

# Local Hibernians announce 2024 scholarship winner

## *Staff report*

**Kayla Williams of Chicopee** has been awarded the 2024 Maurice A. Donahue Memorial Scholarship from the Ancient Order of Hibernians James A. Curran Division One and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Division Two of Hampden and Hampshire counties.

Williams, the daughter of Michael and Katelyn Williams, is a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

The Maurice A. Donahue Scholarship, established in 1980, honors the legacy of the late Massachusetts Senate President, who was an AOH member.

“This year’s scholarship recipient, Kayla Williams,

truly exemplifies the values that Maurice Donahue lived by,” said Paul O. Mengel, chairperson of the scholarship committee in a recent statement.

The values include “dedication to community, commitment to scholarship achievement and love of Irish heritage.”

Williams was nominated for the scholarship by her grandfather and Hibernian member Marty Fullwood.

Williams will attend Western New England University this fall and plans to be an elementary education teacher.

In her scholarship application, she stated that by getting a higher education degree she hopes to “help bring joy and education into young people’s lives.” ■

