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Now is the time to apply for a Second-Career Scholarship! Are you or someone you know pursuing funeral service as a second career? These scholarships provide vital support to those transitioning into this meaningful profession. Two

one [Michael R. St. Pierre Memorial Scholarship](#), each \$1,500, will be awarded in June—but don't wait! Applications are due by May 31. Invest in your future and apply today.

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**New Job Listings in the Employment Center:
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Looking for your next opportunity in funeral service? The Trust's Employment Center connects job seekers with independent funeral homes across the country. Find openings from Selected member firms that value quality and professionalism. Plus, thanks to Global Atlantic Financial Group, it's completely FREE to access! Start your job search today.

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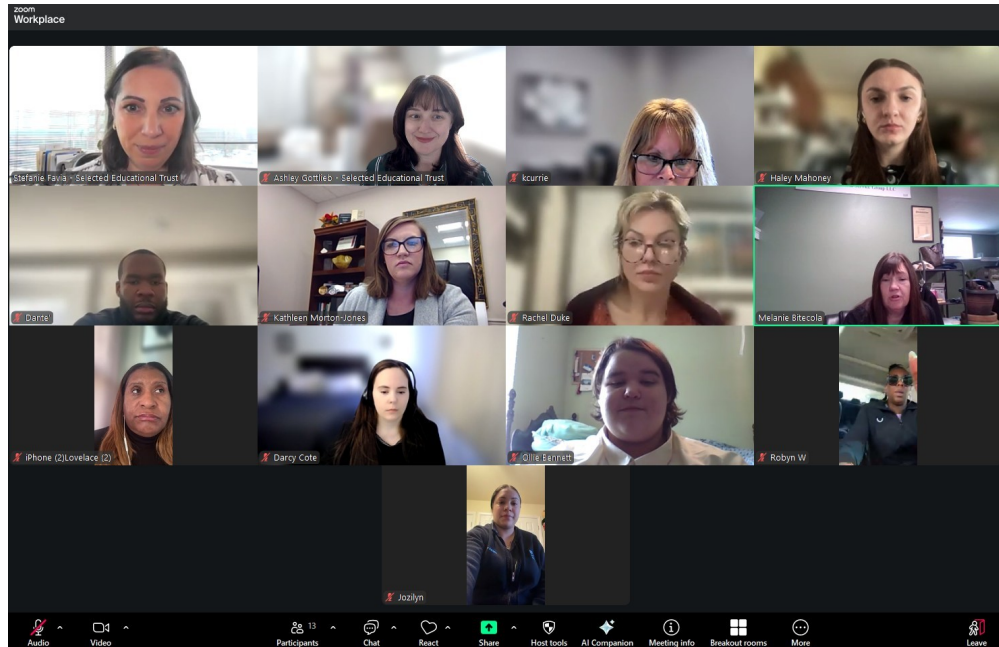
Introducing the Selected Leadership Academy Scholarship Recipients

The The Selected Educational Trust has announced two [Chester T. French Memorial Scholarship](#) recipients for the 2026-2028 class of the Selected Leadership Academy:

- **April Penner**, Saskatoon Funeral Home Co., Ltd., Saskatoon, SK, Canada
- **Hannah Ashley**, Smith Family Funeral Homes, North Little Rock, AR

"This opportunity is going to allow me to strengthen my leadership skills, meet peers, and learn how to lead with intention and integrity," said Hannah Ashley. "My hope is that it will help me to better serve families and support my colleagues, therefore making a lasting impact with my leadership role."

[Hear the stories of April and Hannah](#), along with the stories of others who have been impacted by the Trust.



Virtual Job Fair Connects Employers with Emerging Professionals

Last week, representatives from independent funeral homes and mortuary science students seeking apprenticeships came together for the first in a [new series of Virtual Job Fairs](#) hosted by the Selected Educational Trust.

These events are designed to foster meaningful connections between students entering funeral service and independent funeral homes looking to engage with emerging talent. Through small-group conversations and rotating breakout sessions, students had the opportunity to introduce themselves, share their career interests, and learn more about the participating funeral homes and their communities.

The inaugural event welcomed 11 participants and led to eight follow-up connections between students and employers after the call concluded.

Don't miss your chance to participate, make valuable connections for your firm, and help nurture the future of the profession. [Check the calendar](#) and [sign up](#) for an upcoming Virtual Job Fair today.

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