

Our Angel From Above Still Doing Good Deeds On Earth

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*Welcome to the Seventh Annual
Shani E. Duplessy Memorial
Fundraising Dinner & Scholarship Award Ceremony
Sunday, April 7, 2019
The Coral House*



The President Message

You only loose when you stop trying

Good evening everyone and welcome to the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund seventh annual fundraising dinner and scholarship awards ceremony. As always it is a real pleasure and honor to have you with us on this Sunday evening. We appreciate that very much.

We have a great program for you tonight. But before we proceed we want to acknowledge a few people who have really made a difference in our foundation during the past seven years of our existence. Tonight, we are proud to acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Franck McVeigh and Mrs. Ellen Graziano for being with us. Thank you so much Mr. McVeigh, Mrs. Graziano for your unparalleled support over the years. McVeigh Associates known today as McVeigh Global, were Shani's employer until her passing approximately eight years ago today.

This year four additional former colleagues of Shani and another friend have decided to join the foundation that bears her name. We welcome them with open arms. They are Eric Pasternack, Elizabeth Wittington, Cynthia Blake, and Danielle Manchulate. And Diana Beague. Thank you for joining us.

To all our current board members and to all of you who have participated so generously in our Angel Tree Program for the less fortunate children last year holiday season, we say thank you.

To Dr. Thomas Beague, his wife Sara and their medical team and all the other doctors and nurses that participated once again in our annual medical fair for the community of Masson-Sion in Haiti two months ago, we say thank you on behalf of Haiti Relief Effort, presided by Mr. David Duchatellier and the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

And to the last but not least Dr. Aryel Nicoleau whom without his help our mission in Haiti would have been seriously handicapped. Thank you Dr. Nicoleau. Dr. Nicoleau provides about 70% of all medications used in our medical fairs in Haiti for the past 5 years.

We have decided this year to make a change in the scholarship dollar amount awarded to our usual three recipients every year. We have decided to reduce the amount by \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 each from the usual \$6,000.00 awarded to each recipient in the past. However, the number of recipients to receive our scholarship here in the future will still remain at three per year.

The saving of three thousand dollars per year will be used to provide scholarships to three qualified and selected students to study at any university of their choice in Haiti. To accomplish this, we have entered into a partnership with AGAPE-Haiti Inc. (Association Grand'Anlais for the Promotion of Education). They are operating in Haiti as well as in the United States. They will select and present the best candidates to us for final approval. This is a new project that we believe will change the lives of some of our little brothers and sisters back home. As we speak, two recipients have already been awarded full four-year scholarships to study at the University Americaine des Sciences Moderne d'Haiti.

Now the moment that you all have been waiting for: Right here tonight three outstanding students will receive the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund award 2019 in the amount of \$5,000.00 each. They have been selected from a pool of 49 applicants, all qualified indeed, but unfortunately, we can only select the three very best. Congratulations to you all. We will proceed with the awards ceremony in a few moments.

As the night progress you will notice that you have an extra 45 minutes of dancing time. That because we do not have an individual entertainer this year. This is an experiment and we hope you like it. Once again thank you for coming.

Have a great time and enjoy the show.

Oswald Duplessy, President
Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund
April 7, 2019





Mission Statement

The Shani E Duplessy Memorial Scholarship was established in 2011 by her parents in honor of her loving memory.

On April 29, 2011, Shani passed away from pulmonary artery thrombosis due to a rupture in her right achilles tendon while exercising. She was only 31 years old.

Shani was born in Brooklyn, NY, on July 31, 1979. During her early age through high school she began to be heavily involved in the ministries of her second home, St. Boniface Church. She became a cantor, led the youth choir, and participated in and then became a leader of HAYO (Haitian American Youth Organization). She completed her BA in meeting. planning and acquired a Master's degree in hospitality and hotel management at New York University, class of 2006.

Shani left a legacy of good will through her charitable contributions to underprivileged children, her devoted services to her church's youth ministry, her community and to people of all ages.

The Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund is a Tax Exempt Nonprofit Organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purpose of the fund is to award scholarships to deserving senior students in high school and college (all level) in good academic standing, and with a proven record of helping others within his/her own communities. The fund will also provide a limited quantity of gifts and toys to underprivileged children during holiday season.

If you would like to help the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund you can make a donation to help applicants get a better education.

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

~ Henry David Thoreau

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Shani, your inspiration to create a family much bigger than your own has definitely taken roots not only here but also in our mother land, Haiti. So we are proud but humbled to be part of this long and important journey. May the spirit of caring, find a place in the heart of all the graduates with their love for Shani. From Bobby & Gisele Goin

Shani, you are our angel, always inspiring us to reach greater heights. We continue to miss your smile, friendship and presence every day. However, we are mindful that although you are no longer with us in the physical form, your spirit lives on. We will forever strive to make you proud. With love, forever From Rosita Bernadotte

Dear Shani

The flame is still on and strong. A brilliant idea by your mom and dad to create the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship fund. Through that channel, they were able to keep some of your ideas alive. Love, Uncle Guy

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS, NOUNOUNE

From Mom and Dad

In Memoriam From The Duplessy Family

In loving memory of Karine Dunel
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Anthony Terzulli

Senior at Valley Stream North High School

Anthony Terzulli is currently a senior at Valley Stream North high School, Valley Stream, New York. Anthony has not decided yet on the college he will attend after graduation in June 2019. His choices are unlimited because any learning institution would be proud and honored to have him on their campus. Besides Anthony's heavy academic workload where he excels in every subject offered by his school, Anthony manage to maintain a steady Grade Point Average of 99.38 every semester.

He belongs to the Science Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society etc. His dream is to become an engineer. Outside the classroom, Anthony devoted his time volunteering in his church activities as a member of the adult choir and also volunteers in the church office work.

In his essay, Anthony wrote: No amount of arms will cure the world of the greatest diseases. No amount of arms will cease world hunger. No amount of arms will protect our environment from pollution. This is where education dominates the globe as humans strive to improve community as a whole. And he continues by saying: without education, we are simply barbarians roaming the earth. Education gives the opportunity to change old habits and gain control of one's life. It is the key to improve the community as a cohesive unit.

In his acceptance letter for this award Anthony wrote: Thank you! It is a great honor that I accept this generous scholarship. Receiving this award has tremendous meaning for me as I am now much more capable of furthering my education post high school. In receiving this award, I hope to replicate Shani's eagerness and drive to help those who are less fortunate. Although I did not personally know Shani, I have heard great things about her personality and her contributions to the community. I hope to joyously give back to the community just as Shani. Thank you

Anthony Terzulli



Teresa Charles

Senior at St. Agnes Academic High School

Teresa Charles is currently a senior student at St. Agnes Academic High School in College Point, New York. Throughout her four years in high school Teresa has maintained a steady Grade Point Average of 4.00 over 4.00. She has not yet decided on the college or university she will attend after graduation in June 2019.

Her full academic workload, does not stop Teresa from participating in countless extra-curriculum activities inside and outside the classroom. The list is too long to name them all here. Among them we note her partition and belonging to the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, Interact Club President, French and English Honor Societies, Queen of Peace Residence Volunteer, Junior Leadership Council at Northwell Health, Volunteer etc. etc. and the list goes on.

In a letter of recommendation, one of her School Counselors wrote: "As a senior, Teresa continues to challenge herself by taking college credit courses and excel. Teresa's academic achievements have led her to be a consistent presence on the honor roll. With an interest in the medical field, Teresa has taken advantage in opportunities that help her explore the medical field such as school trips to Molloy College and the Future in Medicine through St Agnes."

In her acceptance letter for this scholarship Teresa wrote: I am blessed and honored to be a recipient of the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund award....Thank you for giving me the opportunity to challenge myself by furthering my education. I thank you for having confidence in me and investing in me. The scholarship will allow me to take one step closer to my dream of becoming a registered nurse.

Teresa Charles



Jonathan Orozco Diaz

Senior at Long Beach High School, New York

Jonathan Orozco Diaz is currently a senior at Long Beach High School in Long Beach, New York. In his application for this scholarship, Jonathan wrote: When I was 15 years old, my mother moved to the United States from Colombia with the purpose of giving me a better future and a better education. The struggles and obstacles that I left behind did not stop me from moving forward. On my first day of school in the USA, I didn't understand where I was, who my classmates were, the new culture and the new language. I was in a strange world. Since the beginning I knew that this country would allow me to follow my dreams and persuade a higher education. Thanks to my mother, I understood how important the education was for our society and I strongly believe that education is the key to success.

After only three years in the US, Jonathan has mastered enough the English language to maintain a straight 4 over 4 GPA (Grade Point Average) year after year. His secret is to join as many learning support clubs as possible and it pays off. Jonathan will attend Molly College in the Fall 2019, in the area of BS (Bachelor Sciences) Biology.

Jonathan continues to write: Education is a platform for not only power but for giving me a voice. When I started my first year in high school there were many Hispanic students in my grade. However, now there are far less. I want to use my education as a tool to empower those students who think they can't graduate and to have them realize their highest potential as proud Hispanics. I will show that with education we can change our world and I want to use my service as my foundation and it will be the mark that I will leave upon the world.

I thank the Shani E. Duplessy Memorial Scholarship Fund for giving me this great opportunity.

Jonathan Orozco Diaz

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Debt of Gratitude*

Thank You

Sincerely

Oswald & Michelle Duplessy



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"And all may do what has by man been done."

~ Edward Young



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On behalf of all of Shani's family and friends, we thank you in advance for your donation.

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Shani

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You are Forever in our Hearts as our Family, Friend and Co-Worker**



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