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Meet our Recipients

GULF COAST ITALIAN CULTURE SOCIETY

Welcome to the Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society.

Founded in 1990, the GCICS was the inspiration of Professor Joseph Antonio Raffaele, Ph.D. He felt that while Americans of Italian heritage participate in all aspects of American life, they also wish to preserve the Italian heritage for themselves and their children.

The GCICS, an affiliate of the National Italian American Foundation, is a non-profit, non-political society with objectives to promote awareness and appreciation of the Italian culture and the many outstanding contributions that Italian Americans have made in every field. Its membership is composed of people from all walks of life and from all ethnic origins who enjoy experiencing the Italian culture and are interested in its preservation and dissemination. It affords members opportunities to become more intimately involved in Italian culture, namely, literature, art, lectures, music, dance, architecture and the beautiful Italian language.

GCICS provides scholarships to worthy local college-bound students of Italian heritage and makes awards to Opera and Ballet youth groups. The various fundraisers and member contributions this year will bring the total scholarship awards to over \$270,000 since 1994.

The Society has also honored distinguished Italian Americans.

Members are encouraged to reach out and build on friendships they form while participating in the learning experiences, fun and entertainment of the diverse social and cultural activities that are provided throughout the year.

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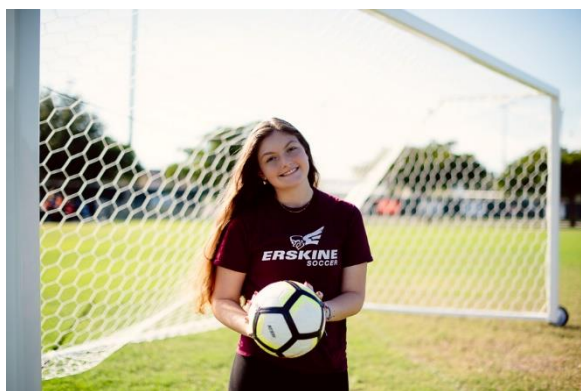
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OUR RECIPIENTS

Below, in alphabetical order, is a picture of each of this year's scholarship awardees. Below each photo is the recipient's name with a link to a video sharing their thanks and a little bit about their future plans. To open the video, you press CTRL and then click the highlighted name(may need more than one click), and you will be taken to YouTube to see the video. The scholarship committee hopes that you enjoy meeting the recipients.



[Johnna Bowden: Sarasota High School](#)



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