

Nancy Price Memorial Scholarship recipients named

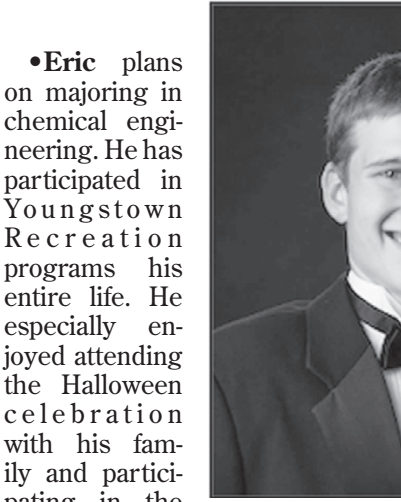
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Scholarships are given annually to area graduates in memory of Nancy Price, who was the beloved director of Youngstown Recreation for 20 years. She worked tirelessly in all aspects of her work with youth and truly made a difference in the lives she touched. These scholarships allow our community to continue to make an impact on our youth in Nancy Price's memory.

Congratulations to this year's Nancy Price Scholarship winners: Jenna Deutschman, Eric Smith, Joseph Beatty, Troy Toohey and Greg Sledziewski. Deutschman was awarded \$1,000 while Smith, Beatty, Toohey and Sledziewski were each awarded \$500. All five recipients were chosen for their academic achievement, community service, and involvement in Youngstown Recreation.

•**Jenna** plans on attending Niagara County Community College for liberal arts and sciences. She has many wonderful memories growing up participating in the activities offered by Youngstown Recreation. She stated, "The Youngstown Recreation Program has influenced my life greatly." In addition to participating in the many activities, she also volunteered numerous hours over the past several years with the Halloween and Christmas parties, nickel carnivals, and weekly arts and crafts.



•**Eric** plans on majoring in chemical engineering. He has participated in Youngstown Recreation programs his entire life. He especially enjoyed attending the Halloween celebration with his family and participating in the basketball program, learning skills and making friends. He continues using these skills and playing pick-up basketball at Veterans Park. Eric said, "I believe that the amazing sense of community that I learned through

the Youngstown Recreation Department and the experiences I have had at Lewiston-Porter will continue to inspire me to one day make a difference in the field of chemical engineering especially

in regards to helping our environment." •**Joseph** plans on attending Kent State University for business and was recently accepted into the Honor College Program. He has great memories of playing floor hockey, basketball and pool at the Youngstown Red Brick. Joe commented, "When I was little, sports didn't interest me nearly as much as they do now, and I owe it to the Youngstown Recreation for helping me to become the athlete that

I am today." He was awarded the All WNY Scholar Athlete and the large school honor.

•**Greg** plans on attending the University of Miami with a major in biology. His goal is to improve the safety, health and well-being of the community and make a difference in society. Greg has enjoyed participating in the baseball and basketball programs. He stated, "Recreational sports provide many benefits to our communities. They bring people together, encourage physical activity, and teach valuable life lessons to our society's youth." He said he feels that, through these programs, "I've been able to connect with members of my community at a greater level."

•**Troy** plans on attending St. Lawrence University for pre-law while also playing soccer for the university. He has many fond memories participating in the floor hockey and basketball programs, as well as attending the programs at Falkner Park with his family. Troy stated, "I can attribute much of my love for sports to Youngstown Recreation. One thing I love about sports is the people you meet through them and the bonds you form. I began to form many bonds and friendships that I still have today through programs at Youngstown Recreation."

Lewiston Kiwanis Club awards scholarships

As preparations continue toward Lewiston-Porter High School's anticipated June 26 ceremonies at Artpark, the Kiwanis Club of Lewiston announced the awarding of four scholarships along with presentation of its annual William and Joanne Roth Memorial Scholarship to members of the Class of 2020.

Member Tina Oddy, who serves as chair of the Lewiston Kiwanis scholarship committee, said that in addition to the scholarship announcements, the Lewiston Kiwanis Club members joined together recently for what she termed, "a heartwarming 'Scholarship Car Parade' to personally congratulate each scholarship recipient. It was a wonderful show of support from our members."

2020 Kiwanis Club of Lewiston \$500 scholarship winners include Eric Smith, Jackson Rogers, Benjamin Cardamone and Joshua Cardamone. In addition, the Lewiston Kiwanis awarded Olivia Kisiel was awarded the William and Joanne Roth Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

All award recipients were chosen for their high academic achievement, leadership skills, and community service involvement. Their bios follow.

Olivia Kisiel

Olivia Kisiel plans on attending the Georgia Institute of Technology for aerospace/biomedical engineering. She has been actively involved with many volunteer organizations and community service projects including the



Olivia and Jackson.

Key Club, Girls Scouts, Heart Love and Soul, the HANCI Senior Prom, Mighty Niagara, and the WNY Girls in Sports Program-

Peer Coach. "Volunteering has had an immense impact on my life and I know it will continue to be a

prominent aspect of my life going forward," she said.

Olivia shared that her involvement in community service impacted her decision to pursue a career in aerospace/biomedical engineering. "Engineers help people in so many ways, and I want to be on the forefront of innovations that will improve people's lives."

Eric Smith

Eric Smith plans to major in chemical engineering. Community service has been a big part of his life.

According to Eric, "I learned at a very young age that I needed to give back to my community and serve others." He has participated in a variety of volunteer activities including Key Club, as an altar server, Stella Niagara Education Park swim volunteer coach, Canisius College science camp intern, and several mission trips. He has also taken on many leadership roles over the past four years.

Eric stated that after graduating from college, "I hope that one day I will make a revolutionary discovery or be part of a company where I can make small advancements daily. I am excited about my future and hope that I will always be the one that raises their hand to volunteer, takes on a leadership role, or takes action so that our world can be a better place."

Jackson Rogers

Jackson Rogers plans to major in aerospace and computer engineering. He has enjoyed volunteering with Key Club, as a Big Brother/Big Sister, altar server and the Donate Life Club. It was these volunteer experiences that led to his career choice.

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