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The 2019 Region 11 Meredith Merlini Catholic Youth Scholarship Program

2019 Scholarship Award Announcement

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The Region 11 CYO Board of Athletic Directors is pleased to announce the award recipients of our 2019 Scholarship Program for graduating 8th graders from member parishes who are continuing their education this Fall at an Archdiocesan or private Catholic high school.

In the program this year we received 68 essays for scholarship consideration. We gave an example from college softball: after a player from Western Oregon hit her first-ever home run but tore a knee ligament rounding first base, two players from the opposing team carried her around the bases to home plate to prevent her from being declared out by the umpires. We asked the students to give two other examples from the world of college sports - plus a personal experience - that similarly exemplify our CYO ideals of good sportsmanship.

An independent panel of ten former but long-time CYO coaches and administrators who no longer coached CYO nor had children attending elementary school was formed to review the essays anonymously to ensure an unbiased evaluation. The committee initially evaluated all 68 essays and chose 11 essays as finalists. Those 11 finalist essays were then re-evaluated and the judges ultimately chose six students to each be awarded a \$1,000 Region 11 CYO Scholarship.

The 2019 Region 11 CYO Scholarship Award recipients are:

Jonathan Burkholder – St. Luke the Evangelist parish and school

Jonathan will be attending La Salle College High School this Fall

Juliana Colella – Nativity of Our Lord parish and school

Juliana will be attending Archbishop Wood High School this Fall

Kate Donovan – St. Alphonsus parish and Our Lady of Mercy school

Kate will be attending Mount Saint Joseph Academy this Fall

Delaney Finnegan – Our Lady of Good Counsel parish

Delaney will be attending Archbishop Wood High School this Fall

T.J. Tingley-Kelley – St. Hilary of Poitiers parish and school

T.J. will be attending St. Joseph's Preparatory School this Fall

Karey Dawn Williamson – St. Robert Bellarmine parish and St. Joseph/St. Robert school

Karey Dawn will be attending Villa Joseph Marie High School this Fall

Congratulations to our 2019 Region 11 CYO Meredith Merlini Scholarship Award Recipients.