

BLOOMFIELD

Educational ★ Foundation

2020 Scholarship Award Winners

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Michael Bsales '20

Award Winner:

2020 The Anthony Pascal Family Scholarship

Award Winner:

**2020 The F. James White "True Competitor"
Student-Athlete Scholarship**



About Michael Bsales '20

A four-year Honors student with a 4.56 grade point average, Michael will graduate second in his class of 449 students. The BEF Bengal Pride in Educational Excellence Program afforded Michael the opportunity to take 9 AP classes and the exams, which can be counted as college credits in the following: US History, English, Computer Science, Physics, Biology, and Calculus.

Inspired by a passion for helping others, Michael was driven by the words of his Coach, Mike Carter. "Be in the right place, at the right time, and do the right thing." To Michael, this was a call to action. For him, it meant wading waist deep in the Second River of Watsessing Park and pulling out bicycles, hubcaps, and other debris; volunteering for mission trips to help families where the primary bread winners were unable to support their families; and always participating in community activities where his energy and time could make a difference. In school, Michael reached out to struggling students and gave his time and energy, helping them to better understand the material. As a three team Captain, those words continued to resonate with him and he earned the respect of his teammates as he led them by his example. In March, Michael was awarded the National Football Foundation's Scholar-Lead-Athlete Award. Michael applied and was accepted to Notre Dame University, where he will continue to have the opportunity to serve others through their rich tradition of immense charitable programs and their focus on ethics in all aspects of life.

About The Anthony Pascal Family Scholarship

The Anthony Pascal Family Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who exemplified Tony Pascal, who was president of the Class of 1958 and quarterback of the football team.

About The F. James White "True Competitor" Student-Athlete Scholarship

The F. James White "True Competitor" Student-Athlete Scholarship is awarded annually to a male or female student-athlete. Mr. White played basketball for the legendary coach, George Cella and was a standout track athlete. He graduated from BHS in 1954, and after receiving a bachelor's degree from Springfield College and master's degree from Columbia University, he taught in the Bloomfield school system for 41 years. He served for 33 years as the winningest head coach of the boy's soccer team and he coached the Lady's Bengals basketball team for 18 years, winning the State championship in 1989. A "True Competitor", according to Mr. White, holds dear the virtues of competition, academics and the value of a college education. His children established this scholarship in his honor and memory.

Luca Ponticello '20
Award Winner:
2020 Class of 1965 Scholarship



About Luca Ponticello '20

Working hard with integrity, while setting and achieving goals are what has earned Luca a 4.17 GPA and the rank of 25th out of a class of 449. An Honors student all four years, Lucas also took AP classes and sat for exams in US History, English, Physics, Calculus, and Government, thanks to the *BEF Bengal Pride in Educational Excellence Program*. College credits are earned with a passing grade on these exams and Lucas considers himself fortunate to have had the opportunity to take college level courses in his junior and senior high school years.

Luca plans to attend Haverford College in fall, and he will apply the tenets of integrity and achieving goals to his studies there. Lucas has learned the importance of completing his assignments in a timely fashion and this has helped him manage his time more productively. He looks forward to the challenge that college courses and campus life will bring.

Lucas values living a balanced life and as such, concedes that while he learned much from his studies, he also learned much from the extracurricular pursuits of cross country, track, Boy Scouts and an occasional video game competition. He hopes a well-rounded pursuit of studies and other interests will result in him becoming a successful, contributing young adult.

About The Class of 1965 Scholarship

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Megan Carter '20
Award Winner:
2020 Class of 1965 Scholarship



About Megan Carter '20

In her scholarship application essay, Megan writes, “Live life to the fullest, and focus on the positive.” Megan truly practices what she preaches. In her sophomore year, Megan, the youngest of five, lost her Mom suddenly and tragically. As the Bloomfield Bengal community mourned the loss, her world, as she knew it collapsed, Megan pursued her studies and sports activities with vigor, to try to return as much as possible about her life to normal. To Megan, these were areas in her life that had not changed and through which she continued her daily high school life. Teachers and guidance counselors watched with amazement as not only was she able to carry on, but she consistently became the student who other students turned to when they were having difficulties with a math problem, a new concept in a science class, or mastering their skills on the softball or volleyball fields. These classes and sports taught her essential skills for a successful life: determination, a strong work ethic and the value of teamwork.

Megan’s Dad, Coach Mike Carter, has been a perfect role model for her to teach her the value of extending your time and talents for the greater good. While every Coach is motivated for the win, Coach Carter promotes in his athletes that they be good people with compassion, first. His daughter has learned this from an early age, and through this heartache, never lost her zest for life, the importance of maintaining a positive and upbeat attitude and helping others.

Megan was proud to have been inducted into the National Honor Society and has been accepted by Montclair State University and William Paterson University. She will continue to take life one-step at a time, always going up, and we are confident she will conquer whatever comes her way.

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Alexandria Corio '20

Award Winner: 2020 Fred Celluro Memorial Scholarship
Award Winner: 2020 Sgt. Joseph Paris Memorial Scholarship

About Alexandria Corio '20

Hard working, personable, kind, a talented athlete and leader, all describe BHS senior, Alexandria Corio. Not one to shy away from a challenge, Alexandria took honors level math courses to acquire high-level math skills during her high school career. Looking to better her community, she has been a volunteer for the Policemen's Annual Toy Drive for many years, and enjoys the smiles it brings to the young children in her town. Challenging herself with a tough work out and practice routine, she became an essential part of the BHS Girls' Varsity Softball team. Working countless hours to meet her own expectations of success, she broke several school records, an exceptional achievement and testament to her hard work ethic.



Growing up, Alexandria had two dedicated role models, her Dad, a Bloomfield Police Officer, and her Mom, who works with the most vulnerable population of students at BHS. As a child of a police officer, Alexandria is keenly aware of the risk her Dad takes each time he leaves home to go to work. Her Mom has taught her patience and empathy for others who may not have the same talents that she does. Alexandria believes in being an advocate for those who can't advocate for themselves. She will use her hard work ethic to gain success and will support the best in people.

Alexandria will attend William Paterson University, where she will pursue a degree in Education. Her hope is to make this world a better place in which to live, as her parents have done for her and others.

About The Fred Celluro Scholarship

Fred's family and close friends describe him as an incredible friend and coach who left a lasting impact on every person who crossed his path. Fred graduated from BHS in 1958 as a student-athlete who lettered in baseball, basketball and football. As a lifelong Bloomfield resident, Fred received numerous awards: Local BPA Man of the Year, Bloomfield Recreation Department Citizen of the Year, Bloomfield Athletic Hall of Fame. Fred sponsored and coached Freddie's Foxes Softball Team and coached Suburban Travel Softball team, winning numerous championships. He was also an American Softball Association umpire for over 20 years and was instrumental in the inception of the William Foley Football League. To honor his memory and continue his mission of promoting teamwork and leadership through sports, Fred's family and friends started this memorial scholarship.

About the Sgt. Joseph Paris Memorial Scholarship

Joseph Paris, Jr., created The Sgt. Joe Paris Memorial Scholarship in memory and in recognition of his father's dedication for thirty years as a Bloomfield Police Officer, and for his bravery as a decorated World War II P.O.W. Criteria includes a student in good standing of the graduating class and a candidate for post high school continuing education. The candidate must be a model student in the classroom, a person of high moral character and who is in need of financial assistance and is the son or daughter of a Bloomfield Police Officer, Firefighter or Civic employee who wishes to further their education.

Grace Carlin '20

Award Winner:

2020 Jackie Courter Fine Arts Scholarship

About Grace Carlin '20

Growing up as a daughter of performers, Grace watched her parents pursue their careers in the arts. As such, she experienced Sunday brunches at her Dad's Broadway Theater, and watched her Mom teach college acting classes. She even held her grandmother's two Tony Awards in her hands. Sprinkled with the high points were also low points of tiny apartments and menial jobs and other risks associated with the pursuit of the arts. Grace was fortunate to learn first hand that a career in the arts can inspire confidence, teach skills and that it requires unwavering dedication to your craft.



Her love of music and ability to earn above average grades in a rigorous course selection, defines her as the perfect student to earn a degree in Music. The combination of being a high achieving student, balancing a rigorous academic schedule and her song writing, while meeting the requirements of many advanced placement classes taken, thanks to the *BEF sponsored Bengal Pride in Educational Excellence Program*, dictate the type of student she will become at the University level.

Grace's goal is to become a jazz vocal performer and then a career in music education. Her letters of recommendation speak of her passion, creativity and talent, and her realistic view of the challenges she will face to pursue her dream. Grace has been accepted at Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA, and will take with her the lessons learned from her BHS mentors. It is her hope that one day she will be able to give her love of music to others.

About The Jackie Courter Fine Arts Scholarship

Jackie Courter proudly shared her love of art with Bloomfield school district students for over forty years. Not long after she retired in 2015, Jackie passed away after a long battle with cancer. In late 2017, Jackie's family felt that the creation of this scholarship would be a fitting tribute to her life's passion and her dedication to Bloomfield students. Gary Lordi, Jackie's cousin, is proud to present the Jackie Courter Scholarship Award to a member of the graduating class in good standing who wishes to pursue a fine or graphic arts education through an accredited education program (college or otherwise). The candidate also must be a model student in and outside of the classroom and a person who demonstrates true school spirit and Bengal pride.

Michael Gillespie '20

Award Winner:

2020 Joseph Poniatowski Beneficial Association Scholarship

About Michael Gillespie '20

Michael Gillespie's love of learning began in Elementary School as a Gifted and Talented student. In Middle School, continuing on the Gifted and Talented path, he took every Honors class that would fit into his schedule, and excelled in all of them. As a high school student, Michael has taken over a dozen Honors classes and with help from the *BEF Bengal Pride in Educational Excellence Program*, availed himself of AP classes in US History, Physics, Calculus, Science and Statistics. He is a National Honor Society member and has an outstanding 4.10 GPA, and is ranked in the top 10% of his class, 39th out of 449.



In addition to displaying a positive attitude, Michael is conscientious and can work independently or with his peers. It is his wish that be the best he can be in every aspect of his life. Believing in the importance of helping people in his community, as a 4-year member of the BHS soccer team, Michael also was a member of the Bloomfield soccer's High-5 program. Here, children with special needs can come out and play soccer each week with the help of high school players. Michael found this to be a very rewarding endeavor. In his sophomore year, he joined the Hydroponics Club and helped with the clean up of Watsessing Park. His membership in the National Honor Society also brought him new and challenging volunteer opportunities.

Michael has been accepted to Drexel University, Stevens Institute of Technology, NJIT, University of New Haven and Stockton University.

About The Joseph Poniatowski Beneficial Association Scholarship

In 1910, the JPBA purchased their headquarters on 41 Myrtle Avenue now Broughton Avenue. In 1917, The Saint Valentine's Mutual Benefit Society merged with the JPBA and registered the organization as the Joseph Poniatowski Beneficial Association, a Non-Profit Corporation in the State of New Jersey. In 1923, the JPBA formed a Building Committee to build a new Multi-Purpose Hall. The new Hall was named the "White Eagle Auditorium" a symbol of the strength, and power of Polish traditions. The name was changed to The Essex Manor in 1986. Throughout its rich 114 year history, the JPBA prospered under the guidance of very energetic Executive Committees that were not only beneficial to its members, but also made substantial monetary contributions to local schools, churches, hospitals, charitable and civic organizations. Many organizations made the White Eagle Hall their Headquarters including; American Savings & Loan, American Legion-White Eagle Post, No.448 Auxiliaries, Holy Rosary Society, Local Politicians and others.

In 2014, the JPBA Executive Committee and Members voted to sell the assets due to changing demographics and declining membership. The JPBA was proud to establish the Joseph Poniatowski Beneficial Association Scholarship Award, which will be awarded by the BEF annually until 2024. The award's criteria includes a student in good standing at BHS, who wishes to pursue a post high school education and is a model student in the classroom. Said candidate must also be a person of high moral character who demonstrates leadership and good citizenship, true school spirit and is of Polish decent.

Rendell Amilcar '20

Award Winner:

2020 Leroy Straight and Dorothy Jewkes Straight Scholarship

About Rendell Amilcar '20

Polite, respectful, personable, a hands-on learner, very organized, works well under pressure, resourceful and socially confident. These words and phrases aptly describe BHS senior, Rendell Amilcar. As a young person who believes that people shape their own destiny, he recognizes the importance of always doing his best to shape his life into what he wants it to be. This belief helped him to choose four years of college preparatory level courses at Bloomfield High School, knowing he wanted to continue his studies upon graduation.



Rendell's positive attitude has served him well as this year's Captain of the BHS Track and Field Team, and during his four years as a valuable team member, having been awarded the Student-Athlete Track and Field Award all four years. This sport exemplifies his ability to be hard working and determined, for to be successful here, you must practice long hours and remain disciplined. Rendell is also a vital member of his Church and enjoys exploring his Christianity and working with his fellow parishioners. Working with his fellow Church members, Rendell embraces all ethnicities and celebrates the differences within each person that ironically brings them closer together. He looks forward to guiding the younger members to a better understanding of their faith through the use of classical dance, piano music and other musical instruments.

A hard worker and disciplined student, Rendell was accepted to Rutgers University, Newark campus, Rendell hopes to major in Computer Science, Cyber Security or Human-Computer Interaction. His career goals include Computer Programming, Information Technology or Technical Specialists positions. Rendell possesses a warmth of personality and a natural intellectual curiosity, combined with his hard-work ethic and determination, there is no doubt that he will be working in the field of his choice in the future.

About The Leroy Straight and Dorothy Jewkes Straight Scholarship

This award was created by BHS Class of 1965 graduate, Candace Straight, in memory and in honor of her mother, Dorothy Jewkes Straight, '39 and her father, Leroy Straight, '40. Paid to awardee in 4 installments: one before the fall semester of each of the four years of college.

The criteria for this award are such that the student applicant must be male and a graduating BHS senior, and who will attend Rutgers University, Newark. The candidate should also have exhibited leadership, scholarship and good sportsmanship.

Mia Lopez '20

Award Winner:

2020 Leroy Straight and Dorothy Jewkes Straight Scholarship

About Mia Lopez '20

Mia's upbringing instilled in her a vigorous work ethic and the importance of continuing to challenge yourself to do better. She is grateful for her parents' support of what has become her greatest passion, softball. Bound for Rutgers University Newark campus in the fall, Mia maintains that playing year round sports helped her develop leadership and time management skills. Being a part of a team and this year, leading the BHS Softball team as Captain, are two reasons she succeeded academically and athletically.

Knowing she would want to pursue a college education, Mia took college preparatory classes all four years at BHS, and is graduating in the top third of her class of 449 students.



Her positive attitude and success on and off the playing fields made her a natural selection for the Peer Leadership Program. This exclusive program allowed Mia and other select seniors to meet freshmen classes twice a month and assist them in their transition from middle school to high school. Her ability to empathize with the freshmen made her a natural mentor and trusted friend to help navigate the new and sometimes overwhelming waters of high school.

Mia will play softball for Rutgers and looks forward to drawing on her past 12 years as a player to help her new team achieve success. Once again we are confident Mia will give of herself 100%, both in the classroom and for her team, as she has done all through her BHS career.

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Manas Ranpariya '20

Award Winner:

2020 Leroy Straight and Dorothy Jewkes Straight Scholarship

About Manas Ranpariya '20

It is said that the successful pursuit of the field of medicine requires a keen mind and a dedication to healing and helping others. During his four years at BHS, Manas has consistently exhibited these qualities as evidenced by his high 4.535 GPA and class rank of 4 out of 449. His intelligence, quiet determination and his rich history of extracurricular and volunteer activities demonstrate maturity beyond his years. Manas is determined to achieve his best without any excuses and he is driven by this work ethic.



During his four years at BHS, Manas chose to take honors and college preparatory classes. Because of the *BEF Bengal Pride in Educational Excellence Program*, he was also able to take AP classes in Biology, US History 1 and 2, Calculus, Chemistry and English, with the corresponding exams, for college credits. His determination and positive attitude brought him much success at BHS.

In addition to his studies, Manas volunteered at a medical clinic in India, where he organized a free medical camp for the community; he has volunteered at Mountainside Hospital for almost three years assisting with patient transport and he works as a youth activities coordinator of BAPS Charities. As the Captain of BHS's Tennis team, Manas was a strong doubles player, because of his ability to communicate effectively with his partner. He always cheered on the other players to do their best. Sharing his love of tennis, he volunteered for the Special Olympics, to work with those athletes on their game. As President of the BHS Future Business Leaders of America, he organized a school-wide event to raise money for the March of Dimes and he also managed and operated the BHS school store.

Manas is headed to Rutgers University, New Brunswick campus, where he has been accepted to the Honors College.

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Mary Nucci '20

Award Winner:

2020 Leroy Straight and Dorothy Jewkes Straight Scholarship

About Mary Nucci '20

Mary Nucci is described by many teachers and guidance counselors as conscientious, highly motivated and a student whose determination, independence and strong work ethic have brought her success both in school and in her passionate pursuit of gymnastics.

Academically, Mary selected a thoughtful mix of challenging college level courses and honors courses and graduated in the top 15% of her class of 449, with a 3.9 GPA. Her level of academic excellence has been recognized with the induction into the World Language Honor Society and the National Honor Society and she was bestowed the Bengal Pride Award, the District's highest academic distinction each year of high school.

Mary was very active outside of school with volunteer work as a CCD teacher, lifeguard, and summer camp counselor. She also works part time at a local pizzeria. Her ability to multitask makes Mary able to fit all of these activities into her schedule, while maintaining a high GPA through out her high school career. Mary feels her gymnastics training has helped her grow as an individual, saying, "Gymnastics really made me the person I am today. It has taught me time management, determination, how to achieve my goals and so much more."

Mary is well prepared for the challenge of a rigorous environment and her warm, enthusiastic personality and her sense for dedication will inspire others to learn and grow along with her.



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Dominic Dominguez '20

Award Winner:

2020 Mark & Charlotte Greenstein Student Athlete Scholarship

About Dominic Dominguez '20

Dominic believes his high school sport, cross-country, was the driving force to achieving physical stamina and mental endurance for a rigorous course load. Ranked fifth in his class of 449, with a GPA of 4.51, Dominic's transcript consists of a majority of honors classes during his four years at BHS. Due to the generosity of the *BEF Bengal Pride in Educational Excellence Program*, he also chose AP classes in US History, Computer Science, Physics, Biology, Calculus and English. This serious young man achieved success in his sport and in the classroom, despite his Tourette's syndrome Disorder. Passionate about exploratory research, Dominic put his passion to great use as a volunteer Youth Advocate for the NJ Center for Tourette syndrome. He has also been a "Bernie Buddy" helper for NJCTS Camp Weekend at Camp Bernie. Despite the disorder's telltale symptoms of repetitive movements like eye blinking and shoulder shrugging, many of Dominic's teachers, coaches and friends were not aware he suffered from it. With great effort and diligence, Dominic has been able to teach himself how to control his affliction and instead of being introverted and shy, he has been able to control his symptoms and thus, shown leadership qualities in everything that he does.



Dominic is also an avid reader, and non-fiction allows him to further explore the world and his interests. Last summer he was chosen to attend the NJ Scholars Program, an intense five week academic retreat where students come together to read and discuss topics like ethics and philosophy, culminating with each student writing a research paper. This retreat left him with a real sense of what college will be like, as he heads to Princeton University, after graduation.

About The Mark and Charlotte Greenstein Student Athlete Scholarship

To recognize their parents' many years of giving back within the community, Louis and Neil Greenstein created this scholarship to acknowledge and support student athletes at Bloomfield High School as they endeavor to pursue a college education. Eligibility criteria includes a male member in good standing of the graduating class of BHS; a student who plays a varsity sport and who plans to attend college and has maintained a 3.0+ GPA.

Rosa Marfia '20

Award Winner:

2020 Mark & Charlotte Greenstein Student Athlete Scholarship

About Rosa Marfia '20

Rosa goes beyond expectations and strives for perfection in all her classes, and is not satisfied unless her work is impeccable. With a GPA of 4.078, Rosa is in the top 10% of her class of 449 students, having taken twelve honors classes and qualifying for the AP Program. Thanks to the generosity of *BEF's Bengal Pride in Educational Excellence Program*, Rosa enjoyed and excelled in AP US History, English 3 and 4, Statistics, Calculus, Computer Science and Physics.



Rosa considers herself lucky to have played softball and volleyball from an early age as she asserts it was sports that taught her valuable lessons of communication, time management, discipline, respect and the important of a solid work ethic. She also learned how to prioritize, and to sacrifice less important things, like going out on a weekend, for something more important to achieve her goals.

Reaching out within her school and community, Rosa was also a stat girl for the BHS wrestling team, a volunteer job she enjoyed. As a co-founder and Vice President of The Glamour Girls, Rosa and her organization's members visited area nursing homes once a month to paint the residents' nails, play games and have conversations. She has been a part of her youth group and has met every Sunday for two years to do activities and exercises. Selected for the Peer Leadership Program at BHS, Rosa worked with freshmen to help them transition into high school life. She also volunteers for recreation softball and Special Olympics.

As she heads to Villanova University, with all her potential, vibrant personality, and academic skills, she is an ideal candidate for this scholarship and surely has the potential to do great things within and for society.

About The Mark and Charlotte Greenstein Student Athlete Scholarship

To recognize their parents' many years of giving back within the community, Louis and Neil Greenstein created this scholarship to acknowledge and support student athletes at Bloomfield High School as they endeavor to pursue a college education. The award will be awarded annually for the next five (5) years by the Bloomfield Educational Foundation and will be paid to awardee in 2 installments: one before the fall semester and one before the spring semester. Eligibility criteria includes a female member in good standing of the graduating class of BHS; a student who plays a varsity sport and who plans to attend college and has maintained a 3.0+ GPA.

Camille Aquino '20

Award Winner:

2020 Matthew Melucci Scholarship

About Camille Aquino '20

In addition to her academic pursuits, Camille has two other areas in which she is passionate and they include service to others and her love of and talent for music. She possesses stamina to excel at a competitive university and the drive to make a real difference to those in need around the world.

Camille will graduate Valedictorian with the highest GPA, 4.6, among her 449 member class. Throughout her high school career, she chose honors and AP classes to challenge her mind and prepare for the rigors of a college career in either Pre-Med or Social Work. But academics are only a part of Camille's story. When the BHS Red Cross Club went dormant due to its advisor's retirement, Camille re-founded the club and became its President, realizing her dream to respond to global catastrophes. Through the newly energized club, a book drive was conducted for Puerto Rico, fund-raisers held for the Australian wildfires and first aid kits were sent to impoverished villages in the Philippines. Inducted into the National Honor Society, Camille jumped at the chance to be a volunteer tutor at the Bloomfield Public Library. She has also devoted many hours of her time as an altar server at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Chosen as a Peer Leader, Camille enjoyed working with freshmen and helping them adjust to the schedules and new responsibilities of high school. She was an active member of the BHS Chemistry Club, the Academic Quizbowls Club and a Gold Medal winner and Co-Captain of the Academic Decathlon. She was then recognized at a BOE meeting for her combined SAT score of 1570. An avid swimmer, Camille was the Captain of the BHS Swim Team. She pursued her love of music through membership in the BHS Select Orchestra and was a singer in the North Jersey Region Choir and All State Choir.

Camille was accepted to Rutgers University, In New Brunswick.

About The Matthew Melucci Scholarship

Matt was born and raised in Bloomfield, was a key member of the football team, and graduated with honors from BHS in 1962. Matt attended Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and graduated in 1966, with a degree in Political Science. He served in the US Army Military Police, at NATO headquarters in Belgium. After his military service, Matt moved to the St. Louis area and worked in City Planning. Matt received his M.A. from St. Louis University and began a long career in public service. He entered politics and became Congressman Jerry Costello's Chief of Staff, a position he held until elected to the office of Madison County Clerk, in Illinois. Matt touched and improved the lives of thousands of people. Matt will always be remembered for his love of family, Italian Heritage and his dedicated public service. Friends, family and classmates of Matt Melucci established this award in 2013. The Bloomfield Educational Foundation will award it annually, for 10 years until 2023.

The applicant should be a member in good standing of graduating class of Bloomfield High School, who will attend Rutgers University, in New Brunswick. The candidate should demonstrate financial need, leadership abilities and have an interest in civic activities.



Delyse Howard '20
Award Winner:
2020 Robert Fetterly Alumni Scholarship

About Delyse Howard '20

Delyse truly represents the best of BHS. To her, the phrase, "It's a great day to be a Bengal," is a mantra, an encouragement, and a declaration. The mantra is one of unity; the encouragement is to persevere and the declaration is one of Bengal Pride. Reflecting on her experience as a BHS Bengal, Delyse enthusiastically concluded that it is a great day for *her* to be a BHS Bengal.



Delyse is the President of the National Honor Society and will graduate in the top 2% of her 449 member class. She is a member of the World Language Honor Society, Bengal Pride and an amazing violinist, who leads the Select Strings Ensemble and plays in the pit orchestra for all BHS plays. She has also been a valuable member of the BHS cross-country team.

Her aide to those less fortunate is constant and unwavering. Each week you can find Delyse volunteering at a preschool as a teacher's aide, at Care Kitchen serving people in need, singing and leading orchestral music for her church and at a local barista, raising money for her church. She also participates as a church preschool teacher for small groups of young children.

Accepted to Boston College, Delyse has excelled at everything she takes on whether it's in the classroom, or leading groups of volunteers in community activities, she will no doubt bring her enthusiasm and excellence to the next phase of her academic career.

About The Robert Fetterly Alumni Scholarship

The Alumni Scholarship was renamed in Mr. Fetterly's honor in recognition of his lifelong support and dedication to programs and activities of the Bloomfield Public Schools. Mr. Fetterly graduated from BHS and William Paterson University. In addition to his service to the school system, he served the Bloomfield Community as a township council member. He is the co-founder of the Bloomfield Educational Foundation. Paid to awardee in 2 installments: one before the fall semester and one before the spring semester.

To be eligible, for this scholarship, the applicant should be a member in good standing of graduating class of Bloomfield High School, and a model student in the classroom. The candidate should demonstrate, leadership abilities, good citizenship and true school spirit and Bengal Pride.

Anna Haraka '20
Award Winner:
2020 Sheldon Seevak/Anne Itkin Scholarship



About Anna Haraka '20

Anna took a highly demanding course-load and demonstrated her ability to excel on a consistent basis. As evidenced by her top 5% ranking in her class of 449 students, she puts a high level of effort and possesses a true intellectual acumen to achieve her goals. She pours everything she has into each task and this effort undoubtedly contributes to her success in the classroom. She is BHS's varsity cheerleading captain and a member of the Peer Leadership program, where she mentored freshmen during their first year at BHS.

Anna's commitment easily translates to her extra-curricular activities as well. After attending the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference at Kean University and being introduced to a national organization known as Glamour Girls, she took it upon herself to inquire about founding a club chapter at BHS. A BHS chapter was soon created with the help of her fellow cheerleaders and 60 volunteers. The girls then visited a local nursing home each month and offered companionship and touch the lives of so many seniors who would otherwise be lonely and forgotten. Confidence and compassion are skills Anna possesses as a Glamour Girls volunteer and leader, where she leads her chapter with patience, determination and creativity.

In March, The Prudential Spirit of Community Award, a program that honors middle level and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state and national level, recognized Anna. She also served a volunteer Special Olympics Track and Field Coach a staff member at Camp Fatima, an overnight camp for special needs children, a student intern for Bloomfield UNICO and has been a junior manager for Montclair Beach Club since 2016.

Anna was accepted to Cornell University Fordham University, Marist University and Rutgers University. She will attend Cornell University.

About The Sheldon Seevak/Anne Itkin Ethics Award

Harold Itkin, BHS '67, in honor of his uncle, founder of the Real Estate Group at Goldman Sachs, and Harold's mother, Anne Seevak Itkin, established the award in 2012. Both believed in doing the right things the right way and that integrity is fundamental to all relationships. In honoring these two people, this award highlights the principle that people can be most successful and happy when they practice sound ethics in their lives.

Candidates must be members in good standing of graduating class of Bloomfield High School with a GPA of 3.25 or higher and be applicants for post high school continuing education. Must be able to document leadership skills, with letter(s) from appropriate adult supervisors, both in and outside of BHS. A one page typed essay on the importance of ethical leadership in society. Examples provided from a historical or personal perspective.

Jeffrey Diaz '20
Award Winner:
2020 Sidney Itkin Scholarship

About Jeffrey Diaz '20

BHS Varsity Football Coach, Michael Carter, selected Jeffrey as the recipient of this year's award. Coach Carter tells us that Jeffrey is an outstanding student-athlete and a proven leader. Chosen from 25 fellow senior players, Jeffrey played both on both the offensive line and defensive line for the BHS Bengals. He has also participated in the following community service projects with the BHS football team: Out of the Darkness, a suicide prevention walk; USA Special Olympics to help unload buses at Newark Airport after Special Olympic World Games; Watsessing Park Clean Up; United States Gymnastic, to put up/takedown equipment for National Meets on Sunday mornings; Camp Capozzi, Pee Wee Football Clinics for William Foley Football; putting up Christmas trees in St. Thomas Church.



"Jeffrey's admirable work ethic made him into a standout athlete for BHS on the football field, wrestling mat and track and field" Carter commented.

Headed to Bergen County Community College, Jeffrey hopes to become a special education teacher and to be afforded an opportunity to work with his hands. In addition to his studies, Jeff will also be a member of Bergen County Community College's wrestling team.

About The Sidney Itkin Scholarship

Harold Itkin, BHS '67, in honor of his father, established the Sidney M. Itkin Scholarship in 2010. Paid to awardee in 2 installments: one before the fall semester and one before the spring semester.

Applicants must be a student in good standing of graduating class of Bloomfield High School, a member of the BHS Varsity Football Program and a candidate for post high school continuing education. The awardee should be representative of, but, not necessarily the most gifted or talented player, but the player who is most dedicated to the Bengal Football Program. In other words, a representative of a "*Bloomfield Guy*", who participates in the program with passion and pride as the consummate team player.

Brandon Estelle '20

Award Winner:

2020 Theodore Jasieniecki Scholarship

About Brandon Estelle '20

Through his four years at BHS, Brandon has demonstrated all of the qualities necessary for receiving the prestigious Jasieniecki Scholarship.

Brandon is a two-sport athlete, also playing BHS baseball, as Ted Jasieniecki did.

Michael Passero, BHS Boys' Basketball Coach says, "Brandon leads with a team mentality, always putting his teammates' needs ahead of his own."

A diligent student, Brandon also demonstrates strength of character through his involvement in the BHS Leadership Program. He devoted many Sundays to the community by helping future Bengals develop their basketball skills through the recreation department. He also volunteers his time as a counselor for the BHS youth camp that takes place in November.

Brandon has been accepted to Montclair State University and we are confident he will represent the Jasieniecki legacy well, and will continue to be a role model for future Bengals.

About The Theodore Jasieniecki Scholarship

The Theodore Jasieniecki Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a male and female varsity basketball player. Ted Jasieniecki was one of the best players in Bloomfield High School basketball history. Ted was an early member of Bloomfield High School's 1000-point club. He was an all-star baseball pitcher, a respected leader in the class of '67, and member of the National Honor Society, graduating in the top 5% of his class. Ted served as the Town Prosecutor for Bloomfield in the early '80s, and remained an active member of the Bloomfield community as an attorney, as well as a member of the Lion's Club, until his untimely death, at the age of 37. Paid to awardee in 2 installments: one before the fall semester and one before the spring semester.

Applying students in good standing of the Bloomfield High School Varsity Girl's and Boy's Basketball Teams respectively and are model students in the classroom. Students should also be of high moral character that participate in volunteerism, and demonstrate leadership and good citizenship.



Gina Perotta '20

Award Winner:

2020 Theodore Jasieniecki Scholarship

About Gina Perotta '20

In the classroom and for her community, Gina demonstrates the same effort and energy that she does each time she is on the basketball court. She has achieved high honor roll thirteen times over the past four years and is graduating with a 4.2 GPA. She was the vice president of the class of 2020, and a National and World Language Honor Society inductee. Each summer she enjoyed sharing her basketball skills by volunteering at the Bengal Basketball Camp, working with grades 4-8 and participating in the Bloomfield Recreation Department's Little Tykes Basketball clinic, working with grades 1-5.



Throughout her athletic career, Gina has shown that hard work and perseverance equate to success. She set the standard by her example for all future student athletes to follow. She is a reliable teammate and hard working player. Junior year she was an important player on the BHS Girls' Sectional Championship, making several big plays in the game that led to victory. She and her teammates were congratulated and recognized by the Essex County Freeholders and County Executive for their high performance and athletic ability in winning the 2019 NJSIAA North 1, Group 4 State Championship. As the team's Captain in her senior year, Gina played almost every minute of every game. Her positive attitude and extraordinary effort greatly influenced her teammates to persevere through tough situations.

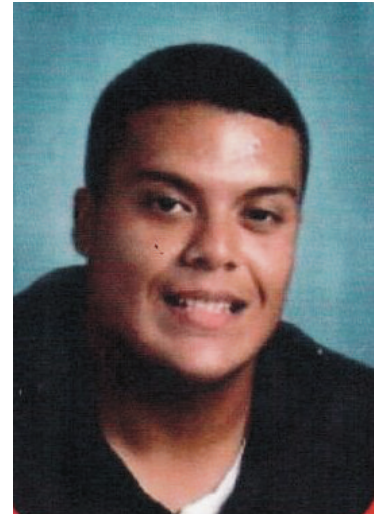
Gina was accepted to LaSalle University, where she will study nursing. This award is a springboard for her to continue to pursue her goals and aspirations and we know she will be a great example of a BHS student-athlete Theodore Jasieniecki Scholarship recipient.

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Joshua Castro '20
Award Winner:
2020 William Foley Scholarship



About Joshua Castro '20

Joshua is a four-year player for the Bengal Football Program, finishing his high school football career as the team Captain. In November 2019, he was named to the North Jersey Super Football Conference First Team. This designation is a testament to his having given his team his all, every year, also inspiring and challenging each of them by his hard work ethic in the weight room.

When he wasn't on the field or practicing, Joshua excelled in the classroom as evidenced by his 3.4 GPA. He has also participated in the following community service projects with the BHS football team: Out of the Darkness, a suicide prevention walk; USA Special Olympics to help unload buses at Newark Airport after Special Olympic World Games; Watsessing Park Clean Up; United States Gymnastic, to put up/takedown equipment for National Meets on Sunday mornings; Camp Capozzi, Pee Wee Football Clinics for William Foley Football; putting up Christmas trees in St. Thomas Church.

Joshua comes from a strong family and will attend Kean University. Here, he plans to major in accounting and continue his football career, as a Kean Cougar, and join 2017 BHS graduate and BEF Theodore Jasieniecki scholarship winner, Myles Toppin, on the football field.

About The William Foley Scholarship

This award was established in 1960 in honor of Mr. Foley who was Head Football Coach for BHS from 1915-1951. Bill Foley coached 2,000 boys on 101 teams, winning 12 state championships in football, 3 in basketball and 3 in baseball. Upon his retirement he said: "I never expected anything like this. I just went through life doing the best job I could. At BHS I fell into a garden where flowers grow. Conditions were right and I had plenty to work with". Paid to awardee in 2 installments: one before the fall semester and one before the spring semester.

Consideration for this award will be given to a student in good standing of graduating class of Bloomfield High School, who is a candidate for post high school continuing education. Student should be of high moral character that demonstrates good citizenship. Need, or lack thereof, is not a consideration in selecting the best-qualified candidate.

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About the BEF

The Bloomfield Educational Foundation was founded in 1999 and is a 501-c-3 organization dedicated to enhancing the educational experiences for all students of the Bloomfield School System. To date over 1.2 million dollars have been donated to the Bloomfield School District to support classroom grants, and District-wide initiatives such as the one to one Chromebooks project and the SAT prep classes and complimentary AP tests. In addition, the BEF awards 27 scholarships annually, totaling over \$44,000. The BEF also re-connects BHS alumni through events such as the Fall Tailgate Party, Winter Alumni Basketball game and Spring Gala. For more information about the BEF, or to make a donation, kindly visit our website:

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