

Rita and Bill Collins Memorial Arts Scholarship



Bill and Rita Collins

Rita was the Cultural Council administrator extraordinaire and, when she retired, a member and treasurer of the Cultural Council. She was a model of dedication and loyalty to the Cultural Council. Bill was a member and supporter of the Framingham Cultural Council, a member of the Framingham Artist's Guild, and a volunteer. The Scholarship in memory of Rita and Bill Collins is offered to a qualifying high school senior.

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For 2018, the First Place Framingham Cultural Council Arts Scholarship was awarded to Catherine Giorgetti for her one-act play "Overcome." Honorable Recognition Scholarships were awarded to Framingham High School students Molly Chen, Ellowyn Reck and Symphony Shea; and Keefe Technical High School students Jessica Rackauskis, Ana Sheehy, and Cassandra Tiburcio.

Context of "Overcome" by Catherine Giorgetti

A woman is sexually assaulted by a higher up during an office meeting. There is a high upstage platform where her thoughts stay. The action happens on the actual stage, but the woman only speaks once, all other times she never speaks, she mouths while her different feelings and characteristics speak above her. Her feelings are: Boredom, Excitement, Skepticism, Panic, Realism, Irrational Rage, Confusion, and Hope.

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For 2017, three Framingham Cultural Council Arts Scholarship awards were awarded. The first price recipient was Jordana Kagan and the second price recipient was Andrew Caira, both are seniors at Framingham High School and submitted the script of an original play with their application. An honorable recognition award went to Kelsi MacDonald, a senior at Keefe Technical High School who submitted a graphic design for a holiday card with her application.

The following picture is of Andrew Caira and Jordana Kagan performing in Urinetown.



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The 2016 Framingham Cultural Council Arts Scholarship recipient was Anh Tran, a senior at Marian High School. She titled her acrylic painting - Life of Human. The painting is a tree on a person's hand and the roots go through and connect to the veins. This means that humans connect to nature and nature is the important part of human life. Anh Tran grew up in Vietnam and came here for her high school and college education. Anh said "art has been, and continues to be the main outlet for my feelings. My dream is to be an artist and bring art to life so people can enjoy it and understand the value of art in life. Art is my life and a passion within me."



Anh Tran and her painting

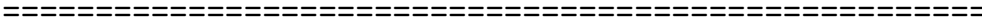
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The 2015 Framingham Cultural Council Arts Scholarship recipient was Krya Kabler, a senior at Framingham High School. The landscape oil on canvas painting titled "Morning Star" of a river winding through a mountain pass with a

woman looking up at the sky was part of her scholarship application. Her essay was about conservation and sustainability of nature. Kyra will be furthering her education at Hampshire College in Amherst and will be studying animation and environmental studies. Her goal is to be able to create films that encourage viewers to become advocates for the planet and to promote diversity and goodwill towards all types of people.



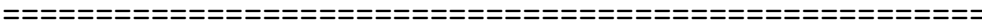
Kyra Kabler and her painting



The 2014 Framingham Cultural Council Arts Scholarship recipient was Sara Goulart, a senior at the Learning Center for the Deaf. A portrait sketch titled “Birdy” was part of her successful application for the scholarship as was her essay about her visit to the sister school for the deaf in China. Sara will be furthering her education at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of Rochester Institute of Technology.



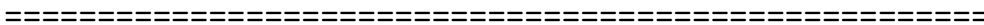
Sara Goulart and her portrait painting



The 2013 Framingham Cultural Council Arts Scholarship recipient was Kathlynn Sell, a Framingham High School senior. An original score Sonata Allegro for string quartet titled “Here and There” was part of her successful application for the scholarship. Kathlynn will attend Berklee College of Music majoring in music therapy.



Kathlynn Sell playing the Marimba



The 2012 Framingham Cultural Council Arts Scholarship recipient was Bradford Naugler, a senior at J.P. Keefe Regional Technical School. He was selected for this award based on his self portrait made using splatter paint and a collage drawing of himself as well as his demonstrated interest in the arts. His references described his love of making art, especially experimenting with various mediums resulting in something unique and creative. Bradford will be furthering his education at Becker College.



Bradford Naugler and his self-portrait collage