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CHSAA Presented \$93,000.00 in Scholarships for 2026

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the CHSAA was able to donate \$93,000.00 in scholarships to 57 CHS seniors which includes an \$8,000.00 match from the Coventry Teachers' Alliance Scholarship Fund. Many donations are matched by the CHSAA to make these scholarships available. To date \$472,000.00 has been donated by the CHSAA since 2011 and over \$41,000.00 has been donated for grants since 2016. Included was the Ardis Barbour Scholarship which was only an award in 2019. Since then, the scholarship has increased from \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 in 2026!

The members of the CHSAA Committee are proud of their work on behalf of the seniors at CHS. Donations can be made to CHSAA, P.O. Box 705, Coventry, RI 0186 or at our website at <https://www.oakeralumni.org>.

The list of scholarship recipients is listed below:

Last Name	First name	In Honor/Memory of
Armstrong	Torah	Class of 2004 Scholarship
Chieppa	Ashton	Maureen Pontarelli Scholarship
Vorro	Madelyn	David L. Parenteau Scholarship
Leonard	Maya	Megan Anne Alexion Mello Scholarship
Garcia	Haley	Erica Tremblay Shea Scholarship
Merritt	Samuel	Passarelli Family Scholarship
Harrington	Amelia	Barbara F. Champaign Memorial Scholarship
Quackenbush	Braelyn	Scholarship in memory of June and Domenic DiMicco
Carlow	Isabella	Scholarship in memory of Robin Lombardi Harris
Troiani	Lauren	Scholarship in memory of Steven D. Moore
Coffey	Veronica	Mary Ann Cantino Scholarship
Armstrong	Torah	Chet Kuipers Memorial Scholarship
Agin	Kadence	John Macomber Memorial Scholarship
Quackenbush	Braelyn	Scholarship in Memory of James A. Blair
Musumeci	Miranda	Margaret St. Pierre Memorial Scholarship
Jennings	Sarah	Olde Theatre Diner Scholarship
Carlow	Isabella	Scholarship in Honor of the Class of 1968 Members
Roma	Brooke	WISE Scholarship
More	Rohan	Megan Eddings STEM Scholarship
Riebe	Lila	Megan Eddings STEM Scholarship

Carnevale	Dillon	West Warwick Auto Body Scholarship
Almeida	Ethan	Philip V. Casacalenda, Jr. Scholarship
Nardolillo	Gianna	Philip V. Casacalenda, Jr. Scholarship
O'Donnell	Caroline	Laura Ann Marsocci '79 Scholarship
Pina	Ryan	Ardis Barbour Award Scholarship
Leonard	Maya	Sonja M. (Murley) Jacobson Scholarship
Hodges	Saige	Class of 1980 Scholarship
Guiot	Katherine	Scholarship In Honor of the Class of 1981 members
Greeley	Ava	In Honor of the Members of the Class of 1991
Troiani	Lauren	Steven D. Moore Scholarship
Till	Logan	Francis Herbert Murray Memorial Scholarship
Ojo	Florence	Lawrence "Larry" Mello Memorial Scholarship
Feeley	Jack	Ray and Ann Byrnes Memorial Scholarship
Szepesi	Madeline	Navy JROTC Scholarship
Chieppa	Ashton	Richard J. Ceceri, Jr. Scholarship
Mullaney	McKenna	Suzanne E. Iannotti Scholarship
Recinos	Tiffany	Cathy Bourque Scholarship
More	Rohan	Stephen W. Bestwick Endowment Scholarship
Duggan	Haley	Stephen W. Bestwick Endowment Scholarship
Borkowski	Bailey	Ernest D. DiMicco Science Award Scholarship
Alves	Aidan	Raymond A. Coppa Memorial Scholarship
Frenze	Griffin	Andrea M. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship
Peasley	Brayden	Beverly Webster Blais Memorial Scholarship
Jemo	Makenna	Robin K. Papazian Memorial Scholarship
Prout	Kyilei	The Jacques Family Memorial Scholarship
Richard	Eve	Verducci Family Scholarship
DeVerna	Brady	Kathleen M. Murray '79 Scholarship
Sullivan	Keely	Evelyn M. Inman '53 Scholarship
Lapham	Leah	Kelly Ann Nester '01 Scholarship
Garcia	Raegan	Kelly Ann Nester '01 Scholarship
Gault	Kaylee	Edith M Carson Memorial Scholarship
Cutler	Alex	Class of 1975 Scholarship
Dadekian	Brigid	Class of 1995 Scholarship
Mitchell	Emma	Class of 1966 Scholarship
Chase	Clara	Coventry High School Class of 1990 Memorial Scholarship
Garcia	Haley	June and Domenic DiMicco Memorial Scholarship
Patel	Karichna	Robin Lombardi Harris Memorial Scholarship

Note: Scholarships listed in blue are new for this year.

CHSAA Celebrates our Nation's 250th Anniversary by Marching in the Coventry Parade



Members of the CHSAA committee participated in the 250th Anniversary Parade on June 20th. The parade, which traveled from the Community Center at Paine Field, provided an opportunity for groups in our town to publicly celebrate the birth of our nation in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence proclaimed on July 4th, 1776.

Congratulations to the participants for honoring our nation in this way!

Join Us for our Funny4Funds Fundraiser in October

The CHSAA, working with the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club, will sponsor a Funny4Funds Comedy Night on October 16, 2026 at Club Jogues starting at 6 PM. Three comedians will perform while raffles will be held to support the scholarships and grants of the CHSAA and the charitable activities of the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club.

Tickets will be \$25.00 and a cash bar will be available. Tickets for the event will be available at the end of August on the CHSAA website, www.oakeralumni.org/events. Please consider coming out to support these two groups. See flyer on last page.



New Scholarship for 2027

Due to the passing of Robert K. DiMicco on May 31st, 2026, his family has decided to offer a combined scholarship in his memory and in memory of his twin sister, Robin K. Papazian, who passed away in 2024. Both were members of the class of 1975 and the combined scholarship will be named the Twins Scholarship. The amount will be \$2,000.00.

Donations to this scholarship can be made at www.oakeralumni.org/donate. Thank you to the DiMicco family for remembering Robert and Robin in this way while assisting CHS seniors with their educational expenses.

Upcoming Reunions this Fall

The classes of 1976 and 1966 will be celebrating their 50th and 60th Anniversary of graduating from CHS this fall. The class of 1976 will host its reunion at Foster Country Club on September 12, 2026 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

The class of 1966 will host its reunion on September 19th from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the East Greenwich Fireman's Club. For tickets, go to www.oakeralumni.org/events or contact Ernie DiMicco @ dimiccoed@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the members of both classes!



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 \$472,000.00 in scholarships including \$93,000.00 for this year. Over the last seven years, over \$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 for 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, Stephen Bestwick '80, Karen Shank Bookbinder '75, Allyson Corriveau '84, 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 Di Franco '03, James Hopkins '58, Maureen Jendzejec '75, Jim Kuipers '85, Pat Johnson '81, Kathy Lavallee '83, Jennifer Lemoi '90, Kate McCarthy-Barnett '85, Carlene Mills '75, Kristen Osberg '90, Susan Rainville '75, Diane and Robert Tremblay.





October 16, 2026

Club Jogues

184 Boston Street, Coventry, RI 02816

**Join Us for an Evening
Of Comedy to Support**

**Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club and
Coventry High School Alumni Association**

**Ticket Price \$25 per person
Purchase at:**

<http://www.oakeralumni.org/events>

Bring Your Own Snacks or...

Bake Sale Table Available

CASH BAR!!!

Raffle Baskets and a 50/50 drawing
