



**NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL**

# SENIOR AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS NIGHT

**Class of 2022**

**Accelerating Achievement ~  
Every Student, Every Classroom, Every Day**

**June 1, 2022**

# Awards & Scholarships

## Alden C. Larson Memorial Scholarship

*Al Larson was a long-time science teacher who passed away in 1983. It is awarded by members of the science department to a student who has excelled, and is planning a career, in a field of science.*

**Julia Kamm**

## Andrew E. Cohen Scholarship

*Andy was a 1979 graduate of Nicolet who had muscular dystrophy. By age nine, Andy was confined to a wheel chair but this did not keep him from enjoying life and pursuing his studies like any other high school student. Andy made his home in the library where helping the librarians with tasks he could do from his wheel chair. Andy died in 1980. The scholarship was established by his family and is awarded by members of the Media Services Department to a student who has been of service to the libraries.*

**Sophonisba Franecki**

## Aurora Medical Center - Grafton Scholarship

*"The AMCG High School Scholarship represents the Medical Staff of Aurora Center in Grafton. When our hospital was built and our medical staff was established, our main perspective and mission was to provide and serve the community. This scholarship allows us to give back to the community that serves us. This year is the 3rd year for selecting 12 high schools within our servicing area and awarding \$1,000 to a well-deserving student seeking advanced studies within the healthcare industry."*

**Joyce Essuman**

## Betty Savee Memorial Scholarship

*"Betty Savee's husband and friends established the scholarship in memory of Betty upon her death from cancer. Betty was a long time secretary to the school psychologist. Scholarships are awarded annually to students who have been active in extracurricular activities and exhibited good citizenship."*

**Ian Blechacz, Lola Broennimann**



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## Brittney Gigl Memorial Scholarship

*"The Brittney Gigl Scholarship was established by her family following her death from viral encephalitis in August of 2001, just prior to her senior year. Brittney was an honor student who ranked near the top of her class and had earned varsity letters in three sports. She was caring, enthusiastic, and a natural leader. The scholarship is awarded to a student who also possesses these characteristics and has demonstrated a commitment to helping others through community service and participation in a variety of extracurricular activities."*

**Sophia Edelstein, Christopher Johns, Caitlin Norton, Haley Shamah**

## Class of 1984 Scholarship

*"In 2019 in commemoration of their 35 high school reunion a classmate established the scholarship and appealed to his fellow grads to contribute. The scholarship is awarded to students who are the first generation to attend a 2 or 4 year college, and have a financial need. Preference is given to the children of members of the Class of 1984."*

**Elizabeth Kaiser, Demetrius Bissen**

## Armin K. Taus Memorial Scholarship

*"Awarded to an Milwaukee Jewish Day School student or students who embody the positive qualities Armin Taus is remembered for. Armin was committed to study, and was a leader among his peers in academic, social and community service pursuits."*

**Sophia Edelstein**

## Edward Deshazer Adversity Scholarship

*"The Edward DeShazer Scholarship was established by Mr. DeShazer in 2019. Eddie was a Nicolet student, who after being expelled from Nicolet his freshman year, returned as a sophomore and with the help of several staff members and his family, dedicated himself to improving in the classroom and on the athletic field. The scholarship is awarded to two students that have succeeded in overcoming adversity and are going on to an accredited two-or-four-year institution of higher learning."*

**Glen Murphy, Lauren Day, Rose Collins, Christopher Johns**



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## The Eliezer Ben Yehudah Award for Excellence in Hebrew Studies:

*"The DEP Honor Cord is given to students of German who have worked to achieve academic excellence, to deepen their knowledge and appreciation of the German language and culture and dedicated themselves to serving the community. This year's honorees led the Generosity Feeds campaign and the Hunger Task Force service project, while being active in all aspects of the German program at Nicolet."*

**Sophia Edelstein, Haley Shamah, Amalia Steinberg**

## Jean Jacobson Award For Excellence In Literary Analysis

*"The Jean Jacobson Award for Excellence in Literary Analysis is given each year in memory of the late Miss Jacobson, a Nicolet English teacher from 1957 to 1987. In her teaching Miss Jacobson focused on critical thinking skills and a high level of scholarship. The purpose of the award is to honor a graduating senior for skill in written literary analysis."*

**Erica Kallas**

## Janet Schmitz O'Hara Volunteerism Award

*"Janet Schmitz O'Hara, a 1975 Nicolet graduate, passed away along with her husband and daughter on TWA Flight 800 in July 1996, leaving behind two sons. Janet was the Public Relations Director of the Yonkers School System in New York, an active volunteer and civic leader in Irvington, NY. Her countless volunteer hours and commitment to her community inspired friends and family to create a fund in her memory to honor Nicolet graduates who exhibit a similar desire to improve their communities."*

**Lauren Day**



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## Kevin Cole Scholarship

*"The Kevin Cole Scholarship was established by his family and friends in memory of Kevin Cole, a devoted, enthusiastic Nicolet student who died of Leukemia just prior to his junior year in August, 1993. The first scholarships were awarded in 1995, the year that Kevin would have graduated. The award is jointly funded by the scholarship fund and the Cole family."*

**Hannah Raiten**

## Laura Miller Scholarship

*"The Laura Miller Scholarship was created in honor of Laura Miller, a freshman at Nicolet who passed away from a brain tumor in February, 2009. The scholarship was created to honor a student who shares Laura's passion for fashion and writing; a student who is involved in extracurricular activities and community service; a student who has high aspirations and shares Laura's love for life."*

**Dara Carneol**

## National Merit Finalists

*"The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High School students enter the National Merit® Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Students who receive the highest scores move on in the competition. In February, some 15,000 students are notified that they have advanced to Finalist standing. Each Finalist receives a Certificate of Merit."*

**Seona Maskara, Luis McDougall, Micah Packman, Elise Scheuer, Haley Shamah, Daniel Stein, Alexavier Sudemir**

## National Merit Scholarship Winner

*Every Finalist competes for a \$2,500 scholarship, which are awarded on a state-representational basis. Winners are selected by a committee of college admission officers and high school counselors without consideration of family financial circumstances, college choice, or major and career plans.*

**Elise Scheuer**



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## NHS Foundation Senior Volunteer Scholarship

*"The Nicolet High School Foundation Senior Volunteer Scholarship was established by the Foundation in 2000 with funds donated by the Board Members. The Scholarship is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated a commitment to service both in school and in the community."*

**Amalia Steinberg, David Jacobs**

## Nicolet Math Department Scholarship

*The Math Department Scholarship is provided by current and retired Nicolet Math Teachers and rewards two graduating seniors who:*

- participated with distinction in extracurricular math activities (such as the WIML Contests, the M<sup>3</sup> Math Modeling Challenge, and conference and state math meets), and also*
- displayed outstanding citizenship in their math classrooms during their time at Nicolet (consistent in homework and test preparation, willing to help other students, good attendance).*

**HongYi "David" Zhang, Thomas "Marshall" Vielmetti**

## PTSO Spirit Award

*"PTSO sponsors this award(s) for senior(s) nominated by teachers/staff for displaying the "Nicolet Spirit." Recipient(s) are recognized at the year-end Senior Awards Night."*

**Lola Broennimann, Braeden Ott, Haley Shamah, James Weseman**

## Robert Clayton Greaves Scholarship

*"Robert Greaves was a Glendale Landscape Architect who was instrumental in shaping many area landscapes including the Johnson Controls Headquarters, Manpower and the original master plan for Nicolet High School. The Robert Clayton Greaves Scholarship will be awarded annually to the student displaying a passion for the arts and diversity in mind and spirit and plans on pursuing post-secondary education in the arts."*

**Dara Carneol**



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## The Mel & Bette Wade Family Scholarship

*"The Mel and Bette Wade Family scholarship was established in 2014 by the Wade family to honor Bette and Mel Wade for their dedication to Nicolet High School and the community. Both Bette and Mel Wade spent their entire professional careers at Nicolet. Bette was the first English Teacher and later Title One Program Director. Mel was the Director of Adult Education and Recreation at Nicolet and a leader in recreation program development for the Greater Milwaukee Park and Recreation Association, Senior Olympics and the Wisconsin Tennis Association. The Wades were leaders, tireless volunteers, educators and organizers."*

**Rose Collins**

## WaterStone Bank Scholarship

*"WaterStone Bank established the WaterStone Bank Foundation in 2002 in order to ensure the bank's ability to continually give back to the communities in which we serve. Strengthening our bonds with our communities is consistent with our corporate mission to serve our communities. Charitable giving not only helps us achieve this mission, but also allows us to be a good corporate citizen and neighbor."*

**Ella Callender, Caitlin Norton**

## Wayne Jipson Scholarship

*"Established upon his retirement from Nicolet by an anonymous donor. Mr. Jipson was a music teacher and the scholarship is awarded to a student who has excelled in, and is planning on continuing in the performing arts."*

**Hannah Raiten**



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## Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholars

*"Nicolet High School is also pleased to present the top seniors who have demonstrated the highest level of proficiency in academic education subjects. The scholarship is for use at a Wisconsin University or College within the Wisconsin College system. The AES provides up to \$2,250 per year for tuition up to 4 years."*

**Thomas Vielmetti, Haley Shamah, Amalia Steinberg**

## Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholars

*"Nicolet High School is pleased to present the top seniors who have demonstrated the highest level of proficiency in technical education subjects. The scholarship is for use at a Wisconsin Technical College within the Wisconsin Technical College system (WTCS) located within the state. The AES provides of \$2,250 per year for tuition up to 3 years."*

**Justin Schiesel, Michael Wied**

## Spirit of GAPP Scholarship

*"For the past 50 years Nicolet has partnered with the Gymnasium Leopoldinum to offer a combined 7 week immersion experience. The Spirit of GAPP is a scholarship which honors individuals who have used German and the GAPP exchange in particular as a vehicle for intellectual and personal growth."*

**Sophonisba Franecki**





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## Booster Club Knight Pride Awards

*"The following Senior athletes were chosen by their coaches and peers because they exhibit qualities of outstanding dedication to their sport, put team above self, display leadership on and off the playing field and live by the principles of the Nicolet Athletic Code of Conduct. These student-athletes also displayed these same qualities in the classroom. The Nicolet Booster Club is proud to be able to sponsor this award each year."*

**Ryan Strunk, Breanna McNeal, Taelor Marie Klein, Charlie Bongard, Morgan Steffes, Matthew Kuesel Trent Grisham, Karli Pfaffl, James Weseman, Julia Kamm, Oliver Peck, Lily Wegehaupt, Clare Donohue Will Porfilio, Caleb Boppre, Cheyne McCreight, Nengzong Yang, Ella Callender, Katie Heidenrich, Ethan Hwang, Elizabeth Kaiser, Braeden Burgher, Meredith Griffith-Topps, Luis Cantu Ramirez, Gwendolyn McCreight**

## Craig R. Kahn Scholarship

*"Established in honor of Craig Kahn who lost his life tragically at the age of 15 upon completion of his freshman year at Nicolet. Trophy and Scholarship Check is awarded to an outstanding Varsity athlete who best embodies the pride and love of sports attributed to Craig."*

**Keira Janowski**

## Eggers Effort Scholarship

*"Dan Eggers is owner of Eggers Imprints and a Nicolet alum, and he created the Eggers Effort Scholarships to honor the type of athlete that may not have been the best athlete on the team but one that worked extremely hard to improve their skills and one that exemplifies dedication to their sport. "*

**Haley Shamah, Justin Schiesel, Jack Aiello-Kimberlain**



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## Francisco/Shabahang Swim/Dive Scholarships

*"The female recipient of this year's Francisco/Shabahang Award goes to a member of the varsity swim team for all four of her years at Nicolet. She has been an outstanding team member and has been an exceptional leader for the younger classes during meets, on deck during practice, and most importantly in the class room with a GPA exceeding 4.0. She is a team captain, an all conference performer, a state qualifier, and appears multiple times on the school's swim record board."*

### **Gloria Kawai**

*"As for the male recipient of this year's award, it is going to a student/athlete who as a captain on the varsity team, led the boys to their first sectional win in 6 years. He received the Wayne Mulhern Award this year which is given to the senior swimmer who demonstrates true leadership. He also received all conference recognition this year."*

### **Jack Gould**

## Frank Wolf Athletic Scholarship

*"Plaque and Scholarship Check awarded to the Varsity athlete who most displayed the same toughness, dedication, passion and love of athletic competition that defined Nicolet Hall of Fame Coach and Athletic Director Frank Wolf."*

### **Cole Trimborn**

## Glenn A. Kukla Scholarships

*"Plaques and Scholarship Checks awarded to the best of the best student-athletes at Nicolet High School. The "Kukla" is the most prestigious athletic scholarship offered each year by Nicolet. It was established by the Kukla Family in honor of their son Glenn, a 1968 graduate of Nicolet who died tragically. Glenn's parents willed their entire estate to Nicolet High School and this scholarship continues in memory of their son. The winners of this scholarship are chosen each year by the Nicolet Guidance Counselors and the entire Nicolet Coaching Staff. Winners of this award represent and embody all of the qualities educators and coaches wish for in a student-athlete."*

**Demetrius Bissen, Madigan Johnstone, Sydney Kalonihea, Braeden Ott, Karli Pfaffl, Jewel Stillman, James Weseman**



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## J. Cary Bachman Tennis Scholarships

*"The J. Cary Bachman Tennis Scholarship award is named after one the most successful High School Tennis coaches of all time and I'm honored to give out awards in his name."*

**Kephely Igoni, David Jacobs**

## Jim Sperl Athletic Scholarship

*"Plaque and Scholarship Check awarded to the Varsity athlete who most displayed the same team-first hard-working attitude that defined Nicolet Hall of Fame Coach Jim Sperl."*

**Charlie Bongard**

## Jim Lubotsky Scholarship

*"Plaque and Scholarship Check awarded in memoriam of Nicolet student-athlete Jim Lubotsky, whose heroic year-long battle with cancer inspired his family and friends to establish and reward a scholarship annually to a Varsity athlete who exemplifies the same qualities of compassion, pride and courage."*

**Matthew Kuesel**

## Michael Janasik Girls Basketball Scholarships

*"Plaques and Scholarship Checks awarded to outstanding Varsity Girls Basketball team members in memoriam of Nicolet student-athlete Michael Janasik who at 18 had his life taken in a tragic automobile accident."*

**Amari Vinson, Patricia Wright**



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## Multiple Letter Winners (5 or 6 letters)

*"The Following Athletes received 5 or 6 Varsity letters during their athletic careers at Nicolet HS"*

**Caleb Boppre (5), Ella Callender (5), Meredith Griffith-Topps (5), Sydney Kalonihea (5), Gwendolyn McCreight (5), Brogan Ortwein (5), Karli Pfaffl (5) and Gloria Kawai (6)**

## Multiple Letter Winners (7 or 8 letters)

*"The Following Athletes received 7 or 8 Varsity letters during their athletic careers at Nicolet HS"*

**Luis Cantu Ramirez (7), Matthew Kuesel (7), Braeden Ott (7), Paulina Gorodesky (8), Kephely Ignoi (8) and Breanna McNeal (8)**

## Multiple Letter Winners (9+ letters)

*"The Following Athletes received 9 or more Varsity letters during their athletic careers at Nicolet HS"*

**James Weseman (9)**

## Nicolet All Sports Booster Club "Spirit Of Sport" Scholarships

*"Plaques and Scholarship Checks awarded to the Varsity athletes who most displayed the same love and spirit for sports that defined Nicolet Hall of Fame Coach and Athletic Director Jim Liska and in honor of Nicolet Booster Jim Weatherly."*

**Mackenzie Barnes, Jack Gould, David Jacobs, Kyla Jamerson, Kayla Sweet, Tia Walter, Kephely Ignoi, Madeline Wirth**



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## Nicolet Athletics Leadership & Dedication Awards

*"The following Senior athletes were chosen by their coaches and peers because they exhibit qualities of outstanding LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION to their sport. These student-athletes are being recognized for their hard work and special contributions to the success of their team."*

**Gregory Fleming (Football), Isabel Honegger (Dance Team), Sarah Klopp (Soccer), Daniel Kyzer (Soccer & Track), Noble Mahan (Track), Elhadi Mohamed (Soccer), Glen Murphy (Track), Jari Rizvi (Football)**

## Nicolet Scholar Athlete Awards

*"These award winners qualified by maintaining a 4.00 or higher Grade point average while also receiving 2 or more Varsity Sport Letters"*

**Makenzie Barnes, Braeden Burgher, Ella Callender, Clare Donohue, James Gaffney, Elena Greco, Sophia Greco, Meredith Griffith-Topps, Grace Haraway, Katherine Heidenrich, Keira Janowski, Madigan Johnstone, Elizabeth Kaiser, Sydney Kalonihea, Julia Kamm, Gloria Kawai, Aneliese Kennedy, Taelor Marie Klein, Miriam Lubin, Estelle Macek, Sophia Mandella, Seona Maskara, Luis McDougall, Olivia Perez, Karli Pfaffl, Elise Scheuer, Julia Shultz, Haley Shamah, Grace Simenz, Morgan Steffes, Daniel Stein, Jewell Stillman, Kayla Sweet, Tia Walter, Lily Wegehaupt, James Weseman, Madeline Wirth**

## TRI-Sport Athletes

*"The following are Senior Athletes who lettered in 3 different Varsity sports during his senior year"*

**Caleb Boppre (Baseball/Cross Country/Ski), Luis Cantu Ramirez (Soccer/Track/Wrestling), Paulina Gorodesky (Cheer/Dance/Tennis), Matthew Kuesel (Football/Wrestling/Track), Gwendolyn McCreight (Cross Country/Ski/Track), James Weseman (Cross Country/Swim/Track)**



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## WIAA Scholar Athlete Award

*"Each year, the WIAA honors both a high achieving male and female student-athlete from each Wisconsin high school. This year's Nicolet High School WIAA Scholar Athletes are special student athletes who have excelled at the highest levels in both the classroom and the playing field."*

**Keira Janowski, Jason Weseman**

## William Padway Memorial Scholarships

*"Plaques and Scholarship Checks awarded to outstanding Varsity athletes in memoriam of 1975 Nicolet graduate Will Padway who passed away prematurely at the age of 49 and who have shown the same level of sportsmanship and simple enjoyment of competition that defined William Padway."*

**Elizabeth Kaiser, Haley Shamah, Jamari Julien, Sophia Mandela, Ryan Strunk, Brogan Ortwein**



# Scholarship / Award Recipients



Jack Aiello-  
Kimberlain



Mackenzie Barnes



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Lauren Day



Clare Donohue



Sophia Edelstein



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Joyce Essuman



Gregory Fleming



Sophonisba Franecki



James Gaffney



Paulina Gorodesky



Jack Gould



Elena Greco



Sophia Greco



Meridith Griffith-  
Topps



Trent Grisham



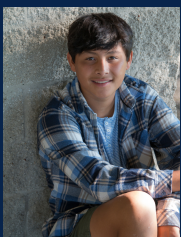
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Aneliese Kennedy



Taelor Klein



Sarah Klopp



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Matthew Kuesel



Miriam Lubin



Estelle Macek



Noble Mahan



Sophia Mandela



Seona Maskara



Gwendolyn  
McCreight



Cheyne McCreight



Luis McDougall



Breanna McNeal



Elhadi Mohamed



Glen Murphy



Caitlin Norton



Brogan Ortwein



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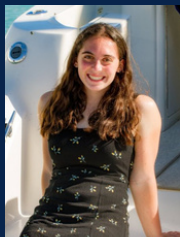
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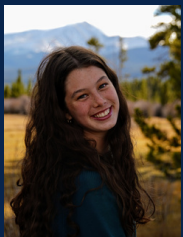
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