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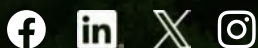


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# T. William Cleveland Meritorious Service Award

**T. William Cleveland, Jr.** retired in 1978 at the Licensed Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator for the Township of Livingston after 38 years of devoted service to the municipality. In addition to his professional service, he served 58 years with the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department. He served as President of the North Jersey Section of the New Jersey Water Environment Association, known then as the New Jersey Water Pollution Control Association, from 1984 to 1986. He also served the NJWEA as a dedicated member of the Annual Conference Committee. "Bill" as he was known to his friends, was a fixture at the Annual Conference and Section meetings. He would always be found attending to others in the Conference Hospitality Room or at the Annual Section Picnic. In 1974, the Section created a new recognition award to distinguish an individual member's extraordinary service to the Section. Our dear colleague T. William Cleveland Jr. was the first recipient of what was to become the most prestigious Section Award. Following his receipt of the award, the Section Executive Committee announced that henceforth the North Jersey Section Award for *extraordinary service* to the Section shall be known as the *T. William Cleveland, Jr. Meritorious Service Award*. Among his many other recognitions, Bill was a Life Member of the NJWEA, a Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (S-5) member, and recipient of the Water Environment Federation's Arthur Sidney Bedell and NJWEA's Harry P. Croft Service Awards.

## Previous Recipients

2024- Lisa Oberreiter  
2023- Dan Carey  
2022- James Wancho  
2021 - Christopher Pabst  
2020 - Chuck Theodora  
2019 - Samuel T. McGhee  
2018 - Francis J. Bonaccorso  
2017- Fran Pestana  
2016- Mario Bonaccorso  
2015 - Robert J. De Block  
2014- Terrence McHugh  
2013- Ramon Vara  
2012- Vicky De Block  
2011- Robert Cornetto  
2010- John McNamara  
2009- Brian Bigler  
2008- Mark Meneghin  
2007- John Corkery  
2006- Jack Kennedy

2005 - Robert Fischer  
2004 - Robert Davenport  
2003 - Richard Taylor  
2002 - Ralph LaMendola  
2001 - David N. Baker  
1999 - Kenneth Hrasdzira  
1998 - Richard Jenkins  
1997 - Daniel Cardellichio  
1996 - Joseph Bonaccorso  
1995 - James DeBlock  
1994 - Bob Ryan  
1992 - Barry Johnston  
1991 - George Baer, Jr.  
1990 - Stephen Dowhan  
1989 - Gregory F. Burde

1988 - Daniel J. Bigler  
1987 - Donald Eelman  
1986 - Robert Grodeska  
1985 - Father Boniface Cronin  
1984 - Bruce D. Smith  
1983 - Robert S. Chew  
1982 - Michael J. Lyons  
1981 - Joshua J. Krechel  
1980 - John Peraldo  
1979 - George Moussab  
1978 - Anthony P. Loria  
1977 - Daniel E. Bigler  
1976 - Frank X. Coppola  
1975 - John J. Lagrosa

**1974 - T. William Cleveland, Jr.**



**This award is therefore given to a person who has provided extraordinary service to the Section.  
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2023 Lisa Oberreiter	2008 Ron Conte	1995 William Roberts	1985 Joseph Beckmeyer Ted Roberto Peter Nese Barry Johnston Arthur Applebaum	1978 Eva Bendlin Robert Chew Michael Lyons Robert Ryan Michael Solla
2022 Sorin Astalus	2007 Mario Bonaccorso Frank Pestana	1996 Jack Myer	1984 Richard Dewling Thomas Braviak John Cochrane Kenneth Carola	1977 John Peraldo John Payne Eugene Peterson Joseph Hogath
2021 Daniel Carey	2006 Richard VanderWende Henry Penley	1994 Mike Gambino Ted VanderVliet		
2020 Humbertt Mortola	2005 Robert DeBlock Donna Lyons	1993 Vinnie Cardellichio Lori Dowhan Carla Maniscalco	Rich Taylor Richard Gray	
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2017 William Cleary	2002 Robert Fischer Chris Hoffman John McNamara	1990 Vicky DeBlock Emil Porfido		
2016 Samuel T. McGhee Joanne Mancuso	2001 John Corkery Richard Jenkins Mark Meneghin	1989 Kenneth Hrasdzira Rosemarie Lyons	1981 Stephen Dowhan Lyle Gillow Edward Funkhouser N. Young Du Hamel Kenneth DeVuyst	1974 Robert Bendlin George Skolski Daniel E. Bigler George Baer Anthony Loria
2015 Charles Theodora	2000 Jack Kennedy Lawrence Wood	1988 David Armstrong John Hamann	1980 John Lagrosa Frank Coppola Joseph Richards Alan Earl Eric Hammarstrom	1971 Frank Miller T. William Cleveland
2014 Harry L. Ladisheff Christopher Pabst	1999 Ann Bonaccorso Betty D'Achino Ralph La Mendola	1987 Daniel Cardellichio Butch Krauss Anthony Graham Fred Thalmann		
2013 Terry McHugh				
2012 Rick Stafford				
2011 Francis Bonaccorso				





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**2025**

**Jet Vac Equipment, LLC**

**2024**

**Zoeller**

**2023**

**TC Tech, LLC**

**2022**

**AVA Consulting**

**2021**

**GA Fleet Associates, Inc.**

**2020**

**Harper Control Solutions**

**2019**

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**2018**

**Franklin Miller, Inc.**

**2017**

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**2016**

**Harper Haines Fluid Control**

**2015**

**Accurate Waste Systems, Inc.**

**2014**

**De Block Environmental Services, LLC**

**2013**

**The Fiesta Banquets**

**2012**

**Ruppert's Restaurant**

**2011**

**Beckmeyer Engineering**

**2010**

**PS&S Engineering**

**2009**

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**Joint Meeting of Essex & Union Counties**

**2007**

**Schoor DePalma Engineering**

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Longo Industries**

**1999**

**Bendlin Incorporated  
Burde Incorporated  
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**The NJWEA North Section Would Like to Congratulate the 2025 Scholarship  
Recipients for Their Perseverance & A Job Well Done as well as the Award  
Recipients for Their Continued Support & Dedication**



**David N. Baker Scholarship**

Kiley Shatzel

**Eva Bendlin – Stephen D’Achino – Robert C. Fischer**

**Legacy Scholarships**

Emma Krijger

Jakob Haas

Folakemi Akinokun

Zoe Ross

**Outhouse Award**

Natalie Pisarcik

**Supporter Award**

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# Legacy Scholarship Recipients

2024	Sydney B. Kropiewnicki	2014	Ryan Perry
2024	Kyla O'Brien	2014	Gregory Smith
2024	Veronica Komorek	2013	Greg Heiner
2023	Elizabeth Hansen	2013	James Heiner
2023	Drew Ruiz	2013	Richard Vogt
2023	Nick Wisniewski	2013	Aesha Vyas
2023	Tyler Wisniewski	2013	Christopher Wendowski
2022	Maverick Reiner	2012	Glenn Beckmeyer
2022	Gabriella Abbate	2012	John Pestana
2021	Rebekah Altman	2012	Rebecca Wendowski
2021	Michael Pestana	2011	Ryan Abranovic
2020	Akinola Akinokun	2011	Daniel R. Carey
2020	Gabriella Mortola	2011	Louis E. Jacob
2020	Amanda Obszarny	2010	Kimberly Galbrait
2019	Emily Brackenbury	2010	Jeffrey Heiner
2019	Nicholas Ezzi	2010	Frank Pestana
2019	Nick Fischer	2009	Brian Beckmeyer, Jr
2019	Catherine Sanchez	2009	Christina Fischer
2018	Marissa Cardena	2008	Alexandra Jacob
2018	Robert Ezzi	2008	Joseph Correia
2018	Melissa Hansen	2008	Brett Cardena
2018	Skyler Theodora	2007	Catherine Jacob
2017	Marissa Cardena	2007	Ian Bigler
2017	Troy Perry	2007	Gregg Cardena
2016	Gianna Beckmeyer	2007	Stephen Sablack
2016	Melissa Bonaccorso	2006	Ella Lyons
2016	Michael Solla	2005	Pilar Lyons
2015	Ariana Schanzer	2004	Matthew Correia
2015	John Wegele	2004	Nishant Vyas
2014	Nicolas LaVigna	2003	Michael Correia
2014	Brian Carey	2003	Victoria D. De Block

# Robert Fischer, Eva Bendlin, and Stephen D'Achino 2025 Legacy Scholarship Awards

**Emma Krijger**



Emma Krijger is a high school senior at Morris Hills with an intended major in biochemistry. As the concertmaster of the Lakeland Youth Symphony, she leads the orchestra and collaborates closely with the conductor. Emma is also a vocalist, singing as an alto in the NJMEA All-State Choir and the Morris Area Honor Choir. Beyond music, she serves as co-president of her school's French Club and is a member of multiple honor societies. She enjoys skiing, reading, and baking in her free time and works as a tennis instructor at her local tennis club. Emma looks forward to continuing her academic and musical journey in college with aspirations of pursuing a career in medicine.

**Folakemi Akinokun**



My name is Folakemi Akinokun. I am a student of Sayreville War Memorial High School. I am a hardworking senior student seeking to go to college to pursue a Major in Civil Engineering and minor in Environmental Engineering. I have been admitted to Rutgers University, Penn State University and New Jersey Institute of Technology. From a very young age, I have had a strong interest in protecting and enhancing the environment. My ultimate goal is to continue to develop skills to prepare me for the career path ahead. I am on the Sayreville War Memorial High School Basketball Team as well as the Track and Field Team. Some of my other High School activities include TIGS (Teens in the Garden State), Community Service and Peer Tutoring. I enjoy reading novels, swimming, fine arts and spending time with my friends and family.

# **Robert Fischer, Eva Bendlin, and Stephen D'Achino 2025 Legacy Scholarship Awards**

**Jakob “Kobe” Haas**



Kobe Haas, hailing from Ramsey, New Jersey, is a dedicated freshman at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. With a profound passion for nature and animals, Kobe is pursuing studies in biology and environmental science, driven by his commitment to understanding and preserving the natural world.

During his time at Ramsey High School, Kobe distinguished himself academically, earning both local and national honors for his outstanding achievements in Environmental Science, Human Geography/History, and Latin. His exceptional proficiency in Latin is highlighted by accolades such as the National Latin Exam Summa Cum Laude/Gold Medal, a

National Etymology Gold Medal, and the New Jersey Department of Education's New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy in Latin. As a member of the World Language Honor Society and the National Honor Society, Kobe's dedication to service and leadership flourished.

Kobe's commitment to community service is exemplified by his recent receipt of the Ramsey Is For Everyone (RIFE) award from the Borough of Ramsey. This recognition was awarded for his compassionate coaching and mentoring of developmentally disabled individuals through the Challengers organization. Kobe is often seen energetically assisting young players, whether by pushing a wheelchair up and down a basketball court or guiding them along the basepaths of a playing field.

Currently, Kobe volunteers at the Clark Street Community School in Worcester, where he supports classroom teachers, tutors students, and engages with the school community. Beyond his academic and volunteer commitments, Kobe is an active participant in the Running Club and the Outdoors Club at Holy Cross. He enjoys hiking, downhill skiing, and watching Formula 1 racing. In his leisure time, Kobe cherishes moments with his family, including his mom, Judy Cusick, and dad, Christoph Haas.

Kobe Haas embodies a spirit of service, academic excellence, and a deep love for the environment, making him a remarkable individual dedicated to making a positive impact in the world.



# **Robert Fischer, Eva Bendlin, and Stephen D'Achino 2025 Legacy Scholarship Awards**

**Zoe Ross**



Zoe Ross is a senior student at Mahwah High School who aspires to pursue a marine biology degree at Montclair State University or Roger Williams University. Her passion for aquatic invertebrates has driven her to combine her love of biology and art. She is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement Art and Biology, in which she is strengthening her scientific and creative abilities. Additionally, as an officer in her school orchestra, she has developed strong leadership capability, collaborating with peers and taking on responsibilities that showcase her organizational skills. Zoe aims to use her academic background and artistic talents to document and illustrate

the creatures of the sea, contributing to the scientific community and cultivating a better environment.

# David N. Baker Memorial

## Service Scholarship

*"It is the intent of the membership of the NJWEA North Jersey Section that the David N. Baker Memorial Service Scholarship be awarded to a deserving applicant who, by their sustained actions, has demonstrated a sincere and significant commitment to the service of our nation and to civic and community volunteerism, in much that same spirit as Dave Baker who faithfully served our country, community and organization throughout his life".*



David N. Baker was attending the Newark College of Engineering (now known as New Jersey Institute of Technology) when he answered the call to serve our country and he served with distinction. As a United States Army Staff Sergeant during the Vietnam War Dave was awarded the Silver Star for "Gallantry in Action". During Staff Sergeant Baker's 13 months "in country" he also received 3 Purple Hearts because of injuries sustained in combat, one of which were duty to wounds he sustained when he and a fellow soldier were the target of a Vietnamese mortar round. Dave was also awarded the Bronze Star for "Bravery Under Fire."

Staff Sergeant Baker's Silver Star was earned during a firefight that when his unit was taking on fire he felt compelled to assist the medic who was dragging wounded soldiers back under cover. When his Unit's machine gunner was wounded Staff Sergeant Baker ran to the machine gun position and manned the weapon, providing cover fire to allow the additional wounded to be dragged to safety.

Following his tour in Vietnam, Staff Sargent Baker served on a burial detail choosing to honor the fallen in that capacity for the remainder of his commitment to the United States Army. In civilian life he retired as Director of Public Works for the Village of Ridgewood, NJ in 2005 having worked for the village for 38 years. He was a NJ Certified Public Works Manager, a member and Past Regional President of the NJ Public Works Association and Past President of the North Jersey Section of the New Jersey Water Environment Association. He also served on the NJWEA Executive Committee and was the recipient of numerous professional awards.

# David N. Baker Memorial Scholarship 2025 Recipient Kiley Shatzel

Kiley Shatzel is a senior at Jefferson Township High School. She has a weighted GPA of 4.445 and unweighted GPA of 4.00. She is in the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Math National Honor Society and is also in the inaugural class of the STEM Academy at Jefferson Township High School. Sophomore year; she missed a month of school and sports due to scoliosis surgery. She continued to do well in school and came back from that month break ready to run track. End of sophomore year she joined the fire department where she goes to various calls every month while still being able to balance her academics and sports. She plays on a 3-time state sectional winning basketball team. She has also placed in various events in track and field. She has paced fifth at Meet of Champs in the 400-meter hurdles and went on to run the 400-meter hurdles at New Balance Nationals. She will be continuing her academic and track and field career at UConn in the honors program.





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## David N. Baker Scholarship Recipients

2025- Kiley Shatzel  
2024- No Recipient  
2023- No Recipient  
2022- Jacob Krijger  
2021- Tyler Wisniewski  
2020- No Recipient  
2019- Brian Carey  
2018- Glen Riscen  
2017- Greg Heiner  
2016- Danielle Seymour  
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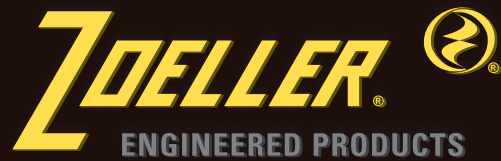
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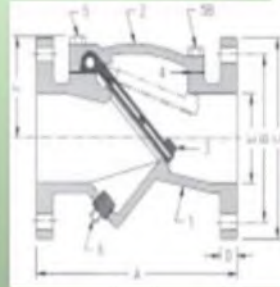
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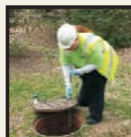
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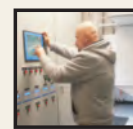
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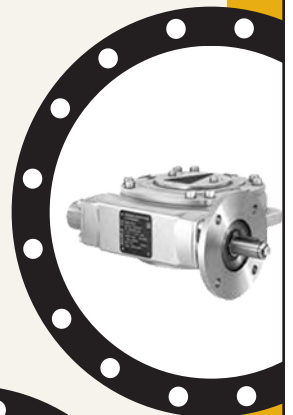


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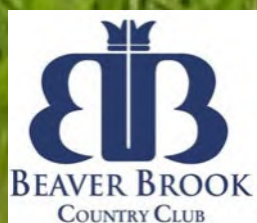
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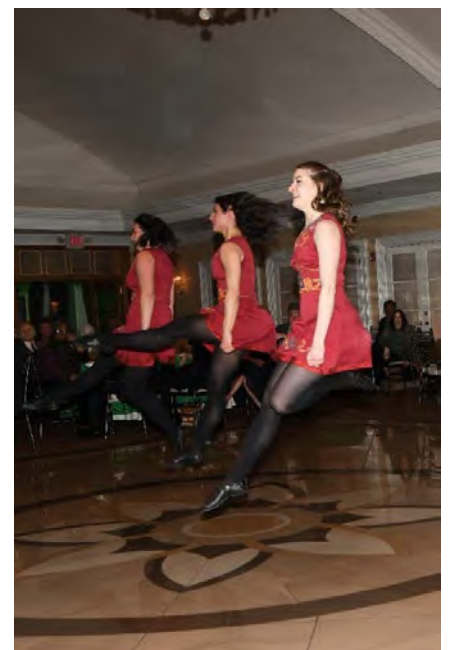
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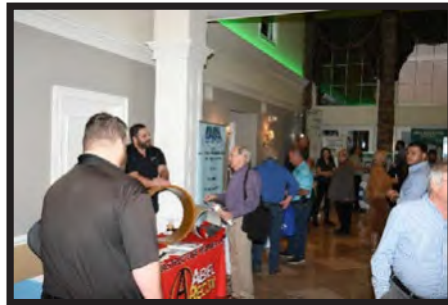


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