift cards donated by Dan Costa, owner of Dunkin' Donuts in Concord. More than 600 people made pledges to the CCSF during the Phonathon.

The Phonathon raises money to provide need-based college scholarships to students who live in or who have attended secondary school

in Concord or Carlisle. Since 1966, generous donors have enabled CCSF to award over \$2 million to almost 1,000 students.

"Thank you to everyone in our community who answered the students' calls for contributions; we're thankful to everyone who pledged in response to their calls," CCSF Phonathon Chairman Barbara Fisher said.

For more information on the CCSF or the 2012 scholarship application deadlines, visit www.ccscholarship-fund.org or look for CCSF on Facebook.