Class of 2019
Senior Awards

May 22, 2019
Scholarships

Major Michael Donnelly ’77 Falcon’s Cry Scholarship Established in loving memory of Major Michael Donnelly, ’77, who served his country in the Gulf War, this award is presented to deserving seniors who are varsity athletes. (Presented by Dominic Fulco, Class of 1977)

This year’s recipients are: Zachary Daigle and Alexandra Vitarelli

The East Hartford Lions Club Scholarship Is awarded to an East Hartford Resident who participated in Community Service. (Presented by Ed Fenton)

This year’s recipient is: Michelle Dinh

ECHS Parents’ Association Scholarship Is awarded in recognition of a senior who has gone above and beyond in volunteering and who has “answered the call” when extra help was needed around East. (Presented by Esther Jeffrey)

This year’s recipients are: Matthew Byam and Alexia Weir

The Oldakowski-Powell Memorial Award The recipient must be a graduating senior who has demonstrated high academic achievement for all four years and has been involved in Stage East for a minimum of 3 years. The recipient must have shown dedicated participation in the fall dramatic production. (Presented by Donna Powell)

This year’s recipient is: Kaitlin Brosnan

The Benny Pagani Memorial Award Is presented to a male and female graduating senior who have been involved in community service and athletics at the school. (Presented by Steve Crispino and Jon Dahlquist)

This year’s recipients are: Sophia Malenfant and Cody Terra

The Robert Lessard ’74 Memorial Award Robert Lessard was a member of the Boys Soccer Team while at East Catholic. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving member of the Boys Soccer or Ice Hockey Team.

This year’s recipient is: Kyle Darby

The Barbara Banville Memorial Award presented by the Science Department in memory of Barbara Banville’s contribution to the ECHS community. This award is presented to a student who excels in both Chemistry and Physics.

This year’s recipient is: Berk Dayanir
The Kelly Ann Daries “Spirit” Award is presented annually to the senior girl who best demonstrates the outstanding “Spirit” exhibited by Kelly Ann in her year at East Catholic 1976-1977. Kelly Ann was awarded the first “Letter E” ever presented to an East Catholic student for her outstanding contributions to school life. The award is made possible by Kathleen and Neal Daries in loving memory of their niece.

This year’s recipient is: Paige Plucker

The Phyllis Lewis Memorial Scholarship Phyllis Lewis was a math teacher, department chair, and vice principal at East Catholic. This award is presented in her memory to a graduating senior who is in good academic standing and is considering a career in education.

This year’s recipient is: Macy Wilcox

The Reverend T. Goode Memorial Scholarship was established in memory Rev. Goode who was a strong advocate of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Hartford, and is awarded to four students who have excelled in a particular area of the East Catholic experience.

This year's recipients are: Academics: Berk Dayanir  
Fine Arts: Nguyen “Johnny” Chu  
Athletics: Samuel Walch  
Community Service: Tess Penders

The Kevin Hurst ’78 Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating male senior who is a practicing Catholic and interested in sports, and who resides in either Andover, Bolton, Columbia, Coventry, Glastonbury, Hebron, Marlborough, Tolland or Vernon.

This year’s recipient is: Brandon Ello

The Quentin Hagadorn Memorial Trust Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors in financial need with a good academic standing.

This year’s recipients are: Jessica Datta – Rensselaer Polytech Institute  
Jack MacDonald – University of Hartford  
Darby Sweeney – Quinnipiac University  
Taylor Talavera – University of Saint Joseph

The Hartford Foundation Scholarship Program – Charles, Sophie, and Helen Fine Family Fund

This year’s recipients are: Alexander Malanfant, Sophia Malanfant and Alexandra Russell

The Hartford Foundation Scholarship Program – Robert B and Francine L. Goldfarb Family Scholarship Fund, and W. Philip Braender and Nancy Coleman Braender Scholarship Fund

This year’s recipient is: Alanna Torres-LaBoy

The Phyllis K. and Roy R. Cordner Scholarship is awarded annual to a few deserving seniors.

This year’s recipients are: Danielle Burns, Nicole DiBenedetto, Olivia Fiori and Alanna Torres-LaBoy
Michaels Jewelers of Manchester annually awards watches to two seniors who are fine students and give service to school and community.

This year’s recipients are: **Riley Batman and Steven Chen**

**Activity Awards**

**Senior Peer Ministers and STRETCH Awards**

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**Art and Music Awards**

**The DuBaldo Music Award** is presented to a student who has shown excellence and dedication to the music program throughout their years at East Catholic and plans to major or minor in music or music education.

This year’s recipient is: **Anya Kriak**

**Tri-M Awards:** The Tri-M Music Honor Society is a program of the National Association for Music Education, which focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy. Tri-M, which stands for Modern Music Masters, is the only music honor society for high school students in the country. It recognizes students that have gone above and beyond both academically and musically. Tri-M also provides students leadership opportunities to make a difference in their community through music-based service projects.

This year’s senior Tri-M members are:

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<th>Kaitlin Brosnan</th>
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Scholar/Artist Awards:
This year’s recipients are: **Music**: Victoria Zacharski
**Art**: Angel Gong

**National Art Honor Society**:
- Caitlyn Brady
- Danielle Burns
- Cathy Chen
- Johnny Chu
- Michelle Dinh
- Angel Gong
- Sumin Jeong
- Clara Marler
- Amelia Martin
- Alivia Mountford
- Jill Mountford
- Laura Mund

**Yearbook Award**: Nicole DiBenedetto

**National Honor Society**
- **Leadership**: Paige Plucker, Justine Canna, Bailey DiBella, Jillian Mountford
- **Service and Character**: Isabella Amata, Laura Mund, Christopher Ragazzi, Carolyn Schwendy

**Athletic Awards**

**Four Year Athletic Awards**:
- Emilio Acosta
- Izzy Amata
- Justin Bailey
- Olivia Barrett
- Riley Batman
- Matthew Berquist
- Madison
- Blazejowski
- Molly Brown
- Matthew Byam
- Vincent
- Caccavale
- Justine Canna
- Steven Chen
- Erin Cullinane
- Caleb Daly
- Kyle Darby
- Nicole
- DiBenedetto
- Anna DiNino
- Allison DiPrato
- Joshua Duvall
- Harrison Eklund
- Brandon Ello
- Meghan Faulkner
- Sean Fellows
- Olivia Fiori
- Emily Fritsch
- Audrey Gervais
- Austin Graves
- Mimi Griffin
- Kayley Hallisey
- Christina Helin
- Kylie Heneghan
- Colin Luca
- David Lundy
- Liz Machon
- Alex Malenfant
- Sophia Malenfant
- Jacob Marselli
- Amelia Martin
- Julia Morin
- Alivia Mountford
- Jill Mountford
- Anthony
- Mozzicato
- Sam Nadeau
- Heath Olivieri
- Tess Penders
- Sarah Phelan
- Logan Reynolds
- Alex Russell
- Lily Ryan
- Ayla Skoly
- Cody Terra
- Ben Thompson
- Brendan Truman
- Noah Vail
- Rebecca
- Villanueva
- Sam Walch
- Lexi Weir
- Macy Wilcox
- EJ Wilson
- Kelly Wilson

**CIAC Award of Excellence**: For exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity

This year’s recipients are: **Matthew Byam and Macy Wilcox**

**CIAC Scholar Athletes**:

This year’s recipients are: **Meghan Faulkner and Joey Reilly**