

GABRIELLA ZOCCO

RUBE' FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF JENN RUBE' - \$1500
HIGH SCHOOL: MERCY HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE: MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY
FIELD OF STUDY: METEOROLOGY



Gabriella is a dancer, piano and clarinet player from Mercy High School, attending Millersville University in the fall to study Meteorology. Gabriella has an extensive list of service activities. She has volunteered at Bethany House, InterVol, Moving Day: Rochester, the Rush-Henrietta Academic Support Center, the Ugandan Water Project, World Wildlife Fund, One Tree Planted, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Operation Christmas Child, local fairs, various can drive and trunk or treats, and held a public relations position at Lima Christian School Missions Club for five years. Within the school setting, Gabriella was a member of the Yearbook Club, Model UN, Lorax Club, Mercedes Journalism, Book Club, Sunshine Club Student Ambassador Program, the Red Cross Club, the Leadership Distinction Program, and the National Honor Society. She competes and has won titles in NYS Beauty Pageants, and has also won the Rachel Carson Healthy Planet Award, US History and Environmental Award, Moral Foundations/Issues of Morality Academic Award, Youth Leadership Recognition Award, Spanish 2 and English 9 Academic Awards, was on scholarship roll for Academic Achievements, and has a certification of completion in Business Ready Entrepreneurial Success Masterclasses from the Golisano Institute for Business and Entrepreneurship.

“Gabriella is a leader among her peers who exemplifies positive nurturing interactions with students, faculty, staff and community members. When her teacher became terminally ill, Gabriella advocated having a sticker made in honor of the teacher and sold it as a fundraiser for her family. This fundraiser contributed several thousand dollars to a scholarship fund in her teacher’s name and brought our community together during a very difficult time. Throughout her advocacy for this fundraiser, Gabriella emphasized how we could all support each other, lean into our faith, and find joy in our days. Gabriella is a compassionate young woman who understands the needs of people in her community. She has made a difference in people’s lives. Gabriella’s Italian heritage is a very important part of who she is. She has spent much time learning the Italian language, celebrating family traditions, and sharing her culture with others. Commitment, compassion, excellence, positive energy and enthusiasm set Gabriella Zocco apart from her peers. She is a natural leader with commitment to people, her culture and community.” ~Sherylanne Diodato, Principal

“Gabriella completely embodies all the positive traits necessary to be in a leadership and welcoming role. I have had the pleasure of witnessing her exceptional academic abilities, passion for Italian culture and language, and strong, beautiful character. She has a natural aptitude for linguistics, excelling in Italian language and culture. She is actively engaged in activities and traditions that celebrate Italian heritage, such as participating in Italian Cultural events, excelling in language comprehensions, and even sharing that with her peers. Beyond academics, she embodies the qualities of leadership, perseverance and dedication. I wholeheartedly support Gabriella’s application and am confident she will make meaningful contributions, with her dream to receive a minor in Italian or International Studies.” ~ Susan Tubolino, Dance Teacher