

## Essel Propack awards scholarships

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Local packaging manufacturer Essel Propack awarded four \$5,000 scholarships to Danville and Pittsylvania high school students.

The event marked the company's first manufacturing excellence scholarship program that recognizes high school seniors in Danville and Pittsylvania County. Eligible students had to submit an essay and an application highlighting their community service, academic performance and leadership skills that was judged by Essel's executive scholarship team.

"We received quite a few applications, and they were all very good. But we were not surprised, because we expected nothing less. Making the final choices was hard, and we hope to face the same challenge every year," remarked Saswati Biswas, Essel Propack's regional finance controller.

This year's winners included Lauren Oakes and Janie Adkins of Chatham High School, Jenna Knaus of George Washington High School and Elana Barksdale of Dan River High School.

The scholarships were personated to the students at the awards ceremonies for Danville and Pittsylvania County that took place on May 14.

"The winning students were very excited when they were announced and awarded the \$5,000 scholarships at the ceremonies. All of students stated how helpful the scholarship would be to their continuing education," Biswas said.