

# From the community: BEWSF Continues Scholarship Tradition in Elmhurst



Tracey Degnan (BEWSF Exec. Administrator) presenting to recipient, Catherine "Rosie" Morisette-Moll at York High School's scholarship night. (Posted by peterzamar, Community Contributor)

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**T**he BEWSF (Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund) is in its 5th annual year of awarding monetary aid to emerging young leaders in Elmhurst. The BEWSF's mission is to encourage high school students to serve as leaders in their community by exercising sound judgment and committing themselves to volunteer programs that make a positive impact in their lives and the lives of others. Brian Edwin Wagner's untimely passing in 1993 at the age of 16 was the inspiration behind the organization. His story and commitment to excellence is remembered in the lives of the deserving recipients who have diligently served and represented Elmhurst during their high school experience. The 2015-2016 recipients have been definitive examples of: perseverance, reliability and compassion.

BEWSF Exec Administrator, Tracey Degnan proudly awarded the scholarship to Rosie Moll at York High School's academic awards night. Upon receiving the award Rosie said, "This scholarship is a blessing to me and my family. I intend to continue serving my community through volunteerism while I'm at Flagler College in St.

Augustine, Florida. I will major in business administration and minor in marketing".

At Immaculate Conception High School, BEWSF Directors, Dan Gibbons and Brian Doherty granted scholarships to Clare Ryan and Claudia Koch. Clare stated "I am extremely humbled to be a recipient. Brian was known for good deeds during his life. Likewise, I know the importance of giving back to others. I will participate in campus ministry at the University of Dayton, where I'll be majoring in marketing". Claudia added, "I will be attending the University of Wisconsin, and I am so grateful that the BEW scholarship will help me further my education. My studies will be directed towards a pre-med track and I will be a member of the UW-Madison Dance Team next year!"

Daniel Doherty from Fenwick was recognized at a scholarship assembly attended by the student body of his high school. He expressed, "This is an opportunity to receive a college education which will allow me to plan my future and to major in computer science after attending College Of DuPage. It is an honor to be attached to Brian Wagner's name through this award".

The BEWSF thanks their volunteers and supporters for devoting their time and generosity to building Brian's legacy through this scholarship program. They are proud to endow gifted young leaders who resonate Brian Edwin Wagner's: resilience, fortitude and determination.

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