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Catholic Memorial High School Names Molly Burke Courage Award Recipient



Waukesha, Wisc. – Catholic Memorial High School (CMH) announces that high school senior, Andy Stasik, son of Kenneth and Linda Stasik of Muskego, has been named this year's Molly Burke Courage Award recipient. The award recognizes a CMH senior who survives a battle with cancer or other serious illness and yet continues to demonstrate remarkable success in academic achievement, community service, extracurricular activities, and faith.

“Andy has experienced the surgeries, pain medication, therapy, and disabilities resulting from SCID [Severe Combined Immune Deficiency],” said Steve Plechaty, Dean of Students and Andy’s golf coach at CMH, “Rather than allowing this to discourage him, it compels Andy to make a difference in the lives of others. He has personally raised over \$50,000 in donations for Children’s Hospital through his participation in Al’s Run and Walk.”

“Andy’s Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID) has left his skin scarred, damaged his spine, and caused a loss of upper-body muscle control . . . the disease, however, hasn’t changed his smile,” said Jacob Tom, a fellow classmate.

Andy will formally accept the Molly Burke Courage Award and \$250 scholarship at the Catholic Memorial senior scholarship and farewell luncheon on May 17, 2013.

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Andy's older brother, Wesley, commented, "Andy has made an imprint in my life that allows me to continue to live my faith each and every day and I hope his story will continue to inspire people."

The announcement of this award comes on the 4-year anniversary of Molly Burke's diagnosis of acute lymphoblastic leukemia on February 17, 2009. She continues to battle bravely today and looks forward to graduating with the Catholic Memorial class of 2025. Molly is the daughter of CMH English teacher and girls soccer coach, John Burke.

Special thanks go to the Holy Apostles school community in New Berlin and the Condit family of Pewaukee for their kindness and vision in making this award possible.

For more information about Catholic Memorial High School, go to www.catholicmemorial.net or call (262) 542-7101.

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About Catholic Memorial High School

Catholic Memorial High School of Waukesha is an Archdiocesan Catholic college preparatory high school serving 700 students from the Waukesha County area. The school was established in 1949 to honor the sacrifices of 23 local servicemen lost in World War II.

Catholic Memorial High School was selected by the National Catholic High School Honor Roll as one of its top 50 schools in the United States. The Honor Roll recognizes academic institutions distinguished by academic excellence, Catholic identity, and civic education.

At Catholic Memorial High School, we educate students as individuals, intellectually and spiritually. We guide students to work to their highest, God-given potential. We prepare them for postsecondary education to become leaders who serve the Church and the world.