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TEWAARATON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2018 NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS, PRESENTED BY US LACROSSE

WASHINGTON, May 21— The Tewaaron Foundation has announced the recipients of the 13th annual Tewaaron Native American Scholarships, presented by US Lacrosse. Awarded to one male and one female student each year, the scholarship honors high school students of Haudenosaunee / Iroquois heritage who demonstrate academic excellence, and exemplify high character and leadership both on and off the lacrosse field. Applicants are asked to submit an essay describing what the sport of lacrosse means to them as Native American student-athletes and members of their community, as well as provide two letters of recommendation and a high school transcript.

The 2018 scholarship recipients are Ivy Santana, Seneca Nation of Indians, Wolf Clan and Lyle Warrior, Seneca Nation of Indians.

Ivy Santana is a citizen of the Seneca Nation who resides on the Seneca Cattaraugus Indian Territory, and is a senior captain of her varsity lacrosse team at Lake Shore High School. She will graduate high school in June 2018 and will attend and play lacrosse at the University of Albany this fall. Ivy's teachers describe her as a "very well rounded student" who balances school with a challenging extracurricular schedule that has included two sports (basketball and lacrosse), internships, participation in her school's prestigious Academy of Business & Finance, and community service. Ivy believes that that the game of lacrosse has helped provide her a successful path to be the "hard worker, role model, indigenous woman, and student" that she is today.

Lyle Warrior is a citizen of the Seneca Nation, who resides in Perrysburg, N.Y. and who attends Gowanda Central High School. Lyle will graduate in June with a New York State Advanced Regents diploma and intends to study physical therapy at Houghton (N.Y.) College in the fall. Lyle is a two-sport varsity athlete (lacrosse and cross-country) who was described by his cross-country coach as "an exceptionally gifted athlete" and as "one of the most talented" that he had ever coached. In addition to his athletic talents, Lyle is an excellent student, an active volunteer, and serves as a youth representative of the Seneca Nation. Lyle believes that the game of lacrosse has changed his life and made him a better person, and he hopes to spread this message to younger generations through coaching and teaching.

“We’re proud of our partnership with the Tewaaron Foundation, as well as the opportunity to provide college scholarship support to Iroquois student-athletes,” said Steve Stenersen, President and CEO of US Lacrosse. “We hope that more Haudenosaunee lacrosse players will aspire to this opportunity in the years to come.”

A 10-year commitment by US Lacrosse established the scholarship program, which annually recognizes two outstanding Native American high school seniors for academic achievement and lacrosse excellence. Male and female recipients and their families are invited to attend the Tewaaron Award Ceremony, where the award is presented by US Lacrosse.

One of the primary goals of the scholarship program is to honor the sport’s Native American roots. Students must be of Haudenosaunee descent, enrolled in a secondary school, and represent the highest ideals of sportsmanship to be eligible for this scholarship.

Each scholarship recipient is awarded \$10,000 for education — \$5,000 for each of their first and second years in college. The Tewaaron Foundation also covers travel expenses for winners and two guests to attend the Tewaaron Award Ceremony, which will take place on May 31 in Washington, D.C.

### **Previous Winners**

#### **2017**

Shayla Scanlan, Seneca Nation of Indians, Wolf Clan  
Liam Anderson, Tuscarora Nation, Turtle Clan

#### **2016**

Jade Haumann, Seneca Nation, Wolf Clan  
Emerson Shenandoah, Mohawk Nation, Snipe Clan

#### **2015**

Lynnzee Miller, Mohawk Nation, Wolf Clan  
Chaunce Hill, Six Nations Seneca, Turtle Clan

#### **2014**

Alie Jimerson, Cayuga Nation, Bear Clan  
Kason Tarbell, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

#### **2013**

Cassandra Miner, Onondaga Nation, Eel Clan  
Robert McMicking, Cayuga Nation, Wolf Clan

#### **2012**

Marissa Haring, Seneca Nation  
Bradley Thomas, Tuscarora Indian Nation

## **2011**

Kristiana Ferguson, Tuscarora Indian Nation  
Christopher White, Oneida Nation

## **2010**

Taylor Hummel, Tuscarora Indian Nation, White Bear Clan  
Kyle Henry, Tuscarora Indian Nation, White Bear Clan

## **2009**

Issac “Ike” Hopper, Onondaga Nation  
Trenna Hill, of Mohawk Decent

## **2008**

Emmett Printup, Tonawanda Seneca, Turtle Clan  
Corinne Abrams, Tuscarora Indian Nation, Turtle Clan

## **2007**

Alexander Jamieson, Seneca Nations of Indians, Wolf Clan  
Mia McKie, Tuscarora Indian Nation, Turtle Clan

## **2006**

Lindsey Steeprock, Mohawk Nation  
Justin Gill, Oglala Sioux and Seneca Nations

For more information on the Tewaaron Award, how to donate to this non-profit or to attend this exciting event, visit [Tewaaron.com](http://Tewaaron.com). Like and follow The Tewaaron Foundation at [Facebook.com/Tewaaron](https://www.facebook.com/Tewaaron), [Twitter.com/Tewaaron](https://twitter.com/Tewaaron) and [Instagram.com/Tewaaron](https://www.instagram.com/Tewaaron).

### **About The Tewaaron Foundation**

Founded at the University Club of Washington DC and first presented in 2001, the Tewaaron Award is recognized as the preeminent lacrosse award, annually honoring the top male and female college lacrosse player in the United States. Endorsed by the Mohawk Nation Council of Elders and U.S. Lacrosse, the Tewaaron Award symbolizes lacrosse’s centuries-old roots in Native American heritage. The Tewaaron Foundation ensures the integrity and advances the mission of this award. Each year, the Tewaaron Award celebrates one of the six tribal nations of the Iroquois Confederacy – the Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora – and presents two scholarships to students of Native American descent. To learn more about The Tewaaron Foundation, please visit [www.tewaaron.com](http://www.tewaaron.com).

### **About US Lacrosse**

US Lacrosse, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, is the national governing body for men’s and women’s lacrosse. US Lacrosse has more than 450,000 members in 68 regional chapters around the country. As the sport’s national governing body, US Lacrosse provides national leadership, structure and resources to fuel the sport’s growth and enrich the experience of participants. To learn more about US Lacrosse, please visit

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