

Woodbridge High School

Senior Awards Night

1. **Mayor's Community Service Award**

Presented to a Woodbridge High School senior who has given meritorious service to the community and who has maintained a good scholastic standing.

2. **Mayor's Accounting Award**

Presented to a student most proficient in accounting and most likely to pursue an accounting degree.

3. **The Linda Squillace Memorial Scholarship Award**

This award is presented by the Woodbridge Township Domestic Violence Response Team to a senior who possesses leadership qualities and is willing to serve above and beyond the call of duty. This individual plans to further their education at a vocational school, technical school or college. The recipient wrote an essay on the following topic. "Does the current pandemic environment have an impact on Domestic Violence? If yes or no, explain why and give examples."

4. **The Woodbridge Downtown Merchants Award**

5. **Peter F. Smith Memorial Scholarship**

Sponsored by the Woodbridge Township Firefighters Association Local 290.

6. **Andrew Mako Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Andrew Mako, class of 1940.

7. **Health and Fitness Professionals Scholarship**

Award presented to a well-rounded student who is able to maintain academic excellence while participating in a sport.

8. **Thomas G. Kunigonis Sr. Memorial Scholarship**

Given by the St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus, St. Andrews Council #5088, to a senior active in community affairs who is furthering his or her education, achieves a good scholastic record and is most deserving.

9. **Bill Nyers Courageous Player Award**

Awarded to football players with an indomitable will to win, characterized by courage and passion to overcome all odds and adversity.

10. **Joseph Lewis Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of Joseph Lewis, a Woodbridge Township Officer, killed in the line of duty.

11. **Alvin Williams Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of Alvin Williams, a Woodbridge Township Officer, killed in the line of duty.

12. **Woodbridge Township Parent Teachers Presidents' Council Award**

Awarded to a member of the graduating class who exhibits strong motivation and seriousness of purpose.

13. **Barron Arts Center in memory of K. Jude Gardiner**

The Barron Arts Center award is presented, in memory of K. Jude Gardiner, to that student who has excelled in the visual arts and plans to pursue education in this field. The Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission funds this award.

14. **School 9 PTO Scholarship**

This scholarship recognizes a former Port Reading School #9 student who has demonstrated academic excellence and honor roll.

15. **Alexis Mason Scholarship**

In memory of 12 year old Alexis Mason who exuded excellence in academics, athletics, and a love for dance with an everlasting smile.

16. **Marisa Tufaro Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to an exceptional college-bound senior who strives for excellence academically, athletically or in the arts, who has overcome adversity (not limited to medical challenges) and who epitomizes the caring spirit that Marisa's family believes makes the Woodbridge High School community special. The daughter of former Home News Tribune sports writer Greg Tufaro and Middlesex County educator Cyndi Tufaro, Marisa was born with a complex cardiac defect that required six open-heart surgeries. A heart transplant, which was supposed to extend Marisa's life, tragically cut it short after a postoperative complication developed into a rare form of Stage IV cancer to which she succumbed in January 2017 following a valiant battle. Marisa was hospitalized more than two years in total and maintained hundreds of doctor's appointments. Through it all, she lived a full and vibrant life that inspired many, including Principal Glenn Lottmann and Athletics Director Joe Ward, who Marisa both charmed when they last saw her in the main office months before she died.

17. **Woodbridge Township Athletic Alumni Association/Hall of Fame Awards**

Award given to a male and female athlete who represents their sport in both performance and leadership. The recipients demonstrate a competitive spirit, great enthusiasm, a sense of fair play and exhibit good sportsmanship and pride in their activities.

18. **Richard Chmiel Memorial Scholarship**

Richie was a Woodbridge HS graduate and captain of the basketball team. He had a strong love for family and lifelong loyalty to his friends. Teaching, coaching, and following sports were his passions.

19. **The "Miss Mary" Einhorn, RN Scholarship Award**

This award is given to a senior student who will be continuing his/her education in the field of nursing or other medical related fields or veterinary care.

20. **Matthew J. Jago Sr. Memorial Scholarship**

This award is presented to a student in the graduating class who attended Matthew Jago School #28, is well-rounded, and is in good academic standing.

21. **Czinkota/Wowchuck Award**

22. **Lightbridge Foundation Scholarship**

Scholarship awarded to a graduating senior of WHS who is enrolled in an accredited institution for the following school year and in an early childhood education program.

23. **Knights of Columbus #857**

Awarded to a student whose high school career has exemplified the personality and character used as the basis for attitude marks.

24. **American Legion Post T. Nutley Post 471/Americanism Award**

Presented by the American Legion Post 471 to the graduating student who has shown by word and deed good citizenship, patriotism, and service to the community and country.

25. **Justin McCarthy Award**

The American Irish Association of Woodbridge endeavors to unite Irish and Irish Americans of Woodbridge and surrounding areas in a bond of friendships to keep the tradition alive. Some examples are to do charity work, visit veterans, and tooling around town.

26. **Woodbridge High School Band Parents' Scholarship**

27. **WHS Boys Soccer Parent Association Award**

Awarded to all graduating players based on years in the program.

28. **8th Annual Scholar Citizen Award**

The American Irish Association of Central Jersey is open to all who are of Irish descent and to all who love the Irish. We serve our communities through an emphasis upon students, homeless families, active deployed service men and women and disabled veterans.

29. **Woodbridge Democratic Organization Scholarship**

30. **Lotta Grasty Memorial Scholarship**

Sponsored by the JFK Medical Center Auxiliary

31. **Woodbridge Broncos Football and Cheer Scholarship**

32. **Lady Barrons Softball Scholarship**

Woodbridge Lady Barron Diamond Club is a parent organization designed to support the WHS softball team through fundraising, events and support during games. Without supportive parents and volunteers, this diamond club would not be possible and these scholarships would not be possible.

33. **Golden Saints Football and Cheer Scholarship**

34. **Julio E. Galarza Scholarship**

In honor of an immigrant of Ecuadorian descent who uprooted his life at the age of 40 to give his children a better education, the Julio E. Galarza Scholarship offers this scholarship to a student of Hispanic descent.

35. **Joel and Jennifer Ritz Award**

Given annually to one graduating student of Woodbridge HS who has high academic achievement, the intention to pursue higher education, good citizenship, and a commitment to caring for others.

36. **Central Jersey Leathernecks Marine Corps League Award – WHS JROTC**

Awarded to two seniors in good standing with our JROTC who are planning to enlist in the armed forces.

37. **Joseph P. Rauch Drama Club Award**

Awarded to a graduating senior in good standing with our drama club for years of performance and leadership.

38. **Aly Helley Memorial Award**

Awarded to a member of the drama club in good standing, with an interest in pursuing an artistic career.

39. **Independent Club of Colonia**

The Independent Club of Colonia is a non-profit organization serving the Woodbridge Township community since 1949. Our mission is to encourage positive, personal and professional growth while developing leaders and role models within the community.

40. **Fifth Quarter Club Patricia Burke Dedication and Jane Gandarillas Memorial Award**

This award is given to a cheerleader with academic excellence, personality, and a great passion and dedication to our program. In honor of Patricia Burke who was a Woodbridge High School Cheerleading Coach for many years and Mrs. Jane Gandarillas who was a teacher who dedicated her life to being the Cheerleading Coach at Woodbridge High School for some 25+ years. Besides being the cheerleading coach “Mrs. G” (as known by the girls) was the sewing teacher at WHS.

41. **Fifth Quarter Club Stephen Fedison Memorial Award**

Stephen Fedison passed away on October 15, 1996. He was 19 years old. Steve loved his family, his friends and Woodbridge Football. He was loved by all his teammates. Steve will be remembered always for the toughness he displayed on the field and the kindness he displayed off of it. He lived life with a smile in his face and always worked to be the best man he could be. He exemplified character, work ethic, and loyalty in every aspect of his life. Steve was always there to support his teammates or to help a friend in need. His sense of humor could lift the spirits of all those who surrounded him. Stephen Fedison was true Barron. He understood the meaning of the word TEAM and conducted himself in a manner that made everyone who knew him proud.

42. **Fifth Quarter Club John P. Lozo Varsity Scholarship**

43. **Fifth Quarter Club Bill Denny Scholar Athlete Award**

44. **Fifth Quarter Club Athletic Award**

45. **Kevin O’Brien Memorial Scholarship**

Given in honor of Kevin O’Brien, a former teacher in Woodbridge Township, to students who display his special qualities.

46. **Dianne Blankley Memorial Scholarship**

Dianne Blankley taught English at Woodbridge HS for 25 years. She also taught Journalism and published the school newspaper.

47. **The Woodbridge Elks Award**

Elks scholarship program is only second to the US government in the amount of money given to students.

48. **Good Citizenship Award**

49. **Lafayette Estates School #25 PTO Award**

50. **PAWS Wrestling Award**

51. **Lady Barrons Girls Soccer Award**

52. **Woodbridge Township Retired Educators Award**

53. **World Language Department Award**

54. **Social Studies Department Award**

55. **Woodbridge High School Physics Award**

56. **Woodbridge High School Science Department Award**

57. **Catherine O'Donoghue Memorial Award**

In memory of a former teacher at Woodbridge HS, this award is presented to a senior who has persevered and worked diligently to succeed and plans to further his or her education.

58. **Mawbey Street School PTO Award**

Originally established in honor of beloved Mawbey St. Principal, Doris Kelly, this award is presented to a WHS senior who exemplifies the core values of respect, responsibility, caring, trust and family.

59. **Woman's Club of Fords Award**

Presented to two seniors who have shown excellence in Drama, Music, or Art and show great interest in furthering their education.

60. **Margaret P. Hendricksen Memorial Scholarship**

Given in memory of Margaret Hendricksen, former English teacher, Director of Guidance at Woodbridge HS and longtime district employee. The recipient reflects the characteristics displayed by Ms. Hendricksen, including language scholarship, a desire to help others with academic and social problems and strong individual character.

61. **Woodbridge High School Mathematics Department Award**

62. **Woodbridge High School English Department Award**

63. **Ross Street Alumni Scholarship**

64. **Menlo Park Terrace School #19 PTO Scholarship**

Awarded to a student who attended Menlo Park Terrace School, who is of good academic ability, and who has shown motivation and is planning to further his or her education.

65. **Spanish Honor Society Officer Awards**

66. **La Societe Honoraire de Francais Scholarship**

Awarded to students who have studied French for four years and are active members of the honorary organization and have demonstrated leadership in French activities.

67. **Donald A. Wescott Memorial Award**

Given to a student who best exemplifies the characteristics portrayed by Mr. Wescott while he was a teacher, department head and activity treasurer of Woodbridge HS, and who has demonstrated proficiency in Accounting.

68. **Woodbridge High School Business Department Award of Excellence**

69. **Dr. Cyril I. Hutner, Charles E. Hutner, and Beatrice S. Hutner Memorial Award**

Given to a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated superior academic achievement and plans to pursue a life's work in a field related to the healing sciences.

70. **Eugene D. Kaufman Memorial Award**

Given by the relatives and friends of Eugene Kaufman who died in a car accident on June 3, 1978, and was active on the bowling and tennis teams. This award is given to a graduating senior who plans to continue their education.

71. **Herman & Alice Stern Memorial Award**

72. **Matthew J. Jago PTO Scholarship**

In memory of Mrs. Hemstreet who was a second grade teacher at School #28. Awarded to two students from School #28 who are of good academic standing, who show motivation, and are planning to further their education.

73. **Cary Hamrah Memorial Scholarship**

Awarded to a student who has enthusiasm, dedication, loyalty, a sense of humor and a genuine concern for the welfare of others, has been accepted to a college, earned at least two varsity letters in different sports and is active in the school and community related activities.

74. **Patricia Leviten Memorial Award**

Awarded to students who have shown outstanding performance in the area of Culinary Arts.

75. **Richard Keating Scholarship on behalf of Mr. Song**

Richard Keating, a former teacher at WHS, was Mr. Song's favorite teacher. Mr. Song wants to give an annual scholarship in Mr. Keating's name to a graduating senior.

76. **Dr. Joseph S. Mark and Pauline B. Mark Award**

Presented to two members of the graduating class who are continuing their education, who plan a career in the medical profession, and who have performed well in science-related courses.

77. **Joan Kempton Nascak Athletic Award**

Presented to a girl who will continue her education, has demonstrated a talent for athletics, and has exhibited integrity, unselfishness, and a willing to help others.

78. **Sparks Memorial Wrestling Award**

Presented in memory of Richard Sparks, team captain of the first wrestling team at WHS. The recipient of the award is selected on the basis of leadership, dedication, and integrity in the area of wrestling.

79. **Avenel Middle School PTO Award**

80. **Fords Middle School PTO Award**

Awarded to two students who attended FMS and have above average standing.

81. **Woodbridge High School PTO Award**

82. **Grace Hawrylko Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to seniors who have excelled academically in the sciences and who are pursuing a career in the biological or medical sciences.

83. **Woodbridge Township Education Association Award**

84. **Mitzi Form Memorial Scholarship**

85. **Woodbridge Township Supervisors & Administrators Association Scholarship**

86. **The Chinese Foreign Language Club Award**

87. **The Paula Frohwein Giesa Award**

88. **The Kristin L. Peterson Memorial Scholarship**

Kristin was a 1988 graduate of WHS. She was a varsity cheerleader for 3 years and was involved in a variety of school wide activities. Kristin was a graduate of Middlesex County College and was working at Johnson & Johnson Corporate Headquarters in New Brunswick. She was also attending Kean University to complete her formal college education when she became ill and died from a rare form of cancer of the blood vessels at the age of 25.

89. **Elias Stevens Award**

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Elias Stevens, a sixth grade student at Fords Middle school, who died in June 2005, after a courageous battle with bone cancer. He inspired an entire school with his love of family, friends and especially life. It is given to a FMS graduate who displays Elias' determination, his love of life as well a history of serving their community.

90. **Mildred and Josephine Camilleri Award**

91. **National Honor Society**

Exemplary service and dedication to the NHS.

92. **Gifted Child PTO Award**

93. **Lee Vetland Memorial Fund Scholarship**

The Lee Vetland Memorial Fund Scholarship was established in 2019 in loving memory of Lee Vetland. Lee was a lifelong resident of Avenel and Colonia. He attended Woodbridge HS before owning and operating Lee's Auto Body and Pine Top Service in Avenel for over 50 years. Through hard work and dedication, he grew his business from a dream and turned it into what it is today. Lee had a huge heart and spent a lifetime giving back to the community and helping others, so it is an honor to give this scholarship in his name. The Lee Vetland Memorial Fund will award a scholarship to a WHS student who has an interest in automobiles and/or is enrolling in an automotive program after graduation. This student exemplifies the qualities of Lee Vetland; among them his kind and gregarious spirit, willingness to always help others in need, and love of the community.

94. **Woodbridge Little League**

95. **Competition Cheerleading Award**

96. **William A. Petersen Memorial Scholarship**

97. **Class of 1965 Award**

98. **Wegmans Employee Scholarship**

99. **County Commissioner Director Ronald Rios Charity Trust Award**

100. **Esquires of Woodbridge Scholarship**

The Esquires of Woodbridge Scholarship is awarded to a deserving senior that has maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher and displays a dedication in continuing their education in special education.

101. **Denis B. Sullivan Memorial Scholarship**

Denis Sullivan was a dedicated family man and loyal friend who served his country in the US Army and served his community as a police officer in Woodbridge Township.

102. **Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide Scholarship**

103. **John Kondrk Esquire Scholarship**

The Esquires of Woodbridge scholarship is awarded to a deserving senior that displays dedication in the field of music or art.

104. **Jeffrey C. Huber Memorial Scholarship**

105. **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Award**

106. **Freshmen Mentors Scholarship**

107. **JEMMS Foundation Scholarship**

In loving memory of Jennifer Elizabeth Metzger

108. **Woodbridge High School Guidance Department Award**

109. **Woodbridge Rotary Scholarship**

110. **John P. Careccia Memorial Scholarship**

John was the Chief of Woodbridge Twp. Ambulance and Rescue Squad. John actively sought opportunities to help others be their best version of themselves and loved watching others achieve their goals. He was a leader, CPR instructor, teacher and mentor who deeply cared for the well-being of his crew. He had a very strong work ethic. He was very active in St. James Church as a Eucharistic Minister and CCD teacher. He had a big heart and a contagious laugh.

111. **The Frederick and Doris Geoffroy Memorial Scholarship**

This award is in loving memory of Frederick & Doris Geoffroy who were both dedicated educators for the Woodbridge Township School District. It is presented to a deserving senior who is continuing their education and who has demonstrated strong character and work ethic.

112. **Robert S. Kasko / CJFCU Scholarship**

In recognition of, and to honor his service and dedication to the Central Jersey Federal Credit Union, this scholarship is given by Central Jersey FCU to a college-bound student athlete. Mr. Kasko served 45 years on the credit union's board of directors. He was also a star track athlete and graduate of Woodbridge HS and has been introduced into the WTAAA Hall of Fame. Mr. Kasko's professional career included positions of Vice-Principal of Colonia HS, Principal of Avenel Grade school and Principal of JFKMHS.

