

RITA DARNELL MEMORIAL AWARD

\$500.00



Criteria

Awarded to the graduating student who:

- Is pursuing post-secondary studies
- Is dealing successfully with significant challenges in their life
- Has shown consistent and conscientious efforts in the classroom
- Maintains a positive attitude and an acceptable academic record

Deadline

See your school's guidance/student services office.

History

Rita (Contasti) Darnell started teaching at Medway High School in 1986 where she remained as a Math teacher and Department Head for her entire career. The Rita Darnell Memorial Award was established by her husband, John Darnell, following her passing in July of 2014 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. This award honours Rita's devotion to student achievement, her perseverance, and the remarkable characteristics she epitomized. Her integrity and dedication to her students along with her welcoming personality enabled Rita to become an exceptional teacher and leader. Rita inspired students to raise their expectations of themselves, to do their best and encouraged them to never quit and to work to their full potential. Rita exemplified how to carry oneself in the world, no fanfare, no pretense, to be genuine and caring.

Selection Process

As determined by the Math Department.

Available To

Medway High School