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

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For thirty-six years now, the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association has awarded academic scholarships to high school hockey players in the state of Illinois that have excelled both on the ice, in the classroom and around the community. Though the luncheon's main purpose is to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's scholarship recipients, we as an association like to keep up to date on where our past recipients' lives have led them.

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 former scholars, I would like to offer a huge congratulations to Makenzie, Daniel, and Thomas! You should all be extremely proud of what you've accomplished. Welcome to the family.

Let's go Hawks!

Trevor Scianna
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Pierce Romo, and I am a 2022 scholarship recipient. I would like to begin by thanking the CBAA, Cliff Koroll, and all the members of the association for supporting me throughout my first year as a college student, and extending my congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients. The Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association is truly a world-class group comprised of fantastic people, and becoming a scholarship recipient is a tremendous honor. I wish the 2023 scholarship recipients nothing but the best during the rest of their senior year and as college students.

The past year has been one of new and exciting opportunities. I began my fall semester at the University of Minnesota, where I began to adjust to life as a college student. I aspire to someday work within the world of sports, so I was excited to begin an internship with the university's athletic

department, working alongside the men's and women's NCAA hockey teams throughout the semester. I consider myself fortunate to have gained experience while working within one of the top collegiate hockey programs in the nation. I learned a great deal about careers relating to hockey, ranging from media work to hockey operations, and after completing my first semester I was left with a heightened sense of motivation to pursue such a role. Additionally, I was able to stay around the game by participating in an intramural hockey league.

For the spring semester, my family and I made the decision for me to transfer to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign based on a variety of factors. While I've only just begun my studies at Illinois, I hope to continue my academic success here and further my career goals in sports in the form of work opportunities this summer. Once again, I would like to thank the CBAA for supporting me and making it possible

for me to pursue my academic and career goals. I would not be where I am today without the incredible work of the organization.

Sincerely,
Pierce Romo
2022 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Madeleine Arend, and I am one of the 2022 scholarship recipients. I want to start off by congratulating the 2023 scholarship recipients on all of the hard work, both on and off the ice, that it took to win this award. You should be very proud of yourselves. In earning this scholarship, you are joining an amazing organization that will open many doors for you in your undergraduate and postgraduate careers. I have sincerely enjoyed being a member of the CBAA over the past year, and I am excited to meet each of you.

I am currently a freshman in the University of Michigan honors program pursuing a double major in economics and Spanish. When I applied for the CBAA scholarship, I planned to major in environmental studies. I am certainly on a different path now, but I am very grateful to have discovered new passions during my first semester. At the beginning of my second semester, I started working as a research assistant for Justin Wolfers, a professor of public policy and economics who frequently writes for the New York Times and appears on CNN, as well as his partner Betsey Stevenson, another public policy and economics professor who served as a Chief Economist under President Obama. I am working on many exciting projects with Justin and Betsey, including writing papers for economics journals as well as creating a Massive Open Online Course that will be published on Coursera later this year. I have had an amazing first year so far and cannot believe it is three quarters of the way done.

Although I was unable to continue playing hockey this year, I have enjoyed cheering the Wolverines on at many home games and going to free skates at Yost Ice Arena. I look forward to getting back on the ice over summer break as I seriously miss playing. In my free time, I have enjoyed being a part of Girl Gains, a girls lifting club on campus that aims to empower girls in the weight room. I also joined a sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta, and am enjoying the social network it provides.

I would like to share my sincere gratitude for the Blackhawks Alumni Association and their decision to award me with this prestigious scholarship last year. The scholarship itself has been immensely helpful financially, and the support of this amazing network of people is unmatched. I am very excited to welcome the newest scholarship winners and to become more involved with the organization over the summer. Thank you again and congratulations to the 2023 recipients!

Sincerely,
Madeleine Arend
2022 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Rafael Biedron, and I am one of three recipients from 2022. First and foremost, I want to congratulate this year's recipients of this prestigious award—It is an incredible honor to join this community. You should feel proud of yourself!

I am a first-year student at Northwestern University studying industrial engineering and computer science. I just survived my latest round of midterms. Because NU is on the quarter system, we have three 10-week trimesters instead of semesters. What this means for me is more exams, more often. However, I am fortunate enough to have more opportunities to take more classes. Some of my favorites thus far have been an applied linear algebra course and a statistics course with heavy machine learning work. I am enjoying the latter so much I have decided to take up a second major with CS. I plan on taking an algorithms and data structures course to really jump into new material.

On campus, I am involved with a student consulting club and a financial technology group. I have worked with various clients in the Chicagoland area and have had the opportunity to see real change in the work that I have been doing. For my ongoing project, we are working with a physical therapy company hoping to increase their employee retention. For the FinTech group, I have been learning about quantitative finance and algorithmic trading. The topics have been fascinating thus far I am excited to learn more!

I have also had the opportunity to play for our club team this year. It has been a great season thus far and I managed to produce some decent points. We, unfortunately, missed out on playoffs this year, but I think we are rebuilding. Next year we can, hopefully, make some heads turn!

Lastly, thanks to the Alumni Association and their support, I avoided taking out significant loans that would be a burden down the line. I am incredibly grateful for all the opportunities I have been able to experience because of the Association. I am incredibly honored to be a part of this group and I cannot wait to engage more in the future. Thank you again to the Association for their continued support and congratulations to this year's recipients!

Sincerely,
Rafael Biedron
2022 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk 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 Blackhawk 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 2023 Chicago Blackhawk 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. More recently, I interned at Morgan Stanley as a Private Wealth Intern. 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 second year of studies, where I plan on majoring in finance and accounting. I am the President of the Kelley Undergraduate Research and Trading Club and a member of the Corporate Turnaround Club at IU. I also participate in the Indiana University Chess Club where I have yet to find sustained success.

Congratulations to the 2023 Chicago Blackhawk 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 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. This past May, I graduated summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame as a finance and economics double major. While there, I received the Herman Crown Award, which goes to the graduating senior finance major with the highest overall GPA.

Since last October, I have been working at Pricewaterhouse Coopers as a management consultant in the Chicago office. While I have not been there long, I feel I have learned a significant amount already, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. While in Chicago, I have been playing hockey once a week with a PwC hockey team. It has been nice to get back on the ice and be able to play on a consistent basis.

I would like to sincerely thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association. With their assistance, I was 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. As I now live in Chicago, I look forward to attending some events in the future. 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.

Last May, I graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor of Arts in architecture and history. After another fantastic summer of working for an incredible student-run food rescue organization called The Farmlink Project, I headed out to Italy to begin my Fulbright scholarship. I am currently completing a one-year Masters of Gastronomy in World Food Cultures & Mobility at the University of Gastronomic Sciences in Pollenzo and loving every minute of it. I've been practicing my Italian, cooking every day, and traveling as much as possible. Unfortunately, there's no hockey where I'm at, but I'm still rock climbing and skiing in the alps when I can. I'm looking forward to the rest of my year in Italy before I head back to the States for work or school.

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 Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Nolan Sornson and I am a 2017 recipient of the CBAA Scholarship. Congratulations to Makenzie, Daniel, and Thomas on receiving the 2023 CBAA Scholarship! You are joining a very special group and you should be extremely proud of your accomplishment!

I graduated from Lehigh University in 2021 with degrees in Electrical Engineering and Integrated Business and Engineering and moved to Pittsburgh for my first job out of college. After a year at my first job, I took a new position locally at Astrobotic, a small startup in the commercial space industry. Astrobotic is currently most well-known for our two moon landers that are fulfilling NASA Commercial Lunar Payload Service (CLPS) missions, named Peregrine and Griffin. I am an Avionics Engineer for the Griffin program, my main responsibility is to design electronic hardware for the flight computer that will fly the lander between separation from the launch vehicle in Earth's orbit all the way to the end of the mission after we touch down on the lunar surface. I say this is my main job because we are still relatively small, therefore I have had the opportunity to help out across the company with everything from designing and operating test equipment to traveling down to NASA Marshall Space Flight

Center to support our Peregrine's propulsion system testing. I have learned so much in the short time that I have been working here, seen our company grow tremendously, and could not be more excited for the what the future holds. Peregrine's first launch opportunity was just announced as May 4, 2023, mark your calendars, if we succeed, we will be the first US organization to land on the moon since the Apollo program.

Living in Pittsburgh has been keeping me active, I found a wonderful group of friends that centers around a weekly urban stairs hike in a neighborhood in the city known for having a lot of city steps. Last fall I participated in a crazy cycling event called the Dirty Dozen. This "race" takes you up the 12 steepest hills in the city some of which have grades of over 30%! I tapped out after 9 hills, but I'll be back this fall to try again. I plan to continue pushing my body to do great feats by participating in the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge, a 36mi single day hike, at the beginning of this summer. I credit growing up playing hockey with giving me the determination to endure. While I have certainly been enjoying my time in the city, I will still be renewing the promise I made last year to never become a Penguins fan.

I would like to thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for extending their generosity to me with this scholarship. Your support has helped me achieve so much in the few short years since receiving the scholarship and joining this amazing organization. I will not be able to attend the luncheon this year, please wish this year's recipients good luck for their freshman years for me! Congratulations again to our newest recipients, I hope to meet you someday soon!

Sincerely,
Nolan Sornson
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

Congrats to Makenzie, Daniel, and Thomas on such an amazing accomplishment. The CBAA is an amazing group to join! Get involved, give back and be grateful.

My name is Trevor Scianna, and I received this scholarship back in 2017 as a goalie at St. Rita High School. From there, I was able to attend Villanova University where I graduated as a Mechanical Engineer and was the drummer in the band, Intramural Commissioner and a goalie for both the club ice and roller hockey teams.

After Villanova, I started working full time at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Palmdale, Ca. This division is also known as "The Skunk Works" which is the advanced development programs sector of aerospace engineering. We research, develop and create all the cutting edge classified technology that people will see in history books in thirty or more years.

While working at "The Skunk Works" was my dream job all through college, life has directed me in a new direction this year. My girlfriend Michela and I are moving across the country to Philly to start new jobs and our life together. Michela will be a Development Officer at our alma mater Villanova, and I will be working for Lockheed Martin RMS in

Moorestown, New Jersey. As I write, I am currently driving across the country from LA to Philly with my best friends from college Billy, John and Hirsch. We left LA, stopped at the Grand Canyon, camped in Williams, AZ, drove to Zion to camp for two nights, stopped by Bryce Canyon, Arches and Rockey Mountain National Parks along the way and went to the New Belgium Brewery tour in Ft. Collins, Co. Life goes by way to fast and we need to take the opportunities when we can to live, laugh, and love with those that support us and our life journey.

I would not be where I am today without the CBAA. I got my first internship with Mullins Foods back in 2018 and my career and life took off from there. This is just one example of how members of the CBAA look out for and support each other. I encourage all recipients to keep in touch with your mentors and the CBAA. Again, congratulations to the three new scholarships recipients. I am sure you are still finding out what a blessing it is to be inducted into such an incredible community. Thank you again to the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for your unending support!

All the Best,
Trevor Scianna
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is William Spell and I was selected as one of the 2015 Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship recipients while playing hockey at Brother Rice High School. I'd like to offer my congratulations to this year's scholarship winners – I wish you all the best and hope that your success continues into college!

I graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2019 with a BS in Electrical Engineering – since graduating, my career has led me to various roles within the software industry, the latest of which is as an Integration Consultant at Revalize Software, based out of Jacksonville, Florida. Although I work for a company based out of Florida, I currently work remotely and have resided in the Wicker Park neighborhood in Chicago for the last two years. I have had a blast during that time enjoying the city, attending Blackhawks and White Sox games, and spending time with my friends and family in the area.

I'd like to extend my sincerest thanks to the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for their generosity towards me during my time at Vanderbilt – that support opened many doors for me professionally and personally and will continue to do so for the next group of scholarship winners.

Sincerely,
William Spell
2015 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

Margot Werner here, 2015 recipient. Congratulations to this year's winners! Being a part of this crew - 8 years later - is still one of my proudest accomplishments, and I'm certain you'll feel the same. Welcome aboard, we're glad to have you here.

A lot has happened since we've last caught up! I moved to NYC in April of 2021, where I am living with 3 of my best friends. 3 roommates - I know - most people's nightmare. But I love it, and I love them. We have a great apartment in the East Village and tons of fun together. My favorite part about NYC is the food - my boyfriend and I are quite the spoiled foodies. If anyone is ever in the city and needs a restaurant recommendation, I'm your gal.

In December of '21 I left my job at IBM and started working at a company called Riskified, which is an Israeli fin-tech company specializing in eCommerce fraud prevention. I work on the Account Management team and support clients such as Canada Goose, Saks, and other high-end retailers. The work is interesting, the people are smart, and I've been happy with the level of exposure I've had to large merchants.

My family is doing well - my brother got married last summer in Minnesota and my sister is about to welcome her third child this month. I can't wait to meet him! My parents are spending the winter in Palm Springs, CA.

Overall - I'm happy, healthy, enjoying the moment and looking forward to the future as well. Congratulations again to this year's recipients and, of course, to the Alumni Association, for creating these wonderful opportunities and this community.

Thank you,
Margot Werner
2015 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Joe Orecchio, and I am one of the 2015 recipients of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship. I always start this letter with the same two, important messages: re-emphasizing my gratitude to the Alumni Association for having awarded me the scholarship and welcomed me into this wonderful organization and congratulating this year's recipients (Makenzie, Daniel, and Thomas) on their great accomplishment.

I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2019 after studying in Finance and History and moved up to Milwaukee shortly after graduation to begin a career in finance. More recently, the past year has been an exciting one for me professionally; I began a new job shortly after I composed last year's letter, and I am now working as a Private Debt and Equity at Northwestern Mutual Capital. I joined Northwestern Mutual Capital after an exciting 2.5 years covering cybersecurity stocks as an Equity Research Analyst at Baird, and my new role and group has been a great fit thus far. Additionally, I recently enrolled (and am nearing the end

of my first quarter of classes) at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management, where I am pursuing my MBA as a part of the school's evening and weekend program. One nice perk of classes on Saturday is getting an excuse to more regularly make the trip down from Milwaukee to spend time in the great city of Chicago.

Personally, I continue to play hockey weekly in an adult league in Milwaukee. When not on the ice, I'm regularly exploring Milwaukee and the surrounding areas with my girlfriend, with favorite activities including going out to eat, exploring the outdoors (hiking, golfing/biking when it is warmer, a recent, relatively unsuccessful attempt at cross-country skiing), and attending sporting events/concerts.

Again, I want to again congratulate this year's cohort of scholars on their achievements and thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association and all of its members for having welcomed me into this community; this scholarship and organization has truly made a positive impact on my life, and for that I remain always grateful.

Sincerely,
Joe Orecchio
2015 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

Congratulations to Makenzie, Daniel, and Thomas – welcome to the CBAA! The Keith Magnuson Scholarship Award is an extraordinary honor for tremendous achievements on and off the ice.

My name is Duncan Coogan and I am one of three recipients of the 2013 scholarship. I attended Glenbrook North high school and continued my education at DePaul University in Chicago, where I received a degree in Finance. I have been working in finance, banking, and tech ever since and I have greatly enjoyed it. I am just now transitioning from a financial technology startup, where I have worked for more than 3 years as an Operations Director, to another financial technology startup specializing in securities-based lending. I currently live in the River West neighborhood of Chicago – not far from the United Center!

Hockey is still a part of my life, although not as much as I would like it to be. During the winter, I play hockey outdoors at Watts in Glencoe. I also play pond hockey when it's cold enough, and roller hockey when it's warm. I've had the fortunate opportunity to do some traveling, such as a weekend trip to Tokyo recently! I also love tinkering with cars and motorcycles. You might find me at the track or cruising on Sheridan Road in the summer.

Thank you to the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for their support and allowing me to be a part of this community of talented people. I will always cherish the Blackhawk Alumni family.

Sincerely,
Duncan Coogan
2013 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

2022 was quite a year for the Cuba family. The good news was in the superlative degree: my younger sister got married and is now pregnant with her first son, and I finished my first semester of law school at the University of Illinois College of Law in the top 5% of my class. Unfortunately, the year was not all positive: after losing my dad's mom in March following a few years of health problems, we lost my dad unexpectedly in June. The outpouring of support for his family from friends, family, and neighbors during those difficult months after would have filled my dad's heart with happiness. Part of what makes the CBAA such an incredible organization is how its members support each other without fail. Several folks reached out right after hearing about my dad, and the bouquet from the group at his wake was beautiful. Thank you, CBAA, for always being there for me and my family. I look forward to getting involved however I can be of service now that I am living (relatively) local again.

Sincerely,
Donald Cuba
2010 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

I would first off like to extend my congratulations to the Class of 2023 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 my family as my wife and I welcomed our second son, Bowen, in January and relocated from Dallas to Sarasota, Florida (just south of Tampa) back in September of 2022. My oldest son, Brooks, has continued to enjoy his new responsibilities as a big brother and we are finally settling into life in Florida with the pleasure of having extended family nearby throughout the surrounding area. In any spare time I can find, I am still continuing to play hockey here locally 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) now based in Florida as a Director of Manufacturing Operations. This position is located within our Mission Systems branch of the business and consists of leading and supporting eight manufacturing locations across North America comprised of approximately 550+ 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 2023 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 few years since our last BHAA luncheon. In March 2020, I had just closed on a condo in Chicago. However, I accepted a new job within CNA Insurance, my company that I've worked at since graduating college, and moved to the Milwaukee area after 9 years in Chicago proper, trading in an apartment for a house with a fenced in yard. In my new role I've been leading the Wisconsin branch's Underwriting team since April of 2021, which has been a welcome challenge and change after 9 years in our International division. We then welcomed our first child, Hailey Maple Moir, into the world last July, and after 8 months of fatherhood it has been everything I could have imagined and more – plenty of challenges but fun and enjoyment that I could have never prepared for. With me a former hockey player, and my wife Sam a former figure skater and hockey player, it's only a matter of time (months?) until we get Hailey into a pair of skates.

Now with my rebuilt hip having 4 years under its belt, I still miss putting on the pads and tending goal – but I do not miss the 11:10PM ice times at Johnny's Icehouse as much as I expected. I have tried my hand at goalie coaching here and there, but this has become challenging with the demands of work and parenting. At this point I'm happy to cheer on the Blackhawks (especially with their Preseason game in Milwaukee last fall) and get my competitive edge satisfied on the golf course like every other retired hockey player.

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. Absence definitely made the heart grow fonder so I'm thrilled we can finally do this in person again in 2023. 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 working as a Director, Asset Management with 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 had our first baby this past year, Sabrina, who is now 11 months old. Our dog, Jaxon, is enjoying being an older brother. Sabrina is also the first grandchild within our immediate families, and I'm also happy to share that my twin brother, Brandon, and his wife, Natalie, welcomed their daughter, Amelia, just 40 days after Sabrina was born. As our friends have said, we're really leaning into the twin thing having our first kids at the same time. We're happy that our daughters will grow up with a buddy like we did, even with the distance between San Diego and Chicago.

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.

Things got back to some semblance of 'normal' in 2022 as people felt much safer and San Francisco began to exit pandemic-related restrictions. It was great to reconnect with friends and colleagues 'in the wild' and get back to doing things we love like seeing live music, enjoying SF's amazing food scene, and traveling the country.

I am still with Silicon Valley Bank and working as a Director on the pre-revenue biotech team. It's been deeply gratifying work to help companies drive cures and cutting-

edge science forward. I learn something new everyday and am lucky to enjoy my work.

The most exciting updates from the last year involved adopting two cuddly and playful kittens (PD and Tuli) and releasing my first solo music album. I wrote and recorded the album in my apartment during covid; playing nearly all the instruments and singing. Quite the learning experience. You can find my music anywhere you please under the name Guzewell – hope you can listen!

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,

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 and welcome to the CBAA family!

The past year feels like it has flown by. My husband and I are expecting our first baby this spring and are so excited to meet our son. I've been taking some time off the ice and am looking forward to lacing up my skates again later in the year. I continue to live a few doors away from Wrigley Field, which keeps the summers exciting, and still work as a pediatric nurse downtown.

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 look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
Kelsey Forsberg
2006 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

It seems incredible that it has already been eighteen 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 alumnus 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 five-year old son Henry and our two-year old daughter Rosie. Henry is starting to skate, and Rosie insists that she wants to join him “when I’m older.”

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 school friends. My Dad and I recently took my son Henry to his first Blackhawks game. It was very special to experience a shared love of hockey between three generations!

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 Blackhawk Alumni Association for your ongoing support. It is an honor to be a part of the Blackhawk Alumni family.

Sincerely,
Jordan Pringle
2005 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

Congratulations and welcome to the family 2023 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 ten year old twin girls, Lillian and Madalynn, our four year old son, Beau, our two year old son, Jack, our five four-legged puppy children-Zoey, Rezlaw (please spell our last name backwards), Bailey, Lola, and Cooper; our three horses-Merida, Tango, and Weston; our five turtles and two toads had a very fun year of new adventures. Yes – it looks like we’ve got a mini zoo here in Colorado. Life changed a lot for us in the last year. In March of 2022, we purchased my husband’s business from his previous boss who was retiring. So now in addition to being a landscape designer for Greg, he now runs the business of 15 employees where they do high end residential landscaping for clients in Colorado Springs area. Due to Greg’s business having a successful year, I “retired” in December as an accountant after being at the CPA firm for the past 12 years to become a personal chauffeur for all of my kids and animals. This past year has been the toughest year as a working mom/business owners wife that I have ever had and we needed a change; I am truly enjoying the last two months at home making memories with my children in retirement. This past year we were able to make a number of different trips to include two to the Las Vegas area to visit grandparents, a week and a half back to the Midwest for a hockey camp and visiting with family, Galveston Texas for a beach trip, and lots of trips camping in the camper in the mountains of Colorado.

Lilly and Maddie started 5th grade this past fall in separate classes and have come home surprising us with how much they are learning – they started learning Latin in 4th grade and now have one more year of Latin before they will have completed a freshman level Latin class! Lilly and Maddie started their second and final year of squirts with a co-ed

hockey at the outdoor ice rink in our mountain town. The season just came to an end where they were able to finish 1st in a tournament in October, finished 2nd in a tournament in February, took 4th in the league, and finished 3rd place in the league playoffs. Our little mountain town had a group of 13 kids in our program and we beat tournament teams who had the best of the best playing in some tournaments – we are sad to see the season end as it seems like they were still improving and really coming together as a team. 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 is a walking spitting image of his father when Greg was little – Jack is keeping us on our toes as he has no fear and is ready to join everyone on the ice maybe this fall. Lilly and Maddie joined the swim team this fall and are swimming three days a week after school; they are hoping to be able to participate in meets this spring/summer since they were limited in participation during hockey season. Lilly and Maddie ended up receiving a free horse from a former teacher last spring and thus our herd of horses went from 0 to 3 in a span of 8 months. They participated in bi-weekly gymkhana’s (western riding events) and 4H horse riding to include participation at the local county fair. 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! 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 with all the extra legs we have added to our family over the last year!

As I look back over the last 19 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 Blackhawk 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, an eight-year-old, a six-year-old, and a three-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. The older two boys have enjoyed going to Blackhawks games the last couple of years, and hockey has become their favorite sport.

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 all of your future endeavors!

Sincerely,
Tim Ryan
2003 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

Congratulations and welcome to this year's recipients! My name is Adam Stasica and I received the scholarship 20 years ago. I remember the luncheon like it was yesterday. It's an exciting day and I wish you success as you begin your college experience. Welcome to the group!

I work in Advancement at the University of Colorado Boulder. More specifically I work directly with alumni and donors of the college to secure funding for research opportunities for our students as well as scholarship endowments and capital projects. It's a fun career and being nestled in the Flatirons of Boulder, CO is amazing.

My wife Meghan and I continue to enjoy life in Colorado, in Longmont an original "Chicago Colony", with our family. We enjoy hiking, biking, and all things mountains.

In closing, thank you so much to the Alumni Association for your continued support in making this scholarship

available to future students. To the recipients - Take advantage when opportunity knocks, get involved, and give back when you can.

With gratitude,
Adam Stasica
2003 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 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 Blackhawk Alumni Association,

I'm wrapping up a five-year career as the Director of Athletics at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. There, I've oversaw all facets of operating 23 NCAA Division III sports, inclusive of 700 student athletes. I'm extremely proud of my time at JCU; leading a team that has won 42 OAC Conference Championships, secured the OAC Men's All Sports Trophy three times, added the sport of women's wrestling, enhanced facilities through new construction and raised over \$1M in targeted gift funds.

I spent the last four years serving the NCAA in various governance roles, ultimately rolling off committees in January as the Chair of the Division III Management Council and member of the NCAA Board of Governors. As a member of the Board of Governors, I was privileged to be a part of the hiring group responsible for selecting the new NCAA President, Charlie Baker.

In April, 2023 I will become the Commissioner of two NCAA Division I Ice Hockey Conferences, the Atlantic Hockey Association (AHA) and College Hockey America (CHA). In this role, I will oversee conference operations, management and administration. This role will require me to relocate this summer to Boston to be in closer proximity to many member institutions. Despite transition, I will continue to serve John Carroll as an adjunct professor, teaching part time in the master's program in sports studies.

In July 2022, I was awarded an Honorary EPSY for Administrator of the Year, by ESPN Cleveland. This honor was very special and something that I will always treasure. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients, and welcome to a very special organization! Thank you to the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association, the Alumni Association Board and President, Cliff Koroll, for his leadership. Your continued dedication to the game we all love, the community and this organization is greatly appreciated, and isn't said enough.

Sincerely,
Michelle Radzik Morgan
2001 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

Another year has passed and so much has happened since last years' Scholarship Luncheon. On the professional side, I have lived in Vienna, Austria since 2014, working for most of that time with the International Atomic Energy Agency: A United Nations international organization. Until September 2022, I worked in the Agency's Incident and Emergency Centre. Most of the year was spent responding to the ongoing situation in Ukraine, remaining in constant contact with colleagues in the State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine, and supporting the IAEA missions that deployed to ensure the safety of different facilities in Ukraine. Like so many others, I continue to hope for a peaceful resolution to the conflict as soon as possible! After a short break from the UN, in April 2023 I will join a different agency: The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization. This organization detects and helps prevent nuclear detonations under the terms of the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. I am excited to extend my time here in Vienna while contributing to this invaluable mission!

On the personal side, I am thrilled to announce that after a one-year engagement I got married in October! My wife Anabelle is from Mexico City, and we have a wonderful home together with her three Scottish Terriers (who were kind enough to welcome me into 'the pack'). When I'm not working or walking dogs, I continue to skate with the Vienna International Hockey Club: We compete in the Weiner Eishockeyverband (Vienna amateur league) against teams from across Austria. It's so much fun to play with teammates from Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Serbia, Ukraine, and the USA. Even in Europe, hockey brings people together like no other sport!

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 your support.

Auf Wiedersehen!
Andrew M. Bramnik
2001 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

Congratulations to the 2023 scholarship recipients. You are joining a wonderful organization. Thank you to the Alumni for all 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 those friends. For the last four 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, nine and eleven years old. 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. This past year I was had a couple of surgeries to remove a sarcoma tumor from my shoulder. Fortunately, I have been able to avoid any treatment and only have to get scans every three months. So far I feel healthy and there is no signs that the cancer has returned. I have had a tremendous amount of support from friends and family. I feel very blessed and hope to put this behind me.

To the alumni, 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 Blackhawks Alumni Association,

I find it hard to believe that it has been over 25 years since I was awarded the Chicago Blackhawks 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 Blackhawks Alumni in an exhibition game which was an amazing thrill.

I am currently Senior Vice President and Portfolio Management Director for Morgan Stanley where I have been employed since 2012. My wife Kristen and I live in Lake Bluff and have three children, Gavin (9) Hayden (7) and Dylan (2). In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, men's league hockey, coaching youth 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 Blackhawks 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 Blackhawks Scholarship Recipient
Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

It is hard to believe it has been more than twenty-seven 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 Blackhawks 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 twenty 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(10) and daughter, Kaylee(7).

Our kids have changed our lives forever and we continue to watch them grow every day. Both kids are huge hockey fans already and enjoy going to as many games as possible. In addition, both enjoy playing various sport such as hockey, soccer, volleyball, and swimming. This past year, hockey seems to be emerging as the fore runner for both kids. Zane made the Squirt level travel team and Kaylee has been enjoying the "Rookie League" experience in the inaugural season of the DuPage Black Bears hockey club out of Center Ice in Glen Ellyn. It is truly a pleasure watching them grow.

In closing, I would like to thank the Blackhawks 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 Blackhawks Alumni Association,

I hope this finds everyone well. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients – welcome to the family!

This past year has been exciting as our oldest child started college – a new experience for us. We've had fun visiting her at school, including for a couple hockey tournaments for our oldest son that happened to be in the same town. All our kids continue to grow up fast, and it keeps us busy with all their school and other activities. We are also busy working on growing the small business that we took over a couple years ago.

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.

Sincerely,
Joe Adamczyk
1994 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 focused on the power generation industry, and we have recently branched out into other industries such as mining. 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 eight years and we are enjoying life in Hawthorn Woods. Our two-year-old daughter, Adrianna, keeps us busy and has brought much joy into our lives.

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 in my seventh year of selling consulting services for Publicis Sapient with a focus on the Salesforce platform. Over the past year I've built a team of five sellers which has been very rewarding and fun.

Our two boys, Jack (16) and Kaden (14), keep us very busy each and every single day! This past year, as a sophomore Jack made it to the Green Mountain High School Mountain Bike State Championships again and lettered for the second year in a row. I'm still a coach on the team and love every minute of it. He's also in his second year of lacrosse. As a freshman, Kaden made the Green Mountain High School Soccer team and also plays for another club in the offseason. 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 2023 Keith Magnuson Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship Award. We are very excited to have 3 new members in our group! I am so happy we can once again get together to honor these outstanding student athletes. 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 26 th year with the firm. I live in Park Ridge with my wife, Marijane and 3 children: Kate 21; Tommy 19; Liam 17. I is hard to believe that next year all three will be college. In addition to working to pay tuition, 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.

Regards,
Tom Dillon
1988 Recipient