

TENAFLY HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Awards and Scholarship Night

JUNE 6TH

2017



Scholarships

Tenaflly Rotary Club Scholarship, Jean Wolf Humanitarian Recipient: Athena Dulot

Presenter – Buddy Thompson, Rotary Club Member

Awarded to a student or students who have demonstrated scholarship, character, and involvement in service to school or community.

Tenaflly Education Association Scholarship

Presenter – Stephen Moger

Recipients: Natasha Abrams
Sara Howard
Rachel Strompf

Awarded to a student or students planning to become a teacher and have the potential to be outstanding in their chosen career.

The Children Tree and Art Foundation

Presenter – Steven Strompf, Founder and President

Recipient: Evan Colchamiro
Chaeun Lee

An essay of a maximum of 600 words is required in which the following questions are answered: To make a difference you are given a Tree of your choice: 1) What kind of Tree would it be, and why? 2) Where would you plant the Tree, and why? 3) Explain why the Tree would make a difference the moment it is planted. 4) Explain the difference the Tree will cause over the long term and into the future.

Gerhardt Goetz Memorial Scholarship

Presenter – Gerould Goetz

Presented in honor of Gerhardt J. Goetz, the criteria include service to community, seriousness of purpose, good scholarship and civic consciousness. The recipient will have made a significant contribution to THS and be continuing his/her education.

Recipient: Rachel Strompf

Joe Glaser Memorial Scholarship

Presenter - Leon Glaser

This scholarship is given in memory of Joe Glaser. Joe was on the Tenaflly High School wrestling team and graduated many years ago, in 1968. Joe's participation in the wrestling program was his primary passion while at Tenaflly High. He spent a lot of time and energy on practice with the team and on his diet at home to stay in his weight class, 108 pounds. He was very excited to culminate his tenure on the Varsity team with a runner up award at the County winter meet in his Senior year.

Recipient: Ryan Welch

Joe always showed great potential and went on to become quite successful in business. At the end of July, 2001, just shy of his 51st birthday, Joe lost his life in an unspeakable accident, leaving his family with a terrible void and only loving memories to sustain them. He was an exceptional husband, brother, son, and friend, exemplifying integrity, compassion, optimism, generosity, and gentleness of spirit.

When accepting this gift in his memory, please work your hardest to develop your potential to be the best individual you can be. Remember Joe's wonderful attributes and go forward in this world to make a difference.

Kathryn Anne Lanz Memorial Scholarship

Presenter - Richard Witkowski, Lanz Family Member

Recipient: Natalia Rodriguez

Presented to a student who plans to pursue a career in the field of literature and/or journalism or who wishes to teach in those fields. The student possesses leadership qualities; is involved in community service, and has a love of reading and writing.

KPA (Korean Parents Association) Scholarship

Presenters – KPA Representative

Recipients: Un Bi Kim
Chaeun Lee
Minkwan Seo

Presented to four students who have been attending Tenaflly High School for at least three years; have participated in community service and/or shown strong leadership. The students are enrolled as undergraduate students in a US accredited college or university In the Fall of 2016.

Tenaflly PBA #376 Memorial Scholarship

Presenter – Tenaflly Police Department Representative

Recipients: Athena Dulot
Un Bi Kim

Presented to those students who exhibit good character and service to the community.

Tenaflly Educational Foundation Karen Sperling Greene Memorial Scholarship for Volunteerism

Presenter – Ofira Mor, TEF Co-President

Recipient: Colleen Aslami
Catherine Ngai

A graduating Tenaflly High School senior who has given significant personal time volunteering with a Tenaflly-based non-profit, non-religious organization that serves the Tenaflly community and/or Tenaflly public schools.

Tenaflly Administrators and Supervisors Association Scholarship

Presenter – Dr. Elizabeth Giblin, President, TASA

Recipient: Matthew Soffer

Awarded to a college-bound senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, service and character.

THS Home School Association – David E. Johnston Memorial Scholarship

Presenter – Jane Weisfelner, Counselor

Recipient: Stephanie Schiller

Given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding support of school activities while also maintaining an excellent academic record.

The Tenaflly Fire Association Scholarship

Presenter – Ophir Katzir, Tenaflly Fire Association Member

Recipient: Gideon Abramowitz

Presented by the Tenaflly Fire Association to a student or students who have demonstrated outstanding community service. It is presented in honor of Milton “Moe” Leahy, past fire chief and beloved member of the department for over sixty years.

Henry W. Redfield Scholarship

Presenter – Joan Thomas, Guidance Counselor

Recipients: Edwin Kwon
Alexander Thompson

For demonstration of character and determination in the face of a hardship or other significant problem while successfully completing their course of studies.

Bergen County Directors of Guidance Scholarship

Presenter – Jayne Bembridge, Director of Guidance

Recipient: Demi Yona

Presented to a student who has provided exemplary service to the school and community.

Thomas J. Elefante Memorial Scholarship

Presenter – Donna Lewis, Supervisor of Students

Recipients: Chaeun Lee
Melissa Hoffmann

Awarded to a senior or seniors who has a passion for science and the outdoors/nature in addition to scholastic achievement in the area of science. The recipients have expressed an interest in pursuing the study of science at the post-secondary level.

Tory Wachtel Award of Courage and Character

Presenter – Joan Thomas, Guidance Counselor

Recipient: John Testa

Awarded to a graduating senior who has confronted the challenges of pediatric cancer or other life-threatening illness (defined as a medical challenge to the student that has disrupted participation in activities of daily living for a period of time due to either treatments or disabilities resulting from the medical challenge.) The nominee has demonstrated in these life challenges, the personal qualities of courage and character.

Dr. Eugenia Pfeiffer Humanitarian Award

Presenter – Dr. Dora P. Kontogiannis, Principal

Recipients: Athena Dulot
Alec Kaufmann
Robert Kirschenbaum
Rachel Strompf

Presented to a graduating senior or seniors, who have demonstrated service to others above self, positive attitude and determination, commitment to the betterment of the school and community and exemplary citizenship.

United States Armed Forces

U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point

Presenter: Kirsten Dickson, Field Force Representative

Recipient: Thomas Rafferty

Formal presentation of Thomas' appointment to the West Point Academy

U.S. Marine Corp Awards

Presenter – Joan Thomas/Jane Weisfelner, Guidance Counselors

Scholastic Excellence Award

Recipients: Colleen Aslami

Awarded to a senior who is recognized as an academic scholar, a leader among his/her peers, and an outstanding young citizen

"Semper Fidelis" Award for Musical Excellence

Recipient: Arthur Botis

Awarded to a senior who is recognized as an outstanding performer, a leader among his/her peers, and an outstanding young citizen.

Distinguished Athlete Award

Recipients: Alexis Del Gizzo
Matthew Brown

Awarded to high school seniors who are members of a Varsity Team and who are outstanding young citizens.

U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athletic Award

Recipients: Sofia Parmelee
Aljo Sujak

This award is presented by the United States Army Reserve to reward and recognize student-athletes who have excelled both in the classroom and on the athletic field.

Departmental Awards

English

Presenter – **Aliki Bieltz, Supervisor**

The Creative Writing Award

Recipients: Erin Aslami
Katherine Kaplan
Alisa Wadsworth

This award is presented to students who have demonstrated exceptional promise in Creative Writing. He/she is recognized for his/her outstanding work in all genres – fiction, non-fiction, poetry and playwriting. The recipients are selected by the English Department.

Literary Scholar Award

Recipients: Maya Amitai
Camryn Bolkin
Benjamin Wenzelberg
Demi Yona

The Literary Scholar award is given seniors who, throughout their years at Tenafly High School, have consistently demonstrated exceptional skill in literary studies across multiple genres and historical periods. He/she is exceptional in his/her original insight, contributions to discussions, openness to new ideas, intellectual curiosity, gracefulness and astuteness in writing, and overall passion for reading and all things literary.

Publications Awards

Omega Award

Recipients: Erin Aslami

The Omega Award is presented to students distinguished for their outstanding service and dedication to Omega, the Tenafly High School literary journal, published annually.

Echo

Recipient: Jasmine Oh

These awards are presented to the editors-in-chief of the ECHO, Tenafly High School's news magazine for their leadership in scholastic journalism.

Social Studies

Presenter – **Glenn Peano, Supervisor**

Supervisor's Award

Recipient: Caroline Wolinsky

This award is presented to a senior with a genuine love of learning of social studies and applies that learning to make his or her community a better place.

Social Studies Department Award

Recipient: Alisa Wadsworth

This award is presented to a senior with an outstanding interest and ability in the subject.

Lewis Brown Memorial Book Award

Recipient: Colin Colchamiro

This award is given to a citizen-scholar who has served the school by "going the extra mile." Mr. Brown, in his years as a THS social studies teacher, developed the Political Forum Club and the Task Force.

Mathematics

Presenter – **Dr. Kathleen Treacy, Supervisor**

Math Department Award

Recipient: Natasha Abrams

This award is presented to a senior student who has taken a full array of math courses over the past four years and has maintained the highest academic record in those courses while demonstrating curiosity about and insight into mathematics.

Math Team Senior Award

Recipient: Jin Suh

This award is for outstanding competitive spirit and results during four years of high school in the BCML, NJML, CML, AMTNJ, Seton Hall, AMC and AIME competitions.

Science

Presenter – **Cathy Paz, Supervisor**

The Science Department Award

Recipients: Jack Hyslop
Kaitlyn Espiritu
Peter Prastakos

This award is presented to seniors who have taken the full array of science courses over the past four years and have achieved the highest academic average in those courses.

Society of Women Engineers

Recipient: Natasha Abrams

The Certificate of Merit is a national program administered by local sections of the Society of Women Engineers. Awards are given to honor young women having high achievement in science and mathematics and to encourage them to pursue engineering as a career goal. Award recipients must complete three years of science and mathematics with distinction, and must be active citizens of the school and/or community.

World Language

Presenter – **Dr. Elizabeth Giblin, Supervisor**

Outstanding Achievement Senior French Student

Recipient: Gal Nissan

This award is presented to a senior who exhibits outstanding ability in French language and literature.

Outstanding Achievement Senior Spanish Student

Recipient: Benjamin Wenzelberg

This award recognizes the outstanding senior for his/her excellence in Spanish language and literature.

Outstanding Achievement Senior Italian Student

Recipient: Benjamin Stein

This award recognizes the outstanding senior for his/her excellence in Italian language and literature.

Outstanding Achievement Senior Chinese Student

Recipient: Kang Min Shin

This award recognizes the outstanding senior for his//her excellence in Mandarin. Language and Literature.

Gert Hoppe Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Camryn Bolkin

Awarded to an outstanding world language student in two advanced language courses, in memory of Mr. Gert Hoppe, a teacher of French, German and Latin at Tenafly Schools for thirty-six years.

Performing Arts

Presenter – **Freddy Nuñez, Supervisor**

THS Music Department Award for Excellence

Recipients: Gavin Caine

Awarded to a graduating music student who has achieved superior mastery of his/her instrument and who has contributed to many facets of the Tenafly music program.

Madrigal Dinner Scholarship

Recipients: Camryn Bolkin
Robert Braverman

Jon-Erik Hexum Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Una Rafferty

Presenter- Sam Ahn-Cooper

In memory of their classmate, Jon-Erik Hexum, the Class of 1976 established a memorial scholarship given each year to a senior who has demonstrated theatrical and/or musical talent and involvement during high school and intends to pursue a career in or hopes to continue his/her creative involvement in the arts.

Visual Arts

Presenter – **Freddy Nuñez, Supervisor**

Art Department Award

Recipient: Sophia Leviev

Given to a student who has made significant contributions over the past four years to Tenafly High School through his/her artistic talent.

Art and Design Award

Recipient: Sara Howard

Given to a student for their outstanding abilities in the visual arts department.

Computer Art Award

Recipient: Sara Howard

The following award is presented to the Tenafly High School senior student who has demonstrated creativity, excellence, leadership skills and an outstanding work ethic in the area of Computer Animation.

Practical Arts

Presenter – **Freddy Nuñez, Supervisor**

Outstanding Student in Family and Consumer Studies Award

Recipient: Soo Jin (Michelle) Han

Presented to a student who has taken a variety of family and consumer studies courses throughout his/her school career and excelled in each one.

Business Department Award

Recipient: Caitlin Laufer

This award is given to the senior who has taken a number of courses in the Business Department, received a grade of A in all the coursework and has indicated a desire to major in a business subject in college and pursue a career in the field of business.

Technology

Presenter – **Stephen Moger**

Tech Crew Awards

Recipients: Una Rafferty
Robert Braverman

Awarded to seniors for their outstanding service and invaluable contribution to the high school's Tech Crew.

Theater Club Award

Recipients: Colin Colchamiro
Natalia Rodriguez
Caroline Wolinsky

Awarded to a senior or seniors who have made the most unselfish contribution of their time, effort, and talent to the theater company of Tenafly High School.

Telecommunication and Multimedia Club (THS-TV)

Recipients: Colin Colchamiro
Declan Farrell
Rebekah Hess
Alexander Trop
Demi Yona

These awards are given to students that demonstrate outstanding commitment to our daily morning announcement television production as well as recording and televising other important school events.

Technology Education Senior Award

Presenter – Nicole Deschene, Staff Member,
Technology/Engineering Dept.

Recipients: Jinho (Ted) Bae
Kevin Park
Halle Rosenberg
Daisuke Saito

Awarded to student(s) who have completed at least three Technology Education courses, achieved at least a 3.95 (A-) GPA in those courses, and displayed motivation to succeed, as well as have a strong interest in the program.

Athletic Department Awards

Presenter – **Dan Kilday, Supervisor**

NJSIAA Scholar Athlete Awards

Recipient: Jacob Baltaytis

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association sponsors scholar-athlete award, presented to one senior athlete who has contributed greatly to his/her respective team while maintaining superior academic records over four years.

Emil "Gelso" Young Scholarship

Recipient: Ryan Welch

Awarded to a graduating male or female athlete who, through athletic ability and a selfless attitude, contributed to the success of Tiger teams while demonstrating loyalty and devotion to THS.

BCCA Multi-Sport Award

Recipient: Benjamin Stein

Awarded to a senior male athlete who has participated in 10 or more sport seasons throughout his high school career.

BCWCA Multi-Sport Award

Recipient: Stephanie Schiller

Awarded to one senior female athlete who has participated in 10 or more sport seasons throughout her high school career.

Bergen County Coaches' Association Scholarship

Recipient: Aaron Gally

Awarded to a graduating senior at each of the Bergen County's high schools, the scholarship honors the late Lou Lanzalotto, a central figure in the Bergen County Coaches' Association for many years. This scholarship is a reminder of his dedication to high school athletics and the youth of Bergen County.

Bergen County Women Coaches' Association Scholarship

Recipient: Casey Burdy

The BCWCA Association award goes to a senior female athlete who has made a significant contribution in one or more programs by serving as a role model for her teammates in the areas of sportsmanship, integrity and enthusiasm.

Big North Conference Scholar Athlete

Recipient: Juli Hyatt
Ean Renaud

Awarded to a student/s who have participated in athletics throughout their high school career.

Elton Lorimer Williams Memorial Scholarship

Recipient: Thomas Rafferty

Awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in his/her academics, citizenship, and participation in sports.

Tiger Pride Award

Recipients: Alon Berkowitz
Isabella Greenstone
Jack DeSalvo

This award is presented to senior athletes who have shown tremendous determination while making significant contributions to the Tenafly High School athletic program.

School Service Awards

EMT Awards

Presenter – Jennifer Halliwell

Recipients: Colleen Aslami; Robert Braverman; Athena Dulot; Catherine Ngai; Mark Roh; Segev Sharon

It has become a tradition to honor the graduating seniors who have served on the Tenafly Volunteer Ambulance Corps as EMTs. They serve our school during many emergencies and serve our

community by volunteering an average of forty hours per week, responding during all hours of the day and night.

The Class Advisor's Award

Recipient: Una Rafferty

Presenter – Jennifer Halliwell

Leadership often takes place behind the scenes. Perhaps no one is in a better position to see this than the class advisor. This award recognizes outstanding dedication, integrity, and service above and beyond the call of duty.

The Distinguished Senior Award

Recipient: Colin Colchamiro

Presenter – Jennifer Halliwell

The Class of 1995 established this award. It is presented to a graduating senior who is not a class officer, but has given service to the school, demonstrated leadership, integrity, and character, and been a role model for others. A committee comprised of the senior class advisor and the senior class officers has determined the recipient.

The Dr. Kontogiannis TIGER Award

Recipient: Stephanie Schiller

Presenter – Jennifer Halliwell

The Class of 2015 established this scholarship. It will be presented annually in honor of Dr. Kontogiannis, our former principal who retired in 2015 after 37 years of service to Tenafly High School. This scholarship is awarded to a senior who epitomizes the characteristics of a Tenafly Tiger: T for Thoughtful, I for Involved, G for Grateful, E for Engaged, R for Responsible, and S for Serving. Through interactions with peers and other members of the school community, the award winner's behavior reflects Dr. K's motto of "HONOR THY CHILDREN."

Frontline Education Scholarship

Recipient: Gil Yair

Presenter – Jennifer Halliwell

This award goes to a Tenafly High School senior demonstrating good citizenship, contribution to community, motivation to succeed, and self-advocacy.

The Principal's Award

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Recipient: Emma Parish

Presenter: Mr. James O. Morrison

Presented to the student whom the faculty selects as the strongest in leadership, service, character and scholarship; the same criteria for membership in the National Honor Society.