

STATE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Eva Mottola

The long hard task of selecting our annual \$1,000.00 Sons of Italy Foundation scholarship recipients has been completed. In all we received 42 applications. Five of the applications did not meet our requirements and were voided and no applications were received from Niceville.

My Scholarship Committee, Marie Ruggiero and John Misa and I thoroughly reviewed the remaining 37 applications seeking 12 recipients. After many hours reviewing the applications, the 12 recipients were selected. The remaining 25 applicants names were placed in the "Luck Of The Draw" and the winner was selected at our Grand Lodge dinner held on Saturday evening, April 17, 2010.

On Saturday afternoon, April 17th, we had the pleasure of having one of the recipients, Jordan Holzmacher, attend our Grand Lodge meetings in Tampa with his mother Fadia and his grandmother Bruna who was born in Florence, Italy. Jordan is an exceptional young man who is a ten year cancer survivor. He endured three years of chemo and brain radiation and spoke to Senators and Legislatures in Washington for increased funding and allowed his portrait to be used to raise \$6.2 million for cancer research. He is an honor student in a medical magnet program at his high school, contributed over 200 hours of community service and has been accepted and will attend the University of Central Florida pursuing a career in environmental engineering. Jordan was overwhelmed by the reception given to him by our membership and could not thank everyone enough for the scholarship he was awarded. This exceptional young man was presented with our Dante Medal and our book, Italian Americans of the 20th Century by our Foundation President, Angela Harrington and me.

Listed below are the recipients of the 13 scholarships

Jordan Holzmacher
3572 Woodridge Place
Palm Harbor, Fl. 34684

Ryan Caporice
8306 La Serena Drive
Tampa, Fl. 33614

Michell Merrigan
9201 Picot Ct.
Boynton Beach, Fl. 33472

David Rayborn
1397 Trollman Ave.
Deltona, Fl., 32738

Natalie Nadeau
5226 SE 113th Street
Bellview, Fl. 34420

Kayla Chesanek
3787 Rainforest Ct.
Bradenton, Fl. 34209

Nicole Crawford
18121 Royal Forest Drive
Tampa, Fl. 33647

Frank Donofrio
10123 182nd Court SO
Boca Raton, Fl. 33498

Joseph Bernardo
681 Ferncliff Dribve
Port Orange, Fl. 32127

Kayla Albanese
113 NW 9th Street
Boca Raton, Fl. 33432

Sofia Gonella
3605 Coral Trace Circle
Coconut Creek, Fl. 33073

Shelby Maniccia
1011 Chance Cove
Oviedo, Fl. 32765

Kristen Albert
11433 N W 1st Place
Coral Springs, Fl. 33071

Respectfully submitted,

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State Scholarship Chairperson

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