

## FRIENDS OF JULES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In Loving Memory of Julie Giardina Esposito

Class of 1990

This scholarship is meant to honor Julie and her life, from her friends and fellow classmates. Friendships that have lasted the test of time for over 20+ yrs, since meeting as students in the East Islip School District.

Julie was diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer in late spring of 2016. She faced the battle head on with true grit and determination. Along the way, she never lost her signature smile and contagious laugh. Tragically, Julie's fight ended on October 12, 2017.

We as her friends, have come together to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a fellow East Islip HS student who is pursuing a college education. We wanted to capture certain criteria that we feel Julie possessed, and would also look for in a student herself. To apply for this scholarship, the student should have the following which we feel makes for a well-rounded school experience:

- A minimum GPA of 83 or better
- Be a member of no fewer than 2 school activities (clubs, music, drama, sports, etc.)
- Take part in community service in AND out of school (hold office in school, take part in fundraisers, 5k/walk participant/organizer, etc.)

To verify the above criteria, the following will be asked to be handed in along with the scholarship application:

- A letter of recommendation from a non-family member
- A copy of your transcript
- Signed note from advisor/coach of activities and community service you take part in

One last request....an essay.

Yes. The dreaded essay.

But not your typical essay. We want YOU to make US laugh. 😊

Julie was always about laughing and smiling. Write a small essay, no more than 750 words, that will make us laugh. It can be an original story you create, an experience you had personally or even a time where you brought joy to someone's life by making them laugh.