

Since The Inaugural Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner in 2001, the Central New York Chapter Scholarships have continued to step forward. This year alone the chapter will distribute over \$33,000.00 to these deserving scholar athletes. This could not be made possible without the support of many individuals and organizations.

Scholarships for 2011

1 - \$750.00 AL VEDDER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has been established by friends, family and members of the chapter to honor our first president. It reflects Al's passion for competition, the spirit of youth, and the lessons of life in sport. It is awarded annually to the highest ranking high school senior.

2 - \$500.00 VALLEY GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS

Wayne Valley, the original owner of the Oakland Raiders, became involved with The National Football Foundation through the Northern California Chapter and its president, Bob Keropian. Eventually, Wayne's enthusiasm for the mission of the NFF led him to become a member of The Foundation's Board of Directors. When Wayne passed away in 1986, his wife, Gladys, continued the efforts of the family's foundation and strengthened her involvement with the Northern Chapter. In 1994, Gladys played a key role in forging a grant from the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation. The grant provided the NFF with \$50,000 a year for five years for its chapter scholar-athletes program. Although Gladys passed away in 1998, the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation has continued support the NFF. In 1999, under the leadership of President Stephen Chandler, the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation renewed the chapter scholar-athlete program for five more years, with increased funding for the chapter scholar-athlete awards. The Central New York Chapter was awarded two \$500.00 Scholarships.

1 - \$500.00 GEORGE MARCOCCIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has been established by an anonymous supporter of football. George graduated from Syracuse University in 1957. He began officiating high school football in 1962 and entered the college ranks in 1967 with ECAC. George joined the major independents in 1980. He officiated many of the major college football games played during the 1980's and culminated his career by officiating the Army-Navy game in the Rose Bowl in 1985. After George left the field, he became an observer and technical advisor for Syracuse University, the Big East and Conference USA. George owned and operated the Marcoccia-Donnelly Insurance Agency for 27 years. this scholarship will be awarded to a scholar-athlete from a member high school.

1 - \$500.00 OFFICIALS-COACHES SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has been established by an anonymous football coach and Francis J. Deorio, ECAC Football Official. This scholarship will be awarded to a senior scholar-athlete from a member high school.

1 - \$500 TONY'S FAMILY RESTAURANT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship has been established by Tony and Michael Albanese to recognize the excellent efforts of an outstanding high school athlete.

1 - \$500 NOJAIM BROTHERS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is established by Nojaim Brother's Supermarkets to recognize the outstanding efforts of our scholar-athletes. It is awarded to a scholar-athlete that has achieved on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

1 - \$500 COOLICAN-LEMON INC. SCHOLARSHIP

The world of sports is our world. For half a century, this advertising agency has been involved in scholastic, collegiate and professional athletic endeavors. We have published souvenir game programs for high school sports, for Syracuse University, and Le Moyne College, for the Syracuse Nats, the Blazers, the Chiefs and the U.S. Olympic Committee.

We have served on the Greater Syracuse Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors, as vice-president of the International Boxing Hall of Fame, a founding Board member of the S.U. Hardwood Club, a member of the Bud Coolican Cancer Golf Tournament committee..

Sponsoring a scholarship for a deserving scholar-athlete is one small way we can say "Thank you" to the wonderful world of sports.

1 - \$500 IBEW 43 SCHOLARSHIP

The Brothers and Sisters of IBEW 43 provide the best in Central New York's workforce. Our members recognize the importance of pride and excellence in their work. We wish to honor the youth that have also demonstrated pride and excellence in academics, athletics, and community service.

1 - \$500 RANUCCI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Tom and Julie Ranucci have established this scholarship in memory of their parents. Throughout their lives they taught us the creed of the National Football Foundation Athletes in concert with academic achievement and civic leadership. This scholarship will be awarded to a future leader.

1 - \$500 BERNARD C. HAMEL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is endowed as a memorial on behalf of Bernie's family. Bernie was a sports enthusiast who loved the competition and passion provided by sports. Bernie recognized that sports can serve an important role for fathers to raise their children, and because of sports he cherished his relationship with his own children well into their adulthood.

38 - \$500 CNY CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Recipients of these Scholarships, which are endowed by The Central New York Chapter of The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, have distinguished themselves by demonstrating excellence in the classroom, on the field, and as citizens.

1 - \$500 SKANEATELES MARINA SCHOLARSHIP

The Skaneateles Marina is the only full service marina on Skaneateles Lake offering sales, service, gas, marine supplies, clothing and sundries. This scholarship will be awarded to a senior scholar athlete from a member high school.

8 - \$500 CNY CHAPTER COLLEGIATE POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

This Post Graduate Scholarship has been established by The Chapter to honor and support our Collegiate recipients who have demonstrated that they embody the spirit of the mission of The National Football Foundation. Recipients will be deemed eligible if they enroll in an institution of higher education to pursue a post graduate degree within one school year of the scholar-athlete award dinner.

2 - \$500 ARMY STRONG SECTION 3 FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

The U.S. Army recognizes the unwavering commitment to the Army Strong Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. The Army Strong Scholar Athlete exemplifies the U.S. Army's high standard of excellence and commitment to these values in their scholastic, athletic and community service. They are an outstanding example of which the National Football Foundation and Section III can be proud.

2 - ALLIANCE BANK SCHOLARSHIP

We're a bank that does the unexpected. We do it locally and we're determined to do it well, which is both a hallmark of our success and the reason for it.

In a world of big and same, we're neither. We are Alliance Bank and we are proud to be different. Congratulations to all the scholar-athletes who have exhibited the leadership skills our community depends on.

1- COCA-COLA SCHOLARSHIP

We are committed to refreshing the world, inspiring moments of optimism and happiness and making a difference - Coca-Cola is proud to assist in honoring those that have the courage to shape a better future. Congratulations to all the scholar-athletes, their families, coaches, and the Central New York Chapter of The National Football Foundation.

3- EXPRESS MART SCHOLARSHIP.

At Express Mart we are committed to giving back to the communities we serve. We are your neighbors, pitching in for the good of the community.

1- KERWIN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP.

Michael and Patricia Kerwin has established the Kerwin Leadership Scholarship which will be awarded annually to the scholar-athlete from Fayetteville-Manlius High School.