



2016 PONY Baseball and Softball Alumni Scholarship Awardees

PONY Baseball and Softball is proud to announce its annual Alumni Scholarship Award winners for the 2015-16 school year. Annually, PONY awards a \$2,000 scholarship to high school students who represent their United States Zones (East, West, North and South), or winners may also be chosen from the Asia-Pacific, Canada, Caribbean or Mexico Zones, respectively.

The winners are chosen based on a grading system incorporating the student's class rank, SAT/ACT test scores, extracurricular involvement and a written essay following the prompt: "What does Protect Our Nation's Youth mean to you?" Below are the winners, along with biographical information:

East Zone (Bill and Edi Anderson Alumni Scholarship) - Gabrielle Casalino

(Half Hollow Hills HS West, Dix Hills, New York)

Academics: National Honor Society, World Language Honor Society, National Art Honor Society

Athletics: Varsity Softball, Captain Softball Travel Select Team Long Island

Activities: Coaches for a Cure, Hoops for Heart, Superstorm Sandy, Adopt a Family

Attending: Bentley University (Waltham, MA); Gabrielle intends to play varsity softball there.



South Zone - Nicholas Cashiola (Clear Lake HS, Houston, Texas)

Academics: Summa Cum Laude, AP Scholar, Superintendent Scholar

Athletics: Varsity football, Varsity baseball

Activities: Latin Club, Advanced Computer Science Competition, Tour Host/Tram Driver at the Johnson Space Center

Attending: Texas A&M University



West Zone - Alex Rejto (Canyon Crest Academy, San Diego, California)

Academics: National Merit Scholar, National AP Scholar, National Hispanic Scholar

Athletics: Varsity baseball, Black belt Tang Soo Do

Activities: PONY Baseball's Champions League Founding Director, LYCO Board of Directors

Attending: Stanford University

