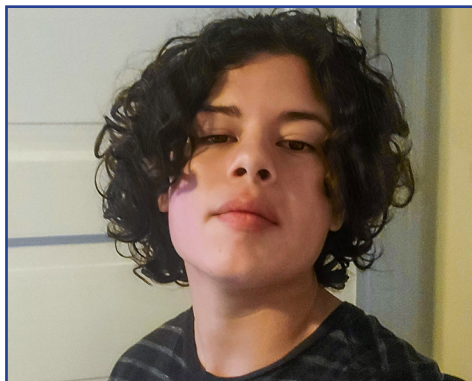


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2022 Justin Sheftel Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients



DONOVAN ARAGON

Receiving the Justin Sheftel Memorial scholarship is one of the greatest honors I've had. I am honored that the scholarship committee saw me as someone who embodies what Justin Sheftel represented. I will try my best to continue to be someone like that throughout college and in my life. I truly am grateful for this award and for the chance to be someone to continue the legacy Justin Sheftel left for us to be great members of our community.

I will be studying at Kutztown University to obtain a bachelors in biology. I hope to take med school prerequisites to further my education and become a doctor. I will use my abilities then to help my community in ways that I wouldn't be able to do without further education. I want to improve my community like Justin would have wanted to and I will aspire to bring honor to his legacy in my future.

I am a part of the BOG Board of Governors where we do many community service projects such as making Christmas gifts for staff and helping diverse cultural events.



LUCIA RUIMY

I would like to thank the Sheftel family, the Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund, and scholarship committee for this award. I am humbled and honored to be a part of a great legacy of people who embody the exemplary characteristics that Justin displayed throughout his life. I will be attending Penn State to study mechanical engineering. I plan on participating in numerous volunteer opportunities within campus and for local services. I would also like to join Engineers Without Borders at PSU as their mission is to provide sustainable solutions and to foster active community members with an international outlook on how one can help others. Post-graduation, I plan on pursuing a Masters in Business or Business Management. I hope to have the opportunity to study and work abroad. Most importantly, I will challenge myself every day to make a difference and honor the legacy of Justin Sheftel.

Last summer I participated in the Justin Sheftel Memorial Softball Tournament that raised money for several local non-profits. I also plan on participating in Penn State's Habitat for Humanity club in the spring semester.



DARLIN SANTANA

First and foremost I would love to give thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Sheftel for all they have done for me. This scholarship means the world to me and I am more than fortunate enough to be able to have participated and eventually win the scholarship. This is a testament not for myself but for other kids that come from different backgrounds that they can also achieve their dreams. As well as that with hard work and dedication they can go past their expectations.

I will be attending LCCC to further my academic career as well as my athletic career in baseball. I will be studying sports and exercise science. After my studies are done I wish to be able to work with athletes to further my knowledge in science and understanding of the body as well as making my dreams come true.

Since graduating from William Allen, I have volunteered as a baseball coach to give back to the community that helped mold me into the man I am.

Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund Mission Statement

To celebrate Justin by providing athletic and educational opportunities for underserved youth in the greater Lehigh Valley.

The Scholarship program started in 2006 one year after Justin died. As of 2022 we have awarded \$239,000 in scholarships. We now support the Parkland School and Allentown School Districts, awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. We are very proud of our scholarship recipients and their accomplishments. They participate when they can in the tournament, either as a player, volunteer or captain of a team.

Past Scholarship Recipients



ANGELA DERGHAM (2021) is a sophomore at Moravian University with a major in Sociology-Criminal Justice and Law with a minor in Public Health. She was a part of 1742 which is a service group at Moravian where students came together for a week and helped out organizations like Lehigh Valley humane society.

“One way I am involved in the community is helping out on campus. I attend events that bring awareness to things like homelessness and have made sanitary baskets or blankets for shelters. Other times we have events like making things for animal shelters.”



KYLEIGH DUFF (2021) was hired as Business Manager for her school's student run film organization (Emerson Independent Video). When she comes home for the summer she will be working as League Secretary for Lehigh Valley American Baseball League.

“I am VP of Philanthropy for Emerson College AEPhi and run the community service and fundraising for our national non profits, Sharsheret and EGPAF, as well as volunteering locally at soup kitchens, animal shelters, and fundraising walks. I also have been working with Emerson Green Collective, a sustainability group on campus, helping to create an informative eco-documentary.”



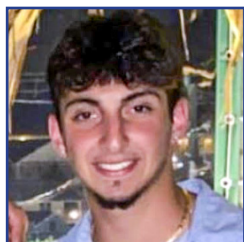
GRACE EDINGER (2021) is a sophomore at Penn State Main campus studying Molecular Biology.

“At Penn State the 46 hour dance marathon or “THON” supporting pediatric cancer patients is very important. I've gotten involved with this through various organizations, raising money and hoping to be a dancer one day!”



CARRIE SPANGLER (2020) recently accepted a summer internship at Corteva Agriscience!

“I am currently active in three organizations in college- PSU Horticulture Club where I serve as Flower Chair, PSU Agronomy Club as secretary, and Delta Theta Sigma Agricultural Fraternity where I am a chair for THON and for our annual memorial scholarship fundraiser!”



NOAH MOREEF (2020) held two internships last summer. One with the City of Allentown where he was doing Internal Audit and another at Crayola doing Data Analytics. He has been keeping busy at school with work and volleyball. He and his team are headed to Kansas City this year for nationals where they will face off against teams from all over.

“Our Temple Men's Club Volleyball Team is involved in a program that helps to clean up the neighborhoods around campus. The whole team walks around picking up trash trying to keep our community clean.”



JAKE SPEIGEL (2020) is studying physics at James Madison University.



GEORGE JENKINS (2019) George graduated from the University of Scranton this past year with a degree in accounting. He is currently finishing his Masters of Accountancy from Scranton and will begin working at EY.

“I help during Christmas time at the University of Scranton by collecting toys for children through my baseball team.”



JENNIFER WU HUNG (2019) continues to virtually attend PACE University pursuing a major in biology and a minor in Spanish. She is currently working as a UPS Helper delivering packages until the next semester begins.

“Since I'm working in a union job, I have been representing the voices of the new hires for the new contract for better benefits.”



EDWIN CHALAS CUEVAS (2019) will be graduating in June and has accepted an offer at a firm in Chicago.

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This past summer I mentored some incoming students at my university.

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SOPHIA COLARUSSO (2018) graduated last April from Pitt with her Bachelors Degree in Applied Developmental Psychology. In May she finished her Masters Degree in education and is hoping to move overseas to teach.

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This fall I student-taught 3rd grade at a K-8 school here in Pittsburgh, during the winter I was given the chance to help coach their middle school basketball team for a little bit before I went home for winter break. It was so much fun getting to combine my love for teaching and the sport.

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OLIVIA SCHANTZ (2017) is still working as a registered nurse in the trauma neuro ICU at Lehigh Valley Hospital! She is now precepting new graduate nurses as well as becoming charge nurse.

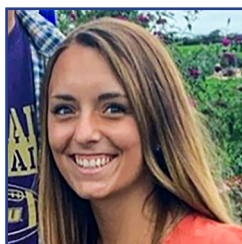
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I help with volunteer events through my job such as flu clinics and providing trauma education to the community.

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KRISTIN JRAUSE (2016) is teaching 4th grade at Kernsville Elementary School and is an assistant coach for the Parkland Girls Volleyball Team which won their 9th District XI Championship in a row!



CAITLIN CARLSON (2015) graduated from JMU in 2018 and started a new job teaching 5th grade at Flint Hill in Fairfax, Virginia. This past summer she got married to her husband, Dan!



RJ CORBA (2018) graduated cum laude with honors in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Hamilton College, and has taken a position as clinical research coordinator at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in Thoracic Surgery. He lives in Manhattan and is working towards taking his MCAT, publishing his senior thesis, and acting as a mentor to local students applying to college.

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I work for a program called iMentor in New York City where I help a student from a disadvantaged background apply to college. With my background working as a senior admissions fellow from Hamilton, I figured such an opportunity would be a great way to give back to my new community.

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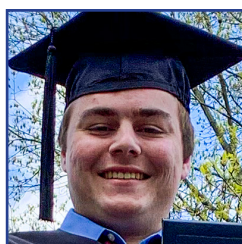


MIKE JENKINS (2017) is working as an Assurance Associate at EY in Philadelphia. He completed his first Spartan race and is now training for an Ironman race.

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I volunteer at my home parish, St. Joseph the Worker Church, at different events throughout the year.

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ALEX CLEWELL (2016) is currently pursuing a Master's in Computer Science at Georgia Tech and hopes to finish in May.

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During the pandemic I adopted two cats from a shelter and have worked with the shelter to provide support for other kittens that need homes.

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JESUS ALVARADO SALINAS (2015) is recently engaged, is a new dog dad, and is in his second year as a medical school student.



JIMMY HAHN (2014) earned his Masters Degree in Secondary Education - Curriculum and Instruction in December 2021 and is currently finishing up his Principal's Certification Program.

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At Salisbury, I volunteer as a Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, JV Boys Soccer Coach. I also a basketball referee at the Youth, HS, and College Level.

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PAIGE MUTH (2014) is an oncology registered nurse at Penn State Health.



PAUL TAJIRI (2013) and his wife, Claire, recently closed on a new house in the suburbs of Charlotte.



CALLIE KRAJCIR (2013) continues to build her Nutrition business where she helps people with interstitial cystitis.



LIZZY ANDREW (2012) started school at University of Pennsylvania this past fall, pursuing a Masters in Behavioral and Decision Sciences. With this, she continues to live in Philadelphia, but has moved to University City to be closer to campus/classes. She continues to work at Vanguard full time.

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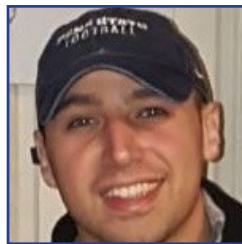
I started a podcast called IC You to raise awareness for interstitial cystitis!

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I volunteer with My Classroom Economy, a program that aims to teach core financial literacy principles to students K-12 through a micro-economy. Currently I am working with various regions around the world to expand the program internationally.

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RYAN RIZZETTO (2012) and his fiancé live in Philadelphia (Northern Liberties). They are getting married this upcoming September at Olde Homestead Golf Course.



SYDNEY HIBSHMAN (2011) has been lucky to be reminded of the safety and warmth of friends and family. She underwent a minor surgery and had a successful recovery in part due to the outpouring of support and care she received from her community who banded around to take care of her. She stood beside one of her best friends as she married her best friend.

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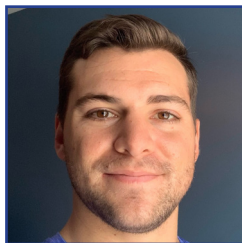
I am involved with Philabundance, a food bank that feeds over 135,000 hungry people.

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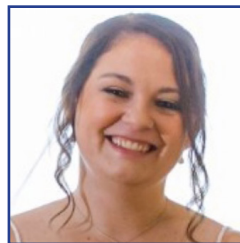
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I enjoy engaging with my local community through opportunities with my club rugby team. I also enjoy participating in builds and projects for the Philadelphia Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

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BEN BREINER (2011) lives in Manhattan working in supply chain planning for Chobani.



MELISSA LAWSON (2010) got married in August of 2022 to her now husband Frank! She also started a new job as a Project Risk Oversight Officer at PNC. Lastly, her and her husband got a new pet kitten who they have named Squints.



DAVID STRAUSS (2010) is finishing his final year as a Urology resident at Temple University Hospital and heading to the University of Southern California next year for a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Robotics and Urologic Oncology.



MICHAELEENA COSGROVE (2009) is a middle school math teacher. She is the proud mother of her three-year-old son and welcomed her 2nd son in January. She enjoys running, hiking and the great outdoors!

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I am involved in a community clinic in North Philadelphia.

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NICK GISOLFI (2009) has earned a Ph.D in Robotics from the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University.



EMILY STANKOSKI (2008) continues to live in Philadelphia. She is working at Shriners Hospital for Children as a PA.

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I have been involved in the World Pediatric Project, participating in medical mission trips to underserved countries. My most recent trip was to Guatemala, where we performed 12 spinal fusion surgeries in 1 week!

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KALE SWEENEY (2008) is currently living in Fishtown, Philadelphia living with his wife, Lauren (they were married in Philly in July 2021). He is working as a Senior Project Manager for Maximus (based out of Herndon, VA).

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I am an active participant in the Fishtown Neighbors Association volunteering and helping improve the Fishtown/Philadelphia neighborhoods and communities.

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BRIDGET HORN (2007) and her family live in West Chester, PA. Her 1 year old daughter, Aubrey, is an absolute joy. Bridget is a CPA and is the Manager of Close and Consolidations at the Chemours Company.

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I participate in United Way charity events through work.

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BOBBY TORPHY (2007) is completing his General Surgery Residency this year and is moving to New York City to begin a fellowship in Surgical Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He and his wife are excited to welcome their second daughter to their family this year!



KIMBERLY SHEMANSKI (2006) started her Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship at the University of Virginia. She lives in Charlottesville with her partner, Shawn, and their dog, Kona.



NICK HOMA (2006) is now the Director of Program Management at Allucent, Inc, a pharmaceutical development consulting firm, living in Durham, NC. He is looking forward to being back at the tournament in 2023.

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I have spent 3+ years serving as a tutor at the Emily Krzyzewski Center for low income and underrepresented students in the Durham area to help prepare them for higher education.

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Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund believes strongly in continuing to honor Justin, by recognizing his values; Family, Friendship, Teamwork and Service.

