



## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - 2025**

### **HISTORY**

The Long Island Golf Course Superintendents Association scholarship program was re-established in 2006. This program is designed to assist members, or dependents of LIGCSA members. Dependents are defined as son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter. Between 2006 and 2025 the LIGCSA awarded \$262,000 to dependents of LIGCSA members to help them further their post secondary education.

### **FUNDING**

Money for the Scholarship Fund is raised in several ways. 15% of every A and AF member's dues is designated for the fund. The association holds an annual Christmas raffle with all proceeds designated for the fund. Some 50/50 raffle proceeds from our monthly meetings are designated for the fund. We have the annual scholarship and research golf tournament each year. Finally, we occasionally receive donations specifically designated for this fund. The scholarship funds not given out each year are invested in an interest-bearing account for the sole purpose of future awards. The Scholarship awards are a direct result of fund-raising efforts.

### **APPLICATION**

Scholarship applications are available after February 15 each year. Scholarship applications are available by contacting the LIGCSA office or at [ligcsa@aol.com](mailto:ligcsa@aol.com), Or by calling (631) 886-2434. Completed applications are due back to the LIGCSA around June 1 each year. Beginning in 2024, applications must be submitted electronically by the deadline. No mail in applications will be accepted. Applications are judged by three professors from the University of Kansas. These are the same judges who judge the GCSAA legacy award scholarship applications. Successful applicants are awarded scholarships at the July/August meeting of the association. All applicants must have completed one year of college and be currently enrolled in Associates, Bachelor or graduate course of study. An individual is limited to a total of four (4) scholarship awards from the LIGCSA.

## **2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS**

**A total of \$19,000 was awarded to the following 14 individuals.**

Lauren Cash	Elizabeth Chant
Ryan Currier	Lindsay O'Neill
David Carlone	Tucker Genovesi
Grace Benedict	Dylan Pughe
Morgan Lynch	Colin Lynch
Spencer Capporicci	Abbie Lynch
Julia Lippman	Ryan Cash

**LAUREN CASH** – Lauren is the daughter of Pete and Carolyn Cash from Huntington Crescent Club. Lauren is beginning her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law School at Hofstra University. Currently, Lauren is working as a judicial intern in Nassau County. Next summer she is scheduled to be a Summer Associate Holland + Knight in their Real Estate law practice. Lauren sees her future in Real Estate Law.

**ELIZABETH CHANT** – Elizabeth is the daughter of Mark and Shannon Chant of The Rock Golf Club. Elizabeth is entering her sophomore year at Roger Williams College Bristol, RI and has chosen to Major in English. I would like to read a quote from an English professor at Roger Williams that wrote one of Elizabeth's letters of recommendations. “What’s equally important, is how Elizabeth shows up as a person. She is kind, respectful, curious and consistently present. Not just physically but mentally and emotionally. She is someone other students trust and look to for leadership, even in unspoken ways.”

**RYAN CURRIER** – Ryan is the daughter of Craig and Joanna Currier of Glen Oaks Club. Ryan is entering her sophomore year at Boston College and pursuing a double major in Political Science and Communications, and a minor in International Studies. Ryan sees herself going to law school and pursuing a career in Public Interest Law or Civil Rights Advocacy.

**TUCKER GENOVESI** – Tucker is the son of John and Liz Genovesi at the Maidstone Club. Tucker is entering his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at ST. Bonaventure. He was awarded a baseball scholarship at ST. Bonaventure after attending junior college in Virginia on a baseball scholarship. He will finish his degree in Management this fall. Tucker is interning at East Hampton High School with the Athletic Director. Tucker plans to get his master's and hopes to become an Athletic Director at a High School in NY.

**ABBIE LYNCH** – Abbie is the granddaughter of retired LIGCSA member Rich Struss. Abbie is entering her sophomore year at Adelphi University in Garden City. Abbie is pursuing a degree in Adolescent Education concentrating in Social Studies. She is

minoring in Special Education. She plans to get a master's degree and hopes to become a special education teacher focusing on Social Studies.

**DAVID CARLONE** – David is entering his first year of graduate school at Northeastern University in Boston, MA. He will pursue his MBA focused in Marketing from the D'Amore, McKim School of Business at Northeastern. David is an Army veteran. He graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA. He was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in March 2021. Promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in March 2023. He deployed to Romania and Germany for about 7 months in 2023 and was honorably discharged in March 2024. David's first love has been stand up comedy. He has been performing since he was 12 years old and has performed in NYC, Long Island, Rhode Island and even performed at a USO show in Romania! You can see a sample of his comedy at [Davidcarlonecomedy.com](http://Davidcarlonecomedy.com)

**JULIA LIPPMAN** – Julia is the daughter of Bob and Laura Lippman from Westchester Turf Supply. Julia is entering her Senior year at Fordham University in the Bronx, NY. She is pursuing a BS in Marketing from the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham with a concentration in Brand Strategy. She recently studied abroad in London and hopes to have a career in fashion marketing or buying.

**COLIN LYNCH** – Colin is the son of Brett and Kristine Lynch of Wind Watch Golf and CC. Colin achieved the rank of Eagle Scout through BSA. Colin is the recipient of a Chick Evans Scholarship as a result of caddying at Friars Head GC in Riverhead. He is entering his sophomore year at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ and is majoring in Finance.

**MORGAN LYNCH** – Morgan is the granddaughter of retired LIGCSA member Rich Struss. Morgan is entering her final semester at SUNY New Paltz in New Paltz, NY. Morgan is majoring in Psychology with a concentration in Biology, and a minor in disaster studies. Morgan plans to pursue a dual master's in applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and School Psychology. She hopes to be a Board-Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) and assess behavior, design personalized treatment plans to help improve individuals' quality of life.

**DYLAN PUGHE** – Dylan is the son of Dave and Beth Pughe. Dave works for Nassau/Suffolk Turf. Dylan is entering his Jr. year at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. He is pursuing a BS in Business Administration. He is majoring in Finance with minors in Entrepreneurship and Real Estate. Dylan will be studying abroad in Australia and Singapore in spring 2026. He hopes to pursue a career in wealth management.

**LYNDSAY O'NEILL** – Lyndsay is the daughter of Eric and Denise O'Neill. Eric is the superintendent at North Shore Towers. Lindsay is entering her Jr. year at University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI. She is majoring in Special Education with a major in Human Development and Family Sciences. She plans to get her master's in special education and pursue a career as a special Ed teacher.

**GRACE BENEDICT** – Grace is the daughter of Brian and Marihelen Benedict. Brian works at Nassau/Suffolk Turf. Grace is entering her Jr. year at the University of South

Caroline in Columbia, SC. Grace is majoring in Mathematics with minors in both actuarial sciences and Risk Management and Insurance. Grace hopes to pursue a career as an actuary.

**SPENCER CAPORICCI** – Spencer is the son of Chris and Dana Caporicci from Cherry Valley Club. Spencer is entering his Jr. year at Clemson University in Clemson, SC. Spencer is majoring in marketing with a minor in management. Spencer is undecided what exactly he wants to pursue as a career in the business field. He hopes that exploring internship opportunities will guide him in his career path.

**RYAN CASH** – Ryan is the son of Pete and Carolyn Cash from Huntington Crescent Club. Ryan is entering his sophomore year at SUNY Buffalo. Ryan has chosen Mechanical Engineering as his major due to his strengths in Math and Physics. He also enjoys the hands-on nature of Mechanical Engineering. He looks forward to a career as a Mechanical Engineer.