

## Progress Announces Recipient of First Annual Mary Székely Scholarship for Women in STEM

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Kaya Dorogi of Marlborough, MA, and graduate of the Bancroft School is first to receive \$10,000 four-year renewable scholarship to study computer science at Columbia University

BEDFORD, Mass., June 24, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Progress</u> (NASDAQ: PRGS), the leading provider of application development and digital experience technologies, today announced the recipient of the first Mary Székely Scholarship for Women in STEM. Kaya Dorogi, graduate of the Bancroft School in Worcester, Massachusetts, has been awarded this honor based on her academic achievement and her interest and experiences in STEM.

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## Photo: Kaya Dorogi

Created to honor the late Mary Székely (pronounced: "See-kay"), one of Progress' founders and lead software engineer for more than 30 years, the scholarship provides \$10,000 annually to a woman based in Massachusetts who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in computer information systems, software engineering, IT and/or computer science. Mary led development efforts at Progress for its flagship technology platform, Progress® OpenEdge®, for more than 30 years. She was a trailblazer for women pursuing careers in STEM fields. In addition to developing the product that would continue to this day to drive Progress' success, Mary had a love for math and science and was dedicated to expanding opportunities for anyone interested in the computer science field through mentorship and education.

Kaya was selected for the scholarship because she has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, a truly entrepreneurial spirit, and because she exemplifies the qualities Mary carried with her throughout her life. Like Mary, Kaya was the first employee at a technology startup while she was still in high school. Kaya captained the varsity alpine skiing, girls tennis and math teams. She served on Congressman Jim McGovern's Youth Congressional Cabinet and on the State Leadership Board in Massachusetts for the Future Business Leaders of America and she participated in the Yale Young Global Scholars where she concentrated in social entrepreneurship and sustainable development. Kaya received academic honors at her high school as an inductee in the Cum Laude Society. She will be attending Columbia University in the fall where she will major in computer science in their School of Engineering.

"Kaya is an exceptional individual and we're thrilled that she is the first recipient of the Mary Székely scholarship," said Yogesh Gupta, CEO Progress. "Kaya is intelligent and driven with the spirit of an entrepreneur. She embodies everything that Mary stood for. We congratulate Kaya on her achievements and are proud to now be a small part of her story."

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