

BSHS Senior Receives History Scholarship

Bay Shore High School senior Carl Siciliano has been selected as the second annual recipient of the Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan Scholarship in American History for Islip Town High School Seniors. The scholarship, awarded annually by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, is granted to a graduating senior in Islip Town who will pursue an undergraduate degree with a concentrated study in American History and/or American Government.

Carl will receive an Advanced Regents Diploma when he graduates in June 2017. He has distinguished himself as a student of history throughout his time at Bay Shore High School. In addition to attending events with veterans at the school, he is an amateur collector of World War Two memorabilia. Carl has also shown himself to be a leader among his peers and in his community. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2014. He has served as a Cub Scout Den Chief since 2011, in addition to holding numerous other leadership positions within local Boy Scout organizations. Carl is also an avid bowler, an advanced downhill skier and plays both the clarinet and bass clarinet.

Carl's winning essay, entitled *How the Great War Was Secondary Compared to the Influenza Epidemic of 1918*, demonstrated analytical ability beyond his years. Carl plans to attend Suffolk County Community College in the fall and later transfer to St. Joseph's College. He hopes to become a history teacher and to someday return to Bay Shore High School to mentor future generations of history students.

"It is an honor to have one of our students recognized by the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation," said Bay Shore Schools Superintendent Joseph Bond. "I have had the opportunity to speak with Carl Siciliano on multiple occasions and was thoroughly impressed with his deep understanding of history. He is truly among the best and brightest of Bay Shore High School and is a testament to the way in which our teachers foster the passion of our students."

The Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan Scholarship in American History for Islip Town High School Seniors is named for the Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan. Peter Fox Cohalan has a rich family history based in service to the community. His family roots, which can be traced back to the American Revolution, include five generations in public life with four generations holding distinguished positions on New York State high courts. A former Islip Town Supervisor (1971-1979) and Suffolk County Executive (1979-1986), Cohalan recently retired from the New York State Supreme Court where he served for more than 25 years. Actively involved in historic preservation for four decades, the Honorable Peter Fox Cohalan is currently serving as the Suffolk County Historian. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation.

The Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation's mission is inspired by Robert David Lion Gardiner's lifelong passion for New York history. Until his death in 2004,

Robert David Lion Gardiner was the 16th Lord of the Manor of Gardiner's Island, NY. The Gardiner Family and their descendants have owned Gardiner's Island since 1639 by way of a royal grant from King Charles I of England. The Gardiner Family has also had strong ties to the Town of Islip since the 1700s. The Robert D.L. Gardiner Foundation, established in 1987, primarily supports the study of New York State history, with an emphasis on Suffolk County.