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**Chester County Suicide Prevention Partnership Awards  
2026 Student Scholarships to Advance Mental Health Awareness**

Kennett Square, PA — The Chester County Suicide Prevention Partnership (CCSPP) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 Student Scholarship Awards, recognizing outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing mental health awareness and suicide prevention within their schools and communities.

Each recipient was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship in recognition of their leadership, advocacy, and dedication to creating safer, more supportive environments for their peers. Applicants were asked to reflect on their involvement in activities that promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention over the past four years—highlighting both personal commitment and community impact.

This year, in response to an extraordinary number of highly qualified applicants, the Board of Directors for CCSPP expanded the scholarship award to recognize two recipients instead of one. The depth, passion, and impact demonstrated across the applicant pool made this decision both necessary and inspiring.

"This scholarship represents more than financial support—it is an investment in the next generation of leaders who are committed to changing the conversation around mental health," said Karl Cassell, Executive Director of CCSPP. "These students are not waiting for change—they are actively creating it in their schools and communities. Their courage, compassion, and leadership give us hope for a stronger, more connected future."

The scholarship program is part of CCSPP's broader mission to reduce stigma, increase access to resources, and build a county-wide culture of awareness, prevention, and support. By uplifting young leaders, CCSPP continues to expand its impact across Chester County, ensuring that mental health remains a priority at every level of the community.

**The 2026 scholarship recipients are:**

- Shraddha Arvind , Great Valley High School
- Alice Lynch, Phoenixville Area High School

Each student distinguished themselves through meaningful involvement in initiatives such as peer support programs, mental health advocacy campaigns, student-led organizations, and community outreach efforts.

CCSPP extends its sincere gratitude to all applicants who took the time to share their stories, efforts, and commitment to mental health advocacy. The strength of this year's applicant pool reflects a growing movement of young leaders dedicated to supporting one another and building healthier communities.

For more information about CCSPP programs or future scholarship opportunities, please visit [www.ccspp.org](http://www.ccspp.org) or contact [info@ccspp.org](mailto:info@ccspp.org).

### ***About the Chester County Suicide Prevention Partnership***

*The mission of the Chester County Suicide Prevention Partnership (CCSPP) is to decrease suicide through increased awareness and education in the community. CCSPP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that partners with individuals, organizations, and companies in the community to develop suicide prevention strategies and promote wellness, support, and connection across Chester County.*

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