

The Aubrey Pappas Memorial Scholarship is so important to our organization. For the past 7 ½ years, since Mrs. Pappas's accident, we have worked hard to raise money in this community to be able to offer this scholarship to the students of North Brunswick, because Aubrey loved working in this district and she loved teaching these students. We have chosen to continue her legacy by investing in *you* – it's one of the greatest ways we can honor Aubrey Pappas. Our hope is that each recipient tonight keeps in touch with The Aubrey Foundation after graduation. We want to hear all about your success and how you continue to *Live Like Aubrey* in your college communities and beyond.

We want to thank the 17 students who took the time to write and submit essays for our scholarship this year. We loved reading every single one of them. Tonight we will award *FIVE* scholarships in the amount of *\$1,575.00* each to graduates who exemplify the traits that Mrs. Pappas instilled in each of her students: strong academic and family values, perseverance through challenges, acceptance of others' uniqueness, and a great sense of ambition. All of the essays that were selected also exhibit how each student plans to *continue to Live Like Aubrey*.

## We would like to congratulate the 2022 Aubrey Pappas Memorial

### Scholarship Recipients:

#### Emily Camlet and her essay on becoming a (*Future Educator*)

Emily's essay was centered on our **Future Educator** prompt. She will pursue a career in teaching just as Mrs. Pappas did. In her essay, she speaks about using her passion and love of learning to become an Italian teacher. Her goal in the classroom is to "foster a welcoming learning environment and make every student feel valued." Our hope is that she creates a classroom that feels like a community just as Mrs. Pappas did.

#### Kelly DeGaetano and her essay on (*Fitness, Athletics, Health & Nutrition*)

Kelly's essay was centered on our **Fitness, Athletics, Health & Nutrition** prompt. She speaks of the importance of living a healthy and active lifestyle through participating in sports. She realizes the importance of physical health and its impact on the body and mind. She is a true role model both on and off the soccer field. In her essay, she reveals; "having a sport every season makes me have to maintain a healthy lifestyle by staying active." We have no doubt that she will continue to maintain a healthy lifestyle through sports and staying active. She continues to inspire others to make positive changes through athletics and help others be the best they can be just as Mrs. Pappas encouraged her students to work to their full potential. We know that you will continue to lead in the community through her personal motivation to create change and inspire others to do the same.

#### Marquis Perry and his essay on (*Overcoming Obstacles*)

Marquis's essay was centered on our **Overcoming Obstacles** prompt. He realizes the importance of adapting to change and becoming acclimated to a new community. He has goals and strives to reach them everyday. Just like Aubrey, he "does not want to waste a single day." He explains about the importance of a team and acceptance both on and off the football field. In his essay he explains, "it is my dream to coach younger kids in the fields of both track and football. I am focused, determined, and capable of handling obstacles..." He chooses to set goals and make the seemingly impossible, possible just as Mrs. Pappas did!

#### Talia Samuel and her essay on (*The Arts*) and becoming a photographer

Talia's essay was centered on the **Arts** prompt. She is a student who is inspired by photography. She speaks of art as bringing people together and expressing herself through her creativity. She explains, "Photography is my confidence booster, seeing the work I produce and imagining the possibilities keeps me going." She plans to become an artist and train younger artists in photography. Our hope is that she continues to inspire others through her art work and never lose sight of her passion as an artist. We have no doubt that her drive and ambition will lead to great success in the future.

#### Maggie Schmidt and her essay on becoming a (*Journalist*)

Maggie's essay was centered on our **Journalism** prompt. She loves to write just like Aubrey. Aubrey taught Language Arts at Linwood for many years and her passion for writing shined bright in her classroom. As a journalist she explains, "I will never compromise my dignity for any story, I want every person who is passionate about the media and writing to have a shot..." Our hope is that she stands up for what she believes and stays true to who she is while expressing herself in her writing just as Mrs. Pappas did!