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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018

FINANCIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS!

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

BRITTANY WAMBOLT

Brittany received her EMT Certification, and currently works at Hunter's Ambulance as an EMT. Brittany remembers vividly, about 17 years ago, her father and she helped a child who had been struck by a car during the Saint Patrick's Day parade. Brittany's father was an EMT at the time and instructed her to keep the child talking. Brittany remembers being scared but she knew that the child was too. Brittany had a few other life experiences that have led her to where she is today. Brittany found herself one day giving her brother CPR until first responders arrived. She has always had a passion to help and concern for others and was always able to remain calm during very hectic situations. Brittany's career objective at Hunter's Ambulance is to be the best EMT that she can be, to learn as much as she can, and to make a difference in someone's life during the worst time in their life. Brittany intends to further her career by becoming a Paramedic in the future.

ALEX RUFFINO

Alex a US Army Veteran, after 8 years of Service as a Corrections Officer, he received the Army Achievement Medal 3 separate times for emergency relief efforts during Winter Storms (Alfred, Nemo and Hurricane Sandy). After being honorably discharged from the Army, Alex started to work at Hunter's Ambulance in the Non Emergency Department as a Non Emergency Transportation driver. Alex gained first hand insight as to the need there is for caring for sick patients. Alex is a father of two boys and he could not bear the thought of not being able to help them if they were hurt beyond his capacity, so he enrolled in the EMT Class. Upon completion of the EMT course, he was rehired at Hunter's Ambulance where he currently works as an EMT. Alex finally has a job where he can help during an emergency and he looks forward to having enough experience to consider becoming a Paramedic.

NYCOLE DUNK

Nycole a resident of Meriden, successfully completed the EMT Program in December of 2017. Nycole was born into a family with a nurse for a father and a teacher for a mother. At age 5 she helped care for her younger asthmatic and accident prone brother. In middle school and high school, she managed accidents surrounding two epileptic classmates. For four years, she volunteered at a nursing home where she witnessed EMT's performing CPR on her favorite resident. The list goes on for Nycole, and it is safe to say, this is her calling. Her desire is to make the worst day of someone's life more manageable. Nycole's goal is to become a patrolling medic in an Arizona state park.

PARAMEDIC

MICHAEL HORBACHUK

"Michael I am a Hunter's Ambulance Paramedic and I say this without hesitation and a healthy amount of pride". Michael has been employed with Hunter's Ambulance since 2011, he started as an EMT right out of EMT school and with little to no experience. In addition, to working as an EMT, Michael also worked as a high school Science teacher. As if Michael wasn't busy enough with patients and students, he went on to obtain his instructor certificate and became a Field Training Officer. Michael was "hungry" for more, so on to Paramedic school he went and conquered. The ultimate goal for Michael would be running an EMT/Paramedic Training Program because he believes that "part of the soul of medicine lies in teaching the next generation".

JEFFREY MCGOLDRICK

Jeffrey received his Paramedic from Yale New Haven Hospital Center for EMS and he is currently working as a Paramedic at Hunter's Ambulance Service, Inc. Jeff born and raised in Meriden, had an interest in the medical field at a very young age through some of his own life experiences. However, Jeff wasn't sure what direction he wanted to go into with regards to the medical field. Jeff attended Villanova University School of Business for Marketing with the desire to become a salesman for medical equipment and devices. After college Jeff gained experience in sales but once his daughter was born, he realized sales, wasn't really his passion. It was then that he started his career as an EMT in December of 2015. Being an EMT led Jeff right into Paramedic School, where he successfully completed the program, received his Paramedic license and completed the process of precepting at Hunters and currently employed as a Paramedic. Jeff is happy to give back to the

community in which he grew up in.

SCOTT MAROTTO

Scott's passion started in athletics and led him on a path to becoming a Paramedic. While pursuing to Coach high school sports, he completed the CIAC curriculum which included knowledge of CPR. At the time, Scott had no medical background and found the American Red Cross had classes, he really enjoyed the knowledge he was gaining. In 2009 while looking through a Newspaper, he came across a job posting for a "Paramedic Assistant", he applied and got the job. As Scott became more comfortable in the Medical Field he started to volunteer more and more. In September 2010 he completed the EMT class, it was during the time of "ride time" that this is what he wanted to do every day. May of 2017 he received his Paramedic License and is currently employed at Hunter's Ambulance as a Paramedic. It is amazing the roads we take to get to the places we are meant to be. Scott's passion is teaching, "Never stop learning".

DEGREE PROGRAM

MICHAEL MENNONE

Michael was employed with Hunter's Ambulance as a Paramedic, initially he just obtained his Paramedic Certification, then received a degree in Paramedic Studies and Health Science simultaneously. Michael has continued to exceed his own educational expectations, so much so, that he is furthering his education to become a Registered Nurse. Michael has been recognized as Paramedic of the Year and a Star of Life Recipient. Michael hopes to inspire his children, that if you truly put your mind to it, you can accomplish every goal you set forth.

OLIVIA CARBONE

Olivia is currently attending Sacred Heart University, BSN in Nursing. Olivia a resident of Meriden has a strong character and truly embraces learning and going the extra steps outside of the requirements of the Nursing curriculum, so much so, that she has obtained her certification as both a nurses' aid and as an emergency medical technician. Olivia's goal upon graduating from Nursing school is obtaining a RN position in a Children's Hospital.

EMILY SCARFO

Emily currently attends the University of Saint Joseph, BSN in Nursing. Emily a resident of Meriden is a leader among her peers. While in High School, Emily obtained her Certified Nursing Assistant

certification and volunteered over fifty hours as the CT Baptist Home. She believes that no one should have to struggle alone and as a Nurse she knows that she will have the capability to help others overcome their battles.

DEGREE PROGRAM

JESSICA SOTO

Jessica has been working at the Mary Wade Home since 2001 as a CNA/CMT and in her free time, she teaches kids in the community that attend her Ministry Bible Classes on the core values of daily living. In addition, to teaching kids, she volunteers her time assisting with many events for the elderly residents at the Mary Wade Home. Jessica holds quiet a list of special achievements, honors and recognitions from Leading Age Honoree “Caring Hands Award” to the Presidential Academic Fitness Award. Jessica believes that becoming a Nurse is her calling. Jessica has always conceived herself as being that Guardian Angel by a patient’s bedside and deep in her heart she is committed to caring for those patients in their time of need.

NANCY PATEL

Nancy started out her education in the health field while she was a senior in High School, she obtained her CNA. Once Nancy graduated High School she worked as a CNA while pursuing her Associates Degree as a registered nurse at Gateway Community College. Upon graduation and working full time as a nurse, she obtained her Bachelors of Science Nursing Degree with high honors. Currently, Nancy is attending Quinnipiac University working on obtaining her Nurse Practitioner to earn a doctorate focused in family. Nancy genuinely wants to help people; she wants to help the family member coping with a sick child while helping that sick child cope with being sick.

KEVIN BOULIER

Kevin is currently attending Capital Community College for his RN. Kevin a Veteran and resident of Meriden, currently employed at Hunter’s Ambulance as an EMT. In addition, Kevin volunteers his time as a Soccer Coach for the Meriden Soccer Club where he helps to make a difference with the youth of Meriden. Previous to becoming an EMT, Kevin worked as a State Trooper in Connecticut for 20 years. Throughout his career, he received several awards one being the, Lifesaving award for rescuing families in Meriden during a house fire. It is really no surprise that Kevin’s chosen retirement career continues him on the path as a public servant.