

PIETROCOLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

A one-time monetary scholarship will be awarded annually during the AHS Senior Scholarship Night to a deserving Alliance High School graduating senior that exemplifies an individual that has maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA after the 1st semester of their senior year and has shown not only an active role in AHS extracurricular activities, but also an active role in volunteerism in both school and community!

The Pietrocola Family Scholarship was originally given in memory of Joanna Pietrocola following her death September 30, 1999. Joanna was a 1948 graduate of Alliance High School and recipient of the Alliance High School Distinguished Alumni Award in 1989. Her career began in 1948 in the Trust Department of First National Bank of Alliance and in 1996 she retired as Vice President & Senior Trust Officer from United Bank of Alliance. She was very active in the Alliance community highlighted by holding every office in the Women's Division of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce, was a Vice President & Campaign Chairman for the Alliance Area United Way, served on the Board of Trustees of the Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter and the Alliance Woman's Club, served as President of the Alliance Quota Club & Beta Sigma Phi, was a life member of the Alliance Historical Society, and was also very active in the Mount Union College Women's Club. In 1993 Joanna was named the YWCA Woman of the Year & in 1995 she received the Athena Award from the Alliance Chamber of Commerce. In her spare time she was an avid traveler, enjoyed playing cards, and enjoyed spending time with her family & friends!

Following the death on March 4, 2017 of Joanna's brother, Nick Pietrocola, Alliance High School Class of 1954, the scholarship previously named the Joanna Pietrocola Scholarship was renamed, at the wishes of Nick & his family, the Pietrocola Family Scholarship. This scholarship will continue to be awarded yearly to a graduating senior(s) in memory of both Nick & his sister Joanna and any additional family members upon their passing.

During his career Nick worked primarily for the Henschen Motor Company, retiring as Sales Manager. After retirement, Nick shifted 'one block south' to be a greeter at Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home. Nick was the 'man about town' for over sixty years, belonging to everything and knowing everyone! His affiliations included past presidencies' in the Alliance Kiwanis Club, Carnation Festival Board, & the former Alliance Athletic Booster Club. He was an active life-long member serving as an officer of the Christopher Columbus Society, an active life-long member serving as a past Grand Knight & Faithful Navigator of the Alliance Knights of Columbus, & a life-long member of the Alliance Elks Lodge #467. He was a former member of the Alliance City School Board, an active member of Regina Coeli Church, the Aviator Sports Boosters, the Alliance Area Senior Center where he was a member of the board of trustees, & the Carnation Auto Classics Car Club. Nick was an avid Aviator, Raider, & Cleveland sports fan and collector of baseball hats & matches. He enjoyed classic cars, talking to everyone, traveling to Walt Disney World, with his family, and spending time with his family & friends!

Both Joanna & Nick were dedicated to their family, careers, and the Alliance community. They were not just members in organizations, they were very active & involved in everything they were committed to!

Pietrocola Family Scholarship Application

DEADLINE: April 4, 2024

***Attach** Transcript through 1st Semester of Senior Year

***Attach 1 Signed** Educator Letter of Recommendation that reflects your academics, classroom work ethic, etc

***Attach 1 Signed** Letter of Recommendation that reflects your AHS volunteer service

***Attach 1 Signed** Community (**Non-school affiliated**) Letter of Recommendation that reflects your community service outside of AHS affiliated volunteer service

Name: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Names : _____

Cumulative GPA (Through 1st Semester): _____

Additional Sheet(s) May Be Attached:

- **Extracurricular (High School) Involvement:**
- **High School Awards, Honors, Etc:**
- **Volunteer Service (School & Community):**
- **Personal Interests & Hobbies:**
- **Name of College, University, or Technical school that you have been accepted to & plan to attend and your planned Course of Study:**
- **In your own handwriting, using black or blue ink, Briefly state your future goals/dreams:**
- **In your own handwriting, using black or blue ink, in no less than 1 side of 1 page and no more than 1 side of 2 pages answer: Why is Volunteering/Giving Back important to you?**