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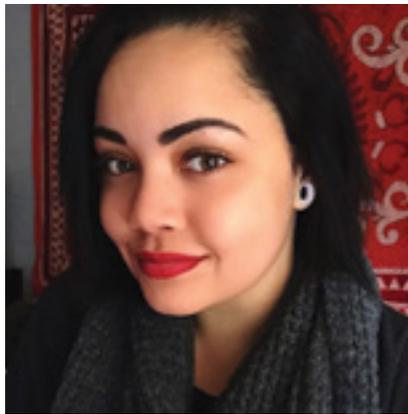
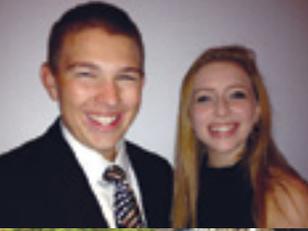
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FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



KALIEGH HAYES

"I go to the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, which is located in North Adams, MA. I am an Art major with a minor in Journalism. I'm always doodling or writing poetry which is why I am studying Art and Journalism. When I'm not at school or doing homework I work at my local Boys & Girls club as an office assistant, and also a lead mentor for teenage girls from the area in a program called Smart Girls. The MSLF has been such a great support for me and I am more than thankful for them. Not only are they helping me achieve a degree in what I love, but they are also teaching me how to care and give back to others."



ELIA FONTECCHIO

Elia Fontecchio attends the Arthur Morgan School (AMS) in Western North Carolina. AMS is a progressive boarding and day school for girls and boys in grades 7, 8 & 9. While students and staff learn together by living together in a safe and supporting environment—sharing work, play, study, and decision-making. His classes include Science Fiction Writing, Math, and Spanish. His internship is with the school's outdoor program, studying fire making techniques and planning a six-day climbing and backpacking trip where Elia will put to use the skills he is studying. Elia is excelling in his classes, his extracurricular activities and commitment to education.



A NOTE FROM KIM RUOCCO, PROUD MOTHER OF BILLY AND JOEY RUOCCO

"I look at my boys today and I am most thankful that they are able to follow their dreams. When they lost their dad at the tender ages of 8 and 10 I worried that the death of their mentor, coach and best friend would forever hamper their ability to be happy and successful. My boys are very different and had very different grief journeys so I wasn't surprised when they chose very different colleges. The MSLF gave my children the gift of the ability to choose a college that best fit their personalities and aspirations. I am proud to say that both of them found the perfect fit! Billy is a Sophomore at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. He is a Communications major and has found a love for writing. He has his own website

and was just hired as a sport reporter for the school newspaper. He also loves playing club hockey. Joey is a junior at Louisiana State University. He is majoring in natural resources and loves studying the fisheries and marshlands of the bayou. He is a starting player for the LSU rugby team and enjoys wearing his dad's college rugby jersey to his practices. I want to thank Mass. Soldiers Legacy Fund for your generous support of my boys. We are forever grateful."

POEM BY GRACE BOOTH

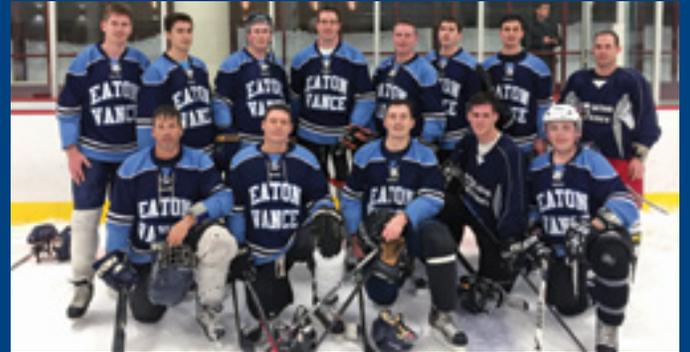
Proud daughter of First Lieutenant Joshua Booth KIA Iraq 2006.

Veterans are important because they give their time and effort to serve. They are strong, faithful heros. Veterans take time away from their families to do what they do. They have missed holidays with their families to protect our country and help give us freedom. They will protet our flag no matter what happens. Veterans do us well, and we should too.

Veterans are strong faithful and kind they'll never ever leave us behind.

INAUGURAL FINANCIAL BEANPOT

This winter employees from four of Boston's top asset fund companies (Natixis, Putnam, MFS and Eaton Vance) participated in the Inaugural Finance Beanpot raising over \$56,000 for the MSLF. Thanks to all who donated to this fun event!



MSLF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

CALENDAR YEAR 2015: JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015



College/University



9 children



Elementary and High School Level Programs



9 children



Educational and Tutoring Programs, Vocation and Trade Schools



6 children



Early education



4 children



Other (computers, supplies, home school, etc.)



16 children

117 grants made to 44 children,
nearly \$300,000 in grants made in 2015



December 2015

To the Donors of the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund,

As the Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund (MSLF) enters its 11th year, the Board of Trustees would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our loyal supporters. The MSLF continues our mission of paying tribute to the tremendous sacrifice of Massachusetts fallen Servicemembers by providing education focused grants to their surviving children. Since 2001, over 150 Servicemembers from Massachusetts have been killed while deployed in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Of these casualties, 48 were parents, leaving behind a total of 81 children. These children range from preschool to college age and are all eligible to receive funding from the MSLF.

Due to your unwavering generosity, the MSLF has raised over \$4.5 million towards our charitable trust to support the educational needs of our eligible families. The MSLF has provided over \$700,000 in grant funding to eligible children and we anticipate surpassing over \$1 million in grants distributed within the upcoming calendar year. Because of your sincere generosity, personal finances will not deter our eligible beneficiaries from accessing a wide variety of educational opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will assure the families of our local fallen heroes that their sacrifice does not go unnoticed and will never be forgotten..

Best Regards,

Peter Trovato
Founder, Trustee

HOMETOWN HEROES



Sergeant
Glenn Allison



Specialist
David Babineau



Sergeant
Robert Barrett



Staff Sergeant
Alicia Birchett



First Lieutenant
Joshua Booth



Corporal
Jeremy Bouffard



Major
David Brodeur



Harold Brown
CIA



Captain
Joel Cahill



Sergeant
William Callahan



Staff Sergeant
Joseph Camara



Staff Sergeant
Darren Cunningham



Specialist
Jonathon Curtis



Private First Class
Normal Darling



Sergeant
Shane Duffy



Sergeant
Peter Enos



Corporal
Paul Fagundes



Sergeant
Andrew Farrar



Gunnery Sergeant
Elia Fontecchio



Sergeant
Alexander Fuller



Sergeant
Kyle Harrington



Navy Seal
Kevin Houston



Chief Warrant Officer 3
Kyran Kennedy



Navy Seal
Jason Lewis



Sergeant
Kyle Little



Captain
John Maloney



Major
Brian Mescall



Sergeant
Scott Metcalf



Captain
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Sergeant
Alberto Montron



Staff Sergeant
Daniel Newsome



Corporal
Brian Oliveira



Captain
Anthony Palermo



Sergeant
Theodore Perreault



Staff Sergeant
Christopher Piper



Sergeant
Nelson Ramirez



Major
John Ruocco



Lance Corporal
Nickolas Schiavoni



Sergeant
Benjamin Sherman



Master Sergeant
Shawn Simmons



First Lieutenant
Timothy Steele



Captain
Christopher Sullivan



Master Sergeant
Gregory Trent



Captain
Kyle Van De Giesen



Lance Corporal
John VanGyzen



Chief Warrant Officer 2
Stephan Wells



Sergeant
Gregroy Wright



Specialist
Edgardo Zayas