Two University of New Haven students from West Haven recently were awarded scholarships at the 28th annual Carroll E. Brown Scholarship and Community Awards Dinner hosted by the West Haven Black Coalition.

Noumsa Kaba was presented with the Donald R. Scott Scholarship. The award, funded by UNH, is named for the late UNH chief of police. The scholarship is awarded to a minority student from West Haven who has demonstrated academic merit and financial need.

Paige Wade-Willoughby was presented with the Ronald M. Quagliani Scholarship, named for UNH’s associate vice-president for public safety and administrative services.

Quagliani, a West Haven native, is also the former West Haven police chief. The scholarship is awarded to a UNH student who is pursuing a degree in the field of criminal justice.

Kaba, a junior with a double major in accounting and finance with a criminal justice minor, said she hopes to become a corporate executive and to begin her career working in a corporate finance and accounting office.

She was selected as a freshman to participate in the accounting freshman forum at Procter and Gamble. She is the president of the accounting society and a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society.

A peer tutor in accounting and quantitative analysis at the UNH Center for Learning Resources, Kaba spent the past two summers as a finance intern at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation.

“I try to remain focused and to always strive to be the best,” she said. “I try not to home in on how difficult a task is going to be but instead try to view things as challenges I can overcome.”

Wade-Willoughby, 20, is a junior majoring in criminal justice with a concentration in investigative services.

She is minoring in psychology and hopes to work in juvenile probation after graduation. She plans to eventually become a detective.

A member of the UNH Black Student Union, she also serves on the Student Conduct Board.

“The most important factor in my success is being able to give back to my family and others who have helped me in my journey to success,” she said. “Without them, I would truly be nothing; I will never be 100 percent happy until I am able to give back to them.”

Quagliani, said he is “pleased to participate in the scholarship program since it is the obligation of adults to mentor youth, serve as examples, and provide the resources to help them be successful.”