

# Charlie Wolff Memorial Award

**Nikolay Clark** – Nikolay lived in a Russian orphanage until the age of 11. He came to the United States without speaking any English. The fact that Nikolay spent the first eleven years of his life in an orphanage might have affected his achievements but it didn't. He seemed to become stronger because of his past experiences. He is an excellent student and an incredible role model. Nikolay is a graduate of Kenmore West High School and is attending Geneseo State University.

**Gina Sparacino** – Gina is a student that has vision for her-self as well as others. She sees the larger picture in life; therefore she understands wholeheartedly the value of educating herself, critically thinking and reaching her goals, she is the type of person that is genuinely ready and willing to help out. Gina is a graduate of Kenmore East High School and is attending Canusius College.

**Amanda Coniglio** – Amanda's father became disabled in a tragic accident in 2002. Her ability to raise above the hardship her family was going through and strive to do better in her school, job and take on a more active role at home to help out her family is commendable. Her outgoing and genuinely sincere personality will be beneficial to her success in attaining her life goals and dreams. Amanda graduated from Kenmore East High School and is attending D'Youville College.

**David Shelberg** – When David was three years old, he was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia prior to entering school. Due to the extensive medical evaluations, treatment and testing, David started kindergarten one year later than his peers. He began his high school studies at St. Joe's and then transferred to Cardinal O'Hara. After the transition period he began to feel comfortable. He has transitioned well and is respected by both peers and faculty. David is attending Niagara University.

**Nicholas Grecco** – Nicholas was diagnosed with a learning disability several years ago. He struggles with test taking which has made school difficult and at times very frustrating. However, Nicholas has never let it get him down or allow struggles to alter his work ethic and drive. He has risen above it and found a way to be successful. Nicholas is a graduate of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute and is attending Utica College.