

Dear Fellow Ridge Club Members:

As a Club we are proud to continue to support the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund Bag Tag Program. This annual program not only helps the young men and women working here at the club, but young people all over the state to pursue their goals of higher education. These scholarships, given to over 475 students annually, help make their college and professional dreams a reality. While we are proud to be part of \$2 Million in scholarships, the unmet need of Scholars across the state **now exceeds \$5 Million annually.**

A Ouimet Scholarship lightens the burden of college costs, as it is a four-year renewable scholarship, without which many students would not be able to stay enrolled in college. Thanks in part to the generosity of our membership, we are able to help these young people meet their increasing unmet financial need.

Below are the current Ouimet Scholars representing The Ridge Club, who received a total of \$104,500**

****THE RIDGE CLUB WAS NUMBER 1 IN SCHOLARSHIPS OUT OF 75 CLUBS IN MASSACHUSETTS**

Danielle K Cassista – Mass College of Pharmacy '18
Jonathan E. Cassista – UMass-Amherst '18
John E. Condon – University of Tampa '18
Daniel P. Cowick – Bridgewater State University '18
Jake M. Cuppels – Georgia Institute of Technology '18*
John F. DeCoste – Massasoit Community College '18
Conor P. Walsh – Clark University '18
Holly E. Wilson – Bridgewater State University '18
Julia C. Goins – University of Delaware '19
John P. Kelley – Roger Williams University '19
Connor V. Mangelson – Methodist University '19

Kelsey M. Pozerski – Mass College of Pharmacy '19
Andrew D. Thomas – Mass College of Pharmacy '19
Christopher B. Wilson – University of South Carolina '19
Madison P. Cuppels – UMass-Amherst '20*
Anna O. Hurley – St. Michael's College '20
Nicholas S. Norcott – UMass-Lowell '20
Christina M. O'Neil – University of Rhode Island '20
Marcus D. DeFelice – Fairfield University '21
Mithran T. Denbow – Fordham University '21*
John F. Mikus – Middlebury College '21
*=Honorary Scholar (no financial award)

Supported by our and many other private clubs throughout the state, the Ouimet Fund is a key piece in helping our young people and their families afford the rapidly rising tuition costs. Below are some important facts about The Fund:

- **Ouimet Fund designates 100% of Bag Tag program donations directly to Scholarships**
- **At least \$2.2 Million in Scholarships to be awarded this upcoming year**
- **There are a record 491 Financial and Honorary (no financial award) Ouimet Scholars this year**
- **Record number of new applicants for six consecutive years**
- **Ouimet Fund administrative expense ratio under 10% for five consecutive years**

With this financial support, and the values The Ridge Club has taught these young people about professionalism and work ethic, we are proud to partner with the Ouimet Fund to help the Scholars on their path to success. Some other outstanding facts about the success rate of Ouimet Scholars:

- **Ouimet Scholars graduate within four years at a 93% rate**
- **Ouimet Scholars maintain a 3.3 GPA Average**

I would say this success rate shows a great return on investment! The donation to participate in this program is \$60 per member and the pro shop staff will attach all bag tags. Please display yours proudly. In the event that you would not like to participate, please contact the club's business office to have the donation removed from your bill. It seems every year, we hear how kids are motivated and influenced by the membership they serve here at the The Ridge Club. These kids talk about learning a great deal from people like you about the work ethic it takes to be successful. **Thank you** for your continued support of these hard-working young people. If you have questions you may contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Trapasso
Ouimet Chair