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

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For thirty-three 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 of the former scholars, I would like to offer a huge congratulations to Olivia, Andrew and Evan! You should all be extremely proud of what you've accomplished. Welcome to the family.

Let's go Hawks!

Margot Werner  
2015 Recipient

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Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Rocky Araujo and I was fortunate enough to be awarded the 2019 Keith Magnuson Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship. I would like to sincerely congratulate this year's recipients- Olivia Turman, Evan Wurzbacher, and Andrew Capuano on achieving this outstanding accomplishment. The three of you are now part of a hockey family, filled with all scholarship alumni associates and past winners that are fully in your corner and only wish to see you succeed.

I am currently a freshman majoring in business at the University of Southern California. The move out to the west coast could not have gone any better for me. The steady 60-70-degree year-round weather out in California certainly did not foster any complaints. I was able to meet a fantastic group of friends that motivate and inspire me to

push beyond my comfort zone every day. Whether it is in academics, sports, or just day to day life, the Trojan family that I am surrounded with are always bringing out the best in me.

Over winter break, I was able to intern at Affiliated Benefits Consultants located in Oakbrook, Illinois. I helped the sales team in sorting through their LinkedIn connections in order to filter out possible leads. This opportunity provided me with my very first eight-hour workday experience that increased my proficiency in various technological programs.

Unfortunately, the only time I have been able to lace up the skates and play the game I love is when I have been back home over breaks. Due to a variety of reasons, such as time restraints, commuting, and a lack of space for equipment, playing hockey simply wasn't possible this year.

Finally, I would like to give the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association a heartfelt thank you. Words cannot describe how grateful I am to be a part of this family. The opportunities and possibilities I have been presented with would not have been possible without the help of the Blackhawk Alumni Association.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Araujo  
2019 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

My name is Luke Carter and I am one of the 2019 scholarship recipients. Before I make everyone read about my life over the last year, it would be remiss of me not to first congratulate this year's recipients on their great accomplishments, both on and off the ice, that led to their selection for this award. The Blackhawk Alumni Association's generous scholarship should serve as tangible proof that your hard work has paid off and will continue to for as long as you continue to put forth the effort.

Now back to the Luke Carter show. After giving it a lot of thought, I decided to take my talents to South Beach. Ok, not the real Miami, but rather Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Now about a semester and a half deep into my college career, I'm pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering as well as a minor in Mechanical Engineering. I have also joined Engineers Without Borders and have become the lead on our potable water distribution system project in the Hindiro sector of Rwanda, where I will be traveling to this August to implement the system.

Additionally, yes, I am still playing hockey, though not at the club level like I thought I would want to be going into school. I've actually had the opportunity to play both as a goalie and as a skater in two different intramural leagues at Miami, and I scored my first career goal last semester! I still stink at goalie though, so not much has changed in that regard...

Overall, I've been having a great year since my selection as one of the 2019 recipients, and I could not be more grateful for the opportunities afforded to me by way of this great alumni association. From being set up with a spectacular mentor, network of highly successful fellow recipients and Alumni members, and aid on my pathway toward an affordable, quality education, I cannot begin to express my gratitude toward the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for how much impact they have had on my life. I look forward to giving back to this organization even more than it has given to me once my academic career no longer dominates my life. However, as such, I will be unable to attend the luncheon this year, but if you're one of Andrew, Olivia, or Evan and have stuck through this far, don't worry about today too much; as long as your mom didn't hang up on Adam Burish if/when he called to congratulate you on winning the scholarship, you're off to a better start than I ever was! (Seriously, if you see Adam, ask him about Mrs. Carter from last year. It'll be a

laugh for all parties involved, probably). Best of luck to you three and to everyone on the year to come!

Also Crow, if you're reading this, I got a jersey of yours soon after eating with you at the luncheon and you not only haven't been traded but have been really playing well as of late. Keep up the good work and way to break my jersey curse!

Kind Regards,  
Luke Carter  
2019 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

My Name is Brett Wiseman and I am one of the 2019 recipients of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship. I hope to be one of many that are congratulating this year's recipients, It is an amazing honor to be joining this elite group of people and you all should be proud of what you have accomplished.

I am currently a First-Year Student at the University of Notre Dame studying electrical engineering, and considering switching to computer engineering. I have survived my first semester, and am halfway through second semester, starting midterms this week. Some of the more interesting classes I am taking this semester are my Embedded Systems class and my Causes of War class. In Embedded systems, we are learning how we can use electronics to communicate and interact with the outside world using Arduino. My Causes of War class is an unfortunately time event, dealing with the threat of the nuclear age and learn what causes nations to go to war.

Here on campus, I have been involved with the Robotic Football, which is about making robots that play football. I've been able to work on different robots that have different tasks, as well as learn how to repair their basic parts. It has been a blast learning about how to put together the electronics and work with an amazing group of people. I also was lucky enough to be able to find a Men's league here on campus to continue playing the game that has brought me joy for so many years.

Without the help of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association, I would have more loans to take out that would add to significant debt. The experiences they provided have been so rewarding, and I cannot thank this organization enough. It is such an honor to be a part of this amazing group of people, and I can't wait to be move involved in the future!

Once again congrats to the new recipients, and thank you again!

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 Andrew Capuano, Olivia Turman, and Evan Wurzbacher!

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. I will graduate in 2022.

During my time at Notre Dame, I have had the opportunity to continue playing hockey through my residence hall's intramural team, Keough Hall. We have won the championship the last two years and are looking to make it three. Last academic year, the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement selected me as a Class of 2022 Sorin Scholar, a program which recognizes students who have excelled in scholarly engagement and leadership.

I would also like to sincerely thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association. With their help and assistance, I am able to continue my pursuit of furthering 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. Good luck, take care, and welcome to the family!

Sincerely,  
Evan Wellman  
2018 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

I am AJ Salmon and I received the CBAA Keith Magnuson Scholarship in 2018. Firstly, to this year's winners: Congratulations! You have been given a tremendous honor that will serve you for the rest of your life. It is still difficult for me to express what a tremendous blessing this award is, and I know how it feels to be selected for such an honor. It is humbling, exciting, and a little nerve-racking at first ("they picked ME?"). You were selected for many reasons; let those reasons continue to be part of the definition of you. Be known for your compassion, your humility, and for giving back. Welcome to this amazing community!

I am studying Computer Science at Illinois Central College with a focus on secure software development. Last year, I was given the opportunity to apply for an apprenticeship at Caterpillar in my field of study, and I was offered the position! This apprenticeship works with my school schedule, so that my credit hours per semester are slightly reduced in order to compensate for the work put in at Caterpillar. I work in the mornings, going to school in the afternoons and some evenings. The experience I am getting through this apprenticeship is giving me an amazing head start in my job field and I am sincerely enjoying the work. It is a 2.5-year program, and then I will begin working full time at Caterpillar in Global Information Systems.

More importantly, I was married on this past August 10th to my best friend, Josie Wuthrich. Our union is a covenant with God, and while we are a bit younger than the average newlyweds, our relationship is founded in faith. She is truly the greatest blessing I've ever been given. We live in Morton, IL, with our baby turtle, Yoda, and we lead the Pekin Fellowship of Christian Athletes!

All of this is made possible by the generosity of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association – thank you. I would like to especially thank Joe Moore, who has been a fantastic mentor and friend since I received the scholarship. Again, congratulations to this year's recipients!

Grace and peace,  
AJ Salmon  
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 second year at Brown University in Providence, RI with an intended double major in architecture and history. Last semester I got my first taste of studio life, and I'll be continuing with a second studio during an architectural study abroad program in Copenhagen this summer! I also have on-campus jobs as an Intramural hockey referee and a conservator at the special collections library. Outside of school, I'm still a part of the Brown Science Olympiad, I've started rock climbing like crazy, and I'm continuing to play hockey, tennis, and squash for the club teams. Brown Club Hockey is practicing hard and having a great year, with only one loss this season! My sophomore year has definitely been a great one, and I'm looking forward to getting deeper into the architecture and history fields soon.

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 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 a junior at Villanova University. I am one of three scholarship recipients from 2017, and I would like to start off by congratulating the newest recipients, my fellow Rita brother A. Cappy, Olivia and Evan. 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.

I am studying Mechanical Engineering at Villanova on a full tuition scholarship, and during my time here, I will minor in Aerospace Engineering as well. Ultimately, I aspire to end up in the Aerospace industry working with aircraft flight dynamics, so I'm excited to be taking more involved engineering classes this semester. Outside of academics, I play goalie for Villanova's Club Roller hockey team, serve as the President of Fundraising for the Villanova Band, volunteer with Special Olympics and commission Intramural sports. I have met so many incredible people, made many great friends, and I am enjoying my college experience thus far.

This past summer I was afforded the opportunity to live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey and intern with Lockheed Martin RMS. The opportunity arose through a resume review I sat in on where the reviewer was a Lockheed recruiter and he asked me about my prior experience working for Mullins Food Products two summers ago. The recruiter was impressed that I had professional experience as a sophomore and offered me an internship right on the spot. This was a dream come true for me as I had been hoping to work in the aerospace defense contracting industry for years. Again, I would like to thank Mike Mullins and Mullins Food Products for affording me the opportunity to gain professional experience. That has allowed me to chase my dream, and I'm beyond grateful for that! I'm ecstatic to announce that this upcoming summer I will be traveling coast to coast, Philadelphia to Palmdale, California, to intern with Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in the flight dynamics division of their Advanced Development Program. This is just one example of how members of the CBAA look out for and support each other, so to A. Cappy, Olivia and Evan, I encourage you 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 Blackhawks Alumni Association for your unending support!

All the Best,  
Trevor Scianna  
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Anders Lindgren and I was one of the three recipients for the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship in 2017. Congratulations to the scholarship winners of this year! You should be extremely proud of this prestigious award and all the amazing factors that accompany it. I'm extremely happy for you to be able to become a part of this amazing community

I am currently attending Aurora University and majoring in Nursing. I am continually being challenged by the hard work that Nursing requires but I have found it to teach me how to become organized and find a happy balance in life. I have continued in the RA (Residents Assistant) role this year being over a floor of about 30 upper classmen with a fellow RA as my "CO-RA." I am still heavily involved in my faith being apart of a few different Christian organizations and studies which I enjoy. I just finished up my first clinical in the hospital setting and I could not have been more pleased with my experience. Working with my patients and helping them to the best of my ability was one of the best experiences I have had in school so far. I have been thinking a lot about what branch of nursing I want to do, and I think I want to work my way up to being a flight nurse, starting in maybe the ICU or ER.

Despite the heavy workload nursing brings with it I have managed to continue to play hockey. My coach works with me and I have played ACHA D2 all year. It has been a challenging year trying to balance hockey, nursing, and the RA role but I am extremely happy I did not have to quit. Last May I tried out for the USA Deaflympic hockey team which had been my dream to make for quite some time. I made the team and this past December we went overseas to Italy to play for gold. Through a true battle and some crazy stories, I ended up winning gold with the USA Deaflympic hockey team actually putting up 2 goals in the final game against Canada. I have never played in front of so many people nor had the adrenaline rush of those 3 weeks overseas. To be honest, I do not even remember winning gold, it was quite honestly one of the best experiences of my life.

Again, I want to thank the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for the scholarship and more importantly the community that accompanies it. I can never be more grateful; it has been such a blessing in my life. I hope the recipients of 2019 all the best in their future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Anders Lindgren  
2017 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

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

I am in my Junior year at Lehigh University and working extremely hard to keep on top of everything on my plate! I am majoring in Electrical Engineering with a second degree in Integrated Business and Engineering (IBE). My classes right now consist of advanced circuits and electromagnetics courses, which are preparing me for more applied electrical engineering course that I will take next fall. Additionally, I am doing a Capstone project with the IBE program where I am working with an OBGYN from Lehigh Valley Health Network to create a wireless device to record and phone home continuous pregnancy benchmarks so that prenatal visits can be less invasive and conducted remotely.

Outside of classes, I am the Team Captain of Lehigh's Formula SAE team. Lehigh Formula SAE is an undergraduate organization that designs, manufactures, and races a Formula 1 style car. I am leading a team of about 40 people and we are nearing the completion of this year's car! This has been a rather tough year, but I know that the leadership and project management experience that I have gained could never be solely taught in the classroom.

This past summer I stayed on campus and assisted with research under Professor Nick Strandwitz in Lehigh's Material Science department. I worked with a PhD student who was exploring porous low-k dielectric materials for semiconductors and design and manufactured a UV Vacuum chamber to allow him to treat his samples with UV light and heat instead of just heat.

This upcoming summer I will be working at the Knolls site of the Naval Nuclear Lab in Schenectady, NY. I am an Electrical Engineering Intern in the facilities and test engineering group, and I hope to gain some valuable real-world experience!

I would like to again thank the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for extending their generosity to me with this scholarship. Knowing that my college expenses are covered helps reduce the stress of being a college student tremendously. 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,

My name is Justin Cruz and I am a 2016 recipient of this prestigious scholarship. I am a senior at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where I am majoring in Biomedical Engineering with minors in Spanish and Chemistry. To Olivia, Evan, and Andrew: 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.

As for me, I will be entering an MD/MBA program next year, though I have not decided at which school. This will help me explore areas I am currently interested in, including prosthesis design and discovery, biotech venture capitalism, and reconstructive plastic surgery. My future goal is to be at the forefront of developing superior prostheses that communicate directly with the body so that a patient could treat the device like a normal limb. My end goal is to end up in healthcare administration where I can change current practices and policies surrounding LEP healthcare.

On campus, I am on both the Vanderbilt Club Ice Hockey and Vanderbilt Men's Club Soccer teams as well as a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Lambda chapter. This past year I was heavily involved in the medical school application process and was lucky enough to receive several interviews that I then spent time preparing for and attending. My senior design group for BME has already been recognized twice for our efforts in designing a superior seating system for pediatric videofluoroscopic swallow studies in conjunction with the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University. I have taken my final semester to focus on accomplishing a few of my current goals, including training for the Rock n' Roll marathon in Nashville on April 26<sup>th</sup>, becoming a fully certified Spanish interpreter, and learning to play acoustic guitar. My job as the assistant for the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Craig Duvall, has been extremely fulfilling, and I now have a paid position in the Biomechanics and Assistive Technology Lab.

Without the CBAA, I could not participate in extracurriculars at Vanderbilt that have largely defined my college experience—quite literally everything I have done on campus has been made possible through this generous scholarship. I am so grateful for everything the CBAA has done for me. I have been able to network and meet with alumni here in Nashville, explore career paths back home in Chicago, and work on my resume and interviewing strategies as well. Their continued support has allowed me to experience incredible memories, relationships, and moments throughout my four years here at Vanderbilt. I cannot thank each and every one of the CBAA members enough for what they have given me and my family—thank you!

Sincerely,  
Justin Cruz  
2016 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My name is Jacob Rose and I am one of the recipients of the 2016 Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship. Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners – Andrew, Olivia, and Evan, you've worked so hard to earn this award and each of you should be incredibly proud of yourselves. The Alumni Association is the most incredible organization that I've ever been fortunate to be a part of, and you guys are in for a rewarding and thrilling ride.

I'm currently a senior at the University of Southern California (USC), where I'll be graduating in May with a double major in Business Administration and Political. Subsequently, I will be starting my post-graduate career full-time at KPMG in Los Angeles as a Financial Service Solutions Associate. I've found that while I've learned so much from my professors at USC, my most valuable learning experiences have taken place outside of the classroom. Over the past four years, I've experienced so much more than I could've anticipated, and in the process, I believe I've become a more worldly, empathetic, and sociable person. I am grateful to my family, friends, and the CBAA for being such an integral part of my collegiate experience and personal growth.

My sophomore year, I joined Los Angeles Community Impact (LACI), a consulting club on USC's campus that provides pro-bono services to non-profits in the Los Angeles area. After team leading multiple consulting projects and serving as a member of LACI's executive board for a year, I knew that a career in consulting was in my future. This past summer I built upon my consulting experience by working at Maravich Associate in Los Angeles, a boutique political fundraising and consulting firm. Nevertheless, while I will be starting my career in business, I hope to one day attend law school and dedicate my life to politics.

Finally, I'd like to express my thanks to the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association for making my time at USC possible. I'll never be able to fully convey my gratitude, but what I can say is that the association has truly left a lasting impact on my life, and I know that it will for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Rose  
2016 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My name is Margot Werner and I was one of the recipients of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship in 2015. Congratulations and welcome to the recipients of this year's scholarship! It is a huge honor, and something you will be able to cherish for many years to come.

This past May, I graduated from Cornell University. It was the best four years! And it went by so, so quickly. After school, I spent the summer traveling with friends and family around Europe. I loved being outdoors and exploring new places; and seeing the sunshine for the first time in what felt like forever wasn't too bad, either. Following that I moved back to Chicago and started working at IBM in their Summit Sales training program. I received world-renowned training and have made long-lasting friendships, but I've been disappointed by how slow paced the job has been since. I need to be challenged, so I've been studying for the GMAT in my (ample) free time. In an ideal world, I would go to business school in the next few years and then find my way to a job in professional sports.

My life changed forever in August when my niece, Olivia, was born. She is so cute! She brings so much joy to all of our lives. My sister lives three blocks away from me and we have a great deal where I come over and hold the baby, and she

cooks us dinner – it's a win-win situation! Another perk to Chicago living has been the amount of Hawks games I've been to this year – I've barely missed a home game. The feeling I get when I walk into the United Center never gets old. It is so special and something I am so lucky to be able to share with my dad as well.

Overall, all is good and well, and I am so happy to be at this year's luncheon again. Congratulations to this year's recipients, this is a one-of-a-kind opportunity and I couldn't be more excited to share it with you!

Sincerely,  
Margot Werner  
2015 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

My name is Joe Orecchio, and I am one of the 2015 winners of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship. As always, I want to extend my thanks to the members of the Alumni Association for their generosity in having awarded me the scholarship. I would also like to say congratulations to the winners of this year's scholarship: Olivia, Evan, and Andrew, congratulations on your accomplishment, you should be very proud.

Receiving the scholarship helped me attend my dream school in the University of Notre Dame, where I graduated this past May with a double major in Finance and History. It is hard to believe how quickly those four years flew by; I am truly grateful for the time I was able to spend at Notre Dame. During my last year, I remained active in the Notre Dame/South Bend hockey community. I helped coach the 12U A travel team in the Irish Youth Hockey League and was also honored with the organization's coach of the year award. Coaching hockey for three years in college was truly a great experience, and I hope to get back into coaching sometime soon. I also captained my dorm's hockey team in our intramural league last spring, though we took a heartbreaking loss in the championship game.

After graduation, I moved up to Milwaukee to begin my career as an Equity Research Analyst at Robert W. Baird. I have had a great experience at Baird and enjoy the work I am doing. I have also enjoyed living in Milwaukee and the experience of exploring a new city. I'm playing in a men's league up here and hope to become increasingly involved in the hockey community as I spend more time in the city.

Again, I want to close by offering my sincerest thanks to the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association and all of its members. Receiving the scholarship helped me make the most of my four years at Notre Dame and is a regular reminder of the importance of giving back both to hockey and education. I look forward to remaining involved in this great organization for many years to come.

Sincerely,  
Joe Orecchio  
2015 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Elek Wellman and I am a 2014 CBAA Scholarship recipient. I would like to congratulate the 2020 winners not only on receiving the scholarship, but for all their hard work on and off the ice during their high school years. I wish you success in continuing your journey during your college years.

In 2018, I graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Neuroscience & Behavior. During my undergraduate studies, I played on the Notre Dame Club Hockey team which traveled as far as California to play USC's club team. Currently, I am a second-year medical student at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine which resides in my hometown of Springfield. When I am not studying, I serve as class president for the Class of 2022 and lace up my skates every Sunday night at least. Furthermore, for any scholarship recipients interested in medicine or wanting advice on pre-med activities, I would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chicago Blackhawks 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 Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Congratulations to Olivia, Evan, and Andrew on receiving the 2020 Keith Magnuson Scholarship Award. Welcome to the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association! You are now a part of this generous and passionate family. Be sure to participate as much as you can.

My name is Duncan Coogan, and I joined the CBAA in 2013 when I was chosen for the Keith Magnuson award while playing hockey at Glenbrook North High School. I attended DePaul University where I studied finance and played roller hockey. I continue to play hockey in a men's league in Northbrook, in outdoor games at Watts in Glencoe, and in pick-up games at the park with friends.

I recently started a new job at a fintech startup called Investor Cash Management, where we partner with asset managers to provide branded cash management products. The startup culture can be tough at times, but the room for input and creativity is fantastic!

I currently live in Wicker Park with a roommate and a cat. I am enjoying living in the city as a young professional. In my free time, I like to work on my car. Once the weather is warmer, I'll be at the track and car shows on weekends.

Thank you to the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for providing helpful financial aid for higher education and an excellent network of supportive individuals. Once again, congratulations to this year's winners.

Regards,  
Duncan Coogan  
2013 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Michael Buche and I am one of the 2013 Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship recipients. I would like to first congratulate this year's scholarship recipients. You should feel proud of yourselves, the CBAA an amazing organization that you are now a lifelong part of.

I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2017 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, and I have been at Cornell University in the field of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics since. My research, under Professor Meredith Silberstein, begins at the scale of a few atoms – where quantum mechanics plays a strong role – and ends at the continuum scale, with materials you can hold in your hand and describe using solid mechanics. I tend to work in more theoretical and computational areas, focusing on polymers and similar materials where chemistry is important. I may graduate as soon as spring 2021 if I am lucky.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 I married the love of my life and my best friend, Caitlin McGarry (now Buche). We do not get many chances to visit Chicago in general, so we have not made it to any CBAA events yet, but we hope to attend in the future. Caitlin is a talented and compassionate behavioral therapist who primarily works with children with special needs. She also happens to be a world-champion Irish dancer, an amazing cook, and she's gorgeous. We live together in Ithaca, NY with our 1.5-year-old chocolate lab Charlie, who loves hockey (mostly just bites the stick, though).

I must thank the Blackhawks Alumni Association for helping make everything that I am doing possible (and sending me to the school where I met my wife!), I would not be where I am today without their generosity.

Sincerely,  
Michael Buche  
2013 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My Name is Jacob Wachlin, one of the 2012 recipients of the CBAA Scholarship. This has been my first full year working after graduation, and I am really enjoying the different lifestyle. I work for Earthly Dynamics, a small aerospace company in Atlanta. Our main focus is guided airdrop research for the U.S. Army; we build parachutes that autonomously deliver cargo to a desired location. I enjoy the work and have had the opportunity to publish research and present at conferences.

I have always loved hiking, backpacking, and all things outdoors. In September I had the chance to take a dream trip. I traveled to Tanzania with a friend and we successfully summited Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest freestanding mountain in the world. Over the 8-day trek we reached 19,341ft. The views are unbelievable, and I highly recommend the trip to anyone who is interested. While challenging, it requires no mountaineering experience and is more accessible than most people think.

For the fourth year, I am mentoring a local high school FIRST Robotics team. This program has a great impact on those involved, and I have the privilege of working with some great students and fellow mentors.

I am still playing hockey regularly in a men's league in Atlanta. Although I have played left wing for years, I have been playing defense more often due to a shortage of defensemen on our team. I feel bad for my goaltender.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for their support of me and all the rest of my fellow recipients. This group does a lot of great work in the community.

Best,  
Jacob Wachlin  
2012 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My name is Laura Brennan and I was a 2012 recipient of the Chicago Blackhawks 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 have spent the past four years teaching social studies to middle schoolers in central Brooklyn. Last June, I was promoted to manage a team of five teachers as a grade team lead and have enjoyed the growth that this new professional experience has provided me. This promotion has really pushed my project management skills and, using those skills, I have spent the past year piloting a data intervention program in social studies for students at my charter school network. My teaching career is equal parts challenging and rewarding, but I am so thankful to be working in a field about which I am intensely passionate.

In my spare time, I have continued to pursue my passion of traveling. Being a teacher has allowed me to continue this world travel as I have been fortunate enough to travel in the past year to a variety of domestic locations while also spending two weeks abroad in Israel. In addition to traveling, I also completed the Chicago Marathon this past October! It's safe to say that 2019 was a busy and fulfilling year for me.

Once more, I just want to reiterate my gratefulness to the Alumni Association for helping to fund my education in pursuit of my dream of becoming a teacher. As this dream has truly become a reality, 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 is enabling me to provide students with the same opportunities that I have been so lucky to receive.

Sincerely,  
Laura Brennan  
2012 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Trevor Santoro and I was fortunate enough to win the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Scholarship in 2011. I'd like to start off first by congratulating our new winners Olivia, Andrew, and Evan. 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 group as a Sales Associate and was recently promoted to Associate Regional Sales Director in 2018. In this role, I get to travel the country and grow our retirement business by helping ordinary Americans make smarter financial decisions so they can retire on their own terms. I absolutely love my job!

In my spare time, I'm either hanging out with my dog Puck, at a brewery, or on a plane looking for the next adventure. Speaking of adventures, I'll be going to Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Bergen, Oslo, and Stockholm right after this year's luncheon. I'm stoked!

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 Blackhawks 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. I look forward to meeting you all at this year's luncheon!

Sincerely,  
Trevor Santoro  
2011 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

My name is Frank Avino and I received the BHAA scholarship in 2011. I am currently a full-time MBA student at Carnegie Mellon University's Tepper School of Business, and I live in Pittsburgh. Last week, I saw the Penguins play the Maple Leafs at PPG Paints Arena. The Penguins won 5-2 and it was a fun experience, but nothing beats the passion and excitement of Blackhawks fans!

At Tepper, I am pursuing a track within the MBA program called Technology Strategy and Product Management. I was an IT Operations Analyst at PepsiCo for four years before joining Tepper, so the school's focus on analytical rigor is a supplement to a lot of the skills I've previously developed. In addition, I am pursuing the Leadership Development Certificate, where I am redefining my leadership style to improve my ability to lead high-performing teams. I have also made a lot of friends at Tepper. It has been an awesome, eye-opening experience.

This summer, I will be interning at Deloitte Consulting in New York City as a Summer Associate in the Technology Strategy group. While I worked hard to earn this internship, I am grateful for all who have supported me on my career journey so far. This includes the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association. When I

won the scholarship in 2011, I learned that hard work pays off. High school certainly is a lot of work, and it isn't getting any easier to get into a good college or get a good job. The CBAA provides exceptional support to hard-working high school hockey players, so that these players can go on to achieve their dreams. I will always be grateful for Cliff Koroll and the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for the support they have given me.

Congratulations to Olivia, Evan, and Andrew for winning the BHAA Scholarship. You have entered an outstanding group of former scholarship recipients who live across the country and have a wide variety of work experience across industries and job functions. I encourage each of you over the next four years, and beyond, to lean into the resources and network you have now received. Don't be afraid to ask questions of your mentors if you need help. Seek out the guidance of others as you take the next step in your journey. You can have a ton of success in college, but college is not the same as high school – it requires you to actively manage your time and to find and follow your passions. Lean into your resources and you will find success! I wish you all the very best in your freshman year and beyond.

Sincerely,  
Frank Avino  
2011 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

My name is Brianne Mahoney and I was one of the recipients of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship in 2011. First off, I'd like to begin by thanking the members of the Alumni Association for their continued generosity and support. I am proud to be a part of this amazing hockey community. Also, I'd like to congratulate and welcome the recipients of this year's scholarship. Welcome to the CBAA family!

In 2015, I graduated from Princeton University and moved to New York. I've been here ever since and recently started a new job as a Product Manager for a digital content and fitness company, Equinox Media. It's been an amazing experience working for a new startup and bringing some of the fitness concepts I learned while playing, especially around recovery and meditation, to a new omni-channel platform that's mission is to make wellness more accessible.

Outside of work, I've had the honor to coach a travel girl's hockey team out of Chelsea Piers. I helped start the girl's program in 2018 and it's been one of my favorite hockey memories to date. It's been amazing to see the players grow and, in a few weeks, we are competing at the NY State Tournament in Buffalo - wish us luck!

Once again, I'd like to thank the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association for the opportunity they gave me in 2011 and also congratulate the scholarship recipients of 2020. It's a one-of-a-kind organization and I'm forever grateful for the lasting impact it's had on my life.

Sincerely,  
Brianne Mahoney  
2011 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Congratulations to the newest members of the Alumni family! Getting to meet the team and tour the stadium is still—a decade later—one of the standout experiences of my life, and I'm forever grateful for it. Thank you to the CBAA and to the Chicago Blackhawks for going above and beyond to make this group a unique experience for all the scholarship recipients. You've created something special which has offered a profusion of memories, money, and opportunities to dozens of young people.

2019 was a year of misses for me as I had three jobs, none of which ended up working out. Between a delayed product launch at a startup and a downsizing, I twice found myself looking for work unexpectedly. Luckily, the economy is doing well and I was able to boomerang back to RealPage! I'll start work in the apartment industry again 3/16; they'd asked about 3/9 but I told them I had to be in Chicago.

Unemployment was a humbling learning experience, but one which resulted in me studying for my real estate license and now includes time serving meals at a local homeless shelter. Plus, I've been able to travel pretty extensively during my unintentional sabbatical, seeing California, Philadelphia, most all of Texas, and, soon, Chicago.

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 bachelors 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 in September and decided to take six months off - traveled to Japan, Greece, and Australia and moved across the country to NYC.

Landing in Greenwich Village, I've begun exploring all the NYC haunts. I'm loving all the restaurant options and feel as though I'm eating my way through the city one slice of pizza at a time. In addition to exploring my new city I've just begun working as a Senior Marketing Manager for a fintech start-up, Better.com where I'm helping more people get access to low rate mortgages. I'm looking forward to starting the long-process of becoming a New Yorker (not sure it's possible) and acclimating to cold-weather and seasons again (it's been 10 years since I've lived in Chicago!).

Now close to not one but two NHL teams I look forward to catching Blackhawks games and maybe even sharpening up my old skates! I'm extremely grateful to be a part of the CBAA not only for the ongoing support and community but also the initial recognition that supported me in getting to where I am today!

Thank you,  
Bianca Bonfim  
2010 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

I would first off like to extend my congratulations to the Class of 2020 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 a very exciting one for me, as my wife and I closed on our first home in the northern suburbs of Dallas and have spent much of the year settling in to our new place with our two dogs. In any spare time I can find, I still continue to play hockey on two local men's league teams in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and find myself playing in a number of softball leagues as well.

When not busy spending time with my wife and dogs or playing hockey, I continue to work for Collins Aerospace (formerly Rockwell Collins) in Texas in a newly appointed role as an Operations Site Leader. This position is located within our Mission Systems branch of the Dallas location, which I have been lucky enough to call home for almost five years now, and consists of leading the site's entire operations team comprised of approximately 160+ employees. This role allows for me to support a variety of nuclear command and control programs for our country's military, including the Common Range Integrated Instrumentation System (CRIIS) and United States Naval and Air Force E-6B and E-4B aircrafts. Prior to accepting this position, I held positions across a variety of departments in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Portland, Oregon, and Sterling, Virginia, as well as Dallas, Texas.

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 2020 Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship winners. You have worked hard to get to this moment, and I hope that you continue this success in your future. Welcome to this terrific family!

I am a 2009 CBAA Scholarship recipient. I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2013 where I majored in Electrical Engineering and played on the school's club hockey team. I live in Orange County, California, working at Blizzard Entertainment, which develops some of the most popular video games. Our annual convention, Blizzcon, is the highlight of my year, because I get to interact with fans from across the world who share the same passion that I do. Personally, I am most excited for *Diablo 4*. Currently, I am playing *Modern Warfare* and *Sekiro: Shadows Die Twice*, which might be the most frustrating game I have ever played.

I continue to play adult hockey. The games are at the new arena in Irvine that is the Ducks' practice facility. The only downside is that the arena has pictures of Ducks players plastered all over the walls (at least I don't have to see Corey Perry's face any more). During the winter, I go snowboarding as much as possible, and I hope to take a trip this year to Montana or Wyoming. My dog also keeps me busy, and she makes sure that I wake up bright and early every day so we can go to the park.

Always at this time of year when I prepare my report card, I am particularly reminded about how fortunate I was to receive the CBAA Scholarship. It was a moment in my life that I will never forget. I try my best to live by the values of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association, and it is an absolute privilege to be part of such a dedicated organization. I am forever grateful for your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tyler Gregory  
2009 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 hockey team and earned dual-degrees in Accountancy and Finance. I began my career in Chicago as a real estate 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 and had the opportunity to work with clients and teams across the United States and in the United Kingdom. I'm now based in San Diego, California, working on the Investments team for BioMed Realty, a Blackstone company, where I analyze opportunities to build and invest in lab space and life science research real estate across the United States and in the United Kingdom.

I'm excited to share a couple life events that have taken place over the past year, as well. In addition to the recent job and geography change, I also recently got married and bought a home with my amazing wife Haleh, where we live with our dog Jaxon! Outside the office, I still skate when I can, and remain involved with local real estate organizations.

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 professionals, and I look forward to continuing and expanding my involvement in the years to come.

I would be happy to connect with any other Alumni members who live in or visit Southern California.

Congratulations again to this year's recipients!

Sincerely,  
Adam Goldblatt  
2008 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

Congratulations to the 2020 Scholarship Recipients. This is a huge accomplishment on your part, and you are now part of an exemplary organization with whom your great experiences are just beginning.

This year has flown by, but undoubtedly in a good way. In the last year I have continued in my position at CNA insurance in Chicago's Loop, managing our international business with an ever-changing territory, currently encompassing the Midwest and Northeastern portions of the US. Things are always plenty busy whether it be with travel across North America or in the office, and hockey always finds a way to weave itself into business. Even 8 years after my college career ended, athletics – and especially hockey – are great common ground from which to build.

Thanks to a pair of hip surgeries, I just finished my first year of life outside of the crease, but am making my way back to the ice as a skater in 2020. But – like any retired hockey player – I have been putting all my energy that was previously on the ice and putting it into golf. I can only hope that my efforts give me a swing anywhere close to as good as Stan Mikita's, but so far there's plenty of work still to go.

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.

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 Blackhawk Alumni Association:

First and foremost, I would like to congratulate the 2020 Blackhawk Alumni scholarship recipients. You should be extremely proud of all your numerous accomplishments. Andrew, Olivia, and Evan- welcome to the Blackhawk Alumni Association.

In the spring of 2011, I graduated from the McCormick School of Engineering at Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering. Immediately afterward, I began working towards a master's degree. In 2012 I completed a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, also from Northwestern University.

I started work at Sargent & Lundy immediately after completing my master's degree in the summer of 2012. I have been working at S&L for seven years now as an associate electrical engineer across multiple client groups. My work primarily consists of upgrading and expanding the power grid infrastructure across the Midwest. My work has taken me across Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Kentucky, and, recently, to Puerto Rico. We will have many exciting new opportunities to expand into the renewables and nuclear sectors.

Recently, I moved to Jefferson Park after spending several years in Ukrainian Village. While work keeps me busy, I still try to escape from the office and make time for the occasional rat hockey sessions, including at the new MB Ice Arena.

The generosity that the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association showed remains astounding to me. I would especially like to thank Alumni Association Board and President Cliff Koroll for all the time and effort they put in to making this a truly special organization, of which I am proud to be a member. Once again, congratulations to the newest members of the alumni association – I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,  
Patrick McAuliffe  
2007 Scholarship Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk 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.

2019 was another blur of a year as we traveled or hosted visitor almost every single week between May and September for weddings, bachelor parties, a trip to Thailand, camping trips around California and much more.

I am still with Silicon Valley Bank and working to support pre-revenue biotech companies as they attempt to develop novel therapeutics for cancer, Alzheimer's, liver disease, pediatric diseases, and much, much more. The work has been challenging at times, but always rewarding, and I get to work with clients who I think are some of the brightest people in the world. It is a blast!

When not working, I've continued to play in multiple music groups around the Bay Area. One of the groups is

hoping to release a full-length LP later this year, and I'm actively writing/playing with some new groups – always busy!

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 Blackhawk Alumni Association,

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

I continue to live in Chicago with my boyfriend and dog. In October, I was fortunate to take some time off my job as a pediatric nurse to travel to Africa for a few amazing weeks and am already looking forward to my next adventure. I still play hockey in my spare time and am always excited to be on the ice.

I'm so grateful to the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association and am proud to be a part of this amazing group of people—thank you for all the support you provide to the hockey community. Once again, congratulations to the new recipients; I look forward to meeting each of you!

Sincerely,  
Kelsey Forsberg  
2006 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

Congratulations to the new scholarship recipients. Your hard work on and off the ice is admirable. I will not be able to attend the luncheon this year, but 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 and completing Internal Medicine Residency at Loyola University Medical Center. I am currently in the second year of a Cardiology Fellowship at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. I have been playing men's league hockey in Metro Detroit, but unfortunately broke my ankle on the ice this winter which has sidelined me for the year.

Thank you to the Chicago Blackhawk 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 Blackhawk Alumni Association:

It seems incredible that it has already been fifteen years since I was standing before the Alumni, humbly accepting the Blackhawk 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 junior partner, and I look forward to the challenges of becoming more active in the marketing and business development of the firm. This past summer, my wife Katelyn and I recently made the move from Chicago to Park Ridge where we purchased our first home. Our two-year old son Henry enjoys the additional space the suburban life provides, and we are excited to welcome our second child in August.

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. I still try to attend as many Blackhawks games as possible, and am excited to take my son to his 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 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,

My name is Bobby Laing and I was one of the 2004 recipients of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship. First off, I would like to congratulate the recipients of this year's scholarship. You have all joined an amazing association and you should 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 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 with A+E Networks. After spending some time on the national ad sales team working on brands like the History Channel and A&E, I was approached about an opportunity to expand my responsibilities on the advertising agency side of things. After spending a few years managing media for MillerCoors, I have moved on and am now doing the same

thing for a few different brands including Tyson Foods, Abbott Nutrition and BP.

When I'm not at work or spending time with my family, I'm lacing up the skates. I'm currently playing on a men's league team at Johnny's Ice House. I live downtown and am trying to attend as many Hawks games as my schedule will let me.

Earlier this year, a few of the former scholars took on a huge project in updating the Blackhawk Alumni website. It was an honor to work hand in hand with former scholars and the current board to accomplish something meaningful for the alumni.

Without the generosity of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association I would have had a hard time paying for college. Their donation provided me with the means to get to where I am now. I can't thank the entire organization enough. It is truly an honor to be associated with the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni and everything they stand for.

Once again, congratulations to this year's recipients! I hope to see all of you at the luncheon!

Best Regards,  
Bobby Laing  
2004 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

Congratulations and welcome to the family 2020 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 seven year old twin girls, Lillian and Madalynn, our one year old son, Beau, our two four-legged children-Aspen and Doolie; 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. Well almost, same thing – Greg started up his own hydroseeding business on the side and has been working overtime during the spring/summer/fall months to be able to get the business up and running. Minus a few mishaps, I think we've survived year one and look forward to the possibilities of what year two will bring us as small business owners. This past year, we made our first ever family only vacation/road trip to hit three of the National Parks in June – Yellowstone, Tetons, and Glacier. If you've never been to Glacier, I highly recommend putting it on your bucket list before the glaciers are no more. We didn't even get to touch a lot of the back country with three young kids, but it was an amazing experience and I hope we will make our way back again when they get a little older. We traveled back to visit family across the US in the last year in Illinois, Wisconsin, California, and Nevada. We didn't get to spend as much time this past summer/fall on our 6 acres of mountain land in southern Colorado enjoying living off the grid on weekends at 10k feet as we would have hoped; but we are hopeful that we will make up for it this year. Lilly and Maddie started 2nd grade this past fall in separate classes and have come home surprising us with how much they are learning – they are just finished the War of 1812 lesson! Lilly and Maddie continued

year three of playing Mini-Mite hockey at the outdoor ice rink in our mountain town while I was fortunate enough to take on coaching and Zamboni driving on the side. 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 and its been like Christmas to see how much they love playing. I've been roped into sitting on the youth hockey board – in which I hate to admit, but I'm loving it! Lilly and Maddie have kept us busy with additional activities to include girl scouts and 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! Beau has kept us on our toes ever since he hit the crawling stage – he is already the biggest little hockey player I know. We've gotten him on skates already and he has the biggest smile...but the skates are just too big for him, so we need his feet to grow. If he finds anything close that resembles a hockey stick and a ball (including dog food kibble), he can be found walking around wacking at the ball and trying to say "goal." We finally 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<sup>th</sup> 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 16 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. Unfortunately, its tax season and my schedule isn't allowing me to make the trip back for the Luncheon. Congratulations again on all of your hard work and accomplishments up to this point in your life! Go Hawks!

Sincerely,  
Janelle (Korbas) Walzer  
2004 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

As a past recipient, thank you to the Alumni Association for your support over the years. It is my honor to remain active with the organization today. It was a privilege and a challenge to serve on the scholarship selection committee this year and read about all of the amazing applicants. Congratulations to Olivia, Evan, and Andrew! You are most deserving!

I attended Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and have remained there since graduating in 2007, 2011, and 2017. The state of Minnesota certainly keeps me connected to hockey, the best sport in the world! Although I did not play varsity hockey in college, I did get to play intramurals and I occasionally lace up the skates today.

Olivia, Evan, and Brett, I wish you best of luck in college and encourage you to make the most of it.

On a personal note, I got engaged this year and am very excited for the future with my fiance Meghan. I also remain active as a weekend-warrior guitarist and balance this with my

career in university advancement. I never imagined it would be my career, but it is very rewarding and meaningful work.

In closing, congratulations to Olivia, Evan, and Brett! Welcome to the team! As I think back to the day I accepted this prestigious honor, many continued thanks to my parents, family, and the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association. And like Keith Magnuson, I never won a hockey fight, but I deeply admire the hockey community and the values the CBAA brings to it.

Sincerely,  
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 Olivia, Evan, and Andrew. 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 improvement, and driving efficiencies within the organization.

My wife and I have three sons, a five year-old, a three year-old, and we welcomed our third son this past November. They keep us very active and busy! Our oldest boys are starting to take an interest in hockey, and they both want to start playing soon.

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 would like to start by congratulating the recipients of this year's Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Magnuson Scholarship. It is an amazing accomplishment for you and your families. The impacts you have made on the ice, in the classroom, and in your communities truly reflect Maggie's vision for this award and what an honor it is to be a part of a group so strong in its purpose and principles.

Personally, my wife, Amy, and I are proud parents to Liam, 4, and Owen, 1. Liam started skating this year and always looks forward to getting on the ice. We just celebrated Owen's first birthday and he loves joining in on the family shinny hockey games and watching his older brother coach us through his practice drills in the living room. As for work, I am a general dentist practicing in Plainfield. I get out on the ice when I can and enjoy being back at the rink with the kids.

I'd like to take the time to thank the Alumni for their continued support. It is a great privilege to be part of the Alumni, and your dedication and generosity have been instrumental in me continuing my education and pursuing my dreams. My family and I will always cherish that gift.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Morrin  
2002 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 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 wife, Carolyn, and I continue to live in Arlington Heights along with our kiddos, Juliet (5), Florence (3), and Francis (1). We love getting outside to play in the back yard - whether it's 80 degrees and sunny or covered in snow - and it's amazing to see them all develop and grow! From a career perspective, I'm still working at MolsonCoors, 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 name is Christopher Gomez and I am one of the 2002 recipients of the Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association Scholarship. To the recipients of this year's scholarship, congrats! You should all be very proud of your accomplishment and may this be the start of many blessings in this next chapter of your life!

After graduating from the University of Illinois in 2006, I spent 12 years working in management consulting prior to launching my own consultancy in 2019 called Spirit Consulting, [www.SpiritMco.com](http://www.SpiritMco.com). The services we offer include Executive Search, Organizational Design, Strategy, Tax, Finance & Accounting, and Information Technology outsourcing. I have ten people working for SC and we continue to grow as our clients love how we emphasize mission over margin.

Over the past three years I have also been giving back to the hockey/sports community by founding the nonprofit Catholic Sports Camps, [www.CatholicSportsCamps.org](http://www.CatholicSportsCamps.org). Since inception, my leadership team, including Bishop Thomas Paprocki, has run five hockey camps here in Chicago and in Springfield. Hockey is one of the six sports camps we offer; this summer we are offering baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and volleyball camps. Summer 2020 we will be leading our sixth and seventh hockey camps – what a journey! The kids we serve range in age from 7 to 17, and we don't turn anyone away regardless of his or her ability to pay. We typically give out \$25K in scholarships each summer – scholarships are given to vulnerable youth due to divorce, deaths in the family, or major illnesses that have drained their family financially.

The Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association has really stepped up to aid our organization by sending Coach Quenneville, Brian Campbell, Brent Sopel, and Bill Gardner to meet scholarship recipients over the past three years. When our scholarship winners, who are facing serious adversity, get to meet the Blackhawks they watch on TV, a light comes into their lives that changes them for the better. So 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!

Sincerely,  
Christopher Gomez  
2002 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

I'm in my second year as the Director of Athletics & Recreation at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. There, I oversee all facets of operating 23 NCAA Division III sports, 700 student athletes and close to 1,500 club and intramural student participants. This May, I will accompany a small group of John Carroll students on a mission trip to Guayaquil, Ecuador.

I'm also entering my second year of a four-year term on the NCAA's DIII Management Council. This highly selective and appointed committee handles the implementation of policies adopted by the Association's Board of Governors and the DIII President's Council. My sub committees include: Interpretations and Legislation, Sportsmanship & Ethical Conduct, United States Olympic Sport Liaison Committee, and NCAA Championships Committee (DIII). The opportunity has been wonderful, although it does demand monthly travel and extensive hours outside of work getting caught up on federal and local legislation as well as the landscape of each issue at hand.

I continue to serve as an Adjunct Professor at the University of St. Thomas, in Minnesota, teaching a certificate course to graduate students on revenue generation and sponsorship cultivation. This past January, I became a Board member of Women in Sports and Entertainment (WISE) Cleveland.

Personally, I continue to travel when time allows, and look forward to an upcoming trip to Tokyo and Bali this August.

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 year's 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. Outside of work I have travelled and explored anywhere I can go! I've been fortunate enough to travel all over Europe, as well as represent the Agency at events in Russia, China, Japan, and Argentina! In fact, if you are reading this Report Card at the annual Scholarship Luncheon I am currently 17 hours ahead, helping to moderate the International Youth Nuclear Congress in Sydney, Australia. Like the adage goes: It's a difficult job but someone has to do it!

When I'm not in the office (or a plane) 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 a blast to join players from Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, Russia, Slovakia, Serbia, Canada, and the U.S. We recently played a friendly "Winter Classic" against a touring team from Paris,

skating on an outdoor rink at the 150-year old *Wiener Eislaufverein*. 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 U.S. 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 Blackhawk Alumni Association,

My wife (Kim) and I live in Nashville with our two boys, CJ (7 months) and Hank (4 years). The past year of my life has been eventful and fulfilling. We welcomed CJ into our life with open arms and learned that two boys is truly double the fun! 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 13 years and have seen a lot of positive change to the community. Nashville is not the same small-town it was 13 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!

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 2020!

All the best,  
Travis Tingey  
2001 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association,

Greetings! My name is Craig Hensley. I won the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship in 2000. I would like to congratulate the recipients of this year's scholarship. It is an honor to have you join our association.

I graduated from Benedictine University in May 2004 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, minor in Biology. In 2007, I received my Doctoral degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). I decided to pursue further education by doing an Orthopedic Residency at the University of Southern California in 2008-09 and an Orthopedic Manual Therapy Fellowship after returning home to UIC in 2011. After working at the University of Chicago for 5 years and doing two mission trips to Africa, I changed jobs in 2015. I currently am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences at the Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University. My job continues to be exciting- conducting research, presenting, and publishing; treating patients; and teaching future Doctoral Physical Therapy students. Further, I am training hockey players on-ice, both male and female, and I also train figure skaters off-ice at Oak Lawn Ice Arena. I have had three stints with the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams in Colorado Springs and traveled with the US Figure Skating Dance team to Slovakia this past September. I am staying busy!

I currently own a home in Palos Heights (which also keeps me extremely busy) and play ice hockey at Southwest Ice Arena in Crestwood.

I do not know where I would be without kicking off my life in college as a part of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association. The assistance they provided me with opportunities to pursue my career was a true blessing. I thank the Blackhawk Organization and am honored to be a part of it. Again, congratulations to the new Scholarship Recipients.

Kind Regards,  
Craig P. Hensley  
2000 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

Welcome to the Alumni family 2020 scholarship recipients and best of luck to those of you still competing in the state tournament! You are now part of an outstanding organization that transcends hockey.

My family and I moved to the North Center neighborhood of Chicago where we completed renovating a home in December. Eleanor "Nora" Marie will turn five in April, and Charles "Charlie" Patrick turned six in November. He is learning to play hockey at Fifth Third and really enjoys it. Nora gave it a go, but has retired, at least temporarily

Margaret "Maggie" Catherine rounds out our crew. I cannot believe that she is almost two. Before she was born, my wife was in love with the nickname "Maggie" for a little girl. I was on the fence. About a month before she was born, I glanced over at a puck in my office and read the signature: "Patrick,

All the best in Hockey, Keith Magnuson #3.” He had signed it when I was a little boy. Then it hit me. Because Margaret would be born via planned C-section, we already knew that she would be born on April 3. Our “third” child would be born on the “third.” At that moment, I picked up the phone, called my wife, and told her that I knew “Maggie” would be the perfect name for our little girl.

I continue to practice law at the law firm of Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP in Chicago where I represent product manufacturers in business disputes and in litigation involving property damage and personal injury. I continue to play hockey at Johnny’s Ice House. Sadly, this is my second season not coaching for Chicago Blackhawks Special Hockey—I miss it dearly.

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship recipients and thank you to the Alumni Association for all of the support you have provided throughout my academic career and beyond.

Sincerely,  
Patrick P. Clyder  
2000 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association,

Congratulations to the 2020 scholarship recipients. You are joining a wonderful organization. Thank you to the Alumni for all of their support. 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. Some who I still play hockey with. A little over a year ago, I started 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, six and eight years old. They haven’t played any hockey yet, but they both enjoy skating. They are both very involved in gymnastics, and growing a lot because of it. I am still playing hockey at Johnny’s Ice House and 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 Blackhawks Alumni Association:

I find it hard to believe that it has been over 20 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 a First Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager for Morgan Stanley where I have been employed since 2012. My wife Kristen and I have two small children, Gavin (6) and Hayden (5) 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 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 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association:

First, I wish to congratulate this year’s three Blackhawks Alumni Scholarship recipients on their individual accomplishments. Their hard work and dedication to academics and their community have allowed them to join what is, by far, the greatest sports Alumni Association in the world. All of the past Alumni recipients look forward to assisting each of them with their upcoming college endeavors.

As for myself, I have been active on the speaker’s circuit again for the past year giving motivational talks around the country to various business and civic groups, colleges and high schools on achieving your goals and dreams. I am also the webmaster for the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. To further keep me out of any trouble, I have opened eleven SportClips hair cutting salons around the Chicagoland and Wisconsin area with three more being slated to open over the next two months.

On the volunteer side, as chairperson of the Disabled Section for USA Hockey, my role involves working with the various disciplines within the Disabled Section (*Special Hockey, Sled Hockey, Amputee Hockey and Hearing Impaired Hockey, Blind Hockey and Warrior Hockey*) as well as interfacing with the United States Olympic Committee to

promote additional activities for these disciplines under the Paralympic umbrella.

I am currently helping oversee the US Paralympic Sled Team who last year won its third consecutive Gold Medal in PyeongChang, South Korea at the Paralympic games. I have a special admiration for disabled individuals who put aside their disabilities and compete in sports and reach the top of their game.

There is no other organization I know of in the world whose deep commitment and dedication to the student athlete is as great as that of the Blackhawk Alumni Association.

The leadership and dedication of the Alumni Association awarding now over 100 scholarships has been an inspiration to all of us scholarship recipients. I have been privileged to watch this new group of leaders, under the direction of Cliff Koroll, carry on the Blackhawk Alumni legacy.

I am proud to be a part of it.

Forever Grateful,  
JJ O'Connor  
1997 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association:

My name is Jason Abbey and I was the 1997 recipient of the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association Scholarship. Congratulations to this year's recipients, you have been invited into a first-class association and you should be very proud to be a part of.

Since I have received the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship and then graduated from the University Of Illinois, I have been all around the country with different sales jobs. Today, I have been in Greater Cleveland area for nearly 14 years and I work for Thomas as the Vice President of Customer Success.

One of my greatest accomplishments is being a dad to my two boys. My oldest, Easton, has found his passion for soccer and is on several teams. My younger son, Mason, has his hand in every sport right now, but also following in his brothers footsteps with a love for soccer. My wife and I have also own a CrossFit gym for nearly 5 years now and we truly love passing on our passion for health and wellness to all.

Once again, congratulations to this year's recipients. I was very fortunate to have the Blackhawk Alumni Association help me with my college education expenses and have allowed me to be involved with a great association that I am grateful and excited to be a part of for years to come. Best of luck to all of you in your future endeavors and congrats again.

Best Regards,  
Jason Abbey  
1997 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-four 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 the 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 seventeen years, currently employed at Naperville North High School. This year we spent 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 (7) and daughter, Kaylee (4). 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, 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. 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:

My family and I had a lot going on this past year, and it seemed to go by even faster than 2018 when we moved from the Chicago area to Sarasota, FL. In February, we moved into our new house after spending the previous 7 months in a condo. It was small living for a family of six, but the kids

(Ava - 16, Jack - 14, Luke - 11, Grace - 9) did great and it was worth the wait to get into the new house. In the summer, we all traveled to Paris and Lyon, France to attend some of the women's world cup matches. It was great watching the USWNT move aside all the competition. Afterwards we made it to Italy as well. It's nice to be able to show the kids other parts of the world. The rest of the year was rounded out enjoying the outdoors in FL and the many kid activities.

No changes on the work front. I continue to work for The Options Clearing Corporation as SVP & Chief Compliance Officer.

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 Andrew, Olivia, and Evan on winning this year's scholarships – you all are very deserving. Welcome to the family!

Sincerely,  
Joe Adamczyk  
1994 Recipient

Dear Chicago Blackhawk Alumni:

I first want to say congratulations to this year's winners! You should be very proud of your accomplishments and you are now part of a special family that you will cherish moving forward.

It has been a very busy year for my family and myself. My son turned 8 and is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. It seems like baseball has now consumed our lives. Liam will be playing on the New Lenox Rebels 8U Full Time Travel team this season. And I have been coaxed into coaching with the team. Which puts a lot on my plate but Liam loves having me around the team. And it is a lot of fun for me as well. And he still says he is going to be better than his Dad at golf! We will see what happens there.

I have been with Reliable Container for 13 years now. We continue to grow a little bit every year. It is a lot of fun and stress all at the same time. To be in charge of a small company is exciting. The owner of our company is starting to step away a little at a time and turning over the day to day operations to me. It is exciting for me and very stressful too. But I love my job and the people I work with. Jennifer loves being able to be home and do things with Liam. And we took our 1<sup>st</sup> trip to Disney World this past fall. We had a great time there. And even ran into a fellow scholarship winner, Joe Moore, while we were there. So the Blackhawk family is everywhere! We also finished our basement this fall too. Which was an adventure. But turned out amazing. So it was a busy year in the Gilley household!

I like to be able to help the organization that gave me so much and look forward to being more involved and helping as much as I can. When you win this award, it is like winning an award the rest of your life. I won the award over 25 years ago and it still is something that I cherish and respect.

I wanted to thank the Chicago Blackhawk Alumni Association again for everything that you have done for me

and many other young adults that have had the privilege to become a part of your group. I still look back at winning the award as one of the things that I am most proud of in my life. I consider it an honor and I will always try to live up to the expectations that come with being part of a special group. Congratulations again to this year's winners. Enjoy the day, you will remember it forever. I know I do.

Best regards,  
John Gilley  
1993 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, 15, and Nathan, 11, are the focus of our lives. It's truly amazing to see how fast they are growing up. Jocelyn is a dedicated competitive dancer, training in many styles, including, Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre, and Hip Hop. Nathan currently plays travel hockey and is a goalie for the Naperville Sabres. In addition, he also competes in Hip Hop dance as well.

I am currently in my 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 would like to begin by thanking the Alumni Association for all of your support throughout the years and having played such an integral part in my life. It is such a great honor to be a part of this prestigious group and see the lives that are continually transformed because of your contributions. I would also like to

acknowledge the recipients of this year's scholarship. Congratulations on your hard-earned achievement.

As the 1992 Recipient, I went on to graduate from Villanova University in 1996 with a Bachelor's of Science in Accountancy. While at Nova, I was the starting goaltender all four years with their hockey program and enjoyed great experiences as we competed in the ECAC (Division III). Upon graduation, I was fortunate enough to be a part of the training camp for the Tulsa Oilers of the CHL. After a short stay, I pursued my career in Accounting back on the East Coast working for one of the "Big 5" public accounting firms at the time. Shortly thereafter, I received my license as a Certified Public Accountant.

Currently, I am residing in southern New Hampshire where I own a precision CNC machining company, Will-Mor Manufacturing Inc. We are an AS9100 Company employing 80 people, operating out of two locations, serving the Aerospace, Defense, Power Generation, and other Commercial Industries with complex machined components.

Outside of work, my wife Danielle and I seem to spend most of it with our kid's activities. Our sixteen-year old son Michael (who might be the biggest Blackhawks fan in the Northeast) is now a sophomore at Central Catholic High School in Massachusetts where he plays baseball. He also plays on an elite travel showcase baseball team that plays nationally. When we are not at his games, we are enjoying our eleven-year old daughter Faith who is also into sports and plays basketball for her school, Sacred Heart.

Thank you again to the Alumni Association for keeping true to your mission and Congratulations again to the 2020 Recipients!

Best regards,  
Mike Kelly  
1992 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 United Conveyor Corporation 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 recent domestic and international environmental regulations have driven a high demand for new products.

I have been married to my beautiful wife Dayana for five years and we are enjoying life in Hawthorn Woods.

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 Blackhawks Alumni Association,

I received the 2<sup>nd</sup> scholarship award in 1989 and it is fantastic that the CBAA has now reached over 100 scholarship awards.

Work-wise, I'm continuing to sell consulting services for Publicis Sapient with a focus on the Salesforce platform. The work is challenging but also very rewarding. I'm increasing visiting the Chicago area and hope to connect with everyone at a forthcoming Alumni meeting.

My wife Lisa and I continue to spend nearly all of our time on our two boys – Jack (13) and Kaden (11). Last year both of them dashed their skis last for snowboards and haven't looked back since. Jack is still taking electric guitar lessons and recently won the part of the guitar player in the school play 'Rock of Ages'. It will be fun to see him jam on stage. Kaden is still taking drum lessons. And both Jack and Kaden continue to play in their rock band with another tween in the neighborhood who plays bass. 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 2020 Keith Magnuson Blackhawk Alumni Scholarship. We are very excited to have 3 new members in our group! This year we will be awarding our 106<sup>th</sup> scholarship and continue the journey to 200!. The receipt of this award is more than a four-year monetary scholarship. It is a lifetime membership into an association comprised of great individuals who care about one another, contribute to the community and are committed to improving the lives of others.

Since receiving the Scholarship Award in 1988 out of New Trier H.S., I graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. I am currently the National Casualty Practice leader at AmWINS Brokerage, which is a specialty commercial insurance brokerage firm. There I lead strategy for our national casualty sales operations.

I live in Park Ridge with my wife, Marijane and 3 children: Kate 18; Tommy 16; Liam 14. Outside of work, my free time is now occupied by enjoying watching my children excel in their sports and other activities. I still enjoy playing golf, softball and still manage to play on a few men's league hockey teams. I can truly say, that even at the age of 50 it is still a blast to play the great game of hockey.

In addition, I currently represent the past scholarship recipients on the Board of the Alumni Association. Our goal with this position is to keep current on all Alumni issues and to encourage the involvement of past and present recipients in the Alumni Association. A true commitment by the association to their past scholars!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Blackhawk Alumni Association, The Chicago Blackhawks, and all of our 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, and welcome to our family!

Regards,  
Tom Dillon  
1988 Recipient