

## GIA ROSATO

**VLL EDWARD MARUGGI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$2500**

**HIGH SCHOOL: AQUINAS INSTITUTE**

**COLLEGE: ITHACA COLLEGE**

**FIELD OF STUDY: RESPIRATORY or PHYSICAL THERAPY**



Gia is a soccer and basketball player from the Aquinas Institute and will be attending Ithaca College in the fall to study respiratory or physical therapy. Gia has a long list of volunteer service from throughout her high school career, including St. Anne's Community, Splitz Ice Cream Easter Event, The Parish of the Holy Family, the Happy Birthday Cha Cha Cha program for children in the Rochester City School District, Foodlink, the summer reading program at the Chili Library, the Homestead for Hope program, a political campaign, and sewing mastectomy pillows for breast cancer patients as her Capstone Project. On the athletic side, Gia was the captain of her JV soccer and basketball teams, and her varsity soccer team, and received the Fighting Irish Award in Soccer. She is a National Honor Society student, a mathlete, a member of the Core Ministry Team, Women's Leadership, and Student Government. She has been honored with a number of awards including the St Joseph the Workers award, The Hastings Award, the General Excellence Award, the Physics Award, several merit scholarship awards, and any number of student of the month awards and certificates of achievement in a variety of areas.

*"Gia took the time not only to retain educational knowledge regarding therapy skills and the rationale for each individual patient, but she also took the time to relate to them on a deeper and more personal level. She was very special. She found a way to connect with each resident despite being separated by multiple generations. This single trait alone will speak to her success in the workplace and help her care for people as it is so much easier to convince people to do hard things when they feel they can relate and trust. Gia is a dedicated student athlete who is not only able to balance her academics but manages her time to be a successful athlete while also making considerations for her future. Gia will be successful no matter what direction she chooses to explore in the upcoming years, however it is very clear that she would excel in a career helping to care and improve the lives of others." ~Andrea Sprague, Supervisor*

*"Miss Rosato is an exceptional young lady in all regards. She demonstrates intellect, leadership, compassion, love and a servant's heart in all functional areas of her life. Miss Rosato is one of the kindest human beings I have ever met...she will have an extremely positive impact on the human race. She truly is a game changer. She has the strongest work ethic to compliment her intellect, which makes for a formidable combination when it comes to her academic ability and potential for future success. As a team leader, she continuously makes wise, intelligent decisions while demonstrating care and compassion towards her peers. I know you will be able to take great pride in Miss Rosato as she continues to improve and enhance the human condition. She gives me such hope for a brighter future". ~ Adam Schwartz, Soccer Coach*