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# **AAMCF AWARDS FOURTH ANNUAL J. RICHARD OLTMANN SCHOLARSHIP**

***Lauren Bonetti of Green Bay, WI Receives the Fourth Annual American Amusement Machine Charitable Foundation J. Richard Oltmann \$5,000 Scholarship***

**Elk Grove Village, IL – June 22, 2020** – The AAMCF presented their fourth \$5,000 J. Richard Oltmann Scholarship to Lauren Bonetti.

### **About AAMCF – J. Richard Oltmann Scholarship Program**

The AAMCF J. Richard Oltmann Scholarship honors the legacy left by one of our industries most passionate supporters. Mr. Oltmann’s example of sharing best practices and teaching others the ins and outs of “the business” are the stuff of legend; there’s more than one successful member of our industry who’re where they are in no small part due to Richard’s mentoring and support.

Born from a desire to continue his enthusiastic commitment to education, Richard’s family contacted the AAMCF requesting a scholarship be established in his name with initial funding provided by his estate. The AAMCF Board was humbly honored and incredibly grateful to be selected by Richard’s family to take on the administration and promotion of this worthy endeavor.

### **About the Fourth JRO Scholarship Recipient – Lauren Bonetti**

Lauren just graduated from Preble High School and was ranked number 1 in her class of 511 seniors. In the fall, she’ll be heading off to Marquette University to pursue a degree in engineering. Over her high school career, Lauren challenged herself academically taking ten AP, college level classes achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA. She served four years on the Student Council and is a member of the National Honors Society.

While in high school, she was a Peer Tutor helping fellow students in Spanish, Math and Science. She was a Library Aide assisting with the running of the library including acting as a resource guide.

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She was the Captain for the school Golf Team and played in the WIAA State Finals her sophomore and senior years.

Lauren was an active volunteer at Aurora Hospital where she spent time with patients and facilitated in-house customer service survey research.

She was a member of [DECA](#)'s Marketing Club for seven years and [FBLA](#)'s Business Club for four where she was Vice President of Community Service Campaigns. With these organizations, she assisted in many initiatives including collecting food for food pantries, developing Christmas cards for the elderly, assisted at Preble's HIVE program, (a school community donation center whose main goal is to provide students with the necessary supplies to succeed at Preble High School) and fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy.

In her application, Lauren wrote, *"When I reached high school, I quickly realized I was not the smartest, or the most athletic, or the brightest however, through the strategies I learned from being creative and unique, I outworked my peers. My love of math and science are fueled by the lack of women in the STEM field. I plan to make some major waves wherever I am placed and, change some minds about what women can achieve when it comes to the STEM field."*

#### **About the American Amusement Machine Charitable Foundation**

Since 1983, the AAMCF has contributed over \$2 million dollars to more than 125 organizations and foundations. Serving as the charitable arm of the American Amusement Machine Association (AAMA), our success is due to the support of AAMA members, colleagues, vendors, families and friends.

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