

Westchester County Baseball Umpires Association Inc.

For Immediate Release: WCBUA Announces 2020 Scholarship Winners

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The Westchester County Baseball Umpires Association (WCBUA) is proud to announce the winners of the two scholarships the association annually awards. As we all know the 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our student/athletes were unable to compete on the field. The WCBUA the organization that has been responsible for officiating high school baseball in Westchester and Putnam counties for over 70 years felt it was our responsibility to recognize two young men and award these scholarships.

The Helen Crossin-Kittle Scholarship is named in the memory of Mrs. Crossin-Kittle the daughter-in-law of former longtime member Dick Kittle. Mrs. Crossin-Kittle died on September 11th, 2001 in the attacks at the World Trade Center. This scholarship has been awarded annually by the WCBUA to a son/daughter, grandchild of a WCBUA member. This scholarship is totally funded by the WCBUA membership. The 2020 Helen Crossin-Kittle Scholarship award winner is Hendrick Hudson H.S. Senior Michael Greiner. Michael is the son of WCBUA member Dave Greiner. Michael will be attending SUNY @ Cortland this coming fall. Michael was awarded the scholarship based upon his academic standing his participation in extra-curricular activities and the submission of an essay “Why I Would Like to Further my Education”



The Phillip J. DiRuocco Scholarship is being awarded by the WCBUA for the 1st time in 2020. The scholarship is named in honor of Phil DiRuocco. Phil retired from umpiring in 2018 after 50 years of service to the WCBUA. Phil also was the longtime baseball coach at Irvington H.S. winning three Section One Championships, while also serving as Irvington’s

Athletic Director. From 1995 until his retirement in 2018 Phil served as the Co-Chairman of the Section One Baseball Committee. It for these reasons and so many more the that the WCBUA felt it appropriate and necessary to honor Phil with a scholarship given in this name.

The Phillip J. DiRuocco Scholarship shall be given annually to a graduating senior baseball player from any school that is in the Westchester/Putnam coverage area of the WCBUA. Applications are submitted by the coaches and a selection committee will chose a winner based on the following: Baseball experience. How would you liked to be remembered by your teammates? What about baseball do you love the most? And of course, academic standing.

The WCBUA is proud to announce that the winner of the inaugural Phillip J. DiRuocco Scholarship is Lakeland H.S. senior Evan Berta. Evan has been a two time All Section performer for the Hornets. Evan will continue his baseball career at Fairfield University.



The WCBUA Executive Board and all its members would like to congratulate Michael and Evan and wish them the greatest of success as the enter the next chapter of their academic careers.