

BRIAN LAVIOLETTE FOUNDATION

# "I PROMISE, IN YOUR NAME AND MEMORY WE ALL WILL ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS." Darrel Burnett 8-17-92

On January 23, 2011 my big brother, Brian, would have turned 34. Yet I still remember him as a 15-year-old, the age in which his life was claimed in a swimming accident. His boyish good looks and his wide-eyed plans for making a difference in the world will never change in my mind or in the minds of those who knew him.



BRIAN LAVIOLETT

Since 1992, the year of Brian's death, we've been working to ensure his plans for making a difference are carried on. Thanks to the support from our family, friends, the community and many others throughout the nation, we've been able to embrace his dream of inspiring others.

The Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation has awarded over 450 scholarships in its first 18+ years of existence. The Scholarship of Honor program was established in the fall of 2003 to pay tribute to those who received our nation's highest award for valor, the Medal of Honor.

When we began to hear about the sons, daughters, brothers and sisters from our community who died in the War on Terror, we wanted to honor and remember them by offering scholarships in their names as well. With the financial support of so many, the Scholarship of Honor also pays tribute to the fallen service members' family—a grieving family looking for purpose, friends looking to remember and a grateful nation looking to honor.

The Scholarship of Honor is an award to recognize those with plans to enlist in the military or pursue a career in public safety or community service. These noble fields include law enforcement, police science, fire safety, EMT services, nursing, teaching and ministry. The program has allowed our message to touch the lives of many around the world. Scholarships are now awarded in a nationwide effort from Gettysburg to Honolulu, as well as two foreign countries.

Growing up, my big brother looked after me. Now, by watching over what Brian essentially started, I am able to return his love with my role as Executive Director of his Foundation. I've discovered Brian is much like the young military men and women we are honoring—all of them were ambitious and dedicated to helping others. Through the Scholarship of Honor, their spirits can live on through those who follow in their footsteps.



SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR™ BRIAN LAVIOLETTE FOUNDATION

## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

OVER 5,800 OF OUR NATION'S FINEST MEN AND WOMEN HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE sacrifice in the War on Terror. One of our goals is to honor and to remember these Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Guardsmen and Marines by recognizing our servicemen and women of the future. Thanks to the generous financial support from around the nation, these endowed scholarships will live forever in memory of these heroic individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

## SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR MISSION

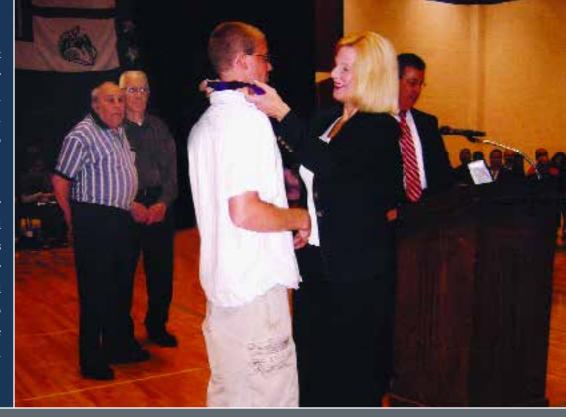
To honor, to remember, those who serve, while recognizing dedication, community service and selflessness in those who follow in their footsteps.

### RECOGNIZING COURAGE AND COMMITMENT



A LETTER ARRIVED FROM WEST POINT THE week of Brian's funeral inviting him to apply to the academy. He never had a chance to open the letter that was sent by the office of Medal of Honor Recipient, Lieutenant General Robert Foley, who was Commandant of West Point at the time. Now more than a decade and a half later, an award has been established at the Academy in General Foley's name. Through the Scholarship of Honor, many others have the chance to make a difference and follow the West Point creed of Duty, Honor, Country.

Karen Smith presents Eric Voight with the Scholarship of Honor medal at Menasha High School on May 30, 2006 as Guy Smith delivers the proclamation. Also honored were Karen's father, Elmer Martell (background right) and one of his best friends, Edgar Spielbauer (left). Both are World War II veterans and 1941 graduates of Menasha High School. Elmer served as a member of the 82nd Airborne and was one of only two crew members to survive the D-Day invasion. Edgar fought in the historic Battle of the Bulge.



Through the generosity of Guy and Karen Smith, the Scholarship of Honor at Menasha High School will carry on for generations to come.

#### HONORING PAST HEROES BY RECOGNIZING THOSE OF THE FUTURE

From generation to generation patriotism has transcended politics. Tens of millions of brave young men and women have served our country with honor. Hundreds of thousands have paid the ultimate sacrifice. And who are they? They come from different generations. They come from different backgrounds but, ultimately, they come together as our country's greatest heroes.

#### THE CREATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR

As proud Americans we find ways to honor those who have given so much for our country. We salute their efforts, we fly the stars and stripes, and we look for ways to instill in others the pride and determination that we find in those who have given so much of themselves for others.

The Scholarship of Honor recognizes a graduating high school senior with plans to enlist in the military or pursue a career in public safety or community service. The award is in honor of the service and selfless sacrifice of our past and present military heroes.

The program was unveiled in the Spring of 2004 at Menasha High School in Menasha, Wisconsin. It is one of the few high schools in the United States proud to recognize two Medal of Honor Recipients who both began their educational and inspirational journeys there. These Medal of Honor Recipients, Ken Stumpf and Elmer Burr, inspired the Foundation to create a special Scholarship of Honor medal, which is presented along with each scholarship award.



### BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

#### THE MEDAL OF HONOR

In 1863, the same year as the Battle of Gettysburg was being fought, President Abraham Lincoln authorized the first Medal of Honor to be presented. This award distinguishes personal bravery and self-sacrifice for honor and love of country. Of the more than 50 million Americans who have served our country in uniform, fewer than 3,500 have been awarded the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for Valor. Today, there are fewer than 100 of these great men living.

#### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS HONORED WITH NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS



Army Sgt. Major Ken Stumpf Menasha High School, Menasha, Wisconsin.



Army First Sgt. Elmer Burr Menasha High School, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Photo: U.S. Arm

The Scholarship of Honor at Menasha High School honors both recipients. Endowment Sponsor: Guy J. Smith, Suburban Electrical Engineers/Contractors, Inc.



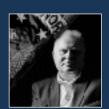
Army Sgt. Mike Colalillo Denfeld High School, Duluth, Minnesota. Endowment Sponsor: Guy J. and Karen Smith



Army Lt. General Robert Foley
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York.
Endowment Sponsor:
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Navy Pilot Thomas J. Hudner EAA's Air Academy, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Endowment Sponsor: Brian LaViolette Foundation

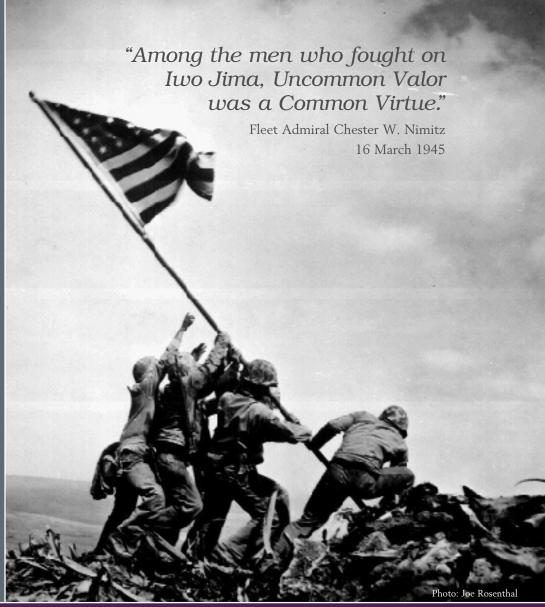


Army Private First
Class Len Keller
Guilford High School,
Rockford, Illinois.
To be first presented in 2010.

Photos: Nick DelCalzo

# THE FLAG RAISING ATOP MOUNT SURIBACHI. IWO JIMA, JAPAN, FEBRUARY 23, 1945.

The flag raising over Iwo Jima has inspired our nation for generations. John Bradley received the Navy Cross for his valor and bravery while saving lives on Iwo Jima. His modesty kept the honor a secret from his entire family until after his death in 1994. Now John Bradley's courage and his bravery as a Navy Corpsman will live on through the Scholarship of Honor at his alma mater, Wisconsin's Appleton West High School.



#### HONORING OUR FALLEN



James McEachin, author, actor, and decorated combat veteran, remembers those who paid the ultimate sacrifice at the Gettysburg National Cemetery—Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, August 2008.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR

#### HOW IS PERMISSION GRANTED TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP?

The Medal of Honor Recipient or the immediate family of the fallen service member allows the foundation to establish a scholarship. The sponsors and the school are approached only after permission has been given.

#### WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS?

Applications are accepted at the high school where the scholarship is established or nominated by the faculty of a military academy. Interested students must complete a three-page application and 500-word essay. Applications are due on or before April 15th of each year. Typically, the award is presented during the graduation season, between May 15th and June 5th.

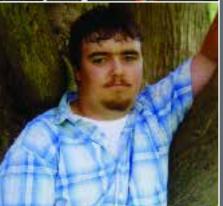
#### HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

In most cases, the family, the endowment sponsor and/or the school faculty are part of the selection process. After reviewing the applications and sometimes interviewing the applicant, a final decision is made by the committee.

#### THE DREAM LIVES ON

Army Spc. 4 Nichole Frye was Northeastern Wisconsin's first casualty of the War on Terror. The scholarship at Lena High School honors this brave, young woman who was killed while delivering books and supplies to school children in Baqubah, Iraq. Nichole dreamed of a career in criminal justice and fire safety when she returned from Iraq. Her sacrifice and dreams of making the world a safer place inspired us to include community service in our Scholarship of Honor mission.





Carrying on a family tradition...Bill Frye (below) received the 5th annual Nichole Frye Scholarship of Honor in May 2008.

"I would like to say it was the biggest honor being chosen for my sister's scholarship. I intend to keep her dream alive till the day I die. I can't thank you enough."



### HONORING MANY ACROSS THIS GREAT LAND

United States Marine Corps Captain Tony Mitchell presents a framed Scholarship of Honor Medal and Gold Star Flag to the family of Brent Vroman. The scholarship in honor of Brent has been established at his alma mater, Omro High School in Oshkosh, WI.

#### What are the scholarship recipients awarded?

The recipients receive a one-time gift of \$500 to \$2,000 at the time of graduation. The dollar amount can vary depending on the amount of the endowment and the sponsor's wishes. In addition, recipients are also presented the Scholarship of Honor Medal.

## IF AN INDIVIDUAL ENLISTS IN THE MILITARY, WHY DO THEY NEED A MONETARY AWARD?

The Scholarship of Honor is more than a financial award. It is presented to reward the recipient's commitment to his or her community and country, as well as a way of saying thank you for their choice to serve and sacrifice. The money may be used to cover their expenses before or during their military appointment.

### SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR MEDAL

Inspired by the Medal of Honor, The Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation created a special medal featuring symbolic elements of service, education and inspiration. The Scholarship of Honor Medal is presented to the recipient which hangs from a purple ribbon, signifying sacrifice.

Symbolism of Scholarship of Honor Medal

- PURPLE RIBBON

   is symbolic of the
   Purple Heart Medal

   and indicates sacrifice
- FIVE STARS
   represent the five
   branches of our
   Armed Forces
- EAGLE represents the U.S.A. and the freedom we enjoy
- SHIELD represents strength and protection
- ARROWS symbolize strength
- OLIVE BRANCH symbolizes peace
- OPEN BOOK symbolizes continuing knowledge
- THE POLISHED HIGHLIGHTS symbolize the shining example set by these servicemen and women and our promise to never tarnish their memory
- REVERSE SIDE is engraved with details about those who have served and are being honored with this award. Those details are surrounded by a wreath symbolizing honor and achievement

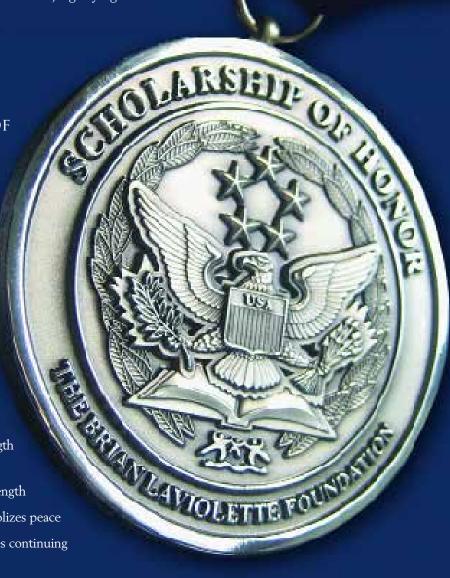


Photo: Kim Klein

## WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR AWARD CEREMONY? WHO IS INVOLVED?

The majority of presentations involve the family of the fallen serviceman or woman, which often includes the mother, father, brothers, sisters, spouses, children and other relatives. The award's endowment sponsor also has the privilege to be involved in the presentation. If the sponsor is not in attendance, they will be mentioned and thanked for their contribution.

During the first year of the Scholarship of Honor ceremony, a military honor guard is invited to present a framed Scholarship of Honor Medal to the family and endowment sponsor. In most cases, the honor guard will also assist in the presentation of a Gold Star Flag. When possible, a Medal of Honor Recipient presents the first Scholarship of Honor Medal.



#### FRAMED SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR MEDAL

The family receives a framed Scholarship of Honor Medal in memory of their loved one who has made the ultimate sacrifice. The endowment sponsor receives a framed medal with photos of the service member being honored.

#### FRAMED GOLD STAR FLAG

When the first Scholarship of Honor is awarded, a framed Gold Star Flag is presented to the parents, spouse or children of the fallen honoree. The Gold Star Flag, a tradition which began in 1918, during WWI, represents the ultimate sacrifice their families have made on behalf of our freedom.

### Receiving the Gold star flag

This tribute to the Jerabek family in honor of their son and brother, Ryan, was held at Celebration Church/Bayside in Green Bay and led by Matt Perkins in June 2004.
Ryan's Mom, Rita Jerabek holds the frame and his brother Nick looks on. The Ryan Jerabek Scholarship of Honor was established at Pulaski High School. Nick has followed in his brother's footsteps and has become a United States Marine.





## FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Photo: Judy DeHaas, Rocky Mountain News

United States Marine Colonel Steve Beck presents Jimmy Cathey with the Scholarship of Honor medal in honor of his Dad, USMC 2nd Lt. James Cathey. Lt. Cathey was killed by a bomb while conducting combat operations in Al Karmah, Iraq on August 21, 2005.

The inscription to little Jimmy on the back of the medal, in honor of his father, reads: Your selfless service, heroic deeds and love for your Marines will never be forgotten. From this day forward, the manner by which you lived your life, with enthusiasm, with vigor, and with an energy rarely witnessed, will forever stand as an inspiration to those who take on the noble challenge of serving their fellow man.

"Happy 1st Birthday Jimmy, your daddy is watching over you."

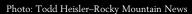
22 December 2006 Reno, Nevada



USMC 2nd Lt. James Cathey







## HOW ARE THE SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDED?

It is the Brian LaViolette Foundation's goal to maintain a minimum of \$15,000 in long-term endowment capital held in a trust for each Scholarship of Honor established. This amount will support an annual scholarship award of \$750.

Major individual sponsors or communitywide fundraising efforts support the Scholarship of Honor. Payment to an endowment can be made over a two-year period. When fully endowed, the award will be presented annually.

In communities where scholarships are established, local banks are often the central receiving point for community donations. They can act as organizers of the endowment efforts before transferring the funds to the Nicolet National Bank trust department in Green Bay and Marinette, Wisconsin.

The Weyers Family Foundation of Green Bay, Wisconsin generously provided a special grant to assist in establishing the first 20 Scholarship of Honor awards. The Weyers Family Foundation also contributes \$4000 annually to cover costs related to the awarding of those 20 scholarships. Their generosity ensures that 100% of scholarship funds are awarded to deserving students on an annual basis. The Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation receives no administrative fees for maintaining this program.

## WHO MANAGES ALL THE DETAILS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR?

Kim LaViolette, Brian's sister, is Executive Director of the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation. Kim, as the former Community Director of the March of Dimes in Asheville, North Carolina, brings skilled experience, passion and love for her brother to the important mission of the Foundation. The Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation operates from two rent-free locations in Green Bay, Wisconsin and Asheville, North Carolina.



Kim LaViolette, Executive Director Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation

## Who manages the Endowment Trust Funds?

All endowment funds are held in trusts in the names of the individuals being honored with a scholarship at Nicolet National Bank, Green Bay and Marinette, Wisconsin. Nicolet National Bank handles direct distribution to the scholarship recipients.



2007 John Bradley Scholarship of Honor recipient, Luke Justman with Mrs. Betty Bradley and Ron and Colleen Weyers (right).

#### SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR RECIPIENTS AS OF MAY 2009

Business

IN HONOR OF NICHOLE MARIE FRYE, US ARMY			
2004	Nelson Regan	United States Marine Corps	
2005	Stephanie Dufek	Air Force National Guard	
2006	Gregory VanHulle	Law Enforcement	
2007	Robbie Huberty	Police Science	
2008	William Frye	Criminal Justice	
2009	Edward Ellman	United States Army	

#### IN HONOR OF JESSE THIRY, US MARINE CORPS

Bryan Klister

2005	Chelsea Haase	Elementary Education
2006	Nicholas Weidner	United States Marine Corps
2007	Tyler Diktana	Army Reserves, Education
2008	Robin Derenne	Nursing
2009	Brock Agamaite	Conservation

#### April LeGrave 2010 Nursing

#### IN HONOR OF RYAN JERABEK, US MARINE CORPS

2005	James Weber	United States Marine Corps
2006	Dakota S. Adams	United States Marine Corps
2007	Aaron Duke	United States Air Force
2008	Sean LaRue	Criminal Justice
2009	Wesley Kubiak	Army National Guard

Wesley Kubiak Steven Schlender 2010 Mechanical Engineering, Navy ROTC

Pysical Therapy

#### IN HONOR OF ISAIAH HUNT, US ARMY

2005	Maria B. Blohoweak	International Studies
2006	Zachry Janssen	Education
2007	Lee Suring	United States Air Force, ROTC
2008	Andrew Butler	United States Navy
2009	Daniel Stammer	Education

#### Britney Rebman Nursing

#### IN HONOR OF BENJAMIN EDINGER, US MARINE CORPS

2005	Mary Yang	Political Science and
2006	Matthew Spengler	Fire Fighting
2007	Susan Tran	International Busines
2008	Philip Gorecki	Criminal Justice
2009	Zachery Ebben	Criminal Justice
2010	Jenelle Selig	United States Navy

#### IN HONOR OF BRENT VROMAN, US MARINE CORPS

2005	Alisa M. Watts	Army National Guard
2006	Gregory Sitter	Political Science
2007	Maggie DeGroot	Secondary Education
2008	Kimberly Sitter	Pre-medicine, Nursing
2009	Amanda Nelson	United States Marine Corps
2010	Breana Butt	Physician

#### IN TRIBUTE TO KEN STUMPF AND ELMER BURR, US ARMY, MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

WEDAL OF HONOR RECHIENTS		
2004	Tyler R. Hopkins	United States Army Ranger
2005	Ashley M. Gulley	United States Air Force
2006	Eric Voight	United States Marine Corps
2007	Jonathon Krautkramer	United States Air Force
2008	William Voigt	United States Army National Guard
2009	Marquise Womble	United States Marine Corps
2010	Tyler Fisher	United States Air Force

#### IN TRIBUTE TO THOMAS J. HUDNER, US NAVY,

#### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

2004	Jason Jarvi	Aerospace Program
2005	Tyler A. Sibley	United States Navy Airman
2006	Heidi Kline	Commercial Aviation
2007	Kris Aspenson II	Aviation
2008	Wesley Rhett Kicklighter	Aeronautical Engineering
2009	Irene Ťujillo	Teaching
2010	Shelly Shaub	EAA-Airventure

#### IN TRIBUTE TO MIKE COLALILLO, US ARMY,

MEDAL	OF HOMOR RECHIENT	
2006	Nicole Opland	Educa

2006	Nicole Opland	Education
2007	Rachel Moe	Education or Nursing
2008	Frank Miller	Law Enforcement
2009	Allison S. Kaldahl	Fire Fighting
2010	Katrina Engebresten	Elementary Education

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IN HONOR OF KILL HEMACER, US ARMI		
2006	Mireille M. Lehrer-Brey	Education
2007	Allison Jannett	Education
2008	Luke Kolbe	Business
2009	Kalin Hephner	Nursing
2010	Brian Sattler	Actuarial Science

#### IN TRIBUTE TO RON SAGER, US ARMY

2006	Trisha Brockman	Criminal Justice
2007	Michelle Evers	Nursing
2008	Gregory Schleis	Medical and Biology
2009	Serena Jungers	Education

#### 2010 Jamie Jensen

IN HONOR OF ANDREW BROWNFIELD, US MARINE CORPS		
2006	Nicole Plouse	Nursing
2007	Nicholas Mancuso	Physicians Assistant
2008	Stephen Triola	Physical Therapy
2009	Christopher Derr	Nursing
2010	Renuka Subba	Medical Field

IN HONOR OF NAINOA HOE, US ARMY		
2006	Ikaikaokalani Low	Business
2007	Justin Combuono	Rusinass

2007	Justin Janibucho	Dusiness
2008	Alexander Ladeira	United States Army, ROTC
2009	Mikael Torres	United States Army, ROTC
2010	Haley Okamura	United States Army

### IN HONOR OF KEN HESS, US ARMY 2007 Joanne Phipps

Elizabeth Dahlen

2010

2007	Joanne Phipps	Fire Safety Engineering, Army RO
2008	Lauren Hill	Healthcare
2009	Tyler McEntire	Education
2010	Nicholas Wright	Psychology
IN HONG	OR OF ERIC MCCOLLEY, US	MARINE CORPS
2007	Zachary Sites	EMT Paramedic Program
2008	Margaret Dombrowsky	Political Science, pre law
2009	Christian Warner	Army National Guard
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Fire Safety Engineering, Army ROTC

Elementary Education

#### IN TRIBUTE TO CORPSMAN JOHN BRADLEY, US NAVY,

NAVY	CROSS RECIPIENT	
2007	Luke Justman	Combat Medic
2008	Stacy Pritchett	Elementary Education
2009	Nathan Franzke	Criminal Justice
2010	Renjamin Hanson	Fire Protection

#### IN HONOR OF JAMES CATHEY, US MARINE CORPS

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2007	Anthony Julian Angeles	United States Air Force
2008	Erin Etnyre	Pre-medicine, ROTC
2009	Anastasia Gunawan	Nursing, JROTC
2010	Kyle Auld	United States Marine Corps

IN HONOR OF JOE WELKE, US MARINE CORFS		
2007	Bryan Keck	United States Navy ROTC
2008	Samuel Bryan Schnell	United States Marine Corps
2009	Alice Hackett	Medical Field
2010	Scott Ferrier	United States Marine Corps

#### IN HONOR OF DANNY DIETZ, US NAVY,

NAVY	CROSS RECIPIENT	
2007	Zachary Mamigonian	Fire Safety
2008	Lauren Parke	EMT/EMS, Nursing
2009	Alexander J. Martens	Law Enforecment
2010	Matthew Paulson	Criminal Justice

#### IN TRIBUTE TO ROBERT FOLEY, US ARMY,

MEDAI	L OF HONOR RECIPIENT	*
2008	Cadet David Kennedy	United States Army
2009	Cadet Nethaj Ranaweera	Sri Lanka Army
2010	Cadet Todd Lambka	United States Ármy

#### INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR—POLAND

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2003	Jarosaw Pluciennik, Forest Administration, Bialowieza
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2004	Agnieszka Kacprzycka, Economics, Gdynia
2004	Alicja Lesnikowska, Economics, Gdansk
2004	Alexsandra Sejda, Medicine, Gdansk
2005	Malgorzata Kobylinska, Law, Olsztyn
2005	Dawid Zastepinski, Economics, Warsaw
2005	Ewelina Wylengowska, Economics, Torun
2005	Alicja Lesnikowska, Economics, Gdansk
2005	Alexsandra Sejda, Medicine, Gdansk
2005	Magdalena Sawicka, Medicine, Warsaw
2005	Dominik Lecki, Economics, Szczecin
2006	Magdalena Sawicka, Medicine, Warsaw
2006	Lukasz Lamejko, Economic, Olsztyn
2006	Kamila Szemplinska, Sociology, Warsaw
2006	Dawid Zastepinski, Finance and Banking, Warsaw
2006	Marcin Grabinski, Electrical Department, Gdynia
2006	Paulina Kaczmarczyk, Medicine, Warsaw
2006	Magdalena Sawicka Medicine Warsaw

2006	Kamila Szemplinska, Sociology, Warsaw
2006	Dawid Zastepinski, Finance and Banking, Warsaw
2006	Marcin Grabinski, Electrical Department, Gdynia
2006	Paulina Kaczmarczyk, Medicine, Warsaw
2006	Magdalena Sawicka, Medicine, Warsaw
2006	Katarzyna Malinowska, Economics, Szczecin
2007	Michal Pieczywek, Building, Gdansk
2007	Katarzyna Szamborska, Sociology, Warsaw
2007	Robert Wawrowski, Building, Gdansk
2007	Michal Smolinski, Chemistry, Warsaw
2007	Agnieszka Dabrowska, Mathmatics, Warsaw
2007	Paulina Kajczynska, Economic, Olsztyn
2007	Arnold Wylengowski, Forestry, Warsaw

2008 Grzegorz Bruzdziak, Building, Warmia and Mazury University

2008	Bartosz Karla, Electronics, Gdansk
2008	Anna Moszczynska, Engineering, Gdanska
2008	Joanna Pfaijfer, Sociology, Warsaw
2008	Jakub Piasecki, Forestry, Warsaw

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Jakub Piasecki, Forestry, Warsaw
Jakub Siedlecki, International Relations, Mikolaj Kopemik
Ewelina Stepien, German Philosophy, Gdansk
Renata Adaszynska, Mathematics, Politechnic in Gdansk
Renata Bruzdziak, The Main Trade School in Warsaw
Marta Jablonowska, Environmental Engineering, Warsaw University
Szymon Kowalski, Mechatronics, Mazury Unversity in Olsztyn
Sylwia Lubian, Medical Analytic, the Gdansk Medical University
Aneta Rudzinska, Engineering of Materials, Politechnic in Gdansk
Alicja Suberlak, Law, Mazury Unversity in Olsztyn
Katarzyna Szamborska, Economics, Gdansk University
Aneta Rudzinska, Material Engineering, Polytechnic in Gdansk
Sylwia Zienkiewicz, Economics, Gdzansk University
Sebastian Kormet, Mechanics and Buildines. Ploytechnic in Gdansk 2009 2009

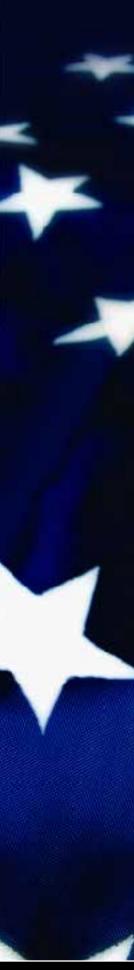
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2010 2010 Sebastian Kornet, Mechanics and Buildings, Ploytechnic in Gdansk Ewa Sutkowska, Economics, Warmia and Mazury University

#### INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR—SOUTH AFRICA

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## In Tribute to...



Army Medal of Honor Recipients Ken Stumpf, Vietnam (top) and Elmer Burr, WWII (bottom), Medal of Honor Recipients who both attended Menasha High School, Menasha, Wisconsin.



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Navy Pilot Thomas Hudner, Korea, Medal of Honor Recipient, EAA Air Academy, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Endowment Sponsor: Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation



Army Sgt. Mike Colalillo, WWII, Medal of Honor Recipient, Denfeld High School, Duluth, Minnesota. Endowment Sponsor: Guy J. and Karen R. Smith



Navy Corpsman John Bradley, WWII, Navy Cross Recipient, Appleton West High School, Wisconsin. Endowment Sponsor: Weyers Family Foundation



Army Lt. General Robert Foley, Vietnam, Medal of Honor Recipient, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. Endowment Sponsor: Brian LaViolette Foundation



Army Combat Medic Ron L. Sager, Vietnam, Combat Medical Badge and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin. Endowment Sponsor: Fox Valley Vietnam Veterans Association



Army Private First Class Len Keller, Vietnam, Medal of Honor Recipient, Guilford High School, Rockford, Illinois.

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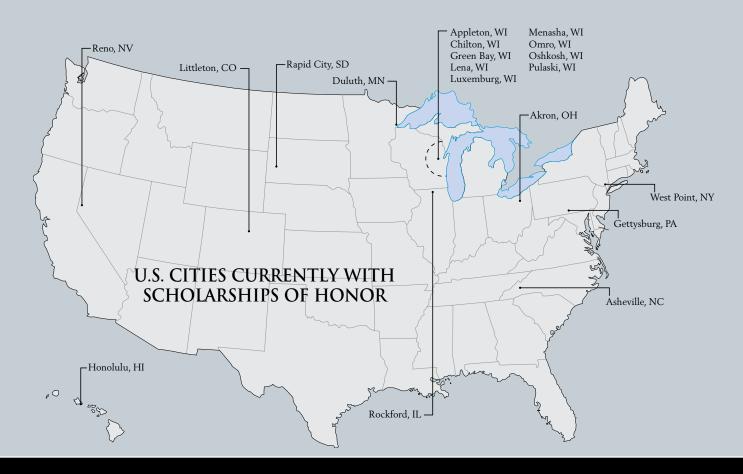


Army General George S. Patton, WWII Pilsen, Czech Republic To be announced in May 2011 \* Endowment sponsor drive underway



Army SSG Sal Giunta, Afghanistan (OEF VIII) Medal of Honor Recipient, John F. Kennedy High School Cedar Rapids, IA In memory of Sgt. Josh Brennon and SPC Hugo Mendoza

★ Endowment sponsor drive underway



## In Honor and Memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice...



Army Spc. 4 Nichole Marie Frye Lena High School, class of 2002. Lost February 16, 2004. Endowment Sponsor: Associated Bank



Marine Cpl. Jesse Thiry Luxemburg Casco High School, class of 2000. Lost April 5, 2004. Endowment Sponsor: Whetter Law Offices



Marine Pfc. Ryan Jerabek Pulaski High School, class of 2003. Lost April 6, 2004. Endowment Sponsor: Premier Community Bank



Army Pfc. Isaiah Hunt Bayport High School, class of 2002. Lost November 15, 2004. Endowment Sponsor: Omnova Solutions Foundation, Green Bay, WI



Marine Sgt. Benjamin Edinger Green Bay West High School, class of 1999. Lost Nov 23, 2004. Endowment Sponsor: WNFL Maino and Nick Show



Marine Lance Cpl. Brent Vroman Omro High School, class of 2001. Lost Dec 13, 2004. Endowment Sponsor: John & Kathy Lochner Family



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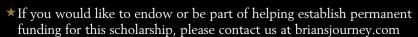


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#### International Scholarship OF HONOR

A Journey without Borders, whether geographical, cultural or political, often defines the world in which we live. Rarely, as a city, country or international community are we able to break down the walls that separate us, and join together our common bonds, dreams and futures.

One of the goals of the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation is to support the dreams of our young students, like Brian, and support their pursuit of higher education wherever they may live. With that in mind, in 2003, the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation awarded a scholarship to a student in Poland, thereby initiating what is now the International Scholarship of Honor. We were honored and proud to extend our International Scholarship of Honor program to South Africa in July of 2007.

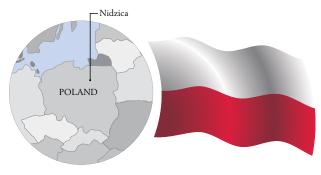
The international honor comes with a financial award to help with the student's education, along with an International Scholarship of Honor medal.

A pure, white ribbon, the international symbol of peace, holds the medal close to the heart, signifying our common bond.

The International Scholarship of Honor is simply an extension of our commitment to recognize deserving youth—in the United States and around the world—for their commitment to community, education and world peace.

100% of the gifts from our sponsors are presented to the international scholarship recipients annually.

#### INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR - POLAND



In 2003, the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation teamed up with the Nidzica Community Foundation in Poland to coordinate the scholarship selection process. Since its creation, more than 60 scholarships have been awarded to students in the Nidzica region.

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#### INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR - SOUTH AFRICA



LEAP Science and Maths School in Cape Town was chosen to coordinate the selection process for the scholarship at their school in 2007. LEAP focuses on enabling the self-awareness necessary for each student's growth to healthy adulthood, as well as ensure optimal academic results which will allow for choices for lifelong learning and a fulfilling future.

The back of the South Africa medal reads: "Education is the great engine of personal development. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another."

- Nelson Mandela

**Sponsor:** Paul and Gloria Zimmerman

#### INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OF HONOR - CZECH REPUBLIC



The General George S. Patton Scholarship was established in 2012 and is awarded annually during the Pilsen Liberation Festival every May. The city of Pilsen is forever grateful to General Patton's 3rd Army and America for helping liberate their city.

"For all that you've done, please allow me to say just one simple word to you: Thanks. Just like one time back in 1945, when the people of Pilsen spoke that word to the U.S. Army. It's just a single word, but it holds everything – deep gratitude, friendship, the experience of something beautiful, respect, emotion."

Mayor Martin Baxa, Pilsen,
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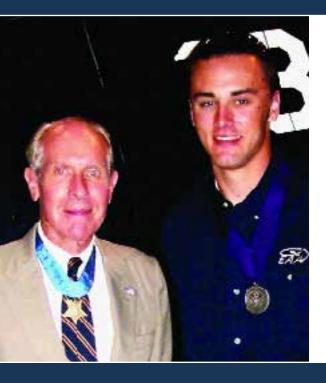
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"The thing you fear most is that people will forget, and even you might forget, some of the things that make him who he is. With this scholarship, you get reassurances that he'll still be there... and at least once a year someone else will be talking about Isaiah."

Pam Bodart, Isaiah Hunt's mom—December 23, 2004 Isaiah Hunt Scholarship of Honor Bayport High School, Green Bay, Wisconsin



"It's not easy to describe how proud I am to have my name associated with this scholarship. What your family has been doing in Brian's memory is a tremendous inspiration to young people and it is a program of tremendous pride to the community and country."

Tom Hudner, Medal of Honor Recipient Tom Hudner Scholarship of Honor EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin

"If one's life is to have meaning I can think of no higher calling than to serve those in need. Work is in itself an honor and a privilege. To reach beyond that, to feel deeply about your career and to be able to cultivate a reverence and a passion for your life's work stands, in my mind, as the most one could ask for."

Christopher Derr Nursing 2009 Andrew Brownfield Scholarship of Honor North High School, Akron, Ohio



"Thank you for choosing me above all to accept this award and to the fine brave souls who are in the military today and serve our country proudly."

Anthony Julian F. Angeles U.S. Air Force 2007 James Cathey Scholarship of Honor Reno High School, Nevada

"I am honored to receive the first Ron Sager Scholarship award. It gives me great joy knowing I am the first individual to be given a gift of such honor. Thank you for helping me as I start my studies into the criminal justice field. I wish you a blessed future."

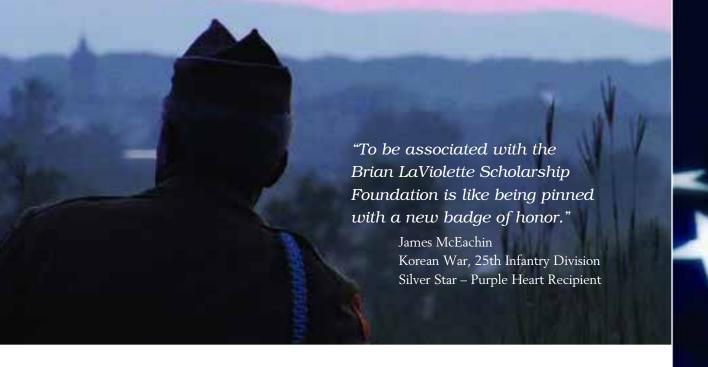
> Trisha S. Brockman Criminal Justice 2006 Ron Sager Scholarship of Honor Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, Wisconsin





"Thank you for this amazing opportunity to give back to my country, a place that has given me so much."

Joanne Phipps
Fire Safety/ROTC
2007 Ken Hess Scholarship of Honor
A.C. Reynolds High School, Asheville, North Carolina



"Mr. Dietz said that the presentation was one of the best moments he has had in two years. He commented how good it was to feel good! I wanted you guys to know what a good deed you did for the Dietz family. Thanks for all you do!"

Melisa Wesswick 2007 Counselor Danny Dietz Scholarship of Honor Heritage High School, Littleton, Colorado



"Your devotion and contribution to Brian's memory is a model of excellence and I am so honored to be part of the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation. I salute each of you for your courage and loyalty to family, God and Country."

George Patton Waters Grandson of General George Patton and Foundation Board member July 22, 2007

## "I pledge to honor and serve my country, my community, and Ryan's and Brian's memories."

Aaron Duke United States Air Force 2007 Ryan Jerabek Scholarship of Honor Pulaski High School, Pulaski, Wisconsin



"While I have never been a particularly emotional person, I was deeply affected when I was first told about the award and read about the Brian LaViolette Foundation and what it stands for. It is somewhat overwhelming to receive an award bearing the name of a living hero, such as LTG Foley....I also thank God for people such as your family who are strong enough to use your talents and experience to help others."

David Kennedy, 2nd Lt. U.S. Army 2008 Robert Foley Scholarship of Honor at West Point

Pictured left to right: Doug LaViolette, David Kennedy, David's Mom-Chris, brother-Jeff, and Dad-Edward.

"I will remember everyday about the sacrifices Joe and other young individuals have made to give me this opportunity. My goal is to have the courage and determination Joe did."

Bryan Keck Navy ROTC 2007 Joe Welke Scholarship of Honor Rapid City Stevens High School, Rapid City, South Dakota

"Humana Military is proud to be affiliated with the Scholarship of Honor. This is an opportunity to recognize young adults who strive for a career in the armed forces, public safety or community service. We honor their willingness to make the sacrifices necessary to protect our community and country. These honorees are our future and we wish them complete success in their endeavors."

Dave Baker, President and CEO of Humana Military



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#### BRIAN'S LEGACY

Brian LaViolette, the son of Doug and Renee and brother of Kim loved his family and friends, excelled in soccer and golf, and enjoyed playing trumpet in the DePere High School band. But with the fun, came hard work. He earned high honors in school and set his sights on college.

However, life's journey doesn't always happen as planned. Brian's life was claimed in a swimming accident on August 8, 1992 in Door County, Wisconsin. His spirit and hopes for the future live on—not only in the hearts and souls of high school seniors, but also through the encouragement of others to truly appreciate every moment of their life's journey.

In memory of their son and brother, the LaViolette family established the Brian LaViolette Scholarship Foundation on August 17, 1992. Thanks to the generosity of so many, to date, over 400 scholarships have been awarded; some in Brian's memory, some in honor of those close to Brian, and others in honor of our fallen heroes. Brian lived his life according to inspirational thoughts, including the phrase, "The Journey is the Reward." He kept those words next to his bed and close to his heart. They have become the inspiration for the Foundation. Through Brian's legacy, the Foundation continues to help young people to reach for their dreams.





## THE MISSION OF

To provide yearly scholarships to today's students while honoring hard work, community service, offer inspiration and share the belief that "The Journey is the Reward."

THE BRIAN LAVIOLETTE FOUNDATION

#### THE LAVIOLETTE FAMILY



"We are so thankful for all your support to allow us to continue not only Brian's Journey, but the Journey of students around the World."

Doug, Renee and Kim LaViolette

### "I PROMISE, IN YOUR NAME AND MEMORY WE ALL WILL ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS."

Many experiences in life are fleeting never to be drawn on again while other moments remain ingrained in our consciousness and we carry them with us the rest of our lives. Brian LaViolette's tragic death is one of those moments for me. Every detail is indelibly etched in my memory as if it happened yesterday. All these years later, I can still vividly remember scratching out my thoughts on a legal pad while being surrounded with sorrow the depths of which I had never experienced. I was fulfilling a request from my dear friend Doug LaViolette to deliver Brian's eulogy.

Everything I wanted to say and, more importantly, the way I wanted to say it was all right there in my first draft. I can only believe that Brian had something to do with that. I wrote his eulogy as if I were personally responsible for completing the journey that he would never live to enjoy. And thus came the words, "I promise in your name and memory we, we all will, accomplish great things."

The past 17 years have proven that, through the support of family, friends, the community and even strangers throughout the nation, Brian's Foundation has indeed accomplished great things. I encourage you to become part of this wonderful journey as an endowment sponsor or donor. You will find, as I have, that your life will truly be enriched.

What a rewarding journey it has been, Darrel Burnett

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