

WAYLAND HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NAMED AWARDS

Amy Elizabeth Adam Memorial Award

Amy was just 16½ years old when she was killed in an automobile accident in August 1990 – the summer before her junior year. We miss her very much. We mourn her loss and grieve that she will never have the chance to have realized her full potential. We hope the recipients of the Amy Adam Memorial Award will reflect all the wonderful qualities that made Amy a special person. Her spirit and vitality were always so evident when she served as Varsity Cheerleader or played on the Junior Varsity Soccer Team. Her wonderful personality, her beauty, and especially that beautiful beaming smile always glowed on her face. Amy had the ability to bring people together in harmony and love.

Sandra & Russell Brodie Memorial Award

Sandy Brodie was a resident of Wayland for eighteen years. She had the capacity and the humility to give of herself without the need for recognition or acknowledgment. A gentle woman, who died in 1983, befriended by many, she consoled others in their troubled times and was always available to lend a helping hand. Her family was the essential element of her life. With great pride, she saw both of her children graduate from Wayland High School and continue on to college. Her son Russ passed away in 2011; together they understood the value of education and the role that an appreciative, supportive parent can play. Russ was a gentle person who walked and talked softly. His career in environmental studies and law enforcement had national implications. Russ lived in Arizona with his wife and three sons.

Phillips “Buddy” Brooks Memorial Award

Buddy Brooks graduated from Wayland High School in 1978. He died in the summer of 1981. While at Wayland High School he starred in soccer and ice hockey, serving as Tri-Captain of the 1977 Wayland High School soccer team. The nature of this young man is exemplified in the Phillips “Buddy” Brooks Memorial Award given annually to a soccer player for outstanding dedication, leadership and character.

Daniel G. Burgess Memorial Award

A Wayland High School Class of 2006 graduate, Dan was known for his outgoing personality, his love for the village of Cochrane and the town of Wayland, and his devotion to family and friends. As a teenager, Dan volunteered many hours in the Youth Ministry program at St. Zepherin’s Church and was awarded the Eagle of the Cross Award, the highest national award given for youth ministry. At Wayland High School, Dan played soccer and basketball and was a two-year starter on the football team, playing defensive tackle. He helped found the Intramural Basketball League during his senior year. As a young college student, he helped establish a summer softball league for Wayland youth, now known as the WayCo Softball league, and he pursued his love of music by studying guitar. This scholarship recognizes a Wayland Warrior athlete who demonstrates characteristics for which Dan will always be remembered: a strong work ethic, a giving spirit, and an appreciation for family, friends, and community.

Kevin Burke Memorial Award

Kevin C. Burke, a Wayland resident for 20 years, was 49 when his life was suddenly cut short by a heart attack in November 1998. Kevin played a major role in the lives of students and their families at Wayland High School. He was an active participant at Wayland sporting events and functions, usually with microphone in hand. Many remember Kevin as a little league coach and as the motivating play-by-play voice at baseball and basketball events. He was a true friend, devoted husband and father. Throughout his life he loved to be active, lived life to the fullest and refused to slow down. His infectious laugh never diminished in volume or frequency. His memory and love will live on through this annual scholarship which has been established by the loving contributions of family, friends and community members.

Steven Camiel Memorial Award

Steven Camiel was a Wayland resident who passed away suddenly in April 2009. He was known for his loving nature, kind spirit and love of soccer. He was a goalie who played varsity soccer at Medford High School, college soccer at Clark University, coached his children in the BAYS and WAYS programs and played in the Wayland over 40 and over 50 leagues. This award goes to a student who plans to play soccer at the university level and has a kind spirit.

Richard G. "Dick" Conti Award

Dick Conti retired as Chairman of the Fine Arts Department at Wayland High School in 1997. For 37 years, Mr. Conti made music for the Wayland schools and inspired student after student to join with him. He is a gifted Choral music director, and directed the Concert Choir and the Madrigal Singers in addition to carrying out many other teaching and supervisory responsibilities. In 1990 he was the first recipient of the Mary L. Johnson Travelship Award, given to a dedicated Wayland teacher. In 1991, he received the prestigious Lowell Mason Award for outstanding leadership in music education. The Conti Award, preferably given to a student with a demonstrated interest in the performing arts, honors a man who devoted nearly forty decades of his life to the children of Wayland.

Lt. Carl J. Fisher Memorial Award

Carl was a 1976 graduate of Wayland High School and participated in three varsity sports: wrestling, football and golf. An alumnus of The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Carl reached his personal goals in life by virtue of dedication, enthusiasm, and inspiring others to reach beyond their potential in attaining their goals. His total dedication to any task was a source of strength to his peers.

Mark Forti Memorial Award

Mark Forti had just entered kindergarten at the Claypit Hill elementary school when he was diagnosed with leukemia in 1987. During the next three years, while undergoing chemotherapy treatments, Mark enjoyed school, baseball, soccer, and made many wonderful friendships. Just after entering third grade, Mark relapsed and began an intensive year of treatment that was unsuccessful, ending with his death in August of 1991 at the age of nine. Throughout his illness, Mark received much support from the Wayland community. Mark always had a smile on his face and endured his challenges courageously. Mark loved every minute he spent at school and was always happiest when he was able to attend. Mark would have been very honored by the establishment of this award, set to begin with his graduating class (Class of 2000), by those who knew and loved him.

Conrad Gees Life Long Learning Award

Conrad Gees retired from the Wayland Public Schools in 2013 after 33 years of teaching in the community, 20 of which were spent as a special educator at both the high school and elementary levels while 13 years of which were spent as a fifth grade teacher at Happy Hollow School. His greatest joy came from helping students discover who they were as learners and thinkers and how they could fit into their community. This award is presented to a student who has a love of learning and sharing ideas despite facing challenges in a traditional learning environment.

Dr. Charles E. & Cynthia A. Goff Award

This award was established by friends and relatives to honor Dr. Charles E. Goff upon his retirement in June 1985. Dr. Goff served as principal of Wayland High School for 15 years. He was a prime mover in the development of the scholarship program at Wayland High School, having observed and nurtured its growth since its inception. As principal, Dr. Goff stated that meeting and serving the people of Wayland was one of the highlights of his career. It is fitting that the people of Wayland have honored Dr. Goff with the establishment of an award in his name.

Mitchel Halperin Memorial Award

Mitchel Halperin was a resident of Wayland for 15 years. He served on town committees and coached neighborhood softball teams. His daughters were students of Wayland High School when this award was established. He was a gentle, caring man and a true supporter of the Wayland schools. Mitch was a journalism major at Syracuse University and had a lifelong interest in writing. Mitch was a director of Show Operations for the Interface Group who initiated this award and who said, "Mitch will always be remembered by his colleagues at the Interface Group and by his many friends in the trade show industry or his commitment to professional excellence."

Islamic Center of Boston Award

The Islamic Center of Boston (ICB) has been a part of the Wayland community since 1986. The ICB Award is given to students who have demonstrated dedication to promoting peace and acceptance. The ICB hopes to encourage and support students who strive towards building relationships that cross boundaries of religion, race or ethnicity and who work towards dispelling prejudice and discrimination.

Margaret “Peggy” Kaplan Memorial Award

Peggy Kaplan was a person who turned to the world of beauty in the arts at the mid-point of her life – the world of Arts, Letters, Dance, and Music. In her approach to this world of art, she developed a renaissance-like interest in art of every kind. She enjoyed the rhythm of words, the harmony of sounds, the combinations of colors. Whenever possible, she encouraged young artists, she attended their concerts, she visited their studios, she talked with them, and she often purchased their works. To express herself, Peggy turned to painting and poetry after she became ill. Her life was cut short, but in a brief time, she tried to catch up with a lifetime. Peggy Kaplan lived in Wayland for 25 years; her daughter Meredith graduated from this high school. Peggy wrote articles of warmth and human interest for many years for the Town Crier; she assisted the Historical Society in their first inventory of homes in Wayland. She was known, respected, and loved by all who came in contact with her. This award has been established to perpetuate Peggy Kaplan’s ideals in the development and nurturing of artistic talents in all their diverse forms.

David J. Kelton Memorial Award

This award was established in loving memory of David Kelton by his friends, who will always remember his generous and caring nature. David, who was a member of the Class of 1990, had a great love of life. He particularly loved to play lacrosse, to dance, and to listen to music. He always had a smile on his face and an open heart for all. David received tremendous benefit from the staff and facilities of the Learning Resource Team (LRT) while attending Wayland High School. David died in an automobile accident in July of 1995 but he will never be forgotten.

Cindy Lombardo Memorial Award

The Cindy Lombardo Memorial Award was created in memory of Cindy Lombardo, a resident of Wayland for 34 years. Cindy was passionate about the town of Wayland and always wanted to give back to her community. “What would Cindy Do?” is a phrase often heard around town. From her work with the school and building committees, to her passion for enriching the METCO program, she was always looking to strengthen the town in every way possible. One of her passions and greatest joys was sitting on the scholarship committee. Interviewing students and providing them with an opportunity to go to college and achieve their dreams was at the heart of who she was. She saw so much potential in each child, and knew the weight of responsibility she had and took pride in it. Cindy was instrumental in developing the Wayland to Waveland initiative after Hurricane Katrina and saw it as an opportunity for the community that she loved to really impact another community in need. Cindy’s heart was always in a place of helping others and giving back. The Lombardo family wishes to honor her legacy by recognizing a student who has made giving back to others and strengthening the Wayland community part of their core.

Neil J. MacLean Memorial Award

Neil was 23 years old when he died in an automobile accident in July of 1995. Neil grew up in Wayland and was a member of the graduating class of 1990. Throughout his life he had a great love of all sports, his passion being basketball, which he played with much enthusiasm and determination. Our most treasured memories of Neil are his warm friendly smile, his wonderful sense of humor, and his incredible love for people and life. Neil had a unique way of opening his heart and sharing. He was sensitive, kind, and gentle, touching the hearts of many. Neil’s love of family was evident and he put great value on his many friendships, which were solid and true. Our hearts are filled with tender thoughts and cherished memories. We will forever miss him.

Sidney H. Malkin Memorial Award

The Sidney H. Malkin Memorial Award is named for a long-time Wayland resident whose five children graduated from Wayland High School. Mr. Malkin was one of the owners of M&M Transportation co., and his energy, resolve and vision helped to expand the company throughout New England. As a businessman, he demonstrated generosity and gratitude to his employees and earned their enduring loyalty. He was a devoted father who engaged life with vigor, strong principles, a great sense of humor and abundant love. He was renowned for his generosity and was a constant source of quiet strength and compassion. The Malkin Family wishes to honor his legacy by recognizing a student who exemplifies compassionate leadership, interest in people and diverse cultures, tenacious spirit, and love of life.

Thurgood Marshall Award

This award is named for the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, the first African American to serve on the United States Supreme court. As counsel for the NAACP, he played a leading role in the struggle to extend equal protection of the law to Americans of all races. During his service as Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court, Solicitor General of the United States, and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, he provided a forceful message of support for the rights of all minorities and under-represented groups. He spoke against all forms of discrimination, among them discrimination of the basis of race, religion, gender, socioeconomic status, age, and disabilities. The award is given to a student who has worked actively to eliminate discrimination and promote harmony within the community, by word or deed.

Rose Anne Moses Memorial Award

This award is dedicated in the loving memory of Rose Anne Moses, a member of the Wayland High School class of 1983. Rose Anne died in January of her senior year. She was a true friend who could always be counted on. Her warmth and sensitivity touched all who knew her in a unique way.

The “Coach Rick Moyer - Great Life Experience” Award

This award has been established to recognize the 30 years of dedication that legendary Coach Rick Moyer has given to the students and athletes at Wayland High School. Rick was a guidance counselor and spent the last 10 years of his career at WHS as the Athletic Director, retiring in 1997. Rick coached the WHS Wrestling Team and was also a collegiate wrestling champion himself. Rick played a major role in developing Wayland Youth Sports, encouraging young athletes to create personal goals on and off the playing fields. This award is given to a student-athlete who has volunteered their time to Wayland Youth Sports and has demonstrated the qualities that Coach Moyer brought to the athletes and their families in Wayland throughout his career, such as commitment to the sport, respect of teammates, dedication to their studies, and an appreciation for the strong foundation Wayland has provided them. For a student who will always remember their ‘Great Life Experience’.

John Eric Nelson Memorial Award

Eric was a dedicated and loved employee of the Town of Wayland Park, Recreation and Cemetery Department for 32 years. When he retired, this award in the field of environmental sciences was established by his many friends as a living memorial in gratitude for his loyal service. Much of the beauty we see daily in Wayland and take for granted is there because of the efforts of this fine man.

Javier Otero-Alvarez Memorial Award

Javier graduated from Wayland High School in 1998. He died in 2003 in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was 23 years old. While at Wayland High School, Javier played football, which he loved. He attended Nichols College before transferring to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He was a kind and gentle person with a loving heart. He was always there to lend a hand to others in need. He was sensitive and he loved deeply. He was a voracious reader and a deep thinker. Javier’s sense of humor and his radiant smile will always live within us.

Sarah Elizabeth Pryor Memorial Award

This award is given in loving remembrance of Sarah Pryor. Nine-year-old Sarah moved with her family to Wayland from Pennsylvania in 1985. That September, her brother and sister enrolled in Wayland High School and Sarah started fourth grade at Claypit Hill Elementary School. Six weeks later, on October 9th, Sarah was abducted while she walked on a beautiful fall day. Sarah was found after the valiant efforts of hundreds of people and was laid to rest on what would have been her 22nd birthday, January 13, 1998. This award honors a student who, like Sarah, is enthusiastic about life, compassionate, and always eager to help. Sarah worked best in the background, never pushing into the limelight, taking all the glory. She encouraged, supported, and helped from the sidelines. Sarah loved her family, life, and lived every moment to the fullest. She was filled with faith, hope, and love.

The Quarter Century Service Award

This award established in 2002, honors retiring teachers in the Wayland School Department who have dedicated 25 years or more to enriching the lives of Wayland students. They have guided, counseled, instructed and mentored our students both inside and outside the classroom, in the halls, on the playing fields, in the arts and in school clubs. It is with much gratitude that we thank them and their efforts to bring continued excellence to Wayland Schools. It is our pleasure to honor for 2006 - Susan Brown, Louise Dunlay, Frances Srulowitz, Roland Stern and Bill Snow; 2007 - Julie Brennan, Virginia Buckley, Thomas Dubie, Brian Newmark, Maura Stumpf and Christine Trufant; 2008 - Jane Ezbicki, Doris Goldthwaite and Karen Sylva; 2009 - Joe Damplo, Dan Frio, Joan Lanagan, Barbara Manley and Debbie Tofias; 2010 - John Kavaleski, Barbara Howe Parker and Helen Rainoff; 2011 - Mike Rumrill; 2012 - Ken Altshuler, Sue Batchelder, Kathleen Hawkins, Vangie Jones, and Diane Muffitt; 2013 - Joseph Porrell; 2014 - Mary Brown and Elizabeth Bryant; 2015 - Chris Brown and Dexter Chadsey; 2016 - Sally Ralen; 2017 - Richard Weingartner and Steve Rizzo.

Tommy Raskin Memorial Award

This award was established in 1977 as a tribute to Tommy Raskin who died at the age of sixteen. Tommy battled a major illness for four years displaying great courage and optimism throughout. He inspired everyone with whom he came in contact. He exhibited an unusual spirit and love of life. Tommy cherished the everyday things in life that we all take for granted – family, friends, community and school.

The Robsham Award

Established in memory of Paul E. Robsham. Awarded to a student who pledges to live substance free as a student scholar, out of respect for the gifts of mind and body and has demonstrated this interest through activities, community service or personal statement.

Amy Rossborough Memorial Award

Amy was a brilliant young woman who graduated as the salutatorian of the Wayland High School class of 1977. She was scheduled to graduate from Yale University in the spring of 1980 after 3 years. She died in an automobile accident in the summer of 1979 en route home from a summer job. Amy was instrumental in the Women's Movement both in high school and at Yale. As a member of the Yale Women's Caucus, she represented Yale at the New England Conference on Women's Issues. She was the Yale campus reporter for Ms. Magazine as well. Amy was a member of the Wayland High School and Yale University track teams.

John Karl Sailor Award

John lived an energetic and passionate life of continual learning. He was devoted to the outdoors, to music, to his family, friends and colleagues. He was dedicated to his work in geographic information systems and to the sport of sailing. He possessed intense curiosity, intelligence and integrity, combined with patience, optimism and humor. He was a natural leader and teacher. His award supports the aspirations of a Wayland High School graduate who seeks a liberal arts education.

Richard Schaye Citizenship Award

Dr. Richard Schaye has given many years to the children of Wayland as Principal of the Wayland Middle School. Upon his retirement this year the Richard Schaye Citizenship Award is being presented to a student who demonstrates the ideals of citizenship exemplified by Henry David Thoreau, Rachel Carson and Martin Luther King – someone who is willing to follow his or her conscience in the face of peer pressure.

Kathy Sherry Memorial Award

Kathy Sherry was a dedicated special education teacher and department chair at Wayland High School from June, 1999 through May 2014. Kathy also served as the teacher-coach of the Wayland High School Mock Trial team from 2007 to 2016. Kathy was a kind and supportive professional who always found ways to help her students push themselves to reach their full potential. They all knew that Kathy was always ready with a kind word and big smile. Kathy was one of those rare souls who always left you feeling better about yourself. This scholarship goes to a student from the Special Education Program or the Mock Trial team who demonstrates a commitment for hard work and self-improvement while also reaching out to help other students, members of the Wayland community, family or friends, or other communities of interest outside of Wayland.

Francis J. Smith Award

Francis Smith, a master teacher who devoted his life to the Classical Studies and Modern Language Departments at Wayland High School, retired in 1999 after a thirty-eight year career. Mr. Smith's enthusiasm, dedication, and talent have enriched our schools over the years through a host of activities, including annual trips to Italy with students and adults, leading fund-raising tours to the Museum of Fine Arts, teaching adult education courses, and serving several times as a Class Advisor. He has been both founder and mainstay of the Latin Club, director of numerous dramatic presentations, and the announcer at Wayland football games. Mr. Smith was honored in 1985 as "Massachusetts Teacher of the Year" and also as one of two outstanding American teachers in the 1991 PBA documentary, "To Light A Fire". Mr. Smith will always be cherished and remembered for his commitment to academic excellence, his devotion to Classical Studies, his love for his students, his respect for the nobility of the human spirit, and his tremendous loyalty to Wayland. Francis Smith represents the consummate teacher, the quintessential humanist.

The William Snow Award

The William Snow Scholarship has been established by his family, friends, colleagues, and athletes in recognition of the 35 years that he taught physical education in the Wayland Public Schools (1971 – 2006) and the 104 consecutive seasons that he coached soccer and track. Coach Snow played a major role in the lives of students and their families, providing inspiration and encouragement. This award is given to a student-athlete who demonstrates the qualities that Coach Snow exemplified in his years in Wayland – integrity, responsibility, enthusiasm, and dedication to sport.

Colin Steel Memorial Award

Colin and his family were residents of Wayland for 56 years, where his three children and two grandsons were well launched by Wayland High School. As a professor of Chemistry at Brandeis University, Colin inspired his students, undergraduate, graduate and post-doc toward excellence in science, whether academic or applied. He also placed great value on quality, compassionate care for anyone at the end of life, and particularly appreciated the role of nursing in such care. This scholarship is for a graduate who is aiming for a career in the sciences, particularly in nursing.

Danny Thompson Memorial Award

Dan was a member of the Wayland High School class of 1981. He died in the fall of his junior year. Dan was an extremely popular young man who left a positive impact on everyone he met. A quote from his classmates in the 1981 yearbook: "Although you are no longer with us, our memories of you will always remain. Your classic sense of humor, zest for life, and radiant smile can never be taken from us. You will always live in our hearts."

Robert "Bob" Todd Memorial Award

Bob was a beloved physical education teacher and coach at Wayland High School. He coached freshman, junior varsity and varsity programs. He loved nature, had great respect for the outdoors, and spent much time and energy enjoying backpacking, hiking, boating, skiing, canoeing and many more outdoor activities. Bob was actively involved in the Wayland High School Outing Club. Bob and his wife Debbie, a physical education teacher at W. H. S., were instrumental in establishing and developing the Outdoor Ropes Challenge Program (Project Confidence) through the Physical Education Department. Bob died in an auto accident during the summer of 1981 while returning home from a western trip. Bob truly loved the total experience of Wayland High School.

The Pam Washek Memorial Award

The Pam Washek Memorial Scholarship was created by her family and friends to honor Pam Washek, a long-time Wayland resident who created the local Wayland Angels program, which evolved into the nationally-recognized Neighborhood Brigade. The award is given to a student who has been devoted to community service, especially one who has tried to make a difference in their home community, in the spirit that Pam espoused of "neighbors helping neighbors".

Wayland Business Association Award

An annual award given to a deserving Wayland High School senior who has demonstrated business and entrepreneurial skills and wishes to pursue a career in the business world. The scholarship is sponsored by the Wayland Business Association (WBA). Since 1875, the WBA has worked to improve the quality of life and beauty of the surroundings in Wayland through civic involvement and community projects.

Wayland-Weston Rotary Club Award

The students applying for the scholarship will be selected primarily on the characteristics of service to others. The recipient(s) lifestyle should represent the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". The student(s) should exhibit the quality of providing service to others by giving of his/her time to individuals or projects within the community or international service for the advancement of goodwill, enhancing the well being of others and/or to meet the humanitarian needs of people in other countries. It should be evident that the student(s) participated in such activities without expectation of reward. The scholarship is awarded to a current graduating senior who is continuing their education beyond high school.

Jeremy Scott Weiner Memorial Award

This award has been established as a memorial to Jeremy Scott Weiner. Jeremy graduated from Wayland High School in 1986. He was attending George Washington University when he died tragically in an automobile accident in November 1988 at the age of 20. Jeremy cared about people and loved to travel and spent his junior year of high school and the year after high school studying in Spain. Jeremy had many devoted friends in Wayland, Washington, D.C., and in Spain and had many special times with them. Part of Jeremy's legacy was the value he placed on those friendships and his ability to transcend cultural boundaries. He had a love for Spain and naturally immersed himself in the Spanish culture and language and people. Consequently, Jeremy's family and many friends here and abroad want to remember him by establishing this award for a student interested in international study and travel.

William G. "Bill" Zimmerman Award

Bill Zimmerman was superintendent of the Wayland Public Schools for 23 years, retiring in 1994. This award has been established in his honor by colleagues, friends, and parents of the Wayland Public School children. During his tenure, the Wayland school system was recognized as being in the top one half of one percent of excellent schools in the United States, as determined by the United States Department of Education. Dr. Zimmerman served for 20 years on the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, two of them as President. His passion for wrestling was well known and he could often be seen at practices and meets. From 1976 through 1994, he served on the Massachusetts interscholastic State Wrestling committee. Dr. Zimmerman was also an avid musician and often played his trumpet at school concerts, plays, and town events, as well as with his own musical quartet. Dr. Zimmerman exemplifies the best qualities in an educator – commitment to excellence, focus, a strong value system, high standards, and integrity.

Chester "Chet" S. Zwonik Award

When Chester S. Zwonik retired in June 1991, his colleagues, friends and school parents established this award to honor his 36 years in public education. During his 23 years as principal of Claypit Hill School, Chet demonstrated outstanding organizational skills and a deep understanding of children, curriculum and the teaching-learning process. Under his guidance Claypit Hill School was selected for the United States Department of Education "School Excellence Award" in 1985. He was the first local administrator to adapt the new computer technologies to school programs. His colleagues and friends think of him as a caring, sensitive administrator of absolute honesty and integrity.