

2009 Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Scholarship Recipients

Diana Cadena - will attend The College of Saint Rose

Diana lives in Paterson, NJ, and attended Passaic County Technical Institute where she will graduate from the Academy of Medical Arts. She has attained State certification as a nurse assistant while maintaining a GPA that places her in the top 15% of the class. She has performed 60 hours of community service at the Preakness Geriatric facility and St. Joseph's Hospital while earning college credits for medical terminology and EMT through the University of Medicine/Dentistry of NJ and Passaic County Community College. She has been a member of the Girls' Golf Team for the past four years and hopes to continue playing in college. She plans to pursue a career in the health care industry as a veterinarian, but as noted in a recommendation of her, "She will be a success in any career path she chooses."



Bianca Cordera - will attend Rutgers University

Bianca lives in Paterson, NJ. and attended Passaic County Technical Institute. She has a GPA of 3.6 which has earned her membership in the National Honor Society. According to her recommendations, Bianca possesses traits in leadership, exhibits exemplary character, and displays enthusiasm in all areas of study. She has been a motivated member of the Varsity Girl's Golf Team for the past two years. Bianca has also participated in various fundraising and community service activities while pursuing her studies. She plans to specialize in psychology and become a psychologist.

Natalie Diaz - will attend William Paterson University of NJ

Natalie attended Passaic County Technical Institute and participated in the school of culinary arts. She was one of a few select students chosen to become part of the Pro-start Competition for the State of NJ. Their team won first place twice and went on to compete nationally. She was a member of the Varsity Girl's Golf Team for three years, Student Council, Interact, and ERASE (End Racism and Sexism Everywhere). She challenged herself by taking honors classes and earned a cumulative GPA of 3.9. She has been an active member in her church, singing in the church choir and volunteering to help children learn about the church and God. Natalie plans to become a teacher/professor of mathematics.

Scarlett Ferreiras - will attend Berkeley College

Scarlett lives in Paterson and attended Passaic County Technical Institute and was enrolled in the Academy of Finance program. She was a member of the Girl's Varsity Golf Team for three years and volunteered at Bergen County Golf Course. She was a member of ERASE, and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) at school and has been employed at Valley National Bank through the School to Careers program. She is fluent in Spanish. She will continue study in finance, but also aspires to fashion marketing and management.



Brenna O'Connell - will attend Bentley University

Brenna lives in Toms River, NJ and attended Toms River High School. She began playing golf at five and was on the Varsity Golf Team in grades 9-11, being MVP in both 2007 and 2008. She has been a volunteer and held a part-time job at children's golf camps. Her sense of responsibility and commitment to her community is evident in over 300 hours of service given. She has taken all honors courses and been on the High Honor Roll 14 out of 14 marking periods and has been in both the National and Spanish National Honor Societies. She attended the National Youth Leadership Forum for law in Washington, D.C., in 2007 and was the Toms River High School East nominee for the United States Senate Youth Program. An accomplished violist, she has been the principal violist in the Garden State Youth Philharmonic and the River City String Quartet. Brenna will pursue a degree in accounting toward becoming a CPA and hopes to one day be a CFO of a company.



Lauren Rhein - will attend Vanderbilt University

Lauren lives in Hackensack, NJ and attended the Immaculate Heart Academy. She has been a member of the high school golf team for 4 years and captain for the past two. She has volunteered at the Pioneer Junior Golf Tour and been a sales assistant at Golf Galaxy. She has been a participant in several WMGA events. Lauren states that "Golf has taught me about the true meaning of integrity, hard work, and dedication". In addition to golf, Lauren is a bowler and was elected the All-North Bowler of the Year two years in a row ('08 and '09). Her school credits include the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Eucharistic Ministry, Peer Ministry, and Student Ambassadors. She has maintained high grades in spite of her mother's diagnosis of ovarian cancer and taking on a job to help the family with extraordinary medical bills. Lauren aspires to a career in accounting, finance, or teaching mathematics.



Kate Sidwell - will attend Elon University

Kate lives in Great Meadows, NJ and attended Hackettstown High School. She has a cumulative numeric average of 96.3 having taken the most competitive courses available to her. She has been awarded membership in the National Honor Society and the Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society). Additionally, her school activities included TREND (Co-chair of "Shoebboxes for Soldiers), Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Pep Band, Winter Color Guard, and peer tutoring in mathematics. She has been on the Varsity Golf Team at school and has participated in NJ State tournaments and the Maureen Orcutt Tournament. Her guidance counselor states that Kate is one of the most genuine and sincere students she has worked with in 10 years, a quiet powerhouse that leads by example. Kate will specialize in mathematics toward a career in business.