

The 2008 S.I.F. National Leadership Grant Recipients



CHRISTOPHER PALLAS

The Joseph L. Bracone Memorial Scholarship

HOMETOWN: GLASTONBURY, CT

SCHOOL: LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

- National Merit Scholar
- Was a campus minister and served in Peace Corps (Togo, West Africa)
- Earned BA (with Honors) at Grinnell College (Iowa) with major in religious studies
- Earned M.Sc. in public policy at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland
- Enrolled in doctoral program at the London School of Economics



ANNA MANGIARDI-OXBROW

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ROME SCHOLARSHIP

HOMETOWN: SCHROON LAKE, NY

SCHOOL: AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ROME

- Majoring in communications in the visual media and minoring in international relations
- Member of American University of Rome student government
- Fund-raises for Reach Out Club, dedicated to helping less fortunate
- Amateur photographer and singer



JEROME MICHAEL TULLO

Henry F. Salvatori Memorial Scholarship

HOMETOWN: STATEN ISLAND, NY

SCHOOL: HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA

- National Merit Scholarship finalist and an AP Scholar
- Qualified to compete in the 2008 USA Olympic trials for sailing
- Winner of scholastic Awards for creative writing and art work
- Raised over \$3,000.00 for the Casa Limiar Brazilian orphanage



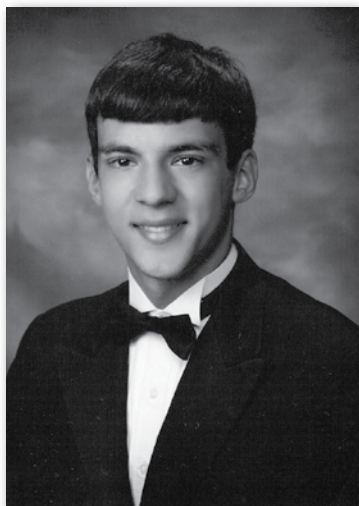
ANTHONY FEDERICO CERRONE

Joseph & Elham Cicippio Scholarship

HOMETOWN: SUMMIT, NJ

SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, WHARTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, PHILADELPHIA, PA

- Senior Class President
- Member of the Advisory Board and School Club Coordinator for "Operation Smile"
- Founder of the Delbarton School GREEN WAVE GREEN environmental club
- Member of the Varsity Soccer Team



BENJAMIN T. DE MARCO

The Frank D. Privitera Family Scholarship

HOMETOWN: MARION, SC

SCHOOL: DUKE UNIVERSITY, DURHAM, NC

- Valedictorian Class of 2008 Marion High School
- National Merit Scholarship Commended Student
- Received the Benjamin N. Duke Scholarship for leadership & service
- Captain of Varsity Soccer and Cross-Country teams



MARIA FAILLA

The Sons of Italy Foundation Italian Language Scholarship

HOMETOWN: SCARSDALE, NY

SCHOOL: RICE UNIVERSITY, HOUSTON, TX

- Recipient of the Bel Canto Performance Award from the Bel Canto Institute in Florence, Italy
- Top ten finalist in the Classical Singer Magazine National High School Voice Competition
- Taken Master Classes with Mirella Freni in Rome, Italy and Simon Estes at the Tanglewood Institute in Lenox, MA
- Sings the National Anthem at every Rice University home baseball game

DAVID JOSEPH FINOCCHIARO

Global Experiences Italian Language and Intern Scholarship

HOMETOWN: ATHENS, GA
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF
GEORGIA, ATHENS, GA

- Dual major in Finance and International Affairs
- Dean's list for three semesters
- Roosevelt Society member at UG
- Finance Society member UG



STEPHANIE KOTHEN

Sorrento Lingue Study Abroad Scholarship

HOMETOWN: TONAWANDA, NY

SCHOOL: BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE, BUFFALO, NY

- Segment Producer for the PBS program "Our Town" done on hometown of Tonawanda, NY
- Amateur radio operator since 2003
- Assist Communications Director for WNYMBA (Western NY Mountain Bike Assoc.)
- Concert clarinetist



PAUL JOSEPH MARANO

2008 NELA & Joseph Plumeri Scholarship

HOMETOWN: DIX HILLS, NY

SCHOOL: DUKE UNIVERSITY, DURHAM, NC

- Graduating First in class at Commack High School with a GPA of 105.09
- Perfect score of 2400 on the SAT examination
- International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate
- National Honor Society President



MICHAEL ANTHONY BAUMER

The Sons of Italy Foundation Scholarship

HOMETOWN: BELLEVILLE, IL

SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, IL

- Placed 2nd in the National American Assoc. of Physics Teachers annual Physics Bowl
- Eagle Scout and avid backpacker
- Volunteers weekly at Karen House, a women and children's shelter and coordinates an ESL program at St. Cecelia's Catholic Elementary School
- In Jan. 2008, volunteered at a nutrition center for malnourished children in Yoro, Honduras



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Buona Fortuna!*