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## ***MHSAA gives out 11 \$1,000 awards***

The Malden High School Alumni Association in its ongoing desire to reward excellence has presented \$1,000 academic awards to 11 more graduating seniors in the Class of 2017. This brings to \$47,000 awarded to MHS students by the alumni group since the awards program was established in 2011.

MHSAA President Anthony Dickinson, '66, Vice President Diane Lind, '54, and board member Carol Scally, '64, presented the awards. Included were several special awards. Marilyn Holland, in memory of her late husband and president of the MHSAA, former School Superintendent Dr. George Holland, '55, presented an award in education to Julia Cocuzzo. Other special awards: The Sager Family Foundation, on behalf of philanthropist, humanitarian and MHS Hall of Famer Bobby Sager, '72, presented an award in business to Edward Huang and donated funds for an award in education to Gianna Giuliano.

The Sager Foundation also joined with the Nancy Finkelstein Family to present an award in education to Nayara Andrade in memory of the late MHS educator Nancy Finkelstein. A special award from Hall of Famer Paula Sneed, '65, was presented to Maria Ramos, and an anonymous MHS graduate donated funds for the award to McKenzie Vo.

Other recipients of \$1,000 MHSAA awards were Megan Melanson, Karen Poon, James Pandolfo, Felicia Lombardi, and Rachel Tran. The MHSAA raises funds through a variety of events for programs such as this to benefit students, particularly those in need.

For more details about the MHSAA academic awards program, contact Arlene Ceppetelli, '70, at [aceppetelli@yahoo.com](mailto:aceppetelli@yahoo.com). For more about the alumni association and its activities, please visit [www.maldenhighalumni.com](http://www.maldenhighalumni.com).