

Press Release

Herb Stern Longport Scholarship Fund Announces 2023 Awardees

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The Herb Stern Longport Scholarship Fund announces that it has chosen awardees for 2023. A total of \$26,500 has been awarded to 17 Longport students who will be attending college or are in college or graduate school now. The total is the largest number of students and the largest amount awarded in the Fund's 13 years of operation. Students are selected by the Board of Directors from applications that highlight academic achievement, extracurricular activities, work record, community volunteering, and need. The awards will go toward tuition for the 2023 Fall semester. Award winners will be publicly presented at the June 7 Longport Commission meeting.

The recipients in 2023 are as follows:

Jackson Agnellini – will graduate from Ocean City High School with Distinguished Honors, four years on varsity swim team and lacrosse, and worked as a lifeguard. He has not yet decided on a college. He plans to study finance and real estate.

Pacifico Agnellini – attends the University of South Carolina studying finance and real estate, with a minor in sports and entertainment management. He has worked as a Margate lifeguard and started his own home service business.

Jeremy Albergo – is a Rutgers University student studying political science and criminal justice and is interested in working in law or law enforcement. He has worked in local retail, and has participated in debate club, Model U.N., and sailing. He has worked as a lifeguard and volunteer.

Patrick Armstrong – will attend the University of Alabama and study business. He is a South Jersey Title Swim Champion and won the 2022 Around the Island Swim. He's been a volunteer junior member of the Longport Fire Department, and has worked as a lifeguard and at local restaurants.

Joe DeGaetano – will attend Rollins College in Florida and take courses in finance and real estate. He played varsity basketball and lacrosse and has been a volunteer, and worked as a lifeguard.

Eva Engel – attends the University of Tampa pursuing a career as an interior designer. She will work in an art apprenticeship this summer. She has volunteered for several non-profits in the US, Costa Rica, and Peru.

Sophia Gresham – attends Rowan University and looks forward to teaching health and physical education. She participates in Rowan's track and field teams, and has been a camp counselor and coach.

Jonah Hammerstedt – will attend medical school at Thomas Jefferson University. He studied biology at the University of Delaware. He has volunteered and has worked in various jobs including lab research.

Luke Kramer – attends Boston University and is studying health science and plans to work in the health care field. He competes in track, and has worked as a lifeguard and as a volunteer at the Shore Medical Center.

Alanna Larson – is completing her second year at Widener Law School, with an interest in intellectual property law. She has worked in law offices and as a judicial intern and has worked at local restaurants and local charities.

Tyler Lawler – attends the University of South Carolina, taking business and finance courses. He participated in lacrosse, soccer, and surfing, and has volunteered for several causes.

Jack Schiavo – will graduate from Ocean City High School and likely attend Seton Hall or St. Joseph's University with a focus on international relations and diplomacy. He is a National Honor Society member and has participated in cross country, basketball, tennis, soccer, and swimming.

Tai Schiavo – studies at the Berklee College of Music studying film, music, composition, and film scoring. He has extensive experience as a musician and has received numerous music awards, and has taught piano.

Birdie Stewart – is a student at the College of Charleston and is studying business and computer science. She has participated in cross country, track, and tennis, and has worked in recreation and counseling.

Kai Tripician – is a student at Wesleyan University. He is taking a range of liberal arts classes and has crafted a major in Ecosystems and Human Impact. He teaches sign language, is a bird club president, a Margate Arts Center volunteer, and middle school tutor.

Kallan Tripician – will attend Wesleyan University in the Fall and will take classes in a variety of areas including biology, computer science and environmental studies. She was a NJ Junior Gym Champion, President of the Math Club and Academic Club, and has worked as a gym coach and volunteer.

Nicholas Volpe – attends the University of South Carolina. He is majoring in biology and plans to become a medical doctor. He's been active in lacrosse, soccer, class council, and pre-med groups. He has worked in local restaurants and as a surfing instructor.

Applications for scholarships from the Fund are open to Longport resident students graduating high school or currently in college or graduate school. This is the Fund's 13th year of operation. The Fund has continued to grow over the years and has thus far awarded a total of over \$175,000.

Contributions to the Fund may be made at any time through its website, [www.longportscholarshipfund.com](http://www.longportscholarshipfund.com) or by check payable to the Longport Scholarship Fund sent c/o Lynn Baumgardner, Treasurer, Longport Scholarship Fund, 3210 Atlantic Avenue, Longport, NJ 08403.