



Kelly Styles STEM Scholarship



Kelly Styles is the former Senior VP, Chief Information Officer at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. His passion is to support young people going into a career pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) Kelly retired from Connecticut Children's in June 2020, and as a tribute to him, generous individuals of the Connecticut Children's Information Solutions department donated the funds to create the Kelly Styles S.T.E.M. Scholarship. The scholarship provides a deserving graduating senior with \$2,000 to continue their education in a post-secondary program related to STEM.



Sirak Hadgu

Sirak Hadgu, is this year's selected recipient of the Kelly Styles STEM Scholarship. Sirak graduated from Bulkeley High School. There he played varsity soccer, was a member of the

National Honor Society, and participated in a youth training program through Leadership Greater Hartford.

Sirak worked with Michele MacCarone Brophy of the Hartford Public Library as a program assistant, who describes him as “very hard working, motivated and dependable – while working two other summer jobs.” His ESOL teacher, Edlira Beda, describes Sirak as “an outstanding student who takes learning seriously and has shown leadership skills in sports.”

Sirak’s parents emphasized the importance of education even though his childhood in Eritrea didn’t offer good opportunities. When his family was reunited in the US after four dangerous years of separation, he immediately focused on education. Sirak plans to attend Manchester Community College and will pursue a career in Computer Science.

