

Chairman's Corner

Our annual Golf Outing this year raised \$37,000 for the Cherry Scholarship Fund — a new high. Thanks to co-chairs Bill Bridges, Jeff Doman, Joe Keitel, John Powell, Bob Reece, Bart Rocca and their committee for all the time and effort they put in to make this event such a success.

Please join us for our next golf tournament, scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2018. That event will be held at a new venue, the Wilmette Golf Club.

I also invite you to attend our Awards Dinner earlier in the year on April 29, 2018.

Finally, mark your calendars for the 25th anniversary of the Cherry Scholarship Fund, which we will be celebrating on September 29, 2018.

It's hard for me to believe that we have been doing this for nearly a quarter of a century! In our first year, 1993, we were able to provide assistance for exactly one ETHS graduate. In 2017, we awarded \$42,750 to 18 young men and women — both all-time records for this organization.

Even during challenging economic times, the Cherry program has found a way to expand our outreach. With that in mind, I sincerely hope you will consider donating to the Cherry Scholarship Fund. We need your help so we can continue our work of investing in the education of our youth.

It is important to note that several Cherry award recipients are now teaching our future leaders — including Preston DaCosta, who is featured in the article on this page. Without the Cherry scholarship their dreams may not have become reality. Thank you in advance for your kind support. Every contribution makes a difference.



Patty Cherry Reece

Scholars grateful for help

The Cherry Scholarship Fund has made awards to approximately 200 deserving young people over the last 24 years. We asked three of the more recent scholars to reflect on what their experience with Cherry has meant to them.

Preston DaCosta is a four-time recipient, from 2013 to 2016. He graduated from Northeastern Illinois University in 2016 with a degree in elementary education, and is now teaching fifth-grade science and social studies at King Arts School in Evanston-Skokie District 65. He plans to continue teaching and may go back to school in the future to obtain a master's degree.

He said that being affiliated with the Cherry organization helped him make connections with people who work in District 65 and other influential people in the Evanston community. "I believe that these connections helped me land my current position," Preston said.

"I really want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the Cherry Scholarship Fund. Every day as I drive on my way to work I am thinking of the great people who made my successes possible for me. It is such a great way to start each and every day."

Asked what he would tell a student from ETHS about applying for a Cherry scholarship, Preston said, simply, "Do it. The benefits from receiving a Cherry scholarship award are obvious, but the potential relationships that can be made with the great people in our community are priceless!"

Currently a sophomore at the University of Illinois-Springfield, Yuli Salgado received Cherry awards in 2016 and 2017. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree in elementary education and possibly in communications as well. Yuli is the first person in her family to attend college.

After graduation, she plans to teach for at least a year in Guatemala or in Springfield, but hopes eventually to return to Evanston to teach in an elementary school.

"The Cherry Scholarship Fund has inspired me to be a leader, stay motivated and continue pushing through the obstacles I encounter," Yuli said. "If you apply for a Cherry award and receive one, it can motivate you to continue being the best student you can be. And when you meet the members of the Cherry organization, I can assure you that your compassion and love for children will grow."



Preston DaCosta



Yuli Salgado

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Golf journey nets new record

The 24th annual Cherry Golf Outing took place June 24 on yet another gorgeous, sun-drenched day at the Highland Park Country Club. The event netted a record \$37,000 for the Cherry Scholarship Fund.

Awards went to the following:

- Women's longest drive: Kathryn Neksin
- Men's longest drive: David Iacuzzi
- Women's closest to the pin: Sheila Keitel
- Men's closest to the pin: Mike Adler
- Longest putt: Kyle Kurz
- 1st place low gross: Tom Bush, John Lucas, Tim Riley, Jim Philbin
- 2nd place low gross: Bill Bridges, Winslow Soule, Whitman Soule, Richard Barnes
- 1st place low net Peoria: Willie Miller, Steve Gilford, Teel Miller, Lindsay Miller Rothwell, Brenden Miller
- 2nd place low net Peoria: Robert Reece, John Petersen, Tom Hazlett, Pat Hughes
- Snake eyes score: Mike Turner, Dudley Brown, Emile Johnson, Steve Williams

Following the golf, Cherry scholars Anamaria Rosales, Jesse Chatz and Nathan Norman addressed the attendees during dinner.

As always, thanks to the members of the 2017 Golf Committee:

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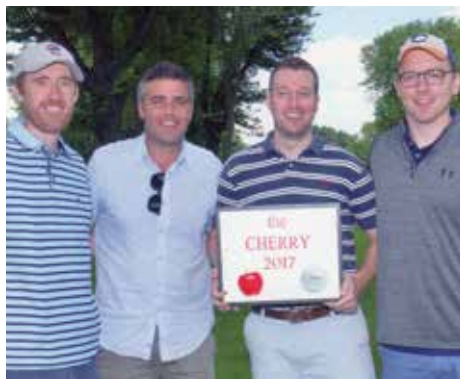
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Brenden Miller, Lindsay Miller, Teel Miller, Steve Gilford and Willie Miller.



Joe Keitel and Bob Reece.

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Denny Cummings and Whitman Soule.



Sam Bodine and Tim Riley.



Fred Mangum admires his great drive!



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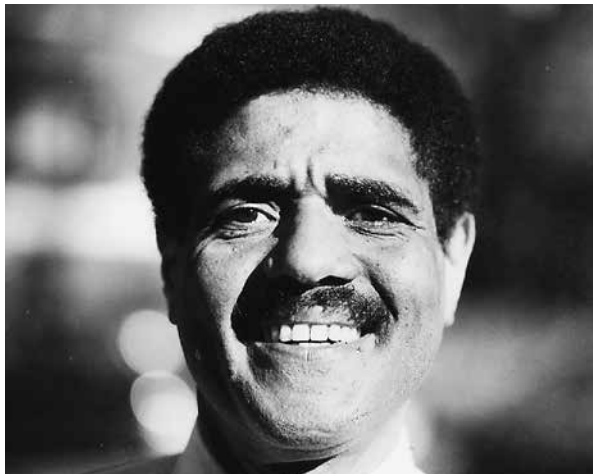
The Cherry Scholarship Fund is looking for scholars—students who may have struggled in high school, but who love kids and are dedicated to working with young people. Please help by encouraging deserving individuals from the Evanston community, particularly those who will graduate from Evanston Township High School in 2018, to apply for a Cherry Scholarship. Applications are available online at cherryscholarship.org. And please note that scholarships are now available for part-time and graduate students.

2017-2018 dates:

Applications available - Dec. 1, 2017
 Application Deadline - March 16, 2018
 Interviews - April 15, 2018
 Award Dinner - April 29, 2018
 Golf Tournament - June 25, 2018

And be sure to save the date for the Cherry Scholarship Fund's 25th Anniversary Celebration: September 29, 2018!

The mission of the Warren W. "Billy" Cherry Scholarship Fund, named in memory of a much-loved and respected Evanston educator, is to perpetuate his total acceptance of all people, his commitment to the highest standards of educational excellence, and his energetic dedication to enriching the children and institutions of Evanston. For more information, visit cherryscholarship.org.



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Jesse Chatz is a 2017 Cherry scholarship recipient. He is a junior at National Louis University where he is studying business management with a focus on non-profit administration. He expects to continue in the non-profit sector after graduation.

He is also the manager of Corporate Partnerships, Volunteer Engagement and Special Events at McGaw YMCA in Evanston. And he was hired recently to serve as a consultant to the Beyond Sports Foundation, which uses the power of sports to transform the lives of high school student-athletes by turning athletic ability into life opportunities.



Jesse Chatz

Over the years, Jesse has volunteered and consulted for Y.O.U.'s EatPlayLearn Summer Program and has served on the Diversity and Inclusion task force for McGaw YMCA's Camp Echo. Along with his formal volunteer work, he mentors a freshman high school student.

"Being a Cherry scholar has opened doors to a network of people who are willing to support, mentor and guide me as I continue down my career path," Jesse said. "I have sought guidance from many people involved with Cherry and their advice and feedback have been so valuable to me."

His own advice to ETHS students applying for a Cherry scholarship is to "take advantage of the network of people who support the Cherry Fund. It is almost impossible to find another group of individuals who are so caring, supportive and generous with their time, advice and resources. The Cherry scholarship will open doors for you that you never thought possible!"

A sad note

We mourn the loss of Rita McKissic, who passed away November 7, 2017. A long-time Cherry Scholarship Fund supporter, she was a member of the Golf Committee and co-chaired the annual Book Dramatization for many years. The Cherry "family" is deeply saddened by her passing.