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**Two high school students awarded the Lara French Welp Scholarship
from Central Kentucky Community Foundation**

ELIZABETHTOWN, KY (June 20, 2020) – Two local high school students are part of the 145 students earning scholarships from Central Kentucky Community Foundation.

Cerenity Hardin and Nayeli Perez were awarded the Lara French Welp Scholarship. Both students will attend The Academy at Hardin County Schools Early College and Career Center.

Hardin, daughter of Karen and Chester Hardin, is a senior from John Hardin High School. Perez, daughter of Hilario Morales Bartolon and Marleny Perez, is a senior from Central Hardin High School.

The Lara French Welp Scholarship was established by her parents, Larry and Betty Sue French, following her death in 2019. Lara is remembered for her infectious smile and caring personality. She was active in community service and events before dying from breast cancer. In memory of her, two rising seniors at The Academy at EC3 will receive a scholarship to pay for their Elizabethtown Community and Technical College classes while they complete their senior year in high school.

"Through the generosity of our donors, students across our region can continue their education," said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of CKCF. "Our scholarship program, Scholarship Central, is a great way to empower local students and show them the impact of philanthropy. It's an honor to connect people to the causes they care about while helping people pursue their educational goals."

The Lara French Welp Scholarship is one of 170 scholarships being awarded by CKCF this year through Scholarship Central. The scholarships total nearly \$322,000 and were awarded to 145 students from 17 high schools and four colleges in the region. All scholarship awards were announced during Celebrating Achievement, Central Kentucky Community Foundation's scholarship awards program. You can watch it at https://youtu.be/qqlS2Y_XyKw.

To establish a scholarship fund or to find out more information on this scholarship and other scholarships available to students, go to <http://ckcf4people.org/scholarships/>.

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