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Cape Cod 5 Congratulates Local Award Winners in EVERFI Black History Month Challenge Sponsored by the Bank

*Five local finalists will each receive a $500 stipend from Cape Cod 5 and one local student was selected as a national scholarship winner*

Hyannis, MA – Cape Cod 5 is pleased to announce that six local high school students have been recognized and will receive awards for essays submitted as part of EVERFI’s Black History Month (BHM) Challenge, of which the Bank was a regional partner. Cape Cod 5 will grant $500 honorable mention educational stipends to five local students who were named “honorable mentions” in the Challenge. Additionally, one local student was chosen as one of the top three national winners and will receive a $4,000 scholarship. All participants submitted a capstone essay sharing how they plan to continue conversations about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion throughout the community.

The honorable mentions are: Anna Benett of East Falmouth; Molly Gramm of South Dennis; Samantha Malfy of East Falmouth; Bronwyn Morris of East Falmouth; Kayleigh Flaherty Washington of Nantucket. The national scholarship winner is Kylie Morris of Buzzards Bay.

The Challenge, promoted locally by Cape Cod 5 through its partnership with EVERFI, encouraged young people to draw connections from past and present events to understand the world around them and spark enduring conversations about race and allyship. During the month of February, over 14,000 students participated in the BHM Challenge nationally, completing four digital lessons focused on understanding the Black experience. 978 of those students from across the country submitted a capstone essay from which the winners were selected.

 “Cape Cod 5 commends all the local students who participated in the EVERFI Black History Month Challenge and congratulates those who were recognized with awards. We are proud to stand with these future leaders in their commitment to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiatives in our community,” said Dorothy A. Savarese, Chair and CEO of Cape Cod 5. “Amplifying Black history as American history is one part of the Bank’s long-standing commitment to creating an equitable, inclusive culture that celebrates all types of diversity throughout our organization and the communities we serve.”

**About Cape Cod 5**

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