

Cpl. Matthew Lembke Memorial Scholarship Awarded to TuHS Students

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Now in its fourth year, this scholarship was created to honor and remember Cpl. Matthew Lembke. The criteria for the scholarship are traits of honor, courage, commitment, dedication, and service to others. This year's recipients have demonstrated these through their hard work, overcoming obstacles, being leaders in their sports, academics and clubs, and for the hundreds of hours they have volunteered in the community. This year, we are proud to be able to give out \$18,000.00 in scholarships. The growth of this scholarship is a shared achievement of everyone involved: The Lembke family, Tualatin High School, the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce, Road Runner Sports, and the Tualatin Community who volunteer, sponsor or participate in the Regatta Run, which funds this scholarship.

THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS:

Aparna Govindan: Aparna is a well-rounded person who has challenged herself to meet and excel in many areas. As well as being an outstanding student, she has shown leadership through her roles in Newspaper, Key Club, and Model United Nations, and has a strong record of volunteerism with Youth Advisory Council, Legacy Meridian Park Hospital, and the Tualatin Library. Aparna is planning on majoring in Biomedical Engineering at Oregon State University.

Austin Green: Austin is a young man of great integrity. Even when no one is looking, he works hard in his academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. He was a Team Captain and Chapel Leader of the Varsity Football team, and he is 100% committed to his team. Austin has a passion for serving others: He is a leader at Rolling Hills Community Church, and here as an FCA leader. Austin will be attending Oregon State University studying Mechanical Engineering.

Kelli Mignano: Kelli is described as an "original"; she has shown commitment and

dedication to a variety of interests and activities. She has dedicated herself to dance since she was 5 years old, and recently became a part of her ballet company, dancing year-round, for 2-7 hours per day, 6 days a week. Kelli will be going to University of Oregon to study Human Physiology. *(Author's note: Kelli Mignano was not in the photo, but she is also a recipient. She was out of town with her family at her older brother, Kyle's wedding. The Lembkes were also not present for the awards ceremony because they were also at the wedding. Kind of a neat tribute to Matt: Kyle Mignano was Matt's best friend, so he made Matt an honorary groomsman at the wedding, which is really special.)*

Marilu Solis: Marilu is described as someone who has shown a commitment to serve her community and make a difference in the world. A "passionate advocate for others", she has been an active member of MECHA, GSA, Key Club, and Community 101. She has remained committed to her academics, taking advanced courses throughout high school. She also volunteers in her church, at the Tualatin Library, and is a role model amongst her peers. Marilu will be attending University of Portland or Oregon State University.

Cody Summers: Cody has shown great perseverance throughout high school and has overcome significant challenges to become one of Tualatin's finest student-athletes. What you may not know about Cody is that in addition to his success in football and wrestling, he is an amateur Athletic Union National Powerlifting champion. He has also logged over 140 hours of community service, and is a Portland Police Cadet. Cody says, "If you work hard, you can achieve anything you dream." Cody will be attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University, studying Parks & Wildlife Law Enforcement.

Brandon Yee: One of Brandon's teachers described him as "a leader; with a significant presence and a simple confidence that others respond to." He is balanced; Brandon is one of our finest academic students, and also a



Photo courtesy of Phillip Quinn
Linda Moholt, Marilu Solis, Aparna Govindan, Madeline Powelson, Brandon Yee, Austin Green, Christine Ho, Cody Summers, Jenny Ellisen, Kathy Hollamon. Not pictured: Kelli Mignano, Claudia and Dale Lembke

strong athlete. As FBLA president, he led our school to its 6th state FBLA title. Brandon is a member of the National Honor Society, a Packleader, and has also volunteered as a Youth Football Coach, passing on his love of the game. Brandon will be attending the University of Oregon studying Business Administration.

Jenny Ellisen: Jenny says "I have learned the true meaning of commitment in that if you have agreed to take part in something, you not only follow through, you give it everything you've got." Jenny was a captain of the Dance Team, and has been described as kind, mature, selfless, and one who looks for ways to make others happy. She takes great pride in her work- both in the classroom, on her team, and with the young kids she works with in the preschool here, at Byrom, or in her church. Jenny is going to the University of Oregon to pursue Education.

Christine Ho: Christine is a first generation American college-bound student. She has pushed herself outside of her comfort zone to overcome perceived cultural stereotypes and financial hardship. Christine is a top-notch student, and has given back to the school and its

students through Key Club, Asian Club, Cross Country and Swim Team, Packleaders, Yearbook, National Honor Society, and Communicare. Christine has also volunteered outside of school: planting trees, serving meals at Potluck in the Park, and with Habitat for Humanity. She also volunteers at a local Vietnamese school, teaching kids to read and write Vietnamese. Christine was also selected to be part of OHSU's Partnership for Scientific Inquiry program, which helped her expand her interest in medicine. Christine will be attending Cal-Berkeley studying Molecular and Cell Biology.

Madeline Powelson: Madeline says she has always insisted on excellence from herself. Madeline was captain for both Volleyball and Softball, and is highly respected by both teammates and coaches. She is a successful student, too. She has a "can-do" attitude that will serve her well in her future. Maddie has given back to our community through tree planting, helping at the Food Pantry, coaching at summer youth camps, and job shadowing at a Physical Therapy Clinic. Madeline will attend the Dominican University of California to study Biology and Physical Therapy.