



YOU ARE INVITED

2021 Donors Week

May 17-21



What is Donors Week?

Donors Week is a special time each year when donors (or donor representatives) personally recommend recipients for their scholarship(s) from a list of pre-qualified candidates. **We are going to follow the pattern that we used last year and have donors recommend candidates either through phone conversations or email with the office.** We will have limited in person appointments open for individuals or groups at our Operations Center at 14 Country Club Road in Gilford – the DeCamp Center (second floor) if you contact the office. If you cannot make an appointment or chat with us, we will be glad to make the selection(s) for you, based on your award criteria or special requirements.

What information about the candidates will be disclosed?

On Donors Day you will have the following informational – but not confidential – data about all prequalified candidates: name, address, high school, college, major, suggested award amounts, and the rating given by the Foundation screening committee.

What is the suggested award amount?

The suggested amount is based on the total we estimate will be available to award this year and the applicant's rating. It does not reflect the student's unmet need. We hope you are able to honor these suggested amounts. When recipients are "over-awarded," we may not have sufficient funds to cover other students.

How are applications rated?

Each application has been independently rated by three trustees, who then get together as a team and review their ratings for consistency. The LRSF board then meets as a group to review the overall ratings. Representatives of the guidance departments of BHS, GHS & LHS are also consulted for current graduates. There are four areas that are considered: need, academics, essay and activities in school and the community. The explanation for the rating system will be available for you during the Donors Week process.

How are recipients notified? Is this confidential information?

Presentations are made at Awards Night for those students graduating this year. The others will receive a letter directly from us by June 15th. Your selection(s) should remain confidential until the recipients have been officially notified.

Can I/we present our own award(s)?

If you wish to personally present your award(s) to current graduating senior(s), we ask you to please contact the high school directly. We will be preparing our award letters, which may include other donor funds. You may want to bring your own note or card to present to the recipient(s).



Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Retiring Board members were presented with LRSF vests in recognition of their three full terms (9 years of service) as members of the LRSF Board. Both have been invaluable to the Foundation. Donna has served as vice-president and then president of the Board during her term in office and was always there whenever we needed a hand, (this final year serving as a judge for our Pumpkin Contest.) Kevin was also always there to help out whenever we needed. He has been especially helpful over the past nine years with the Spelling Bee. He was so instrumental giving his time to help set up and take down of the event and the extremely hard job ushering all of the participants on stage in a timely manner. Both of these former Board members have volunteered to lend an extra hand assisting us with the rating applications this year as advisory trustees. Thanks to both of these wonderful people!

LRSF Celebrates Sports Related Awards



Greetings from the desk of retired Director, Paulette Loughlin. Every year in May, as I drive past Opechee Park in Laconia, I remember the years that my boys played Little League. This time of year, outdoor sports are in full swing and thankfully this season (unlike last year when COVID first hit the area) most of our area schools are fielding teams for a variety of sports. That got me thinking about all of the scholarships that we have that honor former Lakes Region players, coaches and fans. Many of us have fond memories of participating in school sports or going to school games...or even just watching the Red Sox on TV.

The funds listed below have some connection to a particular sport and/or a particular person.

Joyce & Soc Bobotas Memorial Joyce Bobotas (1972) had a BS in Physical Education who taught the values of sports were the values of life. She served in social, church and community activities with vitality and a zest for life and a friendliness that radiated with her ready smile. Socrates Bobotas (1980) was director of athletics at LHS, a well-known sports figure, a founder of the Laconia Little League as well as a coach in many areas. This scholarship is available to a graduating LHS senior active in sports with good sportsmanship.

Armand A. Bolduc Memorial (2018) Armand Bolduc, a Laconia native, a graduate of LHS and a gentleman who spent most of his life in service to his community. He was a city councilman for 34 years, one of the founders of LR Wavemakers, co-chaired Christmas village, was active in his church, an incorporator for LRGH and many other organizations in the area. The scholarship is intended to help an LHS student who demonstrates Athletic excellence, social responsibility and academic excellence.

Kacy H. Burdett Memorial (2014) Kacy who died in a car accident her freshman year in college, was described "as a compassionate, fun-loving, dedicated, talented, kind and fearless. She was an excellent student actively involved in her school and community, who excelled at field hockey and played many other intramural sports. This award is open to a LHS graduating senior, with a preference for someone with a background in sports or music.

Chamberlin Family Memorial (2007)-The Chamberlin family legacy in Alton, NH dates back to 1770 with family members serving their community in their church, through military service as veterinarians, as school volunteers and a variety of community service opportunities over the past 250 years. The award is open to a Prospect Mountain High School graduating senior (Alton) with a preference for a student interested in athletics, art, medicine, science, music or education.

Ryan J. Charland Memorial (2009) Funded through the generosity of the LHS class of 1990 and the Charland family. A 1990 graduate of LHS, Ryan went on to get a degree in Computer Science and worked as a software engineer. While at LHS, Ryan was a three-sport star athlete in football, golf and captain of the State Championship Baseball team of 1990. He was also an excellent snowboarder and accomplished hiker. This award goes to an LHS graduate with a preference for those with a background in sports, music or computers.

Roland Corriveau Track Memorial was established in 1981 by friends and family to honor this special man. The award goes to a deserving track student.

Christopher Daigle Memorial (2013) As a youngster, Christopher played in Laconia Little League, Lou Athanas Basketball and Pop Warner Football. He continued playing football and baseball at LHS and then football at NHTI, where he earned a degree in Sports Management. He was a referee for youth football in Florida where he lived at the time of his passing. This award is intended to commemorate Chris' memory by helping graduating LHS senior involved with sports, and/or who may want to pursue vocational trades education.

Bob Dassatti Memorial (2019) spent 18 years working at Franklin Savings Bank, but his true passion was community service. He served for nine years on the Laconia School Board. He was the director of LAYBL for many years and started the Laconia Pride AAU teams and organized summer basketball for middle school players. In 2018 he received the Debra Bieniarz Memorial award which honors an individual for their dedication to the youth of Laconia. This award is given with a preference for an LHS graduating senior with a connection to LAYBL as well as school pride and community service.

Devin M. Denoncourt Memorial (2014) Devon was a student of the Laconia School system for all of his school years. He participated in Lou Athanas Basketball, Pop Warner Football, and Laconia Little League, but football was his passion. He played as an offensive and defensive lineman during the Sachems back to back State Championship seasons and was captain his senior year. He represented Laconia on the NH All-star Shrine Football Team in '97. Devon went on to a career in Hospitality Management, and was General Manager of the Courtyard Marriott in Washington, DC at the time of his passing. The candidates for this award are generally LHS football players or football alumnus.

Ava Rose Doris Memorial- a former Gilford student, who lost her life suddenly in a single car accident. This scholarship will be given to a student in the Lakes Region with a gift for art/music or athletics. Ava knew how challenging these sectors are to find a well-paying, employable job, so this scholarship will provide some assistance. Each applicant for consideration must also show a passion for community service or giving back/paying it forward in some kind of way, just as Ava had.

John & Sheldon Dow Memorial (1973) The Dow family were involved for generations in the family fuel business, however, athletics were an important part of their lives. The members of the family were noted for their athletic abilities and involvement in numerous community programs. At one point they donated a scoreboard to LHS. The preference for this award is an LHS graduate with outstanding athletic ability.

Robert W Fagula Memorial (2019) Bob was an LHS graduate with a passion for sports. He spent years coaching youth of the area, volunteering for Babe Ruth Baseball, and served as the Head Coach of Pop Warner Football. The award is open to a LHS graduate with an interest in sports, coaching youth, mentorship and/or volunteerism, sports, business management or leadership.

Jonathan Farmer Award-This is a new award established through the efforts of the Laconia Little League and friends of Jonathan.

Robert Fecteau Memorial (2003) Bob, a representative of Capitol Distributors, was a former Boy Scout, worked on the Gunstock Ski Patrol, the Appalachian Mountain Club and was an active member of the Elks. He was admired as an avid sportsman and a good sport. The preference for this award is for students involved with sports or scouting.

Aaron Francoeur Memorial was established in 1993 through the efforts of family, friends, members of the Gilford Rotary and Gilford Youth Baseball and through the proceeds of an annual golf tournament for many years. Aaron played basketball and Little League before he became too ill to continue these sports. Each year the Francoeur scholarship committee, now along with the Babcock family (in memory of Nathan Babcock), holds the Francoeur-Babcock Basketball Tournament in Gilford and the proceeds are added to the scholarship.

John Healey Memorial (1980) A "highly regarded and well-liked young man" who met an untimely death just prior to college. The preference for this award is a LHS student involved in sports.

Arthur W. "BoBo" Johnson, Jr. Memorial (1996)-Mr. Johnson was a US Army veteran who spent a good deal of his military career in intelligence. An LHS graduate, Class of 1941, he was well respected for his scholastic and athletic achievements, particularly in football. The award is set up for a current LHS graduate with strong scholastic and athletic prowess.

Daniel & Mary Kiernan Award was established by their niece in 2003. Dan & Mary loved golf and children. After Mary Kiernan's death, her niece Barbara Stone, donated the proceeds of her estate to establish this scholarship. Although there are no specific designations for this award, traditionally it has gone to a student involved in golf.

Brigid C. Kilfoyle Memorial Miss Kilfoyle, a beloved, first year teacher at Elm Street School, was killed in a car accident on her way to work in 2002. Brigid had been very active in sports particularly basketball. Early in 2002, she was inducted into the Pennington School's Athletic Hall of Fame where she was the first female athlete to score 1,000 points in basketball. Preference for SAU 30 Elm Street School alumnus, accomplished student-athletes and students dedicated to community service. Funds were added with the passing of Brigid's mom Sally.

Robert King Memorial (2021) Bob was an avid sports fan as well as a big supporter of LHS Football. Preference for this award is a graduating LHS senior who is hard working and connected to LHS football.

Laconia Youth Football & Cheer-Rod Roy Award was established in 2019 in recognition of Mr. Rod Roy, for his decades of dedicated service to the Laconia Chiefs. Mr. Roy was a three sport, honor student at LHS. Upon returning to his hometown after college he spent so much of his adult life to coaching and guiding the youth of the Lakes Region. He has coached youth basketball, football and lacrosse. Preference for this award goes to a student involved in 2 or more sports each of their 4 years of high school, with participation in youth sports especially football.

LAYBL in Memory of Craig B. Shumay was established in 2000 with the untimely death of Craig Shumway in an auto accident. To commemorate his brief life and love of sports, family and friends set up this award through Lou Athanas Youth Basketball to help former LAYBL players further their education. Mr. Athanas founded the league to provide a fun, structured, healthy environment that is designed to foster their basketball and interpersonal skills alike. Lou had been an outstanding three-letter athlete in his senior year and went on to play semi-pro basketball as a young man, with the *Boston Goodwins*.

Bert & Anita Morin Family Award (1995) Started through the efforts of a fundraising campaign let by Bob St. Louis through Sacred Heart Church, with the help of the Elks under the leadership of Francis Fecteau, this fund continues to be supported by the family. Additional funds were added with the passing of Bert and Anita's daughter, Claire Dachowski. Bert and Anita were born and brought up in Laconia. They worked together as a team raising their family, as well as working for the betterment of their community and church. Bert coached basketball, baseball and football for Sacred Heart as a volunteer for 24 years. Anita-always there for support. Preference for those involved in athletics.

James & Evangeline Nocas Memorial was established in 1995 on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. For many years they were great supporters of the youth in the Lakes Region, both in the classroom and in the areas of athletics. They took great pride in the youth of their day. It was said of James that "he always wanted to put the kids first, his whole life was about kids and what would be good for them." Eva always wanted to become a teacher, but family commitments did not allow that until after her children were grown, when she did achieve her dream. This award is given to one boy and one girl with a letter in 2 varsity sports and high academic standing and great attitude.

Penny Pitou & Milo Pike Fund was established in 1999. Penny was one of the first recipients of a scholarship from LRSF in 1956, during its first award's year. She excelled scholastically and in sports. She won two silver medals in the Winter Olympics in 1960, and was elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame as the Best Skier of the year the following year. Milo Pike donated substantial funds to LRSF over the years as well. This award shows a preference for students with high academic potential and sports (Alpine Skiing in particular.)

Lance Reason Basketball Award was established in 2013 with the untimely passing of Lance Reason. Lance's greatest passion, since the 6th grade was playing basketball. This award, which was established to assist LHS Basketball players pursue further education, serves as a living and loving tribute to this charismatic young man.

Shaw Family Award was established in 1989 by family, friends and business association with the passing of Bruce Shaw. Shaw, a member of the LHS Class of 1960, was active with their scholarship fund, president and chairman of the Board of Laconia Electric and V Pres. of Laconia Fire Equipment. He was involved in promoting youth and athletics in the Lakes Region. Funds were added with the passing of his son, Scott. The candidates are chosen by the family with a reference for GHS student involved in sports particularly soccer or baseball.

Erwin & Mildred Smith Memorial (2001) Mr. Smith was a legendary coach, recognized as a great person and teacher. He was a Spanish teacher at LHS for 30 years and coached for 39 years bringing home 10 championship teams in wrestling and cross country before he retired. He coached for 30 seasons at LHS guiding the school to spring track titles twice. His 1949 team went undefeated that season. He founded the Laconia Kiwanis Track Meet, which was considered the most prestigious track meet in NH. The Smith Track at Opechee Park was dedicated to him and to Mr. Charlie Smith. His wife Mildred, was there at his side supporting him. Preference for this is a LHS track student.

Walker Family Memorial was originally established in 2009 with the untimely passing of Brad Walker a 1980 graduate of LHS and added to with the passing of Herb Walker, his Dad, and Doug Walker, his brother. Brad was a zealous athlete, who played baseball and ice hockey and was captain of the Pee Wee Hockey Team that won the Class B State Championship in 1974. Herb Walker was a 1948 graduate of LHS, who was involved with Laconia Little League in many capacities and very active with LR Youth Hockey. He was also on the Parks Commission. Doug was a 1983 LHS graduate who also shared the family's passion for sports. This award, selected by the family, goes to a LHS graduate, with a preference for those involved in sports.

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Although we are working hard on our scholarship applications and Donors Week preparations, plans are still in the works for our
20th Annual Community Spelling Bee!
tentatively planned for the end of October! We will be looking for Team sponsors and advertisers to celebrate this special milestone.



AND

Our 2nd Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest!
Start planning now to recycle and create a
pumpkin person or other creature.



Both events benefit our Friends of the Foundation
Operating Fund.

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both events in the Fall!



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