

The James J. Straine Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The James J. Straine, Jr. Memorial Scholarship has been set up to honor the memory of Jimmy Straine, a 1983 graduate of Watchung Hills Regional High School. Jimmy was a thirty-six year old bond salesman with Cantor Fitzgerald in the World Trade Center when he was killed by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Jimmy was an extraordinary man who enjoyed a variety of activities such as golfing with his friends, fishing, reading, playing basketball, going to the beach, watching the New York Mets and his beloved East Carolina University Pirate football team. The most important thing to him was his family. He adored his wife Trish and two sons, Finn and Charlie. Jimmy grew up in Warren Township with his parents Jim and Mary Straine, his brothers Michael, Kevin and Danny, and his sister Katy who are all Watchung Hills graduates. While in high school Jimmy did well academically, played and coached baseball and participated in many activities where he made amazing friendships that would endure for the next eighteen years. Jimmy's friends and family hold a golf tournament each June to raise money for the scholarship. This event is a great tribute to Jimmy and those friendships.

The applicant of this scholarship should possess the following qualifications:

- A graduate of WHRHS who plans to attend college in the fall
- Strong academic performance
- Active in school, community and/or church
- Exhibit leadership potential and behavior that are grounded in strong ethical principles
- Submit an essay explaining why you deserve this scholarship giving specific examples on how you have made your school or community a better place. (Essays should be a minimum of 500 words).

Please respond by email to: ksobgo@comcast.net

Application Deadline: Friday, May 15, 2020