

# Raymond F. Gates, Jr.

## Memorial Scholarship Fund



**Patricia Amuan** graduated from Daniel Hand High School. In the fall she will attend King's College to work on an accelerated (5 year) physician assistant program. With life experiences including major surgeries, Patricia has learned to overcome obstacles and live life to the fullest. She has held leadership positions in community service clubs and high school sports, as well as multiple volunteer positions at local medical offices. Patricia is the daughter of Sean & Susani Amuan. Susani is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Midd-Shore Association.

**Graham Bacher** graduated from Greens Farms Academy. He is considering studying political science, international studies or economics at the University of Chicago. Graham has received extensive accolades in the classroom and academic competitions including a perfect 800 on the critical reading section of the SATs. Graham is the son of Stephen & Alexandra Bacher. Alexandra is a REALTOR® with William Pitt Sotheby's International and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

**Caroline Barton** recently graduated from Westbrook High School. At the University of Virginia Caroline intends to study systems engineering because it combines her love for math and business and at some point after graduating she aspires to open her own business. Caroline has won numerous awards over her high school years such as the: Superintendent's award, Harvard Book Award, Hartford Courant Scholar Athlete, Outstanding Achievement in UConn Calculus and CT High School Scholar Athlete. Her school counselor writes: "Caroline is an outstanding young lady who exemplifies what it means to be an excellent student, athlete and citizen in today's competitive environment". Caroline is the daughter of Eugene & Anne Barton. Anne is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Midd-Shore Association.

**Cameron Brown** is a sophomore at College of Charleston where he is studying to earn certification to become a Physical Education and Health teacher. Cameron is extensively involved at school as well as in the Charleston community. He volunteers with Chucktown Squash, Junior Girls Day Out and Move, Groove and Get Active Programs. At school he manages two student run organizations: Relay For Life and is the treasurer of the Health and Human Performance Club. Cameron is the son of Susan & Peter Brown. Peter is a REALTOR® with H. Pearce Real Estate Company and a member of the Gr. New Haven Association.

**Daniel Claroni** graduated from Greenwich High School. He plans to attend Washington and Lee University in the fall and plans to double major in physics and engineering and business administration. Daniel writes: "the easy way isn't always the right way... the rough road that may be filled with twists, turns, and obstacles of all kinds, is the only road that is going to benefit me in the long run." He shares this understanding with students through AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) - helping them overcome struggles on their own. Daniel is the son of Michael & Danielle Claroni. Danielle is a REALTOR-Associate® with New England Land Company and a member of the Greenwich Association.

**Kyle Cloutier** is a sophomore at the University of Maryland College Park where she is majoring in Aerospace Engineering with a minor in Astronomy. She's interested in pursuing a career with an aerospace company using her talents to assist in developing new launch vehicles that are both economical and capable of delivering personnel and supplies to near-Earth orbit and beyond. Kyle is a frequent volunteer for the John J. McCarthy Observatory, Maryland Day and Girl Scout Engineering Day. She is the daughter of William & Maureen Cloutier. Maureen is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Gr. New Milford Board.

**Matthew Consalvo** is a junior at Boston College where he is studying International studies, concentrating on Global Media and Business Relations, with a minor in Film Studies and Art. Matthew is hoping to work in the entertainment industry whether in front of or behind the camera. He also plans to write a few novels and screenplays and possibly go into TV Journalism. He works with the student admissions program, Word of Mouth (public speaking) Club, ARRUPE International Immersion Program and volunteered at Otis Elementary School to plant and create new garden. Matthew is the son of Joseph & Karen Consalvo. Karen is a REALTOR® at ERA Goodfellow Homes and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

**Cailin Cowley** is a 2013 graduate of Simsbury High School. With a cumulative GPA of 4.206 and 2050 on her SATs, Cailin is well prepared to take on a double major in theater and psychology at Boston College this fall. A desire to be a well-rounded individual motivated Cailin to also be heavily involved in theater, music, leadership, athletics and community service throughout her high school career. Cailin is the daughter of Robert & Karen Cowley. Karen is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Simsbury and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

**Joseph Cusano** is a junior at Georgetown University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a concentration in pre-medical studies. He plans to become an orthopedic surgeon. While he graduated Avon Old Farms Schools with a GPA of 4.0, Joseph has continued his academic excellence at Georgetown with a GPA of 3.85. As a medical brigade volunteer, he spent 10 days in Honduras getting real life experience in his field. Joseph is the son of Robert & Maria Cusano. Robert is the Designated REALTOR® with Cusano Real Estate and a member of the Tri-County Board.

**Michael Damalas** graduated from Danbury High School and plans to study Marketing. Michael was on the Honor Roll all four years of high school and a part of the National Honor Society his junior and senior year. One major passion of his is sports and he played soccer and baseball all four years of high school and Basketball for two years. Michael teaches soccer fundamentals to children ages 5 & 6, referees and instructs baseball to children ages 9-10 and is a certified referee for travel and premier soccer ages 10-17. He also volunteers for Buddy Ball and is a baseball mentor for children with special needs. Michael is the son of Nicholas & Karen Damalas. Karen is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

**Lauren D'Arinzo** graduated from Brien McMahon High School. In the fall, she will attend Franklin & Marshall College to study neuroscience and clinical medical research. Lauren is a well-rounded leader in the school and community. From captain of the varsity soccer team to captain of the Physics Olympics, she easily adapts her interpersonal skills to the situation. Lauren is the daughter of Kenneth & Debra D'Arinzo. Kenneth is a REALTOR® with Platinum Property Realty and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

**Michael Decerbo** is a junior at the University of Connecticut where he is currently majoring in accounting. His goal is to receive a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Masters of Science in Accounting and soon after, earn his CPA and/or CMA license. He was recently awarded the UCONN New England Scholar Award for academic excellence. Michael is the son of Frank & Marian Decerbo. Frank is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Realty 2000 and a member of the Gr. Waterbury Board.

**Jake Dominello** graduated from Nonnewaug High School. At Tulane University he plans to study political science with a concentration in International Affairs as well as a double minor in Russian and Arabic. Jake is a member of the National Honor Society and has coordinated several community service projects including "Trick or Treat Street" and "Senior Citizen Prom". Jake is the son of John & Corey Dominello. John is a REALTOR® with Joyce S. Drakeley Real Estate and a member of the Gr. Waterbury Board.

**James Doyle** graduated from Southington High school this June. Ranking in the top 5% of his graduating class, James will be attending Ithaca College in the fall majoring in cinema and photography. His Guidance Counselor stated: "When I think of James Doyle, I think of all the typical posters in schools about character. 'Who are you when no one is watching? or Actions speak louder than words.' Mr. Doyle embodies these posters (and more) and the level of character we hope that all students can achieve." James is the son of Jim & Lori Doyle. Lori is a REALTOR® with Keller Williams Realty in Farmington and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

**Timothy Drakeley** graduated from The Taft School. He plans to attend Bowdoin College in the Fall. Timothy hasn't decided on a major yet, however he knows he'll be quarterback for the school's football team. A tri-varsity athlete in football, basketball and baseball, Timothy finds success on and off the field as team Captain in two sports, School Monitor & Student Government. Timothy is the son of Tim & Shelley Drakeley. Both are REALTORS® with Joyce S. Drakeley Real Estate and are members of the Gr. Waterbury Board.

**Maxwell Freccia** is a senior at Tufts University pursuing a major in economics and a minor in entrepreneurial leadership studies. Maxwell has earned Dean's list all semesters while at Tufts and plays first base for the varsity baseball team. In addition, in the fall he will be teaching incoming first-year students as an "Explorations" leader, a highly competitive position. Maxwell is the son of Vincent & Missy Freccia. Missy is a REALTOR® with Higgins Group and a member of the Stamford Board.

**Michael Grasso** is a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame majoring in chemical engineering with a bioengineering concentration. In addition to a strong academic career, Michael volunteers as a mentor for homeless children acting as a role model and guiding figure for these struggling children. He is also a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, completed in several interhall sports for his dorm, involved in Hall Government and joined the culinary club. Michael is the son of Ralph & Mary Beth Grasso. Mary Beth is a REALTOR® with Keller Williams Partners Real Estate and a member of the Greater Fairfield Board.

**Cassidy Grinsell** just completed her freshman year at Villanova University with a GPA of 3.83. She is a declared chemical engineering major and is also pursuing a minor in entrepreneurship. She plans to become an engineer in the medical or nutritional field as she is interested in improving human health. She would like to one day help create artificial tissues, develop vaccines or help cultivate food with the most nutritional value possible. Cassidy is the daughter of David Grinsell & Carrie Thompson. Carrie is a REALTOR® with Keller Williams Realty in West Hartford and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

**Mark Gschwind** will graduate from Simsbury High School this June. Scoring an impressive 32 on The ACT, he's not a rocket scientist (yet) - but does have plans to study Aerospace Engineering in college with a minor in either Chinese or international business. An honor roll student throughout high school, Mark was also a National Merit Commended Scholar, National Honor Society member, an Eagle Scout and Den Chief for his Boy Scouts Troop, captain of the crew team and co-president of the Aviation Club with a list of community service involvement to boot. Mark is the son of Kurt & Sheila Gschwind. Sheila is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty in Simsbury and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

**Erica Hanner** is a sophomore at the University of Connecticut majoring in International Business Management. Erica is determined to become a manager, CEO of a major company or start her own business. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and volunteers with her sorority and raises money for Kappa Walks for a Kure and their annual Dodge Ball Tournament. Erica also participates in HuskyTHON which is UConn's annual 18 hour dance marathon to raise money for the Connecticut Children's Medical Hospital. Erica is the daughter of Denise & Gregory Hanner. Gregory is a REALTOR® with Garden Realty and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

**Teresa Hegarty** is currently studying biological engineering at Cornell University. Her concentration is environmental engineering and she plans to continue to blend these disciplines in her graduate studies and beyond. She will attend Yale University in the fall to earn her PhD in environmental engineering. After she completes her PhD, she plans to enter academia or industry and use her engineering skills to help tackle the environmental challenges facing humanity today. Teresa is the daughter of Donna & Jim Hegarty. Jim is a REALTOR® with Hegarty & Co, Inc. and a member of the Northern Fairfield County Association.

**William Hennessy** recently graduated from New Canaan High School. He plans to attend college in the fall and study business and medicine. William was able to shadow a doctor at the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Tanzania and the experience shaped his goals for the future. William was on the Honor Roll all four years of high school and was the president of the National Honors Society. He was also Student Body President and Co-Captain of Odyssey of the Mind where they have creative problem-solving and team-building through critical thinking, team games and collaborative activities involving both science and humanities. William is the son of James & Janis Hennessy. Janis is a REALTOR® with Brotherhood & Higley, Inc. and a member of the New Canaan Board.

**Laura Hunter** recently graduated from Newtown High School. With a passion for writing, she plans to attend Columbia University in the fall. Her life's desire is to become a professor at an esteemed university and publish influential and inspiring articles and novels. At Columbia University, she plans to write for the Daily Spectator, the Journal of Literary Criticism and has goals to earn Columbia's prestigious Brownstein Writing Prize. Laura is the daughter of Brian & Maureen Hunter. Brian is a REALTOR® with Home Hunter Connecticut Realty and a member of the Newtown Board.

**Erica Hurtado** recently graduated from Darien High School. In the fall, she will attend the University of Connecticut-Stamford branch and plans to study sociology. Throughout high school she was involved in several community service related activities including educating others about "Invisible Children" and working at "Person to Person" organizing clothing for people in need. Her ultimate dream is to become a psychiatrist. Erica is the daughter of Urlas & Kathy Hurtado. Kathy is a REALTOR® with Prudential Connecticut Realty and a member of the Mid-Fairfield County Association.

**Eleanor Kleinhans** is a senior at Stevens Institute of Technology, pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering. As part of the Cooperative Education program, she led initiatives to bring new product lines into production and learned Six Sigma concepts giving her real life experience outside of the classroom. She hopes to work in the medical device industry upon graduation. Eleanor is the daughter of Bob & Nell Kleinhans. Nell is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Tri-County Board.

**Sherry Langrock** graduated from Susquehanna University with a 3.8 GPA and was on the Dean's list every semester. Since graduating in 2008, she has been an assistant in Senator Lieberman's office in Washington D.C. and a successful administrator at the Pennsylvania State University. Sherry will be attending Columbia University's Occupational Therapy program in the fall. After working with 2 grandparents who suffered with Alzheimer's, she wrote: "It was rubbing elbows with Presidential candidates who knew me by name; it was working with an Alzheimer's patient who could no longer remember the name of his granddaughter. Through helping give individuals the tools they need for the job of life, I found a career for a fulfilled life." Sherry is the daughter of Nancy & Chris Langrock. Nancy is a REALTOR® with William Raveis Real Estate and a member of the Gr. Waterbury Board.

**Kelly Ledwith** recently graduated from Old Saybrook High School. She plans on majoring in broadcast journalism at Quinnipiac University. Recently Kelly was awarded an "Asset Builders Award" at the Community Variety Show which is given to role models in the local volunteer community. She was president of REACH (Responsible Adolescents Can Help), Vice President of Thespian Society/Drama Club and a member of the Latin Club, Tennis Team and Yearbook staff. Kelly is the daughter of Phillip & Kathleen Ledwith. Phillip is a REALTOR® with Weichert REALTORS® - the Zubretsky Group and a member of the Gr. Hartford Association.

**Emily Lewson** is a sophomore at the University of Connecticut where she is a biology-English double major on the pre-medicine track. Emily plans on attending medical school and after completing her undergraduate degree, she hopes to spend her residency in a city hospital pursuing skills to become an exceptional surgeon. An avid runner, she also participates in NCAA Division I cross country and indoor/outdoor track. Emily is the daughter of Richard & Anne Lewson. Anne is a REALTOR® with Keller Williams Realty and a member of the Ridgefield Board.

**Emily Liang** recently graduated from Montville High School and will attend college in the fall as a Business Major. She would like to pursue a career in accounting or financial advising. Emily ranked in the top 15% of her class and graduated with a 3.9 cumulative GPA and was on the school honor roll all 4 years. She played junior varsity tennis for two consecutive seasons and volunteered at a local nursing home every Sunday. Emily is the daughter of Tony & Wingyan Liang. Wingyan is a REALTOR® with Weichert REALTORS® Suburban Properties and a member of the Eastern CT Association.

**Kaitlin Louie** recently graduated from Brien McMahon High School with plans to attend the nursing program at Ohio State University with hopes of being a nurse anesthetist. Kaitlin was president of the National Honor Society, Student Ambassador of Center for Global Studies and volunteered at church. Kaitlin was a member of her high school Cross Country and Indoor Track and Field teams, orchestra and took part in Beautify McMahon and BMHS Garden project. Kaitlin is the daughter of Katie & Paul Louie. Paul is a REALTOR® with Prudential CT Realty and a member of the Mid Fairfield County Association.

**William Meng** recently graduated from Farmington High School and plans to earn a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He wants to move somewhere within the Northeast and after settling down and maintaining a stable lifestyle, would someday like to join a high school Robotics team as a mentor. He stated in his application "By sharing my knowledge, my experience and my passion, I hope to be able to invigorate a love of engineering in the students as the program did for me. I wish to continue the goal of Dream First by teaching newer generations about the potential of engineering and its ever promising future." William is the son of Jing Wang & Wenzhi Meng. Wenzhi is a REALTOR® with Century 21 Bay-Mar Realty and a member of the Mid-State Association.

**John Ovia**n recently graduated from Daniel Hand High School. He will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall where he plans to study Chemistry and later plans on entering a graduate program whether it be medical school, a PHD program or a MBA. John received high honors and has received numerous Outstanding Achievement awards in Science, Foreign Language and Social Studies. He was also the recipient of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Student Leadership Award. John is a member of Daniel Hand High School's Nationally acclaimed show choir and was dance captain for 2 years. John is the son of Kevin & Julie Ovia. Julie is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker - Madison and a member of the Midd-Shore Association.

**Hannah Purtell** recently graduated from Cheshire High School. She will attend Boston University in the fall and plans to explore her options in the college of Arts and Sciences. Hannah is a member of the National Honor Society as well as the National English Honor society. She is the Vice President of Best Buddies & also co-president of CHS Community Service Club which she revived and the group, which started out 15, has now grown to over 100 members. Her letter of recommendation notes: "She excels in and out of the classroom and has a heart made of gold. She reinforces my belief in humanity and her outlook on life is truly inspirational." Hannah is the daughter of Tom & Betsy Purtell. Betsy is a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and a member of the Gr. New Haven Association.

**Adriana Tomasello** is currently attending College of the Holy Cross where she is pursuing a double major in Sociology and Spanish with a concentration in Latin American and Latino studies. She volunteers at Friendly House where she mentors students in grades K-5 from low-income families. She is also a member of the committee that organizes Holy Cross' annual Dance Marathon, which raises money for pediatric AIDS. Adrianna is the daughter of Evelyn & Joseph Tomasello. Joseph is a REALTOR® with Platinum Associates and a member of the Gr. New Haven Association.

**Erika Trudon** recently graduated from Coventry High School and plans to attend Endicott College where she will enter their nursing program and specialize in pediatric oncology. Erika is an outstanding athlete and team captain and she led her volleyball team to two state championships. She was named All Conference for both volleyball and track. Outside of school, Erica participates in the Coventry Lake Water Ski Club and puts on ski shows for the town as well as writing and directing many of them. Erika is the daughter of Eric and Cheryl Trudon. Cheryl is a REALTOR® with ERA Blanchard & Rossetto and a member of the Tri-County Board.

**Mark Vella** recently graduated from The Hotchkiss School. In the fall he plans to attend Carnegie Mellon University's Information Systems Program with hopes of attaining a Master's Degree in Engineering. Mark is a Hotchkiss Junior Bearcats Board Member and organizes student activities to raise money for various international charities. He is President of the Hotchkiss Gay-Straight Alliance, was on the Green Heating Facility Design Team and worked with administrators and architects to design the schools new wood-burning campus heating facility. He also was a member of the Hotchkiss Farming Program and worked on the schools organic farm harvesting, planting and tending the livestock, all of which helps feed the school. Mark was recognized for the National Merit Scholarship Program by obtaining PSAT scores in the top 5% of more than 1.5 million students nationwide who took their PSAT's in Fall 2012. Mark is the son of Matther Vella & Heather Kelley. Heather is a REALTOR® with E.J. Murphy Realty and a member of the Litchfield County Board.