



Pictured, from left: Morgan Hamm, Like Sutherland and Vincent Ciruolo.

Kiwanis Club of Niagara-Wheatfield scholarships

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On Thursday, May 18, the Kiwanis Club of Niagara-Wheatfield held its annual scholarship awards dinner at the Jetport Restaurant. Niagara-Wheatfield seniors Luke Sutherland and Vincent Ciruolo are the club's \$1,000 recipients for 2023. Morgan Hamm, graduating from Starport Central School, is the recipient of the Niagara-Wheatfield Kiwanis Foundation \$2,000 Tom Beachy Scholarship.

The recipients, their parents, and members of the club enjoyed a pleasurable dinner. Luke, Vincent and Morgan each read their well-thought and -written essays they had submitted with their applications. It was a great chance to converse with all in attendance.

There were numerous applicants received this year for both scholarships, with many commendable graduating seniors worthy of the awards.

The Niagara-Wheatfield Club scholarships are awarded to residents of both the towns of Wheatfield and Niagara and students who attend the Niagara-

Wheatfield school district. The foundation's Tom Beachy Scholarship is open to any Niagara County graduating senior. The awards will be directly sent and credited to the college or university they will be attending.

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Wheatfield Business Association awards scholarships

Submitted by Danny Maerten
WBA Scholarship Chair

The Wheatfield Business Association awarded three \$500 scholarships at its May 16 meeting.

The annual WBA scholarship program is presented to graduating seniors residing in the Town of Wheatfield with an interest in a future involving business. The scholarship committee received 13 applications for the 2023 gift.

This year's recipients are Niagara Wheatfield High School seniors Minna Cederman-Kobayashi, Katelyn Dena and Emma Binga.

Minna Cederman-Kobayashi is planning on attending D'Youville University, majoring in business. She is a member of Job's Daughters International Triangle organization, Jewish Club, Japanese Club and DECA business honor society. Minna has black belts, received the Falcon Pride award and is a DECA state qualifier, among numerous accolades. She was born in Canada, migrated to Japan, moved to Seattle, and now lives in Wheatfield. Minna is well versed in the Japanese language. She is employed at Platters.

Katelyn Dena is planning on attending SUNY Geneseo with majors in business administration and Spanish. She participated in varsity soccer, basketball and soccer. Katelyn is the class salutatorian and historian, a member of DECA, student council, Niagara Wheatfield Advisory Committee and LYNC. She received Falcon Pride and scholar athlete awards and other recognitions. Katelyn started her own tutoring service for fellow students who fell behind during the pandemic. Her employment includes Remington Tavern & Seafood Exchange, Lumberjack's Patio & Grill, Antonio's Banquet & Conference Center, and St. John summer camp.

Emma Binga is planning on attending SUNY Geneseo and majoring in communications. She is an officer with DECA and involved in DECA nationals. Emma participated in Niagara Wheatfield lacrosse and volleyball, serving as captain. She is employed at Primerano Fitness and is also a nanny for Ron and Crystal Primerano. In addition, she is involved with Distributive Education Clubs of America, preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools around the globe.

Unfortunately, the WBA's scholarship recipients were unable to attend the planned scholarship dinner because of rescheduling of their sports meets. The certificates and checks were presented in person at the Niagara Wheatfield Senior Awards Night on June 5.

Niagara Junior Purple Eagles Gary Hill Memorial Scholarship recipients

The Niagara Junior Purple Eagles Gary Hill Memorial Scholarship team has announced the 2023 award recipients:

- Alec Kirk of Starpoint High School, who will attend Binghamton University majoring in environmental engineering/research
- Mariela Mulready of Lewiston-Porter High School, who will attend Mercyhurst University majoring in cybersecurity
- Mario Violante IV of Lewiston-Porter High School, who will attend St. Vincent's College majoring in premedical/dental

Graduation Announcement

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Niagara Wheatfield High School

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