
THE REPORT CARD



An Annual Update from the Recipients of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship Award

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For thirty-five years now, the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association has awarded academic scholarships to high school hockey players in the state of Illinois that have excelled on the ice, in the classroom and around the community. Typically, we gather as an alumni association to celebrate the accomplishments of our three new scholarship recipients, but current events have put that on hold. In any case, we as an association are still able to use our annual "Report Card" as a means to share what life has brought each of us within the past year.

I encourage you to take some time to read about what the past recipients are doing with their lives. In doing so, you will see how the vision and commitment of those who created this scholarship award has affected so many outstanding individuals.

On behalf of all of the former scholars, I would like to offer a huge congratulations to Rafael Biedron, Madeleine Arend, and Pierce Romo, our 2022 scholarship recipients! You should all be extremely proud of what you've accomplished, and we all look forward to meeting you in person and celebrating. Welcome to the family!

Let's go Hawks!

Trevor Scianna
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Christopher Araujo and I am one of the 2021 recipients of the CBAA Keith Magnuson Scholarship. I would like to congratulate my fellow recipients, Emilie Lindgren and Preston Watt. Unfortunately due to covid restrictions, we were not able to meet and I look forward to the day we do. I hope you are both enjoying your first year of college.

I am currently a freshman majoring in business at the University of Southern California. My first semester was an amazing experience. The weather in LA is perfect! I am so fortunate to be at the same school as my brother, Rocky Araujo who was also a recipient of the 2019 CBAA Keith

Magnuson Scholarship. It's amazing to say, as brothers, we are both CBAA scholarship recipients and attend the same university! Our mother is one happy mom!

This semester I am in the process of pledging to a fraternity - TKE. My days are jam-packed and very productive. As far as the upcoming summer, I plan on caddying at Butterfield Country Club.

I would like to thank the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for extending their generosity to me. Words cannot describe how grateful I am to be part of this amazing, generous organization. It is truly an honor.

Sincerely,
Chris Araujo
2021 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Preston Watt, and I am grateful to have the privilege and honor to be selected as one of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association 2021 scholarship recipients. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Alumni Association for their investment in my future and the future of our communities. I'd also like to congratulate and welcome the 2022 Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association scholarship recipients into the CBAA family! You should all be proud of what you have accomplished, the CBAA is a tight-knit community like no other.

After I graduated from high school I immediately began a summer internship for PBC Advisors, LLC, an accounting and consulting firm in Oakbrook, IL. From June-July 2021, I gained experience in managerial and tax accounting for medical practices, and worked on bank reconciliation statements, payroll journals, and other tax documents. I continue to be both a head coach and goalie coach for my local hockey programs whenever I am back home, and work with my mentors and coaches in the hope of having a similar positive impact as they had on my life. Plus, I miss playing and being a part of the greatest sport and community on Earth!

I am currently enrolled in the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, finishing up my first year of studies, where I plan on majoring in finance. I am the Director of Outreach with the Kelley Undergraduate Research and Trading Club and a member of the Indiana University Financial Services Club. I also participate in the Indiana University Chess Club where I have yet to find sustained success.

Congratulations to the 2022 Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association scholarship recipients! Thank you to the entire Alumni Association. I am very grateful for your belief in me and your generous support of our community at Large.

Sincerely,
Preston Watt
2021 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My name is Evan Wurzbacher and I am one of the three scholarship recipients from 2020. To start, I would like to congratulate this year's recipients for their achievements both on and off the ice. Being selected for such a prestigious honor is no easy task and we all welcome you into the CBAA family! I wish you all the best of luck in the coming year.

I am currently finishing up my sophomore year at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, where I am pursuing a double major in both Marketing and Sports Marketing and Management. I survived my freshman year on campus amid all the covid lockdowns and restrictions by playing basketball on the outdoor courts. With classes back

to in person learning and restrictions mostly lifted, I am finally learning what it feels like to be a Hoosier. I have been able to participate in multiple networking events and am now becoming more immersed in the IU community. I am volunteering as a peer tutor and find it to be a very rewarding experience. My goal is to become a TA so I can continue to find joy in helping others. With sports allowing fans back in the stands, I have been an active member of the Crimson Guard for our home basketball and football games where I have made countless memories and friends. I now play basketball in the intramural league. Our team had a devastating end to the season as we did not qualify for the playoffs due to a tiebreak rule, but I can guarantee we will be back and better than ever next season.

Although I am no longer playing on a hockey team, I remain heavily involved in the game as an official. I have kept current with my USA Hockey Level 3 Official credentials and ref every opportunity I get. I also had the chance to play some pond hockey over winter break with some old teammates which is always a great time.

Olivia, Andrew, and myself were fortunate enough to celebrate our accomplishments at the luncheon just days before the world changed and it is disappointing that this year's recipients will not be able to have the same one of a kind experience. Hopefully, by this time next year, life will be back to normal and we can celebrate these admirable scholarship recipients properly. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for providing me with such a life changing honor and for their continued support. I am so thankful for the opportunities it has afforded me and hopeful that one day I can give back as much as I received.

Sincerely,
Evan Wurzbacher
2020 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Brett Wiseman and I was one of the three fortunate winners from 2019. I hope all is well in the Alumni community! This past year has been another filled with difficult times, and because of this I am even more grateful for the continued support of the Alumni Association. I feel I have not been as active as I would like to be, and look forward to when health guidelines allow for more involvement. I would love for the chance to show how much this scholarship has continued to mean to me. If anything comes to mind, please feel free to reach out! I cannot thank you all enough for giving me this opportunity. It feels like only yesterday I was at the luncheon in 2019 and now I am already a year away from graduating, all thanks to the generous gift of the Alumni.

As I mentioned I am now a Junior at the University of Notre Dame, studying towards a degree in Computer Engineering. This year has been by far the most fascinating for me, as I have taken some of the most interesting

classes. My favorite has been Operating Systems Principles, in which we discussed the main functions and responsibilities of the Operating System in a computer. Some of the projects were building a simple message queue system and implementing a file system. The message queue is like a very, very, very, crude chat system which allows you to join channels to send and receive messages from (kind of like Slack, or other texting platform). Building the file system was one of the most challenging projects, but it really demonstrated how computers are doing simple tasks at a low level, but as you build up they become more and more complex. My goal for next semester is to build a computer fully from scratch! That is, not just buying a CPU and some RAM, but actually implementing the software as well as wiring everything together on breadboards.

I am also doing research for the Cooperative Computing Lab here at Notre Dame, which is a distributive systems lab that develops software to speed up the computation of data for physicists or other researchers. I have been able to gain experience on software development, and in doing so once again appreciate how awesome and complicated computers are! As far as internships go, I am currently looking for what I will be doing this summer, but have a final interview with Amazon as a software engineer coming up! As you can hopefully tell, I have loved my time here at school studying my passion which would not have been possible without the generosity of this outstanding organization. Hope to see you in person soon!

Go Hawks!

Sincerely,
Brett Wiseman
2019 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to this year's recipients of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship. Congratulations!

I am Evan Wellman, a 2018 recipient of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship. I currently attend the University of Notre Dame, where I am in the Mendoza College of Business, majoring in Finance and Economics. This is my senior year, and I will graduate this May. While I am sad my four years of college are coming to a close, I am excited for what the future holds. During my time at Notre Dame, I have had the opportunity to continue playing hockey through my residence hall's intramural team, Keough Hall. As last year's season was cancelled due to covid, I am back on the ice after two years for my last interhall season. It is great to be able to skate and play again.

This past summer I interned at PricewaterhouseCoopers for management consulting. As I learned a significant amount and thoroughly enjoyed the connections I made during my time, I am pleased to say I will be returning full-time after graduation to the Chicago office.

I would also like to sincerely thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association. With their assistance, I am able to achieve my education and academic goals. I am honored to have won this scholarship and to be associated with the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association. Thank you. Once again, congratulations to this year's recipients, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors!

Sincerely,
Evan Wellman
2018 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

My name is Patrick Nasta and I am one of the 2018 recipients of the CBAA Keith Magnuson Scholarship. I'd like to start off by giving my sincerest congratulations to this year's winners; your dedication and hard work have paid off and you should be proud of everything you've accomplished academically, athletically, and in the community.

I am currently finishing my final year at Brown University in Providence, RI with a double major in architecture and history. This semester I'm finishing up my senior thesis on sustainable architecture and vertical farming, and I've been spending a ton of time on the Brown Club Hockey team as this year's captain. I'm still playing tennis, rock climbing as much as I can, and taking the occasional ski trip when I have time.

Last year I was lucky enough to work remotely for fellow scholarship winner Joe Adamczyk, and I've been volunteering for an incredible student-run food rescue organization called The Farmlink Project since August 2020 as well. As for post-grad plans, I'm still looking for a permanent job, but I plan on working for a year before going back to school for a masters in architecture. My senior year has certainly been amazing so far and I'm looking forward to finishing out strong. Of course, none of this would've been possible without the generous support of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association, and for that I am incredibly grateful. It is an absolute honor to be associated with this group of people, and I can't thank this organization enough for everything they've done for me, especially Cliff Koroll, Joe Adamczyk, and my alumni mentor, Kevin Magnuson. Once again, congratulations to this year's winners, I wish you all the best of luck in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Patrick Nasta
2018 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My name is Trevor Scianna, and I am one of three scholarship recipients from 2017. I would like to start off by congratulating the newest CBAA Scholarship recipients! Your hard work, and dedication to your studies and community is paying off, and it's truly an honor to have an organization like the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association recognize you for your achievements and involvement. I still fail to express in words how grateful and humbled I am to have been awarded such a prestigious honor by such an admirable organization. The alumni association is a community like no other, and I highly encourage you to attend as many events as possible because you will meet so many amazing people that can open so many doors for you in life. I cannot thank the alumni nation, Cliff Koroll, my mentor Tim Vlcek and members like Mike Mullins enough for their dedication and investment in the next generation. Cumulatively, they have opened many doors to my prosperous future, and I cannot wait to give back as they have given to me.

This past year has kept me extremely busy. I graduated from Villanova University in May, and moved cross country to Southern California to begin my dream job working as an Aeronautical Engineer for the Advanced Development Programs of Lockheed Martin. Life in California is way different than life in Chicago or the East coast, but I've been adapting well. I've been working for almost nine months, and the real world is not as bad as the adults make it seem when we are growing up. My work has taught me so much in such a short time as a young engineer, and I have had a blast developing cutting edge aerospace technology to solve the latest and greatest demands. In fact, it's even encouraged me to go back to school for a Masters in Aerospace Engineering! I've made new friends, experienced eighty degree February's, traveled the west coast, and I am currently in the process of buying a house. Life is awesome, but I would not be quite where I am now without the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association.

It's quite a bummer that we are not able to gather and celebrate the accomplishments of our newest recipients, but I am already looking forward to the next luncheon! Rafael, Madeleine, and Pierce, I encourage you to keep in touch with your mentors and the CBAA. Again, a special congratulations to the three of you. I am sure you are still finding out what a blessing it is to be inducted into such an incredible community. Keep in mind that you wouldn't be where you are without others that supported you and remember to give back! Thank you again to the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for your unending support!

All the Best,
Trevor Scianna
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Nolan Sornson and I am a 2017 recipient of the CBAA Scholarship. Congratulations to the recipients of this year's scholarship! You are joining a very special group and you should be extremely proud of your accomplishments!

I graduated from Lehigh University in May of 2021 with degrees in Electrical Engineering and Integrated Business and Engineering and with highest honors. The last year and a half of my college experience was not as I had imagined due to the pandemic, but I kept working hard and received the Harold J. Horn Prize and the Phillip Francis du Pont Memorial Prize for being the highest ranking Electrical Engineering student as a junior and senior respectively. The classes I took to finish out my degree would be challenging during a normal year, so I am very proud to have ended my college career with this recognition.

After graduation, I moved to Pittsburgh and started work as an Electrical Engineer at Naval Nuclear Laboratory (NNL). I'm proud to be supporting the US Navy and their fleet of nuclear powered ships. I intended to intern at NNL during the summer of 2020, but that was canceled just a week before I was supposed to start. I'm grateful for Joe Adamczyk (1994 Recipient), who offered me a position at his new company, Exchange Analytics, bridging what would have been a gap of work experience at the critical time between my junior and senior years of college. I gained valuable insight about entrepreneurship and learned data analytics skills that many engineers would not be exposed to during their education.

Living in Pittsburgh has certainly been a change, but I have enjoyed exploring the city on foot and by bicycle. I have met many wonderful friends who often join me in my adventures and I can't wait for warmer weather and longer days to let me explore more. While I may be sticking around in Pittsburgh for a little while longer, consider this my promise to never become a Penguins fan.

I would like to thank the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for extending their generosity to me with this scholarship. This scholarship allowed me to focus on doing well in school, even when the world was giving me plenty of reasons not to. I can't thank you all enough for helping me get to where I am today!

Sincerely,
Nolan Sornson
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Hey Alumni Nation, I first wanted to take a moment to thank you all so much for the financial assistance to get me through school! Everyone in the organization has been extremely generous and thoughtful. I could not be more honored to be able to be a part of such an amazing group of people.

I just currently graduated from Aurora University this past December and am in the process of starting as a nurse at Amita Mercy Medical Center in Aurora University. I am currently looking for a new house or apartment to rent.

The most exciting news though is that I am now engaged and will be getting married soon! Our tentative date is September 10, 2022. My future wife to be is Katie Schupp. My life went from playing college hockey and living life to calling wedding photographers and trying to create a vision for our wedding in the blink of an eye! (PS: I'm open to any advice at this point!) I finally retired from competitive hockey, although I am always out at random men's leagues and rat hockey's. I am very excited to see what this next stage of life brings for me and my fiancé Katie.

Lastly, congratulations to the recipients of this year! When I first got this scholarship I was told that the financial side of it was only just the beginning. Five years down the road I can attest to that, welcome to one of the best groups of people you will ever surround yourself with! Congratulations!

Regards,
Anders Lindgren
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My name is Justin Cruz and I am a 2016 recipient of this prestigious scholarship. I am currently a second-year medical student at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and I'm finally back home in Chicago. To this year's recipients: congratulations! This is an incredible accomplishment that will benefit you now and years down the road. It clearly reflects just how fantastic, hard-working, and accomplished you all are. Remember to take full advantage of this award—few people can boast a scholarship that provides excellent financial support, networking opportunities, and a group of such distinguished individuals. Make sure to stay as involved as possible, you won't regret it! The CBAA meetings and alumni skates are incredibly fun and are great ways to meet people.

A lot has happened since our last newsletter, so I'll try to briefly summarize two years in a few efficient sentences. I'll start when COVID started: I finished my studies at Vanderbilt University in an off-campus apartment, returned home and graduated virtually, and then spent the summer flipping cars at my dad's mechanic shop. While there, I finally designed and built my own custom electric skateboard I had been wanting to do since Sophomore

year of college and was later able to find a job through the CBAA to cover me up until I started medical school. I live in downtown Chicago right next to Northwestern Memorial hospital and have had my first full season of using the lake trail that runs next to LSD. I have got to say, it's incredible and I can now understand what all the fuss was about. I picked up long-distance road biking and running during the pandemic as a way to stay active, and it's been hard to say no to such an awesome trail on days when I'm feeling lazy. Marking a year since COVID started, Vanderbilt's Class of 2020 was invited back to Nashville to graduate in person. I didn't think initially it would mean that much to me but looking back, that was a bright spot in my year: I got to catch up with friends with whom I had too-short goodbyes and finally got to walk across the stage at Vanderbilt Stadium—it was a weekend I'll never forget.

Over the past two years in medical school, I've also had some pretty cool academic and research success. I've been working with my prosthetics and exoskeleton research lab back at Vanderbilt to pioneer the design of the world's first bimodal prosthesis (it can be used for walking or running without switching out legs or parts), which has been incredibly rewarding. We're starting preliminary trials this upcoming month, so it's been a cool and crazy experience to see something I spent a year designing actually start to impact the prosthetics community. Back here in Chicago, I've also had success with several research projects in plastic surgery as I ramp up for yet another (and second-to-last!) application cycle for the next step in my training. Hopefully, I will be able to match into a residency program in either reconstructive plastic or orthopedic surgery. Becoming a sports doctor has always been a dream of mine so I can help put kids like me back on the field and ensure their injuries never hold them back.

And thanks to the constant support and help of the CBAA over my last 6 years, that wish and dream is now almost a reality. It gives me shivers thinking I'm just a few steps away from becoming an actual doctor. Needless to say, I'm really, really excited and want to reiterate how possible this became for me because of the mental, financial, and professional boost this scholarship and community gave me—when used to the fullest, it's quite a life-changer. Well, that's all I have for now. I've got 8 weeks to study for Step 1—the big exam that separates the pre-clinical and clinical years of medical school—before we begin clinical clerkships and I start spending more time in the hospital than anywhere else. For some crazy reason, that sounds fun to me and I'm looking forward to it, just like I'm looking forward to finally attending CBAA meetings again now that I'm back. Cheers to a new year and once again, thank you CBAA!

Sincerely,
Justin Cruz
2016 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

Margot Werner here, 2015 recipient. Congratulations to this year's recipients! This is an incredible achievement that will not only be fruitful for the next four years - but should continue to be a source of meaning for many years to come. I'm sorry we're unable to celebrate you all together at the Luncheon, but hopefully we'll be able to make up for that soon.

Lots has changed since I last checked in. It's pretty wild that the Luncheon in 2020 was one of the last days before the world shut down. I remember branding my dad as 'dramatic' for not wanting to shake hands with anyone at the time - but I guess he was on to something, hah. 2020 was an interesting year. Stressful - for obvious reasons - but also filled with surprisingly lovely times amongst the chaos. Many of my friends had given up their leases a few months into COVID, and for a stretch of time several of them moved in with me and my family. It certainly wasn't how I envisioned spending my mid-twenties - largely isolated at my parent's house - but all things considered, many laughs were had, new dishes cooked, and life was relatively good.

In April of 2021 I finally left the nest and moved to New York City. I live with 3 of my best friends in the East Village and couldn't be enjoying New York more. It feels like people from all walks of my life - Chicago, college, even my childhood camp - are living in New York and the social scene is bustling. I recently took a new job at a company called Riskified, which is a Fin-Tech start up specializing in fraud prevention in e-commerce. I'm looking forward to growing my career here and excited for what the next year has in store. I hope everyone is doing well and can't wait for next year's Luncheon. Thank you, thank you CBAA - for your unwavering support and for letting me be a part of this spectacular team.

Fondly,
Margot Werner
2015 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

My name is Joe Orecchio, and I am one of the 2015 recipients of the scholarship. As always, I feel there is no better way to start than by thanking the CBAA; I am forever grateful for the support of the scholarship and the opportunities that being part of the CBAA has offered me. Additionally, I would like to extend my congratulations to the most recent scholarship recipients and welcome them to the family!

I continue to live in Milwaukee, where I moved following my graduation from the University of Notre Dame, where I majored in Finance and History, in the spring of 2019. I love Milwaukee and feel like I have gotten the chance to experience much more of the city in the last six months, and the city's proximity to Chicago is obviously

an added bonus. I continue to work in Finance, having started my career in sell-side equity research at Baird.

Over the last year, I have remained involved in hockey, coaching a 14U team (this year as an assistant coach) for the second year here. I feel like I have been to every corner of Wisconsin in the past four months for games/tournaments, but coaching is always a wonderful experience and I am grateful I get the opportunity to give back to the game. I also stay active playing hockey once a week in a local adult league and have taken up cycling.

I will keep it brief, but want to close by again saying thank you to the CBAA and all of its members. My years at Notre Dame were incredible, and the scholarship went a long way in helping to enable both my education and my continued involvement in hockey through coaching/playing. Hockey has always been a huge part of my life, and I am proud to call myself a member of this great organization.

Sincerely,
Joe Orecchio
2015 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

My name is Elek Wellman and I am a 2014 CBAA Scholarship recipient. I would like to congratulate the 2022 winners for not only receiving the scholarship, but for succeeding as an athlete and student during unprecedented times.

In 2018, I graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Neuroscience & Behavior. During my time there, I played ACHA hockey for the club team at the university. Currently, I am a fourth-year medical student at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and I am living in my hometown of Springfield, IL. I wish to pursue dermatology and I am actively in the process of finding a residency position. When I am not studying, I serve as student body president and lace up my skates at least every Sunday night. Undergoing my medical education during COVID has been an interesting experience and I have plenty of stories to tell future medical students.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for allowing me to progress my education to this state. The CBAA allowed me to chase my dreams of serving our society by caring for the physical needs of others.

Thank You,
Elek Wellman
2014 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

Congratulations to the new scholarship winners! Welcome to the BCAA, a phenomenal organization of people willing to help you, which is also affiliated with your (everybody's) favorite hockey team. I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments leading you to this point, as well as your accomplishments in the future.

The past year has been relatively eventful for me. I finished my PhD at Cornell University last June and started working for Sandia National Laboratories. My son Maxwell was born on July 1st and is now 8 months old! Caitlin (my wife of almost 3 years now), Maxwell, our chocolate lab Charlie, and I are living in Albuquerque, NM. I have not played any hockey down here yet, but I hear from someone at work that there is a pretty good men's league somewhere. If anyone is interested, I maintain a website (mostly technical stuff) at mrbuche.github.io, and feel free to contact me at mbuche1@alumni.nd.edu. Thanks to the BCAA for everything you provided me during my undergraduate career at the University of Notre Dame. My education there really created the foundation for succeeding in my education and career afterwards, so I am grateful.

Sincerely,
Michael Buche
2013 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Laura Brennan and I was a 2012 recipient of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients! You have now joined the ranks of a wonderful association and you should all be very proud of yourselves.

After graduating from Harvard University in 2016, I spent four years teaching Social Studies to middle schoolers in central Brooklyn while also working as a grade team lead. I left teaching in 2020 for business school at the Yale School of Management from which I will be graduating with my MBA in May. After spending the summer of 2021 interning for management consulting division EY-Parthenon, I'm excited to be returning to EY-Parthenon's Chicago office as a full-time consultant in their education practice after graduation. Business school has been an incredibly challenging and rewarding experience and I'm grateful for the professional and personal opportunities that have been provided to me over the past two years.

In my spare time, I have been able to resume my passion of traveling this year. Being a graduate student has allowed me to continue this world travel as I have been fortunate enough to take a number of other trips in the past year to Mexico, Spain, Italy, France, Costa Rica, and Colombia. I have also maintained my hobby as an avid reader while continuing to spend more time with family and friends after being separated in 2020.

One more, I just want to reiterate my gratefulness to the Alumni Association for helping to fund my

education, particularly as I am still working to continue it today. As my professional and personal dreams have become realities, I am so thankful for all of the opportunities that I have been given because of this incredible organization. In assisting me to complete my higher education, the Alumni Association has enabled me to pursue amazing opportunities even today.

Sincerely,
Laura Brennan
2012 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

My name is Trevor Santoro, and I was fortunate enough to win the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship in 2011. I'd like to start off first by congratulating our new recipients. This is truly an amazing scholarship, and you should be very proud. You've just become members of a first-class organization for life. It's a great honor, and I'm delighted to welcome you to the family!

I graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2015 and accepted a position with Morningstar, an independent investment research firm headquartered in downtown Chicago, in their Leadership Development Program. A year later, I joined their Retirement & Workplace Solutions group as a Sales Associate and then became an Associate Regional Sales Director in 2018 where I got to travel the country for several years and grow our retirement business. More recently, in 2021, I was promoted to spearhead the development of a new team as Manager of Retirement Education. I now manage a growing team of Retirement Education Consultants who help everyday people make smarter savings and investment decisions so they can retire with security. This mission of helping "save retirement" is something I'm incredibly passionate about and it's the main reason I've stayed at Morningstar ever since joining right after college.

This year is poised to be another big one as I start my MBA at the University of Wisconsin this fall. I'm really excited for this new experience because I believe that successfully earning my degree will give me the tools I need to continue to grow as a leader, achieve my long-term career goals, and ultimately, help me make a greater impact on the people I lead and the people I serve both now and in the future. Although I went to Illinois for undergrad, I can now officially say with pride "Go Badgers!"

Looking back over all of these years, there's no doubt that I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for the support and guidance of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association. I'm enormously appreciative and am truly humbled to be a part of this exceptional organization with so many extraordinary people. Again, congratulations to this year's recipients!

Sincerely,
Trevor Santoro
2011 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

What a year 2022 has been already! After applying to law schools in the fall of 2021, I am very happy to report that I've been granted admission to the University of Illinois College of Law with a full tuition scholarship. My Texas adventure appears to be drawing to a close.

As always, thank you to the CBAA for your support during my undergraduate career and in the years that followed. I look forward to getting more involved now that I'll be back in the area.

Sincerely,
Donald Cuba
2010 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My name is Bianca Bonfim and I am one of the 2010 Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship recipients. I'd like to offer my congratulations to this year's recipients, congratulations – it is truly an honor. Enjoy your next few years of college, they go quickly and in my experience were some of the best!

In May 2014 I graduated from Tulane University in New Orleans with a bachelor's in Business Management. Shortly after graduating, I spent five years in San Francisco working as a Senior Brand Marketing manager where I launched national TV and Radio campaigns for Fisher Investments (you may have seen the ads on some NHL games!). I was lucky enough to explore all the bay area had to offer - Napa's wine region, the biking and hiking trails, and tons of live music! After 5 years of working, I quit my job, traveled to Japan, Greece, and Australia, and moved across the country to NYC.

I've been in NYC for the last 2 and a bit years, arriving 5 months before COVID. It's been a wild ride but truly remarkable. I've been able to grow both personally and in my career. I'll be starting a new position as Head of US Marketing for Depop in March of this year - achieving one of my top career goals by 30! It's amazing what can happen in 12 years, all starting with the Blackhawks Alumni Scholarship – I'm grateful every day and am so excited for this year's recipients! Thank you to the CBAA not only for the ongoing support and community but also for the initial recognition that supported me in getting to where I am today!

Thank you,
Bianca Bonfim
2010 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

Congratulations to the 2022 Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship winners. You have worked hard to get to this moment and I wish you continued success in your future. Welcome to the family!

I am a 2009 CBAA Scholarship recipient. After graduating from Notre Dame in 2013 with a degree in Electrical Engineering I moved to Vermont, California, and eventually back home to Chicago this year, enjoying the luxuries of a new work-from-home environment. It has been nice to reconnect with my family and friends who I would normally only see during the holidays. I continue to work for Blizzard Entertainment as a software developer. This year I supported the cross-play and cross-progression features of many of our console games, such as Overwatch, Diablo II, and Diablo IV. We have a lot of exciting releases planned for this year that are sure to keep me busy.

When I moved back to Chicago, I quickly found an adult league to play in over at Orbit Ice Arena in Palatine. It's been exciting to meet new hockey friends and even play against some kids I knew when I was younger, including a CBAA High School All-star team member. We are always looking for more players if anyone is interested! I'm also looking forward to moving into my new house this spring and starting a fresh chapter in my life.

I once again would like to thank the CBAA for their continued support and lasting impact it has had on my life. I look forward to increasing my involvement in the association this year and giving back to this amazing community.

Sincerely,
Tyler Gregory
2009 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

I would first off like to extend my congratulations to the Class of 2022 Recipients! You should all be proud of yourselves as you have accomplished so much not only within this past year, but throughout your lives. By accepting this scholarship, you have also been welcomed into one of the most elite and beneficial alumni associations across all of professional sports.

This past year has been yet another exciting one for me as I continue to live in the northern suburbs of Dallas and my son, Brooks, turned a year old. To say that he has taught me the true meaning of being busy and tired would be an understatement, but my wife and I would not have it any other way! In any spare time I can find, I still continue to play hockey on a local men's league team in the Dallas metroplex and enjoy golfing anytime I able to get out on the course.

When not busy spending time with my family or playing hockey, I continue to work for Collins Aerospace (formerly Rockwell Collins) in Texas in a newly appointed role as a Director of Manufacturing Operations. This position is located within our Mission Systems branch of the business and consists of

leading and supporting 13 manufacturing locations across 3 continents comprised of approximately 750+ manufacturing employees. This role allows for me to support several of our country's military products across a variety of platforms including the nuclear command and control programs, fighter jet ejection seating, unmanned air applications, and simulation training alternatives.

Again, congratulations to this year's recipients on being received into such a prestigious association and for all of your successes thus far in life. The Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association is unlike any other organization you will ever find yourself a part of and I greatly thank them for all of their continuous support and contributions towards my well-being. It is truly an honor to be a member of the Association and I hope that all of you can embrace the experience and receive the tremendous support that I have been blessed with thus far.

Sincerely,
Dave Svac
2009 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Congratulations to the 2022 Scholarship Recipients. This is a significant accomplishment on your part, and you are now part of an exemplary organization with whom your great experiences are just beginning.

Things have changed quite a bit in the last two years and that's hardly including COVID's impact. After a COVID postponement from October 2020 to June 2021, my now-wife Sam and I got married at a small, pandemic-friendly ceremony in Upstate New York. Only to add to the year of changes, after 9 great years of living and working in Chicago I took an opportunity with my company, CNA Insurance, to lead our Underwriting team in Wisconsin. This involved a move in July of last year to suburban Milwaukee, trading in an apartment for a house with a fenced in yard. And in case that wasn't enough change, we now will be welcoming a baby girl to grow our family in July of this year. With my wife a former figure skater, it's only a matter of time before we'll get our new addition into skates.

Now with my rebuilt hip having 3 years under its belt, I still am not able to return to play goalie – but the appeal of 11:10 weekday ice times has long passed me by. After considering a return as a defenseman, I've instead graduated to coaching, occasionally helping out as a goalie coach for a local club team. More often you can find me playing tennis to fill my competitive edge, and golfing anytime I can.

A great part about the CBAA camaraderie and generosity is that after you receive your diploma, the best is yet to come. Whether it be the Scholars trips we have taken to away Blackhawks games, our Alumni skates and meetings, or even the annual iterations of this luncheon, the continued positive experiences make me ever more thankful for the generosity the CBAA offered me and my fellow former scholarship winners. And now even with 2 years between the last luncheon, the friendships I have gained through this group has made me all

the more thankful to be a part of this organization. Once again, congratulations to the newest scholarship recipients! We are thrilled to have you join us in our special group and I look forward to meeting each of you.

Sincerely,
Daniel Moir
2008 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My name is Adam Goldblatt and I am a 2008 recipient of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship. Congratulations to this year's Scholarship recipients!

In May 2012, I graduated from the Business Honors program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where I played on the club ice hockey team and earned dual-degrees in Accountancy and Finance. I began my career in Chicago as an Investment Banking Analyst for BMO Capital Markets, followed by a similar role in Newport Beach, California, where I worked for Green Street Advisors on their Advisory & Consulting team.

I'm now based in San Diego, California, as a Director, Investments at BioMed Realty, a Blackstone portfolio company, where I invest in lab space and life science research real estate across the United States and in the United Kingdom.

On the personal front, I'm very excited to share that my wife and I are expecting a daughter in the next month, our first child and the first grandchild within our immediate families. Our dog, Jaxon, is very excited to be an older brother.

Although ice time is less bountiful in San Diego relative to Chicago, I still skate when I can – I remain on a mission to make a backyard rink here a reality like my parents and grandparents did for me growing up in Northbrook. I am forever grateful to the Alumni association for its generosity. It is an honor and a privilege to be part of such an elite group of people and professionals, and I look forward to continuing and expanding my involvement in the years to come.

To any Alumni members who find themselves in Southern California, please feel free to reach out and connect. Congratulations again to this year's recipients!

Sincerely,
Adam Goldblatt, CFA
2008 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

First, congratulations to the newest scholarship recipients! You are being welcomed into a terrific family and have a lot to be proud of.

My updates for 2015 – 2019 focused on travel for group events. This one is obviously quite different! 2020 and 2021 were spent either indoors or on hiking trails in the SF Bay Area. The city was very much locked down for much of the last two years, so being able to get outside in mild weather was great – as long as the wildfires weren't raging. It was a tough time, but Bethany and I were fortunate to be in jobs that translated well to working from home.

I am still with Silicon Valley Bank and working as a Director on the pre-revenue biotech team. We help companies develop medicines for cancer, liver disease, pediatric diseases, and, obviously, COVID-19. We've been extremely busy as the pandemic turned things into overdrive, but it's been fun and engaging.

When not working, I've continued to play music. After a two-year hiatus, I'm finally back to playing live shows. My last band released a full-length album in 2021 (*Pretty in Between*), and I plan to release a solo album later this year.

I appreciate the ongoing support of the BHAA as I continue to grow professionally and personally. The organization has been instrumental in helping me realize my dreams.

Welcome once again to the newest winners. This award is a testament to your past achievements and will help you continue to excel. To the Alumni: thank you again, and I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Kale Frank
2007 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Congratulations to the new scholarship recipients. Your hard work on and off the ice is admirable. I hope to meet you all soon.

I graduated from Northwestern University in 2010 with the help of the CBAA scholarship before going on to medical school at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. I am currently finishing up medical training as a cardiology fellow at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. I will be moving back to the Chicago area this summer to work as a cardiologist at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village.

My wife and I welcomed our daughter, Isabel, in March 2021. She is our first child and an incredible blessing to our family. She keeps us busy and keeps me off the ice!

Thank you to the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for your incredible generosity. It is an incredible honor to be associated with the organization and everything it stands for.

Sincerely,
Tom O'Connell
2006 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Kelsey Forsberg and I am a 2006 recipient of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship. Congratulations to the recipients of this year's scholarship—we are so excited to welcome you to the CBAA family!

I work as a pediatric nurse, which continues to be both challenging and rewarding in the current climate. On a personal level, I got married this past winter, and my husband (Mike) and I have been enjoying hanging out with our 3-year-old dog (Meli). We live a few doors down from Wrigley Field and are looking forward to the start of Cubs/concert season.

I am so grateful to the CBAA and am proud to be part of this amazing group. Once again, congratulations to the new recipients; I wish we could all gather in person to celebrate each of you and look forward to meeting you all one day soon!

Sincerely,
Kelsey Forsberg
2006 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

It seems incredible that it has already been seventeen years since I was standing before the Alumni, humbly accepting the Blackhawks Alumni Scholarship as a senior from Barrington High School. I am now an alumna of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where I graduated in May 2009 with a degree mechanical engineering. I continued my educational career at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, where I graduated in May 2012.

I currently work as a patent and trademark attorney at the law firm of McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP in Chicago. I was recently promoted to equity partner, and I look forward to the challenges of becoming more active in the marketing and business development of the firm. My wife Katelyn and I recently made the move from Chicago to Park Ridge where we purchased our first home. We are enjoying the suburban life with our four-year old son Henry and our one-year old daughter Rosie.

While my competitive hockey career came to an end when I graduated from the University of Illinois, I have been able to stay on the ice by playing on a couple of men's league teams with college and high Henry and Rosie to their first game.

Congratulations to this year's recipients on receiving this prestigious honor. You should be very proud of your accomplishments, and honored to be involved in such a charitable association. I would like to thank the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for your ongoing support. It is an honor to be a part of the Blackhawks Alumni family.

Sincerely,
Jordan Pringle
2005 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Bobby Laing and I am the 2004 recipient of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship. First off, I would like to congratulate the recipients of this year's scholarship. You have joined an amazing association and you should all be very proud of your accomplishment.

In December of 2008, I graduated from Southern Illinois University with a major in Television Production, a double specialization in Electronic Media Management and a minor in Marketing. I moved to New York City in January '08 to begin working for NBC Universal. After living in Manhattan for almost 4 years, I decided to head back to Chicago to pursue a job in advertising. I've been here for almost 10 years and currently work at Mindshare Worldwide as Director of Strategic Planning for multiple CPG brands.

I continue to stay in touch with many past scholarship recipients and associate members who have become lifelong friends. In fact, a few of us are in the process of planning a fishing trip up in Canada for this summer. I am recently engaged and have a wedding planned for May of this year in Vermont.

I can't thank the entire organization enough. It is truly an honor to be associated with the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni and everything they stand for.

Once again, congratulations to this year's recipients! I hope to see you all at an Alumni event soon.

Best Regards,
Bobby Laing
2004 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Congratulations and welcome to the family 2022 Scholarship Recipients! You and your family have so much to be proud of!

Yet another year that has flown by for my family and I. Life in Colorado continues to amaze us! My husband, Greg, our nine year old twin girls, Lillian and Madalynn, our three year old son, Beau, our one year old son, Jack, our two four-legged puppy children-Zoey and Rezlaw (please spell our last name backwards); our five turtles and two toads had a very fun year of new adventures. Life as an accountant (me) and a landscape designer (Greg) hasn't been much out of the ordinary; same thing, different year. This past year, the kids and I made a trip back to the Midwest for a family funeral and then a wedding 2 weeks later – we enjoyed the “nice” summer humidity that I do not miss. Lilly and Maddie started 4th grade this past fall in separate classes and have come home surprising us with how much they are learning – they are start learning Latin in 4 th grad! Lilly and Maddie started their first year of squirt co-ed hockey at the outdoor ice rink in our mountain town. The season started out great, but in mid January, Maddie was hit in a tournament and broke her collar bone, ending her season. This year I was able to continue coaching their squirt team, Zamboni driving on the side, and volunteer with the board for the hockey organization. They

have come so far, they have loved the commodore of playing a team sport, and most days LOVE playing out on the outdoor rink. We've had a couple of practices where they've played in the snow, one practice had so much snow we had to shovel and get the Zamboni unstuck before we could use a third of the ice.

Beau has made his debut on the ice and is starting to really love skating. This season he has done more than just lay on the ice and wants to be like his big sisters. Jack has become a walking and moving target to chase which makes hockey season difficult, but hoping we can get him in a pair of skates in the next season or two. Lilly and Maddie have kept us busy with additional activities that mainly involve horseback riding lessons. As much as I'd like to say that they love hockey, they love horses and being on a horse, more than anything – I think we found two of the most expensive sports out there! Four kids the last year has been interesting with all of the quarantines and sickness we've had going through the house, but we look forward to warmer days and more outside time soon to avoid all of this. We are still enjoying have this little life we've dreamed of enjoying in the mountains but close enough to the big city (Colorado Springs). I look forward to what the next year has in store for as the year surely promises to keep us on our toes! While we are currently in the middle of tax season with many long days, I am looking forward to April 15 th and going back down to a more normal schedule and spending a little more time at home with the entire family.

As I look back over the last 18 years, I wouldn't be where or who I am today without CBAA; I cannot begin to express enough gratitude for all the support and encouragement you've provided over the years. Congratulations again on all of your hard work and accomplishments up to this point in your life!

Go Hawks!

Sincerely,
Janelle (Korbass) Walzer
2004 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Congratulations and welcome to this year's recipients! I wish you success as you begin your college experience, and from @AdamMGrant... “[t]he best way to learn from your mistakes is to laugh at them [...] the faster you follow ‘oof’ with ‘haha’, the sooner you figure out how to avoid the blunder the next time”.

My name is Adam Stasica and I work at the University of Colorado Boulder, in the College of Engineering. In July, my wife and I had our first child, Wilder, and it has been the greatest thing ever! Each day is an adventure with new opportunities to learn and grow as a family and as parents.

For fun, I have an ice rink three blocks away and enjoy Saturday morning skates. I even find time to perform music occasionally in our downtown outside of Boulder, CO.

In closing, thank you so much to the Alumni Association. I'm reminded this year especially of the amazing mentorship and assists from Mike Mullins, Tom Gearen, Kenny

McCudden, and Cliff Koroll. I know I'm missing a few people, but the point is, the Alumni Association continues to offer opportunities beyond this most generous scholarship. Take advantage when opportunity knocks, get involved, and give back when you can.

With gratitude,
Adam Stasica
2003 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Tim Ryan, and I was a recipient of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship in 2003 while playing for Mt. Carmel. Congratulations to this year's recipients! It is a very prestigious group that you are joining, and you should all be very proud.

I graduated in May of 2008 from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign with a Masters degree in accountancy and a specialization in taxation. I obtained my CPA shortly after graduation in June 2008. During my time at Illinois, I worked at the ice arena and fulfilled a life-long dream of driving the Zamboni.

Upon graduation, I worked for a mid-size audit firm in Darien, Illinois through the end of 2011. In 2012, I began working in the finance department at the Ace Hardware corporate headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois. I am in my fifth different position at Ace, and I am really enjoying my current position which focuses on financial controls, process improvements, and driving efficiencies within the organization. I love working for a company that supports small business owners, and I also get to do a lot of volunteer work with the Ace Foundation that supports the Children's Miracle Network.

My wife and I have three sons, a seven-year-old, a five-year-old, and a two-year-old. They keep us very active and busy! We are always busy taking the older two to their various sports: baseball, basketball, soccer, and hockey. I am looking forward to finally taking my boys to their first Hawks game this spring!

The Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association was a great help to me throughout my time in college. I cannot thank them enough for everything they have done and are still doing for high school hockey players. It is an honor to be a member of this great organization.

Congratulations to this year's winners and good luck in your future endeavors!

Sincerely,
Tim Ryan
2003 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

I'd like to start by congratulating this year's scholarship recipients. It is an incredible accomplishment for you and your families. I'm sure the Blackhawks family will make each of you feel very welcomed, just as they continue to do for past recipients.

Personally, this has been an exciting year with Amy and I welcoming our sweet Nora the day after Thanksgiving. She joins proud big brothers, Liam, 6, and Owen, 3. We are blessed to be parents and look forward to sharing our family passion for the Hawks and hockey with the kids. We have one skater at the moment, as Liam is a mite with the Sabres. It's great being back at the rink and seeing his smile on the ice. I'm also helping coach and have enjoyed being back on the ice. As for work, I am a general dentist practicing in Plainfield.

I'd like to take the time to thank the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for their continued support. It is an honor and privilege to be part of the Alumni. I'm sure Maggie is proud as the principles the Alumni were founded upon remain strong and continue to bless the lives of others.

Sincerely,
Dennis Morrin
2002 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Scholarship recipients! You all have tremendous futures in front of you, and you should be very proud and excited to join such a great Association.

Wow, it's amazing that another year has come and gone so quickly. On a personal level, my family and I continue to live in Arlington Heights, and we can't wait till the weather warms up so that our four kiddos can play outside in the back yard more. It's amazing to see them all develop and grow! From a career perspective, I'm still working at Molson Coors, and love getting to go to work and talk about beer every day!

I want to take this chance to thank the Alumni Association for all of the support they haven given me throughout my college and now professional career. It is a huge honor to be a part of such a great group like the CBAA, and I value the relationships and experiences I've made through my participation in the Association.

Best Regards,
Frank Cirone
2002 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My wife (Kim) and I live in Nashville with our two boys, CJ (2) and Hank (5 years). The past year of my life has been eventful and fulfilling. In the past year, I have started a new career at a security identify company called Okta. I work from home and am grateful my career allows me to see my boys grow up. In addition to spending time with my family, I enjoy hiking local lakes, camping, hunting and fishing. We have lived in Nashville for almost 15 years and have seen a lot of positive change to the community.

Nashville is not the same small-town it was 15 years ago, but we have enjoyed the growth and the many new people coming to live in this great city. I still occasionally play on a men's hockey league as well as a softball league. Hockey is growing in Nashville, which is great to see, and the fan base for the Predators continues to grow. Two new arenas have been built in Nashville over the past couple of years, for a total of four rinks now in the area. My wife (from Nashville) and I often argue about who our boys are going to root for when they are a little bit older – well, in my mind, there is no question: Hawks! My son, Hank has started playing in a Little Predators hockey league so at least we are spending time at the rink together!

There are days I wish we lived closer to Chicago so I could join in the skates and local events around town. There are very few days that go by that I do not think about the CBAA and what it has done for my life. An award given almost 20 years ago that continues to positively impact my family. Thank you, Alumni Association. I would not be here today if it wasn't for your contributions and support.

Congratulations to this year's recipients. This is an award that enters you into a family and community that will continue influence the rest of your life. I welcome you to the elite group of leaders and hope to someday shake your hands. Go Hawks in 2022!

All the best,
-Travis Tingey
2001 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Time flies, and it almost seems cliché to write that so much has happened since the last Scholarship Luncheon. In October 2014 I moved to Vienna, Austria, to accept a position with the International Atomic Energy Agency - a United Nations international organization. While the IAEA is best-known for its efforts to inspect and safeguard nuclear materials, I work in the Agency's Incident and Emergency Centre. Specifically, I manage the training and exercise program for over 250 Agency staff as the Emergency Response Training Officer. The last two years have brought personal and professional challenges; but I'm fortunate that my fiancée, myself, and our circle are all healthy and well. In 2022 I will reach the maximum permitted length of service with the IAEA, and so I hope to join another international organization located here in Vienna.

When I'm not in the office I am frequently on the ice with my teammates in the Vienna International Hockey Club! We compete in the Weiner Eishockeyverband (league) and skate against teams from across Austria. It's been so much fun to skate with and against players from Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Russia, Slovakia, Serbia, Canada, and the USA. Needless to say, national competitions like the Olympics and IIHF World Championships take on a greater emphasis in the locker room.

In past Report Cards, I have written about the pleasure of explaining that I'm a member of the best Alumni Association in the National Hockey League. Living in Vienna, that explanation and connection back to Chicago mean even more. Although I regret missing Blackhawks activities such as the Scholarship Luncheon and annual trip, the Alumni and my fellow recipients continue to be a valued link back to the States. To the new Scholarship Recipients I extend my warmest welcome, and to the Alumni nation as a whole I offer my thanks for all of your support. Auf Wiedersehen!

With best regards,
Andrew M. Bramnik
2001 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

Congratulations to the 2022 scholarship recipients. You are joining a wonderful organization. Thank you to the Alumni for all of their support for the current and past recipients as well as the entire Chicago hockey community. There have been so many opportunities and experiences that they have made possible.

My name is Brian Tilden, and I was fortunate enough to receive the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship in 1999 when I attended York High School in Elmhurst. I went on to study and play hockey for four years at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. I was the Captain and President of the hockey team my junior and senior seasons. I also got the opportunity to play for Team USA my senior year in the World University Games in Tarvisio, Italy as one of the captains.

After college, I work as a trader at the Chicago Board of Trade for fifteen years. I learned a lot and made many lifelong friends. I still play hockey with some of these friends. For the last 3 years, I have been working at my family's roofing company. This has allowed me the opportunity to pick my kids up from school most days, and be more involved in their activities. It has certainly been a change of pace, but a blessing at the same time.

I live in Elmhurst with my wife and two daughters, eight and ten years old. They haven't played any hockey yet, but they both enjoy skating. They are both very involved and found a lot of success in gymnastics. I am still playing hockey at the Elmhurst YMCA as much as I can. I am always amazed at how many people I have played with or against growing up that I will see at the rinks today.

Thank you for all you've done to change my life and the lives of the other recipients.

Thank you,
Brian Tilden
1999 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

I find it hard to believe that it has been over 20 years since I was awarded the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship. I received the honor while attending Highland Park High School in 1998. After graduation, I enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and received my bachelor's degree in Finance from the School of Business. While attending U of I, I was a four year member of the Fighting Illini hockey team. We had the privilege of playing Keith Magnuson and the Blackhawk Alumni in an exhibition game which was an amazing thrill.

I am currently a Senior Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager for Morgan Stanley where I have been employed since 2012. My wife Kristen and I have three children, Gavin (8), Hayden (7), Dylan (1) and live in Lake Bluff. In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, men's league hockey and serving as a co-chair for the Young Leadership Committee of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Northern Illinois chapter.

I want to thank the Alumni Association for their generosity and support assisting high school student athletes. I also would like to congratulate this year's scholars on their achievements and wish them well in college and beyond. It is truly an honor to be associated with the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni and I look forward assisting the organization with its continued growth. It's amazing to see how many students' lives the Alumni Association has touched over the past few decades.

Sincerely,
Michael Boettcher
1998 Blackhawk Scholarship Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

I'd like to congratulate the latest scholarship recipients, welcome to our little group! I currently am a Senior Vice President at the TCW Group working in business development and asset management. The last year has been a busy one as my wife and I were just married last February in New Orleans. We currently are living in Lincoln Park with our large dog CHIEF. When I'm not traveling and have some time away from the office I can generally be found looking for my golf ball at Beverly Country Club. Thank you to the CBAA for your generosity; it has been an incredible honor to be associated with this organization and everything that it stands for.

Sincerely,
Kevin Carroll
1997 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

It is hard to believe it has been more than twenty-six years since I was a senior at St. Laurence High School receiving this prestigious award. So much has happened since that day. I attended Saint Mary's University in Winona, MN, graduating in 2000 with degrees in Business Management and Marketing. After graduation, I enrolled in a five-year electrical apprenticeship program with the IBEW Local 701 out of DuPage County. After gaining several years of on job experience, I made the transition into the office as an estimator. Gradually, I began to take on various other tasks such as sales and project managing. In 2006, I was appointed Vice-President of Jan Electric LLC, our family owned and operated electrical construction firm. I am now responsible for supervising the daily operations of the company.

I am still an active member of the Chicago Blackhawk Scholarship Recipient Board, assisting the alumni in various tasks pertaining to the organization. I am still as honored to be a member of this board today as the day I was asked. At our functions, I have been fortunate to meet and get to know several more members of the alumni association.

As well as work has treated me, my personal life has been even better. In December 2002, I married my wife, Stephanie, who I met at Saint Mary's. She has been a teacher and reading specialist for nineteen years, currently employed at Naperville North High School. Despite the recent state of the world, this year we were still able to spend time enjoying the hobbies we have in common, such as, fishing, snowmobiling, scuba diving, and traveling but now as a family with our son, Zane(9) and daughter, Kaylee(6). They have changed our lives forever and we cannot wait to watch them continue to grow. Both kids are huge hockey fans already and enjoy going to as many games as possible. In addition, both are starting to enjoy playing various sport such as hockey, soccer, volleyball, and swimming. Its is truly a pleasure watching them grow.

In closing, I would like to thank the Blackhawk Alumni Association for its continued support of myself and all the other recipients even after our four years in college were complete. The standards set forth by this organization have helped to make all of us who we are today. This organization is truly, "second to none" as Jack Fitzsimmons used to say. I would also like to take this time to congratulate this year's scholarship recipients. You have joined a very special group today. You should be very proud of yourselves. And last, but not least, "Welcome to the family".

Sincerely,
Joe Moore
1996 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

In March 1995, I received the honor of becoming a Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Scholar as a young man at a stage in life where the possibilities are seemingly endless and everything is exciting because you're experiencing it for the first time. Now, I'm settled comfortably into family life with an excellent wife, two wonderful kids, rewarding job and quality friendships. Life may not hold the same "excitement" as it did at 18 years old, but that's been replaced with the stability, joy and perspective that comes with living, experiencing and growing with age.

In the years that have passed, I've completed undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois (Mechanical Engineering) and graduate studies at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business (MBA), traveled the country while working for Deloitte as an IT consultant, got married and welcomed our son into the world in 2014 and our daughter in 2016. As people often do when children come along, we happily gave up city life in Chicago and now reside in Downers Grove, enjoying the quiet, space and calmer pace of life the suburbs have to offer.

In that time, the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association has remained a constant. My involvement has ebbed and flowed over the years as other career, educational and familial obligations have taken priority for stretches of time, but I've always been a part of this family and have always been received warmly. Life is all about the high-quality relationships you form and (hopefully) maintain, and I am very blessed to have made a good many of those through this organization.

I am forever grateful to the association for their generous, financial gift but am even more-grateful for the continued opportunity to associate with such fine individuals in the Blackhawk and Chicago business communities. My hope is that today's scholarship recipients will remain active participants in the association long after their collegiate studies have concluded.

Sincerely,
Dan Kirby
1995 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

Hello Alumni Nation and greetings from Florida. It has been a busy year with the kids active in school and activities throughout the year and our oldest going through the college application process. She will begin college in the fall, and so I'm sure the busy times will continue. We're excited to start this next chapter of our kids starting college. Our three youngest will be in 11 th , 8 th and 6 th grades this coming fall. Time flies.

In mid-2020, my wife and I purchased a small company from a friend and moved it here to Florida. We provide virtual training courses for the financial services industry, an area I have worked in my whole career. Being out on our own is

challenging and exciting at the same time. The autonomy is great and the venture keeps us more than occupied.

I want to thank the Chicago Blackhawks organization, the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association family, and all the scholarship sponsors for your continued support. It really is an incredible mission you support. In closing, I want to congratulate this year's scholarship winners - welcome to the family!

Sincerely,
Joe Adamczyk
1994 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners! It is truly an honor to be a part of such an outstanding organization. As another year has gone by, my wife Laura and I have been able to enjoy spending time with our two wonderful children and watching them grow and develop. Jocelyn, 17, and Nathan, 13, are the focus of our lives. It's truly amazing to see how fast they are growing up. Jocelyn is currently a senior at Oswego East High School and is a dedicated competitive dancer, who is trained in many styles, including, Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, and Hip Hop. Nathan currently plays travel hockey and is a goalie on the Naperville Sabres 2008 Central States team. In addition, he also competes in Hip Hop dance as well.

I am currently in my 24 th year of employment as a Software Test Engineer, working at Nokia in Naperville, IL. In my current position, I am responsible for verifying and validating LTE 4G and 5G software, concentrating on RF performance, for a varying number of special projects. Competitive hockey remains a part of my life and I thoroughly enjoy watching and coaching my son, as he has developed a passion for the game and the goaltending position. My wife, children, and I continue to reside locally in Aurora. We look forward to celebrating our 22 nd wedding anniversary later this year.

Once again, I would like to extend my congratulations to this year's scholarship winners and welcome them into a wonderful organization. I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for all that it has done. Your commitment and support are unwavering and cannot be matched. I cannot think of a better group of people with whom to be associated.

Sincerely,
Sean Carter
1993 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

I received the scholarship as a senior at St. Laurence High School. After graduating from Notre Dame, I began work with UCC Environmental and continue to work there today. This company provides pollution control solutions to the power generation industry. My current position is Director of Global Product Development, and I manage groups in Waukegan, India and Germany. This has been an exciting challenge for me, as domestic and international environmental regulations have driven a high demand for new products.

I have been married to my beautiful wife Dayana for seven years and we are enjoying life in Hawthorn Woods. In July of 2020 we welcomed our first child, Adrianna, into our family. She has brought much joy into our lives and has kept us busy.

I would like again to thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for the support it gave me during my years in college, and I am grateful still to be involved with the organization even after graduation. I also would like to congratulate this year's recipients.

Sincerely,
Keith Johnson
1991 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients! And kudos to the Alumni Association for another fantastic year of scholarships and support for the local hockey community. Work-wise, I'm currently selling consulting services for Publicis Sapient with a focus on the Salesforce platform. The work is challenging but also very rewarding. Fortunately, I work out of my home most of the time which allows me to spend more time with my family.

Speaking of which, my wife Lisa and I focus nearly all of our time on our two boys – Jack (15) and Kaden (13). Jack joined the Green Mountain High School Mountain Bike Team last fall, made it to State championships, and lettered! I helped coach the team which was a great experience. Kaden remains entrenched in soccer throughout the year, and also made the County Honors Band for percussion. We still live in Denver and would be happy to host anyone who is planning to visit.

As always, thanks to the CBAA for all the support they have provided me and all the other recipients. It's truly an honor to be part of this organization and family.

Regards,
Brian Henning
1989 Recipient

Dear Blackhawk Alumni Association:

Congratulations to this year's recipients on receiving the 2022 Blackhawk Alumni Keith Magnuson Scholarship Award. We are very excited to have 3 new members in our group! While we are disappointed that we cannot get together to properly honor this achievement we do celebrate this year's recipients and welcome them to the Alumni family. The scholarship is more than a four-year monetary award. It is a lifetime membership into an association comprised of outstanding individuals who care about one another and strive to make the lives of others better.

Since receiving the Scholarship Award in 1988 out of New Trier H.S., I graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelors of Arts in Economics and am the Executive Vice President, National Casualty Practice Leader at Amwins Group where I am celebrating my 25 th year with the firm. I live in Park Ridge with my wife, Marijane and 3 children: Kate 20; Tommy 18; Liam 16. While my time has shifted from coaching and attending my children's events, I still enjoy playing golf, softball and manage to skate 3 days a week in various leagues and rat skates in the area. While it is a bit tougher to get out bed the day after a skate, it is still worth every second.

For the Alumni I continue to represent the past scholarship recipients on the Board of the Association. With the help of other past scholars our goal is to keep current on all Alumni issues and to encourage all current and past recipients to stay involved with the Alumni well past their college graduation. This involvement will be vital to the continued success of the association.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Blackhawk Alumni Association, The Chicago Blackhawks and all their partners for their time, efforts, and dedication which they put forth to bring the great game of hockey to the forefront of Illinois athletics. Your involvement in youth and high school hockey in Illinois is second to none and will not be matched by any other organization in the state. I am truly proud to be a part of this outstanding group. Once again, congratulations to this year's recipients, welcome to our family and I look forward to seeing everyone at the UC Atrium in March of 2023!

Regards,
Tom Dillon
1988 Recipient