



# Allegheny County Council

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## Legislation Text

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Proclamation congratulating the 2018 graduates of the Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program.

**WHEREAS**, Allegheny County is home to more than 200 volunteer fire companies; and

**WHEREAS**, in Allegheny County, volunteer firefighters protect over 910,000 people and save the taxpayers of the county an estimated \$60 million dollars a year; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities, in 2008, the **Allegheny County Fire Volunteer Education, Service & Training Scholarship Program (FireVEST)** was established through a partnership between the Allegheny County Fire Academy and the Community College of Allegheny County (through the CCAC-Allegheny County Workforce Alliance); and

**WHEREAS**, 200 **FireVEST** scholarships, covering tuition, fees and books, are offered each year - 150 for new recruits in exchange for five years of volunteer service and 50 for existing volunteer firefighters in exchange for an additional five years of service in Allegheny County; and

**WHEREAS**, **FireVEST** scholarship recipients have majored in programs such as Fire Science Administration, Criminal Justice & Criminology, Business Management, Nursing, and more;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Robert Palmosina and All Members of Council, do hereby congratulate the following 2018 **FireVEST** graduates: Justin Bachinsky-Marshall Township VFD, Station 185, Christopher Carr - Dormont VFD, Station 130, Justin Fashian-Moon Run VFC, Station 245, Rachmiel Gallman-Penn Hills VFD #1, Station 221, Kelsey Newman-Gallatin-Sunnyside VFD, Station 154, Sean Ronick-Broughton VFD, Station 270, Nicholas Skalos-Cherry City VFC, Station 260, and William Supan III-Oak Ridge VFD, Station 269. We commend you for your dedication, service and sacrifice, in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Allegheny County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 23rd day of October 2018.