

BEWSF Scholarships awarded to four emerging student leaders

The Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund (BEWSF) has awarded scholarships to seniors from four different Elmhurst-area high schools: Fenwick, ICCP, Timothy Christian and York.

The foundation's annual tradition grants college funding to exemplary students who have pro-actively served their community through dedicated volunteer service. The BEWSF's mission aims to encourage high school students to serve as leaders by exercising sound judgment and making a positive impact in their lives and the lives of others. Brian Edwin Wagner, who tragically passed away in 1993 at the age of 16, dedicated much of his life assisting his peers and neighbors. Brian's legacy is commemorated by this scholarship program.

was accepted to the University of Kentucky with plans to major in Special Education. He shared his thoughts about earning the scholarship thusly: "It is a great honor and privilege to receive the Brian Wagner Scholarship. I see many similarities between myself and him. We are both leaders in the classroom and in sports. I will continue to honor his legacy and make a positive influence on others through volunteer opportunities while in college. I will also continue my leadership while playing collegiate hockey."

Rachel Stoll

Timothy Christian High School student Rachel Stoll plans to major in nursing at Calvin College, where she will attend next year. She also plans to participate in intramurals, the student activities committee and the art collaborative group. Rachel talked about receiving the BEWSF scholarship award.

"It's hard to put into words how grateful and blessed I feel to have received this scholarship in the name of someone who emulated hard work and leadership in such a strong way.

I hope to maintain Brian's legacy of shining a light of positivity and encouragement."

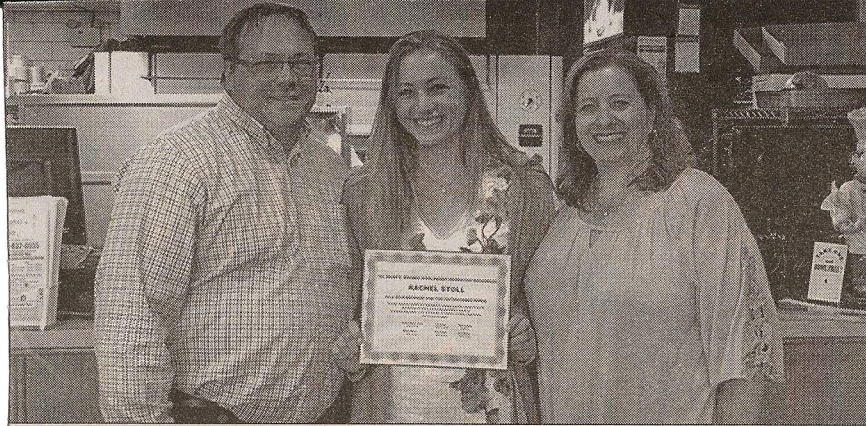
Eileen King

York student Eileen King, another BEWSF scholarship recipient, has enrolled at Marquette University and will likely declare her major in broadcasting or journalism.

She summed up her thoughts about receiving the scholarship in this way: "I am so honored to receive this award. The BEWSF's mission really resonates with me and

will allow me to carry out Brian's legacy into future endeavors. Being a well-rounded person who lives in the moment can be hard to do sometimes, but this award will remind me to stay grounded and live life to the fullest."

The BEWSF expresses their deepest gratitude to all those that have contributed to the success of Brian's foundation and encourages all to visit the website to learn more about upcoming events, donating to the cause and applying for the next scholarship award at brianewagnerfund.org.



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TCHS student receives scholarship

Rachel Stoll, a student at Timothy Christina High School, received a scholarship from the Brian E. Wagner Scholarship Fund. Rachel is pictured here with her parents at Mama Maria's Restaurant in downtown Elmhurst. "I hope to maintain Brian's legacy of shining a light of positivity and encouragement," Rachel said about receiving the award.



Student from ICCP earns scholarship

ICCP student Michael Liszka (center) received a BEWSF Scholarship. He is pictured here with his parents as well as Board member Barbara Wagner-Lackey (2nd from left) and Pete Zama (far right). "I will continue to honor [Brian's] legacy and make a positive influence on others through volunteer opportunities while in college," Liszka commented about the scholarship.