

## 2025 NYS Grand Lodge Scholarship Winners

**GIA ROSATO**

**NYS GRAND LODGE**

**AGNES FUNK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**



**Gia Rosato**, a recent graduate of Aquinas Institute, will attend Ithaca College in September to study how exercise helps the body to function and to concentrate on the elderly to be able to live healthier lives. She has received many academic and school awards, but it is her volunteerism that is most impressive. For her capstone project Gia created and sewed mastectomy pillows for breast cancer patients. Her empathy extends to those in need. At RCSG, she helped low-income students celebrate their birthdays by delivering gifts food and hygiene bags. She has worked with Foodlink to end hunger and build healthier communities. She has worked alongside those with special needs harvesting fruits and vegetables. Gia has volunteered with the public library in the children's reading program. She has given more than 230 hours of community service during her high school years.



Gia's leadership skills transcend the classroom where she was able to help classmates who struggled with the material. The Director of Mission and Ministry at Aquinas describes her as having unwavering faith, organizes events that foster a sense of community and spirituality, facilitates discussion and activities that promote growth and reflection. Her goal is to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

### Who is Agnes Funk?



Agnes Funk was a noted philanthropist who supported charities for children including the National Center for Disability Services; Schneider Children's Hospital; the Long Island Philharmonic; Meals on Wheels; St. Mary's Children & Family Services in Syosset; and St. Christopher -Otilie; the Gift of Life donor program; and the Children's Medical Fund. She gave millions to Parkinson's research.