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Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont High School Seniors Receive Community Scholarships on MHS Recognition Day



Forty community scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors from the Class of 2009 at the Mariemont High School Recognition Day on May 18. Twenty-three sponsors offered these awards, including four that have not been offered in previous years. Criteria ranged from academics to athletics; from interests to artistic abilities; from leadership to service to the community.

Rose Phillips was awarded the Julia Donnelly Memorial Scholarship in memory of the late Julia Donnelly, a member of the class of 2009. Rose met the criteria by being an exceptional writer who is involved in the communication arts, a leader by example, and one who is socially aware.

The John M. Lucas/ Virmorgan L. Ziegler Scholarship was awarded to Ryan Petronio. Mrs. Ziegler was the first Clerk for the Village of Fairfax starting in 1955. Upon her death, she wished to establish a scholarship named in part after her father, John Morgan Lucas.

The Mariemont High School chapter of the National Honor Society awarded scholarships to three of its members this year: Carolyn Coates, Jack McKeown, and Nicholas Weaver.

The David Deeters Memorial Scholarship went to Anne Pennell. She met the criteria for having a wide range of experiences in video technology. She volunteered her video skills in the community and demonstrated the ability to work with others on projects. This scholarship was offered in memory of a long-time supporter of the arts at MHS, David Deeters.

Agatha Howland and Evan Rosson were presented with the "Let Us Never Forget" scholarship. At Mariemont High School, this scholarship is given in honor of Cpt. Tyler Swisher, a Mariemont High School alumnus who was killed in Iraq. The criteria used were academics, athletic involvement, and strength of character. These criteria are thought to be the best match to the quality person that Tyler was. This award is funded through the efforts of the Yellow Ribbon Support Center.

Nicolas Rose-Stamey received the Don F. Mahan Excellence in English Memorial scholarship. This award was given in memory of a long-time Mariemont High School English instructor who passed away in February 2007. The criterion is a student who demonstrates a true passion for English and literature.

Leah Hamlin received the Mariemont High School Student Council scholarship which rewards quality of service and leadership in the organization.

Lindsey Hake, Elizabeth Kupferle, Natalie Peck, Kristine Sipe, and Amy Zepf were all selected for M.E.R.I.T. scholarships (Mariemont Educators Rewarding Interest in Teaching). The funding comes from donations by the Mariemont City Schools faculty and staff and goes to those pursuing a major in education.

Ryan Petronio and Lindsay Scott were the recipients of the Fairfax Police Department Scholarship based on such factors as academics, community service and quality of character. This is the 8th year for this scholarship. The Cincinnati Sports Mall assisted in the funding of these scholarships.

Cecelia Ebelhar received the Robert A. Martin Science scholarship which is given to a senior based on outstanding achievement in four years of science as well as positive character attributes. The recipient is determined by consensus of the high school science teachers.

Kiley Cameron and Leah Hamlin earned Key Club community service scholarships awarded on the basis of service involvement and their impact in the school and community.

Lauren Ferguson was awarded a Kiwanis Educational Grant whose criteria include academic success, community service and financial need. The Kiwanis organization continues to provide financial assistance to deserving alumni to continue their college education as well. This year those alumni are Brian Cornwell, Lauren Harmon, Laura Murray and Andy Richardson.

The Mariemont School district PTA/PTOs award scholarships to seniors who attended the various district schools. Criteria vary, but include such factors as academic achievement, service, and extracurricular involvement. The sponsoring groups and recipients were: Fairfax Elementary PTA: Ryan Petronio; Mariemont Elementary PTO: Adele Bruggeman and Leah Hamlin; Terrace Park Elementary PTO: Claire Cascella and Amy Sattergren; Mariemont Junior High School PTO: Lauren Ferguson; and Mariemont High School PTO: Kiley Cameron, Leah Hamlin, and John Welsh.

Ryan Petronio received the Fairfax Youth Organization scholarship which stipulates that the recipients have participated in an FYO sport, have attended Fairfax Elementary for at least three years, and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Anthony Telgkamp was presented with the Damien M. Jahnigen Memorial Scholarship, which has been given since 2000 in memory of a Mariemont High School student. The criteria are that the recipient share Damien's interests including an appreciation for the outdoors and an aptitude for technology.

Andrew Jones was this year's recipient of the Wanda McNeal scholarship. Wanda McNeal was a retired Fairfax Elementary teacher who bequeathed an automatic scholarship each year to the student with the highest GPA who attended Fairfax Elementary in the sixth grade.

Suzanne Evans received the Mariemont Art Club scholarship which requires an intended major in an art-related field. Suzy will donate a piece of artwork to be on permanent display along with past years' recipients at Mariemont High School.

Claire Cascella, Suzanne Evans, Bennett Nestok and Anne Pennell were chosen to receive Mariemont Fine Arts Association scholarships which require demonstrated involvement in visual, musical or performance arts.

Scott Herkamp and Amy Sattergren were awarded Mariemont Athletic Booster scholarships which take into consideration athletics, academics and coaches' recommendations.

Photo: Members of the Mariemont High School Class of 2009 received forty community scholarships at the school's Recognition Day on May 18. Back row L to R: Andrew Jones, Ryan Petronio, Anthony Telgkamp, John Welsh, Nick Weaver, Jack McKeown, Evan Rosson; 2nd row L to R: Nick Rose-Stamey, Kristy Sipe, Lindsay Scott, Aggie Howland, Cece Ebelhar, Adele Bruggeman, Carolyn Coates, Lindsey Hake, Lauren Ferguson, Leah Hamlin; Front row L to R: Bennett Nestok, Amy Sattergren, Kiley Cameron, Amy Zepf, Claire Cascella, Beth Kupferle, Anne Pennell, Rose Phillips, Suzy Evans, Natalie Peck, Scott Herkamp

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