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CHSAA Scholarship Awards for 2025



The Coventry High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) donated \$77,000.00 in scholarships for 2025. These scholarships bring our total to \$379,000.00 since 2011. The scholarships were awarded to 45 Coventry High School seniors with scholarships ranging from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00. \$15,000.00 in scholarships result from a match from the Coventry Teachers' Alliance Scholarship Fund. The CHSAA Committee is profoundly thankful for the support from our donors and for the work of the committee members to make these scholarships possible. See below for this years' list of scholarships.

The Scholarships will be awarded in January, 2026 with the scholarships that are larger than \$2,000.00 being paid out over two years. Students must provide evidence that they are currently enrolled in a college, community college or technical school at the time they receive the scholarship payout.

Donations to our fund can be made at www.oakeralumni.org/donate or by check to CHSAA, P.O. Box 705, Coventry, RI 02816.

Last Name	1 st Name	In honor/memory of	Amount
Bryson	Anne	Mary Ann Cantino	\$2,000.00
Reynolds	Jonathan	Maureen Pontarelli	\$2,000.00
Felice	Aiden	David L. Parenteau	\$2,000.00
Petrangelo	Gabriella	Megan Anne Alexion Mello	\$2,000.00
Fennessey	Gabrielle	Erica Tremblay Shea	\$1,000.00
Paul	Ethan	Passarelli Family Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Charron	Madelyn	Barbara F. Champaign Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Sipaque	Isabella	Bonus \$500 Scholarships presented with a CTA Match	\$500.00

Barrakad	Ahmed	Bonus \$500 Scholarships presented with a CTA Match	\$500.00
Pratt	Arianna	Bonus \$500 Scholarships presented with a CTA Match	\$500.00
Fratus	Nathan	Bonus \$500 Scholarships presented with a CTA Match	\$500.00
Iannuccilli	Nicholas	Chet Kuipers	\$1,000.00
Rosas	Jaelynn	John Macomber	\$2,000.00
Ferry	Gianna	James A. Blair	\$2,000.00
Minda	Genna	Margaret St. Pierre	\$3,000.00
Russell	Brooke	Olde Theatre Diner	\$3,000.00
Koszela	Grace	In Honor of the members of the Class of 1968	\$3,000.00
MacPhee	Mayla	WISE Scholarship	\$3,000.00
Fennessey	Gabrielle	Megan Eddings STEM Scholarship	\$2,500.00
Larivee	Arthur	Megan Eddings STEM Scholarship	\$2,500.00
Dupre	Mackenzie	West Warwick Auto Body	\$1,000.00
Fernandez	Megan	Philip V. Casacalenda, Jr.	\$1,000.00
Lemoui	Morgan	Laura Ann Marsocci '79	\$1,000.00
Hoskens	Mia	Ardis Barbour Award Scholarship	\$3,000.00
Heredia	Sydney	Sonja M. (Murley) Jacobson Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Allen	Arden	In Honor of the Members of the Class of 1981	\$1,000.00
Petrangelo	Gabriella	In Honor of the Members of the Class of 1991	\$1,000.00
Dacey	Tara	Class of 1980 Scholarship	\$1,000.00
McAdam	Macy	Class of 2004 Scholarship	\$2,000.00
Allen	Arden	Steven D. Moore Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Charron	Miles	Francis Herbert Murray Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Votta	Christiana	Lawrence "Larry" Mello Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000.00
McGovern	Megan	Ray and Ann Byrnes Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Sarabekian	Vincenzo	Navy JROTC Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Jones	Delaney	Richard J. Ceceri, Jr. Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Anctil	Lily	Suzanne E. Iannotti Scholarship	\$1,500.00
Charron	Madelyn	Cathy Bourque Scholarship	\$1,500.00
Senesi	Maykayla	Stephen W. Bestwick Endowment Scholarship	\$5,000.00
Brosseau	Hannah	Stephen W. Bestwick Endowment Scholarship	\$5,000.00
Minda	Genna	Ernest D. DiMicco Science Award Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Blissmer	Nathan	Raymond A. Coppa Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Murphy	Timothy	Andrea M. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Jackson	Hannah	Beverly Webster Blais Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Marselek	Jack	Robin K. Papazian Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Hall	Keelyn	The Jacques Family Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000.00
O'Connell	Brennan	Philip V. Casacalenda, Jr. by the Casacalenda Family	\$1,000.00



CHSAA Funds Grants for 2025



Wobble Stools for Math



State Music Festival



Biometric Field Trip

The Coventry High School Alumni Association recently funded over \$6,116.00 in grants to faculty members at CHS in various programs. The grants are designed to stimulate career exploration and student projects that benefit students. The following CHSAA grants have been approved for 2025:

Amy Siemao	The Oaker Pantry	\$500.00
Amy Zenion	AP Literature Hamlet Field Trip	\$1,065.00
Amy Zenion	College Writing Field Trip to URI	\$400.00
Kelly Kramer	Field Trip to Biometrics Day at URI	\$450.00
Kelly Kramer	First Aid, CPR, AED Red Cross Certification	\$351.00
Rachel Rocchio	Alternative Classroom Seating	\$700.00
Anthony Ferro	Personal Finance Lab	\$1,200.00
Daniel Reynolds	CHS Band and Choral Festival	\$600.00
Nicole Richards	DECA State and National Competition	\$400.00
Michelle Luizier	Math Medic Subscription for AP Statistics/T-Shirts for Exam Day	\$450.00

Over the past several years the CHSAA, founded in 2009, has donated over \$25,000.00 in grants to Coventry High School faculty members.

COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1975 - 50th REUNION

The CHS Class of 1975 will be holding their 50th reunion on September 13, 2025, from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM at the Foster Country Club, 67 Johnson Road, Forster, RI 02925. The cost is \$75.00 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, carving station, buffet dinner and music provided by DJ Anthony Productions.

Tickets can be purchased by mailing your payment made out to CHS Class of 1975, P.O. Box 705, Coventry, RI 02916. No tickets will be mailed, your check is your receipt. Dress is casual. Facebook: Coventry RI Class of 1975. **Please reply by August 9, 2025.**

We are still missing classmates. If you know of a classmate that has not received a postcard, please share and have them contact us.

The Knotty Oak Room Scholarship Breakfast



On May 16th at 8:30 AM, a breakfast was held in the Knotty Oak Room for all the scholarship recipients, donors, and committee members. About 60 people were in attendance. The culinary students and staff did an outstanding job hosting the event. Many thanks to the manager, Lindsay Horner, and chefs Anthony Marcella, Natalie Kehlbeck, and Nicole Burlingame.

You too can experience the students' culinary skills next fall as the Knotty Oak Room is open to the public for breakfast and lunch 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM usually Tuesday to Friday. Check out what else they offer at their website: <https://sites.google.com/coventryschools.net/theknottyoakroom?pli=1>

CHSAA and PV Rotary Club Fundraiser

A joint fundraiser hosted by the CHSAA and the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club "Picnic" at The Arctic Playhouse on April 9th. The event included a light supper at 6:30 PM with the play beginning at 7:30 PM. 100 people were in attendance and all had a very enjoyable evening. Because of this event, many people were able to enjoy a social evening out while the CHSAA and the PV Rotary each earned \$1,000 while raising \$1200 for the Arctic Playhouse. Many thanks to the members of both groups for their hard work running this event.

CHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame

The CHSAA is accepting nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame. Please feel free to submit a nomination if you know of someone who exemplifies the standard of excellence that is encouraged at Coventry High School. The deadline for submission is **August 1, 2025**. Use the QR Code below or the following link:



<https://oakeralumni.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Hall-of-Fame-Nomination-Form-2024.pdf>

Rotary Peace Pole Dedicated at Coventry High School – May 28th , 2025

The Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club, working with the CHS NJROTC Unit, purchased and dedicated a peace pole at Coventry High School. Peace poles are organized by Rotary International around the world to promote peace while providing projects to improve living conditions and health throughout the world. Many individuals have been trained to promote peace in Rotary's Global Peace Centers. The project was organized by Myron Gadoury '71 working with the CHS NJROTC Unit under the direction of Chief Chad Abel.

We are hoping that this peace pole, which has inscriptions in 4 languages, will help our students recognize the importance of working for peace. Many thanks to Myron and Chief Abel and to the Pawtuxet Valley Rotarians for their work on this project.



About our Organization.....

The Coventry High School Alumni Association (CHSAA) is a nonprofit, 501-(3)(c) tax-exempt organization founded in 2009. Our mission is to: 1) provide scholarships for CHS seniors, 2) provide funds for school educational projects, and 3) recognize successful and community-minded individuals who have attended CHS, been employed at CHS, or who have been benefactors to the CHS community. Since 2011, the CHSAA has awarded \$378,000 in scholarships including \$76,000.00 for this year. Over the last six years, \$25,000.00 has been donated for school projects. Our goal is to help students identify their career pathways before leaving high school to minimize the wasting of time and money by changing colleges or majors, extending the time, and increasing the cost of college. All of the committee members are volunteers, so virtually all the money raised through fundraisers or donations goes to the students of CHS. Our website is www.oakeralumni.org and donations may be made there via credit card or by mailing a check to: CHSAA, P.O. Box 705, Coventry,

RI 02816. A number of donors have chosen to set up monthly donations of \$20.25 either by personal check, bill pay, or an ACH transfer. Some individuals have also arranged bequests to the organization to help ensure that future CHS seniors will continue to receive support through CHSAA Endowment and other investments. Please consider helping us.

A Debt of Gratitude...

Many thanks to the members of the CHSAA committee, the Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and all our generous donors. Members of the committee give generously of their time and personal resources to help make the scholarships and grants possible.

CHSAA Committee Members: Amanda Andrews '12, John Ball, Stephen Bestwick '80, Karen Shank Bookbinder '75, Jean Boucher '68, Mary Ann Cantino, Sarah Charette '95, Andy Costa '75, Karen Davie '71, Lori DiCostanzo, Ernie DiMicco '66, Kevin Dolan '80, Stacey Ferrara '83, Helen Gray '64, Carol Harrigan '78, Kevin Harrigan '75, Amanda Hebert '03, James Hopkins '58, Maureen Jendzejec '75, Jim Kuipers '85, Pat Johnson '81, Kathy Lavallee '83, Kate McCarthy-Barnett '85, Carlene Mills '75, Jo-Ann Passarelli '80, Susan Rainville '75, Diane and Robert Tremblay.