

## Maryada Family Foundation Awards Local High School Graduates of 2023

Maryada Foundation recognizes students since 2016, who make the greatest strides during their high school years, not necessarily the top students. This year, three students were recognized based on nominations from their teachers and school counselors.



At Dartmouth High School, the recipient is **Mr. Everett Costa**, who has steadily improved his academic grades and extracurricular activities. He has consistently shown perseverance and dedication to bettering himself. At the beginning of his high school career, Everett was hesitant to get involved in school activities, but he began to get involved. He started the Comic Book Club at the school and maintained it with compassion and care. The Dartmouth HS guidance office found it a pleasure to work with Everett.

Foundation board member, Dr. Rishi Bal Singh, presented the award to Everett, on May 24 at the Dartmouth High School Awards Night.



At Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, the recipient is **Mr. Aaron Prata**, who has never allowed his serious personal difficulties to define him. He is mature, insightful, and dedicated to his academic work and his community. One of Aaron's most impressive qualities, however, is his interpersonal skills; his ability to communicate effectively far surpasses his peers and that coupled with his insightful nature make conversations with him so engaging. Aaron is the epitome of a go-getter. He earned the Boy Scouts highest rank of Eagle Scout with his project, The Veterans Walkway for War on Terrorism, at the Rehoboth Town Hall. Aaron was also awarded the University of Rochester, Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology.

Foundation board member, Dr. Shuowei Cai, presented the award to Aaron, on May 31 at Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Awards Night.



At Westport High School, the recipient is **Miss Abbigail White**, who is an extremely intelligent student. When she began her high school career, she sometimes struggled academically, but her hard-work, resilience and dedication allowed her to meet with success and achieve a 4.0 GPA. Abbigail speaks about her struggles with dyslexia. Her future goals include working with children dealing with dyslexia in schools to help them develop and learn coping skills and strategies around dealing with their emotions and learning challenges.

Abbigail has been the President of the school's Anti-bullying Club. As a member of the International Exchange Club, she traveled to Greece in her

junior year. She also volunteered for the school's Haunted Hallway event, prom and is this year's lacrosse team's manager.

Foundation board member, Dr. Jerry Solfvín, presented the award to Abigail, at Westport High School Awards night on June 1, 2023.

"We at the Foundation believe that making successful best efforts in all that is needed to succeed. It teaches the fundamental technique to living a successful life," said Foundation President, Prof. Bal Ram Singh.

We wish our recipients the best in their future endeavors.

Maryada Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization set up in March 2014 by the Singh family living in Dartmouth since 1990. The major mission of the Foundation is to promote and advance science and education.