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Class Act

An outstanding young Western New Yorker

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute senior Ryan Glover, has captured a \$20,000 college scholarship — the Horatio Alger National Scholar Award.

Ryan, 18, a Kenmore resident, hopes to put that to use studying computer science or engineering at one of the colleges he has applied for.

The award bears the name of Horatio Alger Jr., whose tales of overcoming adversity through unyielding perseverance and basic moral principles captivated the public during the late 19th century.

Ryan also has the chance to double his award if he attends school at one of the association's Collegiate Partners, a group of colleges that have agreed to match the Horatio Alger scholarship funds. Currently there are 112 universities throughout the United States that participate in the program, including six — Colgate University, Houghton College, Manhattan College, New School University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Skidmore College — in New York state.

At St. Joe's, Ryan has participated in football, lacrosse, Ski Club, German Club and the annual Food Basket Drive.

Outside of school, he is a member of the Catholic Youth Organization at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and is a soup kitchen volunteer at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy.



Ryan Glover won the \$20,000 Horatio Alger National Scholar Award.

Ryan has received the Dale Carnegie Youth Development Achievement Award, Presbyterian College Academic Achievement Award and the Buffalo-Area Engineering Awareness for Minorities Achievement Award. He also is a St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute Collegiate Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society and National Society of High School Scholars.

"Ryan Glover is the epitome of the type of well-rounded student that we are striving to shape at St. Joe's," said Robert T. Scott, president/principal of St. Joe's. "He's taken advantage of several of the unique, prepa-

ratory programs that our school has to offer and, because of this, has put himself in a position to succeed in college and life thereafter."

Ryan already has been accepted to the honors programs — and received scholarships — at Ohio State University and the University at Buffalo, and is currently awaiting notice from Tulane University, a participant in the Collegiate Partners program.

As a National Scholar, Ryan will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., April 1-5, to participate in the National Scholars Conference, and formally receive the award.

Ryan attributes his own success to putting in the work — and thinking about the future.

"Know what you have to get done and do it," he said. "You can't be lazy and have success. Just simply put in the time and effort, and show people you respect them and they'll respect you, and in turn help you whenever you need it."

Know a young outstanding Western New Yorker? Tell us about your nomination, including age, date-of-birth, address and phone number for possible publication in Class act. Sorry, photos can't be returned.

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