



The 2025 Annual **Lt. Joe Gullickson** Memorial Picnic



LT. JOSEPH GULLICKSON WAY



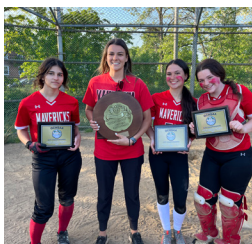
Special thanks to **Danielle McLaughlin**, our first Scholarship Recipient in 2002, for your faithful support and dedication.

“Success is not something that can be measured by wealth. It is being a responsible and productive person. Being successful is not always about receiving. It is also about giving. It is leading by example and being a person that people aspire to be. I believe true success is living your life to its fullest potential and enjoying what you do.”

– Danielle MacLaughlin



Special Thank You to **Emma Fitzgerald**, for singing **The Star-Spangled Banner!** Congratulations on your Graduation from Moore Catholic HS Class of 2025! Best wishes in the Music Theater Program at Monmouth University!



The Maverick Foundation appreciates the support and guidance of the Congressional Award Program.



OUR MISSION

The Maverick Foundation develops mentoring relationships with eighth graders entering high school who are determined to reach their full potential in all areas of life and especially have a passion for community service. With the Congressional Award as our partner, we advise and guide our scholarship recipients helping them to set and achieve goals in community service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED

Since 2002, The Maverick Foundation has awarded \$619,840 in scholarships to ninety-three recipients and have committed \$147,250 for the next four years. We awarded \$23,000 in 2024 and \$33,000 in 2025. We currently have twenty-eight active scholarship recipients including six new rising stars who recently joined our team.

Scholarships are incentive based with each having a maximum value of \$7,000. Recipients are required to achieve the Congressional Award Bronze Medal by December of their Sophomore Year (\$1,000), the Silver Medal by December of their Junior Year (\$1,000), and the Gold Medal by December of their Senior Year (\$2,000). An annual \$750 scholarship is awarded for the four years based on consistent progress towards each medal level.

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD RECOGNITION

In partnership with the Congressional Award, The Maverick Foundation advises and supports our scholarship recipients through the three medal levels of The Congressional Award Program. Each medal requires successfully completing the following goals:

CONGRESSIONAL AWARD MEDAL REQUIREMENTS			
PROGRAM AREA	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Volunteer	100 Hours	200 Hours	400 Hours
Personal Development	50 Hours	100 Hours	200 Hours
Physical Fitness	50 Hours	100 Hours	200 Hours
Expedition/Exploration	2 Day	3 Day	5 Day

The Maverick Foundation is proud of the hard work and dedication of our scholarship recipients that resulted in **69 Bronze Medals, 58 Silver Medals, and 48 Gold Medals** since 2002 for a total of 175 medals that includes four Bronze, four Silver, and five Gold Medals earned in 2025.

2025 MEDAL ROSTER:

GOLD

Lily Ahlborn
Matthew Harrington
Logan KIELTY
Ryan Leonard
Talia Lioce
Jenna Ruiz

SILVER

Annie Falcone
Logan KIELTY
Matthew Harrington
Sean Britton

BRONZE

Michael Avitto
Madison Backstrom
Connor Kukal
Gabiella Peragrine

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITMENTS

Our scholarship recipients proactively engage and support a wide array of non-profit organizations and causes that benefit the greater community at-large. Each recipient impacts their community in their own unique way. Since 2002, they have volunteered 22,805 hours that includes 1,800 hours in 2025. The number of organizations and causes supported by our scholarship recipients has increased from 27 to 39. We are proud to have positively impacted our community with the following causes and organizations:

- Autism Walks
- Beach Clean-ups
- Bread of Life
- Breast Cancer Walks
- Brotherhood for the Fallen
- Clove Lakes Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center
- DKMS
- Friends of Staten Island
- Grace Foundation
- Great Kills Little League
- Hearing Our Heroes
- Knights of Columbus
- Ladies for Charity
- Little Free Library
- Meals on Wheels
- Michael J. Vesci Foundation
- Mid-Hudson Valley Association for People with Disabilities
- Moore Cares for toiletry drives & food drives, collecting school supplies, and turkey packing
- New York City Fire Museum
- Polar Bear Plunges
- Project Hospitality
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
- South Shore Community Pantry
- Staten Island Giving Circle
- Staten Island Community Gardens
- Staten Island Moravian Cemetery
- Sunrise Assisted Living Facility
- Tunnel to Towers Foundation
- Westerleigh Little League
- Where to Turn
- Staten Island Monuments
- Staten Island Zoo
- Blackburn Family Cancer Foundation
- Operation Gratitude
- American Cancer Society
- Michael J. Vesci Foundation
- Holy Family Basketball Club
- Emergency Children's Help Organization (ECHO)
- Achilles International



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



MATTHEW HARRINGTON

- Congressional Award Gold Medal Recipient
- Graduate of Monsignor Farrell High School
- Valedictorian for graduating Class of 2025
- Attending Villanova University



LOGAN KIELTY

- Congressional Award Gold Medal Recipient
- Graduate of St. Peter's High School
- Attending Franklin Pierce University



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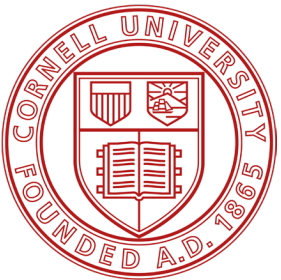
RYAN LEONARD

- Congressional Award Gold Medal Recipient
- Graduate of Monsignor Farrell High School
- Obtained the Rank of Eagle Scout
- Attending King's Point Merchant Marine Academy



JENNA RUIZ

- Congressional Award Gold Medal Recipient
- Graduate of Staten Island Academy
- Attending Cornell University



Congratulations to the Class of 2029 Scholarship Recipients

GABRIELLA AVITTO



- Consistent Honors Student
- Player for Cedar Stars Soccer Academy
- Member of Hillside Swim Team
- Volunteer with Food Pantry at St. Mary's Episcopal Church
- Volunteer with Beeping Egg Hunt at City Access
- Volunteer with Staten Island Giving Circle

"We all have the ability, the difference is how we use it."
– Stevie Wonder



Grammar School
Blessed Sacrament

High School
Notre Dame Academy

Scholarship
John Thomann Scholarship

ROBYN ROCKFELLER



- Consistent First Honors or Principal's List Student
- Player for Blessed Sacrament Soccer Team
- Player for Cedar Stars Soccer Academy
- Member of Blessed Sacrament Drama Club
- Assists with "Beyond Play" Children's Program
- Played Maria in "The Sound of Music"
- Played Lily in "Annie"
- Maverick Foundation Good Citizen Award Recipient

"Begin with the end in mind." – Steven Covey



Grammar School
Blessed Sacrament

High School
Moore Catholic

Scholarship
Gullickson/McGuire
Scholarship

JULIANNA BINETTI



- Consistent Honors or Principal's List Student
- Player for Manalapan Soccer Club
- After-school tutor at Blessed Sacrament
- Player for Manalapan Flag Football Team
- Created 100 Easter baskets for children in need for Hope House
- Volunteer with American Heart Association

"Small actions accumulate into something larger. If you make the world a little kinder each day, you are doing something meaningful."



Grammar School
Blessed Sacrament

High School
Notre Dame Academy

Scholarship
John Thomann Scholarship

Congratulations to the **Class of 2029** Scholarship Recipients

CONNOR GIOIA



- Consistent Honors Student
- Member of Boy Scouts Troop 8 with Star Rank
- Member of Hillside Swim Team
- Member of OLGC Swim Team
- Altar Server with OLGC Parish
- Volunteer with Knights of Columbus
- Volunteer with Special Olympics
- Maverick Foundation Good Citizen Award Recipient
- Attended Student Athlete Leadership Program SCORE focusing on Self-Awareness, Courage, Open-Mindedness, Resiliency, and Enthusiasm



Grammar School

Our Lady of Good Counsel

High School

Monsignor Farrell

Scholarship

John Thomann Scholarship

"I know that the work I do to help better my community is making a difference and the feeling I get when I serve my community is a great one."

JACK HAYDEN



- Consistent First Honors Student
- Player for New York Prospects Baseball Team
- Mentors younger players for NY Prospects Baseball
- Volunteer for Our Lady Queen of Peace Family Association
- Player for Our Lady Queen of Peace CYO Basketball team

"Trust in God's plan and keep moving forward."



Grammar School

Our Lady Queen of Peace

High School

Monsignor Farrell

Scholarship

Jim Boylan Scholarship

STEVEN RAGUCCI



- Consistent High Honors Student
- Member of Boy Scout Troop 77
- Player for "The Knights" Flag Football Team
- Player for OLGC "Blue Knights" Soccer Team
- Trains in Brazilian Jui Jitsu
- Takes Classes in Sign Language
- Volunteer with "Wreaths Across America"
- Attended Student Athlete Leadership Program SCORE focusing on Self-Awareness, Courage, Open-Mindedness, Resiliency, and Enthusiasm

"Hard work pays off."



Grammar School

Our Lady of Good Counsel

High School

Monsignor Farrell

Scholarship

Jim Boylan Scholarship



Our flagship annual scholarship to Moore Catholic High School was established to honor the memory of **Joe Gullickson**, who made the ultimate sacrifice as a lieutenant with the FDNY on September 11, 2001 at the WTC and **Dan McGuire**, who tragically lost his life in automobile accident in 1976 at the age of 17.

“Opportunity & Challenge” “To the Max”



Joe possessed a genuine concern for others and would do anything for anyone anytime. “No” was not in his vocabulary. FDNY Captain Tom Giordano said in his eulogy, ***“Joe was an exceptional officer, always learning, always teaching, and, above all, always looking out for his men. I am proud to call Joe a brother, a hero, and a friend.”***



Dan was a natural leader and co-captain of Moore Catholic's track team. He always gave 110% and was a true friend. Track Coach Bill Hodge said, ***“If ever I was to have a son, Danny is like what I want my son to be. He had so many good attributes – he was a tough, fine athlete, and combined that with sensitivity towards his fellow human beings.”*** Dan's favorite motto was, ***“To the Max.”***

My Brother

As a gift from God,
You came to us on Saint Joseph's Day
And were so named in his honor.

Our time together was brief, the years too few
So much you gave of yourself
Always with a welcome smile and a helping hand.

On 9/11 with the Ladder 101 Red Hook Raiders
To the Towers you courageously raced
Knowing the danger, unknowing your fate,
That was the ultimate sacrifice you were to make.

Now you are my eternal hero
Forever you are my loving brother
Always remembered with admiration and appreciation.
So, you continue to do great things here on earth
While smiling down upon us from heaven.



– Robert Gullickson

Gullickson McGuire

Scholarship Recipients

ANNIE FALCONE

2022 Scholarship Recipient



- Member of National Honor Society
- Achieved the Congressional Award Silver Medal
- Player for the Staten Island Giants Flag Football Team
- Member of the Moore Catholic Golf Team
- Member of the Moore Catholic Track team
- Member of the Moore Catholic Soccer Team
- Develops piano skills through online virtual piano lessons
- Volunteers two days per week at the Bishop Patrick Ahern High School operated under The Seton Foundation for students with special education needs.
- Volunteer with NYC Department of Parks
- Volunteer with Knights of Columbus

GABRIELLA PERAGINE

2023 Scholarship Recipient



- Achieved First Honors with overall GPA of 96.23
- Achieved the Congressional Award Bronze Medal
- Volunteer with Sunrise Assisted Living
- Player for the Saints Fastpitch Travel Softball Team
- Certified Lifeguard for Great Kills Swim Club



- Player for the Moore Catholic JV Softball Team that won the Tier 1 CHSAA Championship
- Completed two day nature exploration of Lake Wallenpaupack
- Recognized for Outstanding Achievement in The Scholars Geometry Class

Gullickson McGuire

Scholarship Recipients



NICOLE FALANGA

2023 Scholarship Recipient

- Consistent First Honors Report Cards
- Volunteer with Moore Cares participating in charitable events, a Polar Plunge for The Special Olympics, and a walk for The Lustgarten Foundation.
- Starting Goalie for the Moore Catholic Varsity Soccer Team that won the NYC Championship for their Division
- Volunteer with South Shore Food Pantry
- Member of the Moore Catholic School Band



JASON ANDERSEN

2024 Scholarship Recipient

- Consistent Honor Roll Student
- Volunteer with Michael J. Vesci Foundation
- Volunteer with Holy Family Basketball Club
- Volunteer with SI Monuments maintaining military grave markers
- Helped raise over \$14,000 for the American Cancer Society
- Player for Moore Catholic Varsity Soccer Team
- Awarded the 2024 SSGT Michael Ollis Soccer Scholarship

Gullickson McGuire

Scholarship Recipients



SOPHIA DESANTIS

2024 Scholarship Recipient



- Second Honors Student
- Player for the Moore Catholic Varsity Soccer Team
- Volunteer with Moore Cares Club supporting Food Drives, Polar Plunges, & Walks
- Member of the Forensic Science Club
- Assists with the production and graphics for the Lantern Light Studios broadcasting the morning news to the school.
- Junior Docent for The Staten Island Zoo

ALEXIS VAUTRINOT

2024 Scholarship Recipient



- Achieved First Honors in Honors Program with a GPA of 93
- Volunteer with Moore Cares including walks, fundraisers, & charity events.
- Volunteer with New York Public Library
- Member of Moore Catholic Track Team participating in cross country, track and field events, receiving numerous awards and medals for these events.
- Summer employee with the Summer Youth Employment Program through the City of New York

John Thomann

Scholarship Recipients

John Thomann



For anyone who knew John Thomann, we would all agree that he was taken from all of us far too soon. His battle with melanoma was valiant and served as an inspiration. There are many adjectives that can be used to describe him.

- **COMMITTED**, no one worked harder than John from his high school job pumping gas to his last days at Turner. Coming to work every day, regardless of the effort that it took. He understood that people were counting on him and he refused to let them down.
- **INTERESTED**, John took a genuine interest in everyone that he met and anything that might be their passion. John would ask countless questions trying to understand the person through their interests.
- **PASSIONATE**, John had many interests of his own and he was passionate about them. He enjoyed muscle cars, in particular, his '66 GTO. He enjoyed Long Island, Mattituck, boating and fishing were also among John's interests. He loved and respected the military, in particular, vintage military aircraft. He shared his enthusiasm with others, encouraging many to join in. Many Turner staffers spent Memorial Day sitting on a cold and wet Jones Beach to watch the annual airshow that John loved so much.
- **OPTIMISTIC**, The Mets, the Jets, the Islanders...nothing else needs to be said.

Most of all John Thomann LOVED. He loved his family. Kathleen, Jacqueline and James were undoubtedly the center of his world. His brothers and sisters and other family members were all in John's world as well. He cherished his 30 year friendships with his classmates from Maria Regina HS. He loved the NY construction industry, his colleagues at Turner, especially "the boys and girls of Turner Interiors" as he would often say. He loved the owners, especially the difficult ones, the architects and designers, the subcontractors, and vendors, but most of all John loved the challenges that we all face every day.

The son of an NYPD ESU Sargent with 37 years on the job and the brother of an FDNY firefighter assigned to Vinegar Hill Ladder 23 in Manhattan, John highly regarded and admired the dedication and bravery of our first responders especially the NYPD and FDNY. He faithfully made time from his busy schedule each and every year to remember 9/11. John always asked what he could do for the Maverick Foundation and was one of our strongest supporters behind the scenes...just the way he liked it.

The Maverick Foundation is honored and proud to present these scholarships in memory of John who truly was a unique individual and lived each day with a smile and kind word.



Silver
Medal

SEAN BRITTON

2022 Scholarship Recipient

- Achieved The Congressional Award Silver Medal
- Overall GPA of 85
- Volunteer with the New York City Fire Museum
- Cataloged over 800 object records adding information and details for the New York City Fire Museum
- Member of the Monsignor Farrell Wrestling Team
- Weight lifts at Rare Breed Gym
- Member of the Monsignor Farrell Business and Finance Club



John Thomann

Scholarship Recipients



CONNOR KUKAL

2024 Scholarship Recipient

- Consistent Honor Roll Student
- Achieved The Congressional Award Bronze Medal
- Volunteer with Emergency Children's Help Organization (ECHO)
- Volunteer with Leukemia and Lymphoma Society "Light the Night"
- Volunteer with Tunnel to Towers Foundation
- Volunteer with CYO Cheerleading & Sports Programs
- Cultivated and grew a garden of fruits and vegetables
- Member of SJBTs Archery Team that won 1st Place in NYS competition
- Explored the city of Philadelphia for his two day Bronze Medal Trip



GIANNA PIZZO

2024 Scholarship Recipient

- Overall GPA of 85
- Maverick Foundation Good Citizen Award Recipient
- Volunteer with the Tunnel to Towers Foundation
- Volunteer with American Cancer Society
- Volunteer with Angel's Circle
- Member of SJHA Rosary Club
- Member of SJHA Baking Club
- Help run the OLGFC Food Pantry
- Help coach the OLGFC Biddy Cheerleading Team
- Member of SJHA Varsity Cheerleading Team
- Member of SJHA JV Flag Football Team
- Help run the snack stand at OLGFC Basketball Games



Coach Bill Hodge HE LIVED "TO THE MAX"



In November of 2010, the track and field community lost a shining light with the sudden passing of Coach Bill Hodge. He died doing what he loved to do for over four decades . . .

inspiring and coaching runners to achieve their full potential in running and in life. Bill began his lifelong dedication to track and field as a runner at Monsignor Farrell High School and Staten Island Community College. Bill began his coaching career at Moore Catholic High School where he jump started a lackluster program through his enthusiasm, dedication, and great personality. Bill knew instinctively when a proverbial kick in the pants was needed or words of encouragement or a joke to break up the tension with his quick humor. His runners always gave 110% because they knew he was there with them . . . heart and soul. When the Moore Catholic team tragically lost their Co-Captain and leader, Dan McGuire, Bill handled the traumatic loss with such class and reverence. He kept the team together and used Dan's favorite phrase as our motto, "To the Max!"

Bill progressed through numerous college coaching assignments including Wagner College, Robert Morris University, Lafayette, Columbia University, Bucknell University, Rider University, and, most recently, Belmont Abbey College. During his career, Bill was honored as "Coach of the Year" in four different NCAA Division I conferences.

A four year runner at Moore Catholic, John Cizin, says of Bill, "He taught me so much more about life than just running. He taught me about hard work, teamwork, and dedication." Bill's accomplishments will be there for the record books in the annals of track and field for the ages but his true and most important impact on the world was the intangible positive influence he had on the so many young people he coached in life without even knowing it. He wrote in my high school yearbook, "Keep Plugging!" This is so typical for Bill with his infectious positive attitude.

The Maverick Foundation is honored and proud to present the annual Bill Hodge Memorial Scholarship to a special young adult who embraces the character and values of Bill, is determined to reach his or her full potential in all areas, possesses the desire to help others, and leads by example.

Bill Hodge Scholarship Recipients



MADISON BACKSTROM 2024 Scholarship Recipient

- Achieved an Overall 96 Grade Point Average
- Achieved The Congressional Award Bronze Medal
- Runner with The Camp Track & Field Club
- Achieved personal best times with 6:40 in the mile and 2:53 in the 800 meters.
- Dedicated to learning Sign Language with 150+ Self-paced Learning Hours
- Volunteer with the Staten Island Zoo
- Volunteer with Achilles International assisting blind runners and walkers.
- Volunteer with Girls Club mentoring younger girls to be the best they can be.
- Completed a two-day virtual trip of China inspired by the book and movie Joy Luck Club



Bill Hodge Scholarship Recipients



TALIA LIOCE

2022 Scholarship Recipient

- Achieved The Congressional Award Gold Medal
- Earned the Girl Scouts Gold Award
- Member of Notre Dame Academy Varsity Golf Team
- Active Member of National Honor Society
- Elected Student Government Representative
- Organized a DKMS Bone Marrow Donor Drive (July 2025)
- Steward for Little Free Library
- Server at St. Roch's Food Pantry



MADISON ABRAM

2024 Scholarship Recipient

- Consistent Above Average Hardworking Student
- Avid Track Runner for Xaverian HS
- Secretary for NAACP Staten Island Youth Council
- Volunteer with United Missionary Baptist Church
- Vice President with the Jack & Jill Organization Teen Division

*"In Memory of Nadine Abram. A Loving Mom
and Passionate Educator. Rest in Peace."*





TERRY SWEENEY HE LIVED STRONG

There are special people in the world who inspire and amaze us with their spirit for life and ability to rise above adversity and insurmountable odds with grace and courage. Terry Sweeney was one of these people.

Despite being afflicted with a rare degenerative neurological disease at a young age that gradually denied him of his motor skills until it ultimately took his life, Terry had a radiant smile and a magnetic personality that defied his condition. He stayed involved with his passion for sports especially his beloved Saint Peter's Eagles with its hallowed basketball heritage. Although confined to a wheelchair for his entire adult life, it did not prevent him from attending activities and events that had to have been difficult for him but you could never tell.

Even in his last days when Terry could not speak or eat and the disease was really taking its toll, you could tell how happy he was to see you. His sense of humor was infamous not only to make a joke at your expense but his ability to even laugh at himself.

You could really tell how special he was by how many true friends he had. To know him was to love him and anyone who came to know him was a better person. Terry "lived strong" long before the phrase was coined on a yellow rubber wristband. He never had the opportunity to pursue a career or get married and have a family but he never complained and always made the most of what he did have.

Terry led by example without even knowing it.

The Maverick Foundation is honored and proud to present the annual Terry Sweeney Memorial Scholarship to a special young adult who embraces the character and values of Terry, is determined to reach his or her full potential in all areas, possesses the desire to help others, and leads by example.

Terry Sweeney Scholarship Recipients



MICHAEL AVITTO 2023 Scholarship Recipient

- Consistent Second Honors Student
- Achieved the Congressional Award Bronze Medal
- Volunteer with the Tunnel to Towers Foundation
- Volunteer with Operation Gratitude making approximately 150 paracord bracelets and 240 cards to date
- Completed Lifeguard & CPR Certification
- Player for the Saint Peter's JV Baseball Team
- Member of Saint Peter's Varsity Swim Team making it to champs in the breast stroke and freestyle relay
- Volunteers monthly at local food pantry
- Volunteer with City Access and Beeping Egg Hunt



JIM BOYLAN

James (Jim) Boylan was a man dedicated to the service of our great city and country who served in the army during the Korean War and had a 27 year career with the FDNY. Jim was also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus. Jim was also struck by tragedy three times in his life with the loss of two beloved wives and his daughter Laura. Yet through it all, Jim carried this heavy burden with humility and would not weigh you down with his loss. He was a genuine friend and a kind man who was sincerely interested in your life and did not hesitate to help you if he could in any way. Jim's childhood friend, Father Philip Blaine, said during his eulogy, "Jim was always a good guy and I do not mean that in a superficial way." Anyone who met Jim just once came away with that same impression. He loved to share a laugh with you and always had a smile on his face when he met you. Jim's well-rounded life made him an avid golfer and tennis player as well as a big fan of country music. Jim was also a graduate of Wagner College with a degree in business. Jim was a dedicated and stalwart supporter of The Maverick Foundation and a lifelong friend of The Gullickson Family.

The Maverick Foundation is honored and proud to offer an annual scholarship in memory of Jim Boylan to the son or daughter of a New York City firefighter who is an eighth grader and will be attending a Catholic high school on Staten Island.

Jim Boylan

Scholarship Recipients



LILY AHLBORN

2022 Scholarship Recipient



- Achieved The Congressional Award Gold Medal
- Overall GPA of 97
- Member of National Honor Society
- Received Academic Awards in Algebra 2 and Global 10
- Volunteer with the 2025 Tunnel to Towers Foundation
- Organized a DKMS Bone Marrow Donor Drive (July 2025)
- Maintains Little Free Library
- Member of Girl Scouts of America
- Mentored younger swimmers at Hillside Swim Club
- Peer tutor at NDA High School
- Lifeguard at Great Kills Swim Club
- Certified in First Aid and CPR
- USFSA National Competitor in Synchronized Skating for Skyliners Synchronized Skating Team
- Member of Hillside Swim and Dive Team



Jim Boylan

Scholarship Recipients



MACKENZIE SCHAMING

2023 Scholarship Recipient

- Honor Roll Student with an overall GPA of 96
- Accepted to the National Honor Society
- Volunteer with the Tunnel to Towers Foundation
- Volunteer with Special Olympics
- Volunteer with SJHA Open Houses and Christmas Fairs
- Volunteer with community events including sports clinics, toy drives, and a polar plunge
- Quarterback for SJHA Varsity Football Team
- Runner for SJHA Varsity Cross Country Team
- Player for SJHA JV Basketball Team
- Player for AAU Liberty Basketball Team



ISABELLA ODESSA

2024 Scholarship Recipient

- Consistent First Honors Student
- Volunteer with American Cancer Society
- Volunteer with Angel's Circle
- Volunteer with Saint Baldricks Foundation
- Volunteer with St. Jude for their Mathathon Fundraiser
- Volunteer with OLGC Food Pantry
- Volunteer with Project Hospitality
- Created Holiday Care Cards
- Donated Stockings to Clove Lake Nursing Home
- Member of SJHA JV Volleyball Team
- Member of NYC Junior 15's Volleyball Team

Jim Boylan

Scholarship Recipients



ERIN SCHAMING

2024 Scholarship Recipient

- Honor Roll Student with an overall GPA of 95
- Member of Xaverian JV Cheerleading Team
- Member of the Xaverian Biomedical Club
- Volunteer with Tunnel to Towers Foundation
- Volunteer with Special Olympics
- Volunteer with community causes and events including a bone marrow drive, a Swim-A-Thon, Biddle House fundraising tea, Bravest Barbecue, Hillside Toy Fundraiser, a Polar Plunge, Pocketbook Bingo at OLCG, and Hillside Helping.



MARY KATE RUSSO

2024 Scholarship Recipient

- Overall GPA of 98.
- Member of NDA JV Soccer Team
- Member of NDA JV Basketball Team
- Member of NDA JV/Varsity Track and Field Team
- Finished First Place in High Jump at Staten Island Freshman Champs
- Player for Staten Island Mavericks Basketball
- Member of the Girl Scouts
- Altar Server for Notre Dame/Our Lady of Good Counsel
- Volunteer with OLCG for Easter Egg Hunt
- Volunteer with Staten Island Youth Soccer League (SISYL)
- Traveling to Philadelphia/visiting historical monuments
- Traveling to Washington DC/visiting historical monuments
- Junior Lector for Our Lady of Good Counsel
- Member of NDA Criminology Club
- Member of NDA Student Government
- Member of NDA Creative Writing Club
- Member of NDA Forensics Speech & Debate Club
- Member of NDA Animal Rights Club





22nd Annual Good Citizen Award Program

Eleven Good Citizen Awards
presented this year for a total of
357 since 2004

Eleven well deserving eighth grade students received Good Citizen Awards at their graduation ceremony that included a certificate along with a tee-shirt and a medal. Each student was nominated by their eighth grade teacher for being an exemplary role model who regularly demonstrates respect for others, willingness to help others, and having a worthy academic record, especially regarding conduct and effort.

Students were also selected for overcoming a significant obstacle in their lives such as an illness or difficult family situation while maintaining a positive attitude and achieving their goals. The recipients for each of the following schools are:

NAME	SCHOOL
Rumana Andrahennedige	Notre Dame Academy
Danielle Coan	St. Teresa St. Rita Stream Academy
Connor Gioia	Our Lady of Good Counsel School
Layla Guallpa-Larios	Sacred Heart School
Grace Guiffredo	Saint Clare School
Patrick Jessnik	Saint Ann School
Frank Khaykin	Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Adrianna Matrone	Our Lady Star of the Sea School
Christina Otubango	Notre Dame Academy
Alexandria Pecoraro	Saint Patrick School
Robyn Rockfeller	Blessed Sacrament School





"Thank you for everything you do with The Maverick Foundation and for being such an amazing mentor for Talia. You have pushed her to be her best and to always think of ways to help others."

– The Lioce Family



"My journey to obtaining the bronze medal has been a great experience in learning more about the world around me, what I can do for myself, and how I can help others around me. I gained more knowledge in my own ability to learn something new and to follow through with the task I set ahead of myself. I am looking forward to continuing my journey toward the silver and gold medals."

– Connor Kukal



"My biggest achievement over the past year was being able to achieve my bronze medal and working now toward my silver medal. It has been an amazing experience and can't wait to see what the future holds."

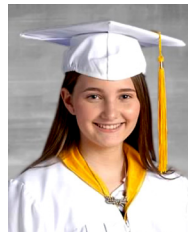
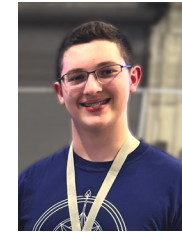
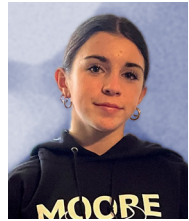
– Madison Backstrom

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and for being outstanding role models in your community

SCHOLARSHIP ROSTER 2025		
Matthew Harrington	Monsignor Farrell	Graduate
Logan Kiely	St. Peter's	Graduate
Ryan Leonard	Monsignor Farrell	Graduate
Jenna Ruiz	Staten Island Academy	Graduate
Lily Ahlborn	Notre Dame Academy	Senior
Sean Britton	Monsignor Farrell	Senior
Georgia Correll	Moore Catholic	Senior
Annie Falcone	Moore Catholic	Senior
Talia Lioce	Notre Dame Academy	Senior
Olivia Medordi	Moore Catholic	Senior
Michael Avitto	St. Peter's	Junior
Nicole Falanga	Moore Catholic	Junior
Gabriella Peragine	Moore Catholic	Junior
Meagan Perrone	St. Joseph By-the-Sea	Junior
MacKenzie Schaming	St. Joseph Hill Academy	Junior
James Woods	Monsignor Farrell	Junior
Madison Abram	Xaverian High School	Sophomore
Jason Andersen	Moore Catholic	Sophomore
Madison Backstrom	Notre Dame Academy	Sophomore
Connor Kukal	St. Joseph By-the-Sea	Sophomore
Isabella Odessa	St. Joseph Hill Academy	Sophomore
Mary Kate Russo	Notre Dame Academy	Sophomore
Erin Schaming	Xaverian High School	Sophomore
Alexis Vautrinot	Moore Catholic	Sophomore
Sophia DeSantis	Moore Catholic	Sophomore
Gianna Pizzo	St. Joseph Hill Academy	Sophomore
Gabriella Avitto	Notre Dame Academy	Freshman
Julianna Binetti	Notre Dame Academy	Freshman
Connor Gioia	Monsignor Farrell	Freshman
Jack Hayden	Monsignor Farrell	Freshman
Steven Ragucci	Monsignor Farrell	Freshman
Robyn Rockfeller	Notre Dame Academy	Freshman

2025 HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$33,000 in Scholarships Awarded
- 1,800 Hours Serving the Community
- Six New Scholarships
- Five Congressional Award Gold Medals
- Four Congressional Award Silver Medals
- Four Congressional Award Bronze Medals

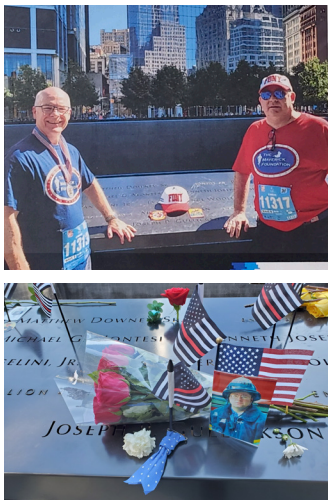


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"To live in the hearts of those left behind is not to die."

FDNY Lt. Joseph Gullickson of Ladder 101 sacrificed his life while saving the lives of others on September 11, 2001 at the WTC. Joseph was a firefighter for fourteen years and was well respected among his fellow firefighters. Captain Tom Giordano said, "Joe was an exceptional officer, always learning, always teaching, and, above all, always looking out for his men. This was a man dedicated to his job and totally devoted to his family. I am proud to call Joe a brother, a hero, a friend."



"The whole trick to life is to open your eyes and see what is going on around you."

Dan McGuire

Dan was a natural leader and co-captain of Moore Catholic's track team. He always gave 110% and was a true friend. Track Coach Bill Hodge said, "If ever I was to have a son, Danny is like what I want my son to be. He had so many good attributes – he was a tough, fine athlete, and combined that with sensitivity towards his fellow human beings." Dan's favorite motto was, "To the Max."



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