

**SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL  
AWARDS CEREMONY**

**June 8, 2017**

**Somers Point Republican Award  
Presented by John Keiter**

**The Somers Point Republican Club presents an award to a boy and girl student from Somers Point who exhibit Christian values, school spirit, leadership, and generosity in school and community activities, combined with a conscientious effort in studies. The student to receive this award is:**

**Rayonna Wagner  
William Keiter**

**The American Legion Auxiliary Awards  
Presented by Ted Pugliese**

**The Clark-Eliason American Legion Auxiliary Unit 352 Somers Point, NJ is pleased to present two \$50 awards to the following students who contribute to and promote Americanism and Patriotism:**

**Gannon Brady  
Olivia Cutaia**

**The Dr. Bray and Dr. Tarby "In Search of Excellence" Awards  
Presented by Ted Pugliese**

**Dr. Bray and Dr. Tarby take great pride in presenting these awards to two students in recognition of academic strides, character development, and personal achievement. These awards are presented to:**

**Christian Cericola  
Brianna Bates**

**The Chief William Morrow Unsung Hero Award  
Presented by Thomas Wigglesworth, Jr.**

**The Chief William Morrow Unsung Hero Award is given to a boy and girl who have overcome some obstacle in their lives in achieving success. It is given in the name of the late Bill Morrow who served as Somers Point's Chief of Police for many years.**

**His lasting contribution was to the youth of the community. His philosophy centered not only on providing volunteer service to the community, but in helping children overcome obstacles so that they could achieve success in life. Success would not necessarily be measured by academic achievement, but by how the lives of others were improved by that person's presence. The winners of the \$100 awards are:**

**James Denesevich  
Cierra Goodman**

**The McDowell Award  
Presented by Thomas Wigglesworth, Jr.**

**The McDowell Award is given to a boy and girl who display the characteristics of the McDowells who gave of themselves and their talents for the betterment of others. Robert McDowell was a tireless volunteer who loved the City of Somers Point and gave generously of his time and talents to others, especially young people. He was one of the founding members of this organization. The winners of the \$100 awards are:**

**Alex Tsikouras  
Elena Geraci**

**The Thomas Wigglesworth Community Service Award  
Presented by Thomas Wigglesworth, Jr.**

**The Thomas Wigglesworth Community Service Award is dedicated to a man whose life was spent serving others. He was also one of the founding members of this organization and was involved in many others. Some of his roles in the community included Fire Chief as well as a member of both the Somers Point City Council and Zoning Board. The award is given to a boy and girl who in the tradition of Mr. Wigglesworth have freely given of himself and herself to both school and community. The winners of the \$100 awards are:**

**James Kotakis  
Katarina Patitucci**

**The Chief Morrow Character Development Awards  
Presented by Thomas Wigglesworth, Jr.**

**The Chief Morrow Character Development Award is given to a boy and girl who have developed those attributes that enable them to become productive members of their community, subsequently making the world a better place both by their actions and their being. This is in keeping with Chief Morrow's vision for the youth in the community. The winners of the \$100 awards are:**

**Sam Mairone  
Tyra Nguyen**

**The Joseph Mackin/Dr. Jeanne Carlson Teamwork Awards  
Presented by Thomas Wigglesworth, Jr.**

**The Joseph Mackin/Dr. Jeanne Carlson Award is given to a boy and girl who work well with others for the benefit of the group and inspire others to do so. These are students who in the tradition of Mr. Mackin and Dr. Carlson get things done whether it is for a service organization, an athletic team, or other group activity. The winners of the \$100 awards are:**

**Michael Gaguski  
Chloe Abo**

**The Dr. David T. Coghlan Young Catholic Leader Award  
Presented by the Dr. David T. Coghlan Scholarship Committee**

**This scholarship was designed not just to remember Dr. Coghlan, but to recognize and reward young Catholic leaders in the Diocese who will use their talents in service to the Church. Candidates exemplify the qualities that defined Dave Coghlan's life: a keen intellect, generous spirit, and gracious demeanor fueled by an intense spirituality and commitment to his or her faith. This year we are pleased to announce that our 2016 Candidate is:**

**Katarina Patitucci**

**Diocese of Camden  
Black Catholic Ministry Commission Essay Contest  
Region III winner**

**Katarina Patitucci**

**The Edward F. Namiotka Sr. Memorial Award  
Presented by Fr. Ed Namiotka**

**Fr. Ed Namiotka presents an award in honor of his late father, Edward Namiotka Sr. to a deserving student who will be continuing his or her education in a Catholic High School. This year's \$200 award is presented to:**

**Eoin Mack**

**The Kimberly Ann Walker Memorial Award  
Presented by Mrs. Mary Ann Walker**

**The Kimberly Ann Walker Memorial Award is presented to a graduating student who possesses the qualities of Scholar Athlete. The recipient must have a good grade point average, play sports, and be a positive role model for children. In imitation of Kim herself, he or she must demonstrate a love for children, good sportsmanship, Christian values, and service to school and community. The winners of a plaque and a \$200 gift card are:**

**Sam Phillips  
Casey Biglan**

**The George and Ellen Hyatt Award for Music  
Presented by Ted Pugliese**

**The George and Ellen Hyatt Award is presented to a student who has excelled in the study of Music. This is a \$200 cash award given to that student to pursue his or her studies. The recipient of this year's award is:**

**David Kenny**

**The Diana Spencer “Excellence in Choir” Award  
Presented by Donna McCarthy and Diana Spencer**

**The Diana Spencer “Excellence in Choir” Award is given to a student who has been a member of the SJRS Choir from 3rd through 8th Grade. This student shows qualities that Diana herself, the namesake of the award, exhibited during her years in the choir. Those qualities are: Leadership, Service, Dedication to the Choir through attendance at practices and Masses, and love of Liturgy and Liturgical Music. This year’s \$150 award is presented to:**

**Tyra Nguyen**

**The Sr. Rosemarie Lafferty Excellence in Art Award  
Presented by Ted Pugliese**

**The Sr. Rosemarie Lafferty Excellence in Art Award is named in honor of our former art teacher, Sister Rosemarie. It consists of a certificate and \$100 cash award. The recipient of this year’s award is:**

**Chloe Abo**

**The Timothy Hardy Memorial Award  
Presented by Mrs. Janice Hardy**

**The Annual Timothy Hardy Memorial Award is awarded for Excellence in English Composition. The certificate and \$100 cash award is presented to:**

**Katarina Patitucci**

**The Saint Joseph Council 10220 Knights of Columbus Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in English Literature consists of a certificate and \$100 cash award. The recipient of this year’s award is:**

**Chloe Abo**

**The Saint Joseph Council 10220 Knights of Columbus Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Mathematics consists of a certificate and \$100 cash award. This year's recipient is:**

**Gannon Brady**

**The Knights of Columbus are pleased to present an award in memory of Brother Knight Angelo Arabio who was a longtime treasurer of the Knights and a science teacher at Mainland Regional High School. This award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Science is given to:**

**Eoin Mack**

**The Saint Joseph Council 10220 Knights of Columbus Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Social Studies consists of a certificate and \$100 cash award. This year's recipient is:**

**Tyra Nguyen**

**The Knights of Columbus also present an award in memory of Past Grand Knight Peter Kearsley. This award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Religion consists of a certificate and \$100 cash award. The recipient of this year's award is:**

**Katarina Patitucci**

**Altar Server Awards  
Presented by the Knights of Columbus**

**The Knights of Columbus will now present certificates to the Eighth Grade students who have faithfully fulfilled their duties as Altar Servers at St. Joseph Parish.**

**Brianna Bates  
Cierra Goodman**

**St. Joseph Council 10220 Knights of Columbus will also award two \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduates planning to attend a Catholic high school. The students receiving these scholarships, along with a certificate of merit are:**

**Sam Phillips  
Katarina Patitucci**

**The Continuing Catholic Education Scholarships  
Presented by Jennifer Freeman, President - Saint Joseph Regional School PTA**

**The Continuing Catholic Education Scholarship, sponsored by the SJRS PTA, is awarded annually to two students graduating from SJRS. The students must desire to continue their Catholic Education and show proof of acceptance at a Catholic High School. These \$1,000 scholarships are made payable and mailed to the Catholic High School. The SJRS PTA is pleased to announce that this year's scholarships are awarded to:**

**Michael Gaguski  
Edith Hoerner**

**The J. Garrett Stevenson Memorial Scholarship  
Presented by the Stevenson Family**

**The Stevenson family has chosen to honor the life of Garrett by awarding two graduating 8th graders headed to Holy Spirit High School with a \$500 scholarship. These students should possess the same pride in their school and love of their Hawk family as Garrett did. Continuing on as a Spartan meant a great deal to Garrett and his family as his faith, his foundation, and his family grew with each accomplishment at Holy Spirit. The students chosen to carry on the Hawk love to Holy Spirit High School are:**

**James Kotakis  
Kiah Cautilli**

**The John J. Gentile Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
Presented by the Gentile family**

**The Gentile family is pleased to award a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of their loving husband and father John J. Gentile Jr. to a deserving graduate planning to attend either Our Lady of Mercy Academy or St. Augustine's Preparatory School who has exhibited exceptional academic effort and achievement throughout his or her Saint Joseph Regional School career. The inaugural recipient of the John J. Gentile Jr. Memorial Scholarship is:**

**Chloe Abo**

**The Holy Spirit High School Awards and Scholarships  
Presented by Fr. Perry Cherubini, President  
Holy Spirit High School**

**The Holy Spirit High School Spartan Pride Awards are given to students for strength of character, academic attitude, and overall contribution within the school community. The winners of these one-time awards of \$500 are:**

**Tyler Armstrong  
Ryan Chavez  
Edith Hoerner**

**The Holy Spirit High School Blue and Gold Scholarships are awarded to students who scored in the top ten on the High School Placement Test (HSPT). The winners of this one-time award of \$1,000 are:**

**Sam Phillips  
Katarina Patitucci**



**The Holy Spirit High School Fathers' Club Scholarships  
Presented by Glen McDonald**

**The Holy Spirit High School Fathers' Club is presenting five scholarships to students who will be attending Holy Spirit High School in the fall.**

**These awards are presented to:**

**Ryan Chavez \$1,000  
Sam Phillips \$1,000  
Katarina Patitucci \$1,000  
James Kotakis \$500  
Julia Stailey \$500**

**The Mary Theresa Sher Foundation Kindness Awards  
Presented by Ted Pugliese**

**The Mary Theresa Sher Foundation is presenting the Kindness Award to a student attending Holy Spirit High School in the fall.**

**The recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship is:**

**Katarina Patitucci**

**The Stanley W. Marczyk Scholarship  
Presented by Fred Marczyk**

**The Stanley W. Marczyk Scholarship Foundation is extremely happy to award a \$4,000.00 Stanley W. Marczyk Scholarship over a four-year period to a student who be attending Holy Spirit High School in the fall.**

**This year, the scholarship is awarded to:**

**Katarina Patitucci**

**All Saints Council - Knights of Columbus Altar Server Awards  
Presented by Tony Young**

**The Knights of Columbus will now present certificates to the Eighth Grade students who have faithfully fulfilled his or her duties as an Altar Server at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and/or Saint Gianna Baretta Molla Parish.**

**Ryan Rybka**

**The All Saints Council - Knights of Columbus Scholarship  
Presented by Tony Young**

**The All Saints Council - Knights of Columbus, Northfield/Linwood, are presenting an \$8,000 scholarship over a four-year period to a student who will be attending Holy Spirit High School in the fall. This year, the scholarship is awarded to:**

**Sam Phillips**

**Our Lady of Mercy Academy Scholarship  
Presented by Mr. Tom Coyle, Theology Teacher**

**Our Lady of Mercy Academy is pleased to award an \$8,000 academic scholarship over a four-year period in memory of Sister Dolores Salerno, D.M. to the following student:**

**Chloe Abo**

**END PROGRAM**

**Congratulations to all our winners and recipients!**