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LFDA Awards \$10,000 Gerald M. Robbins Sr. Scholarship To Erin Stanley

Baton Rouge, LA - The Louisiana Funeral Directors Association (LFDA) is proud to announce that Erin Stanley of Gonzales, Louisiana, has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Gerald M. Robbins Sr. Scholarship. Stanley was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship in recognition of her outstanding academic achievement, professional promise, and commitment to the future of funeral service.

Currently enrolled in the Funeral Service Education Program at Delgado Community College, Stanley is preparing for a career dedicated to serving families with compassion, professionalism, and care. She is also gaining valuable hands-on experience through her work at the Baton Rouge Personal Care Center, where she has quickly earned the respect of coworkers, supervisors, and mentors alike.

The Gerald M. Robbins Sr. Scholarship is awarded to Louisiana residents pursuing funeral service education who demonstrate exceptional academic performance, leadership potential, and dedication to the profession. Scholarship recipients are selected through a competitive application process that evaluates scholastic achievement, community involvement, professional goals, and recommendations from funeral service professionals and educators.

"Erin exemplifies the qualities that make an exceptional future funeral service professional," said Justin Lee, Scholarship Committee Chair. "Her dedication to her education, commitment to excellence, and genuine compassion for the families she serves made her a standout candidate. We are proud to support her journey through this scholarship."

Faculty members at Delgado Community College describe Stanley as one of the top students in her class, consistently demonstrating professionalism, strong academic performance, and a willingness to go above and beyond expectations. Her instructors note that she combines technical skill with empathy and maturity, qualities that are essential to serving families during some of life's most difficult moments. In addition to her academic success, Stanley has earned praise from colleagues at Baton Rouge Personal Care Center for her exemplary care of the deceased, respect for families, positive attitude, and eagerness to learn. Since entering the profession, she has distinguished herself through her work ethic, initiative, and commitment to personal and professional growth.

LFDA congratulates Erin Stanley on this well-deserved honor and wishes her continued success as she completes her funeral service education and begins her professional career.

The Gerald M. Robbins Sr. Scholarship honors the legacy of one of LFDA's most respected leaders by supporting future generations of funeral service professionals throughout Louisiana.

To learn more about LFDA scholarships, visit www.lfdanet.org/scholarship.

About LFDA

The Louisiana Funeral Directors Association is a statewide professional trade association made up of members throughout the State of Louisiana. The Louisiana Funeral Directors Association promotes integrity in the funeral service industry through education, legislation, networking and communications. For more information, visit www.lfdaweb.org.