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FOUR WATERTOWN-AREA STUDENTS EARN 2025 SCHOLARSHIPS FROM NORTH AMERICAN RAIL GROUP OF KNORR-BREMSE

*Young Scholars Are Among 12 Students Selected for
Their Academic Achievements and Promise*

WATERTOWN, N.Y. – Oct. 13, 2025 – Four students from the Watertown, New York, area have been awarded 2025 scholarships from the combined North American Rail division companies of Knorr-Bremse, recognizing their academic achievements and future potential as they pursue higher education. The students were selected for this year's U.S.-based cohort of 12 first-time scholarship recipients.

The Watertown-area recipients, all first-year students, are:

- Hannah Call, who is studying nursing at Nazareth University, Rochester, New York
- Alivia Cross, who is majoring in medical technology at SUNY Brockport in New York
- Brooklyn Smith, who is pursuing nursing at Jefferson Community College in Watertown
- Gianna Terpstra, who is majoring in software engineering at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio

Each student is the child of an employee at New York Air Brake (NYAB), part of the Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse's North American Rail group. In addition to the Watertown, New York-based NYAB, which supplies the freight rail industry, the group includes Westminster, Maryland-based Knorr Brake Company (transit rail); and Grain Valley, Missouri-based KB Signaling (conventional signaling).

The scholarship program was established in 2019 by NYAB as a way to support children of employees and reinforce the company's commitment to education. It expanded to include Knorr Brake Company in 2023 and KB Signaling in 2025.

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Scholarship recipients embody the promise and potential that the program was created to support. Their chosen fields span healthcare, science, engineering, and the arts and humanities – reflecting their diverse talents and aspirations.

Since its inception, dozens of students have benefited annually from the scholarship, which has become a hallmark initiative of the North American Rail group. This year, 24 students across the U.S. are supported through the program, including the 12 new recipients and 12 students who received a scholarship renewal.

“New York Air Brake is proud of its role in launching this program, which continues to grow,” said Matt Shick, vice president of human resources at Knorr-Bremse Rail NA. “It’s about more than financial support – it’s about empowering the next generation to pursue their ambitions and build the future.”

About New York Air Brake LLC

New York Air Brake, LLC (NYAB), a North American subsidiary of Munich, Germany-based Knorr-Bremse, develops and supplies leading-edge air brake control systems and components, electronically controlled braking systems, foundation brakes, training simulators and train handling systems, and wayside equipment to the rail industry. An industry pioneer since 1890, our over 850 team members have a deep customer commitment that fuels us to deliver solutions for improved rail performance, safety, and overall operating cost. New York Air Brake is headquartered in Watertown, New York, with manufacturing plants in Acuña, Mexico; Salisbury, North Carolina; Springfield, Missouri; and West Chicago, Illinois; along with Train Dynamic Systems (TDS), a technology development unit located in Irving, Texas. For more information, visit www.nyab.com and follow us on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/company/new-york-air-brake](https://www.linkedin.com/company/new-york-air-brake). To learn more about career opportunities at NYAB, please visit www.nyabcareers.com/.

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