



# The Victor Zando Foundation 2018 Newsletter

*Our Mission: Continuing in the spirit of the values which the Victor Zando Foundation was built upon - Faith, Family, Education, and Community - VZF supports and promotes educational excellence and community engagement through scholarship opportunities, tuition assistance, mentorship and community service programs.*

## Year in Review

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ↳ Established & supported the Uniform Fund for Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Asbury Park, NJ
- ↳ Adopted the Holy Spirit Youth Group at Christ the King parish, Long Branch, NJ
- ↳ St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Anthony's, Oceanside, NY
- ↳ Christmas gift bags for LunchBreak of Red Bank



The Holy Spirit Youth Group at Christ the King wearing their VZF T-shirts!

The Holy Spirit Youth Group at Christ the King parish in Long Branch is a group of over 40 students of different ages. Seeing a need to help the youth of the parish, a few dedicated parishioners got together and decided to moderate the group. After a vote, the students choose their name in order to honor the Holy Spirit. The group offers the students a place to hang out, a place to pray and a place to do some extracurricular activities that they may not have access to, such as music, art and field trips. We are happy to have this group as part of the VZF family.

### TUITION ASSISTANCE & MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Shane Cahill  
Msgr. Farrell, University of Delaware

Tanganitia Hancock  
Mater Dei Prep

Jacqueline DiBenedetto  
St. Leo the Great

Brian Dinnell  
St. Leo the Great



At the VZF, we are very grateful for all our loyal supporters and donors.

We would especially like to thank:

Elizabeth Larsen,  
Drive Away Parkinson's

The McKibbin Family

The Devlin Family

Middletown  
Ancient Order of Hibernians

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# Day at the Races - September 1, 2018

So we begin our next decade! Another fabulous fundraiser at Monmouth Park Racetrack—the 11th annual. The day has become one that everyone looks forward to—seeing old friends, meeting new people and getting together with family. Thank you to all who believe in this day as much as we do. It is not only about fundraising (so we can help students and our community!), it is about family, friends, good times, laughter... it is about a day that Vic would have loved. A day at the track with his family was one of his favorite things in life. So, with that in mind...”we’re off” into the next decade!

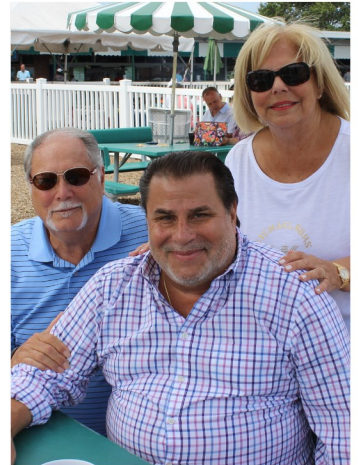


Two adorable additions to the VZF Family...



Emily Joan Hicks

Isabella Grace Ortore



## Student Spotlight

In addition to our tuition assistance and community service programs, one way we honor Vic's legacy is through the Victor Zando Foundation Memorial Award.

Recipients of this award, must display the following criteria:  
Academic Excellence \*\*\* Community Service  
Strong Faith \*\*\* Commitment to Athletics



Paul Pizzo  
Msgr. Farrell

After receiving the Victor Zando Memorial Award at Msgr. Farrell, Paul continued his education at the University of Delaware. He graduated this year with a degree in accounting. While at UDel, Paul was a board member of the Accounting Students Association and was a coordinator of the UDel Dance Committee which raised a record \$1.89 million for childhood cancer research. Paul is continuing his education at UDel working on a master's degree in accounting. The Farrell football family and the VZF family are both very proud of Paul's accomplishments!

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Jacqueline DiBenedetto  
St. Leo the Great

Jacqueline is now a freshman at Red Bank Catholic and is enjoying sharing the hallways with her sister for this one year! She played on the freshman soccer team and is preparing to participate in Winter Track. Also academically strong, Jacqueline received the Casey Fellowship Scholarship as a result of her exceptional placement test scores. We wish Jackie much success as she continues through high school.



Alexandra DiBenedetto  
St. Leo the Great

Alexandra is now a senior at Red Bank Catholic. Always academically strong, Alex has made honor roll every semester and is a member of the National Honor Society. A standout softball pitcher, she was named Second Team All Shore Conference in her junior year.

She will continue her softball career in college, having committed to play for The College of New Jersey. Good Luck Alex!!



Kyle Devaney  
Mater Dei Prep

Continuing his success beyond high school, Kyle is playing football and basketball at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania.

He is a business major and also fits in six hours of work/study per week. After a successful football season (five touchdowns), we wish Kyle good luck for the upcoming basketball season!

"Kyle was so honored and humbled to receive this award. Not only was it a tremendous help financially but it was also extremely important spiritually and emotionally to have been chosen to carry on the memory and legacy of Victor Zando. Kyle will forever be grateful for the amazing opportunity."

- Nikki Tierney, Kyle's mom

"It was truly a blessing that Alexandra and Jacqueline were both awarded the Victor Zando Foundation Memorial Award while attending St. Leo the Great. The foundation recognized their dedication to faith, family, education and community. They are honored to know they will forever be a part of this wonderful family."

- Jeanne DiBenedetto, Alexandra and Jacqueline's mom

*From everyone at the VZF family  
to your family, we wish you  
Happy Thanksgiving, a blessed  
holiday season and a happy,  
healthy 2019!*



**#GIVING  
TUESDAY**

**Don't forget about #givingtuesday  
November 27!**

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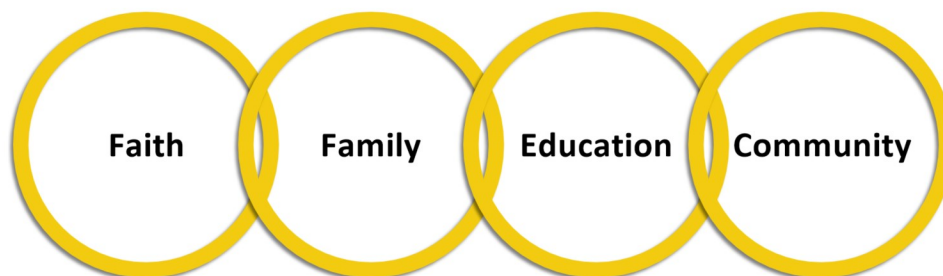
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**Upcoming Event:**

The AOH Polar Plunge  
January 27, 2019

Tommy's Tavern + Tap  
Sea Bright, NJ

Details and registration  
information will be on our  
website under the EVENTS tab.



Four simple, yet powerful words.

When combined, the results can change the life of a student or the course of a society.



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