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FAMA Awards 2024 Scholarship to Jessica Gallo

September 6, 2024 – The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) awarded its second 2024 scholarship to University of Maryland student Jessica Gallo. Jessica was selected to receive the \$1,500 Scholarship. As only a rising junior, Jessica Gallo has acquired abundant research experience. The summer before graduating high school, Gallo served as a research intern studying fires in South African settlements. The results of her research were published by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE). It was during this time that Gallo discovered her interest in Fire Protection Engineering.

“Jessica Gallo was selected to receive this scholarship in recognition of her steadfast commitment to her education and outstanding accomplishments in fire protection research,” FAMA President, Gary Pacilio, stated. “FAMA is proud to support Jessica Gallo as she continues her academic progression and professional development and looks forward to her building a successful career in the fire service industry.”

Gallo has also worked as an intern for both Fire & Risk Alliance (FRA) and Whiting-Turner Contracting Company (WT). Findings from her FRA research internship was published in an extensive white paper on electric vehicles and battery fires. In recognition of her white paper, she was asked to be a contributing editor for articles in the *International Fire & Safety Journal* and *Fire & Safety Journal Americas*.

Gallo has further enriched her education and professional development by presenting her research on battery fires to fire departments and academic institutions. Gallo’s long-term career goals are in research and development to enhance global safety measures in multiple areas of the fire industry.

About FAMA:

The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) is a non-profit trade association organized in 1946. Members of FAMA are committed to enhancing the quality of the fire apparatus industry and emergency service community through the manufacture and sale of safe, efficient fire apparatus and equipment.