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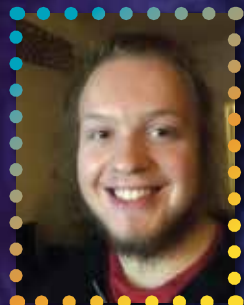
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"I've learned"

I've learned....

that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned....

that when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned....

that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned....

that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned....

that being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned....

that you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned....

that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help them in some other way.

I've learned....

that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned....

that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned....

that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....

that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned....

that money doesn't buy class.

I've learned....

that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned....

that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned....

that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned....

that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned....

that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned....

that love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned....

that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned....

that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned....

that no one is perfect until you fall.

I've learned....

that life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned....

that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned....

that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned....

that we should keep our words both soft and tender, because tomorrow we may have to eat them.

I've learned....

that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned....

that I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.

I've learned....

that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned....

that the best things in life are free!!

I've learned....

that it is better to have loved and lost, than to never to have loved at all.

I've learned ... that I am still learning!

Dear Friends, this month we honor our scholarship winners and so the theme of learning seemed an appropriate choice. Growing up, at the dinner table, my parents would ask me to tell them something I learned that day, and as I think back on it the question wasn't, what did I learn in school, but rather simply, what did I learn that day? If I am honest, that question used to frustrate me as a child, because I didn't get the point. As I grew older, I realized how important that question was in helping me cultivate a-way of thinking that was open to learning new information — I became naturally more curious. For me, lifelong learning means you have a growth mindset and an innate curiosity about the world. This month find new opportunities for learning, for being naturally curious, and encourage those around you, young and old to do the same.

Until Next Month,
Warmly, Carolyn

Memories of the Past

Very Reverend Monsignor Peter M. Polando, D. Min., J.C.L., National Chaplain

As I look back to my childhood and teenage years, I can so vividly remember how all of us young people looked forward to summer vacation: from the classroom into summer! Usually, the first week of June was the final days of listening to the work we (50+ students) accomplished through the past academic year, cleaned out our desks, and then, we were set “free”, immersing our lives for the next three months until the day after Labor Day in playing, working, and spending time with family and friends. I believe that I am really getting older as I look back to those wonderful years that were very simple and yet really setting a road for me for the future. I love adventure and appreciate the gifts of parents, relatives, and friends, friends with whom I still maintain relationships!

I was a Boy Scout (obtained the rank of Eagle) and looked forward to Scout camp for a week. I learned many different skills during those yearly weeks, met new friends from my city and county, and developed many skills that I never thought that I could possess. And then there was the rest of the summer to work for those items I desired in life and my parents and brothers were able to show me that if I wanted something, I would eventually possess it because I worked for it. I usually cut lawns for my relatives and parents’ friends and provided services as a caddy at a local country club.

The highlight of the summer was a vacation to Niagara Falls, Ontario on the week prior to the celebration of Labor Day weekend. My great uncle and my maternal great aunt lived about a mile from the Falls. My family would assist them with chores around their home, go to Mass every morning at their parish which was only six blocks away, and enjoyed my daily running routine of going down to the Falls, exhilarated by God’s glory in all that water flowing over the precipices into a mighty river that reached Lake Ontario. My great aunt would stop at the local Italian bakery after Mass and chose a loaf of bread she wanted right off the rack (I wonder what the local health officials would say about that in this day and age). Then she would make toast, topped with her elderberry, raspberry, or grape homemade jams with fresh perked coffee and a shot of Crown. What a way to start the day!

On the Sunday before Labor Day, we would drive to

Gault, Ontario where a group of Slovak Jesuit priests lived and were refugees from then Czecho-Slovakia. Rosary, Mass, Stations of the Cross were the highlights of the spiritual day (odpust) and the grilled chickens, the fresh fruits and vegetables and beer were the icing on the cake. Most of the crowd were immigrants and refugees from Slovakia. But their simplicity exhibited the same as my grandparents and my great uncle and great aunt – holy and wonderful! On Labor Day we returned home and the next day, work began and so did school!

I hold this memory deep in my heart. It is family, it is a part of Faith. Each time that you and I celebrate the Holy Eucharist or any of the other six Sacraments, we hold the memory of the Lord Jesus with the Father and the Holy Spirit deep in our hearts – our memory of our Faith in Them is the eternal one that directs us to the heavenly abode. May your month of August bring you great memories of the past, knowing that the Father, Son, and Spirit leads us all to the eternal “vacation” that will never end!

First Holy Communion



EMERY ROSE WEISER received her First Holy Communion in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Onaga, KS. She’s pictured with her grandparents, Brenda and Mickey Weiser, and siblings, Lillie, Eli, Gavin, and Stella. She is a member of Branch W074.

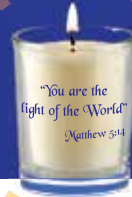


JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT FCSLA LIFE

From time to time, FCSLA Life either has vacancies for current positions or looks to expand its staff to meet our growing needs. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities please contact our HR manager at 800-464-4642 X1076 for more information or email a current resume to hr@fcsla.com.

Message from our National President

CYNTHIA M. MALESKI



To all our wonderful members and friends!

Our August issue showcases our young and vibrant scholarship winners. Over many years, thousands of students from grade school to graduate school have received awards to help with tuition costs. We hope to share in their joy at this critical juncture in their lives.

At FCSLA Life, we have a number of other scholarship and educational opportunities which have been added and have evolved over many years of our 130 years as a fraternal benefit society. They have been featured in *Fraternally Yours* in various issues, such as scholarship opportunities for study in Poland through Polish American Congress Foundation.

During this 130th anniversary year, it is fitting to remind everyone of our partnership with the other Slovak-American fraternal benefit societies in establishing and endowing the Professorship in Slovak Language Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, which was originally created in the late 1970s. Since that time, students have been able to enroll and study at the only university accredited Slovak language course curriculum in the United States. Through prudent use of the funds, the Slovak Studies Endowment provides learning opportunities for regular and

occasional students at the University of Pittsburgh and also through Comenius University, Bratislava, Republic of Slovakia.

Recently, honored to be a guest at the University's Annual Kukucka Lecture, I was able to meet the newly installed Professor of Slovak Studies, Dr. Regina Kamenorova, who welcomed Dr. Mark Stolarik, Professor of Slovak History, at the University of Ottawa, Canada. Dr. Stolarik delivered a fine lecture on the role of Slovak Clergy and Slovak-American fraternal benefit societies in the development and evolution of Slovak-American immigrant life in the United States.

As members of FCSLA Life, we all have various fabulous opportunities to continue learning through the paths that have long been blazed by those who have come before us!

FCSLA Annuity Rates

Rates for our deferred Elite Annuities:

SILVER ELITE (5 YEAR)
2.55% APY*

GOLD ELITE (7 YEAR)
2.85% APY*

PLATINUM ELITE (10 YEAR)
3.20% APY*

***This rate is in effect 7/1/2022 thru 9/30/2022**

The credited rate is reviewed quarterly by the Board of Directors and will never go below the minimum guaranteed rate.

The guaranteed rates on contracts issued July 1, 2022 and later are:

Elite Silver (5 year) 1.25% APY • Elite Gold (7 year) 1.25% APY
Elite Platinum (10 year) 1.25% APY



2022 FCSLA Life Photo Contest

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to current FCSLA Life members.
- Participants must be 18 years of age or older.
 - 18 as of the entry deadline
- Photo must have been taken in 2021 or 2022.

ENTRY SUBMITTAL DEADLINE & ADDRESS

- **Submittal deadline: Friday, October 14, 2022**
- No emailed photos or entry forms.
- Mail to: FCSLA Photo Contest
24950 Chagrin Blvd.
Beachwood OH 44122

RULES and INFORMATION

- * Only one entry per member.
- * Submitted photo must have been taken by member entering it.
 - * A member is someone who holds a current FCSLA policy in their own name.
- * No professional or studio photos. This is an amateur photography contest.
- * Photo may be in color or black & white.
- * Photo must be 4x6, unmounted, and on photo paper.
- * No digitally enhanced photos permitted. Cropping is acceptable.
- * Photo must be accompanied by a completed entry form below.
- * Previously winning photos are not eligible.
- * Do not write on front or back of photo.
- * Entries will be judged on creativity, composition, visual impact,
 - * adherence to category, and photo quality/clarity by non-FCSLA affiliated judges.
- * Decisions are final.
- * Entries without a checked category or more than one checked category will not be judged.
- * Winners will be notified via USPS.



Questions? fraternal@fcsla.com or 800-464-4642 x1051

Categories	Descriptions
Home	Something interesting in your house
Bodies of Water	Lakes, creeks, oceans, puddles – no people
Food	Yum!
Hobbies	A favorite leisure time activity
Close Up	Capturing the details of something or someone up close

Category Prizes

1st Place - \$75.00 Gift Card
2nd Place - \$50.00 Gift Card
3rd Place - \$25.00 Gift Card

Winning photographs will be published in *Fraternally Yours*, on fcsla.com, and on the FCSLA Life social media pages!

All entrants will be acknowledged in *Fraternally Yours*.



2022 FCSLA Photo Contest

Photo with this form must be received by Friday, October 14, 2022.
Please read Contest Eligibility and Rules before submitting photo.

PLEASE PRINT

Name

Branch #

Complete mailing address

Email

Phone

PHOTO CATEGORIES (check one):

☐ Home

☐ Bodies of Water

☐ Food

☐ Hobbies

☐ Close Up

Month & year photo taken

Brief description of photo if separated from entry form

Celebrating A Woman Ahead of Her Time

Paul Smithers, CLU ChFC, National Sales Manager

Every year in August we celebrate Founders Month. This is a celebration of what 9 Slovak immigrant women accomplished 130 years ago. They started the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association of the United States!

Slovak immigration to the New World can be traced as far back as 1695. Slovaks served in the War for Independence and in the Civil War on the Union side. President Lincoln organized a military company called the Lincoln Riflemen of Slavic Origin in 1861.

It wasn't until the 1870s though that Slovak immigration to the United States dramatically increased. This increase was primarily driven by reasons to leave Slovakia and find economic opportunities and freedom in the U.S. A combination of a Cholera epidemic, crop failure and forced Magyarization gave hundreds of thousands of Slovaks good reason to leave!

By around 1880 the number of Slovak women immigrating increased markedly. This was primarily due to Hungarian legislation that required all men under 50 to remain to fulfill military service.*

The first Slovak beneficial society in the U.S. was formed in New York City in 1883, the First Hungarian-Slovak Sick Benefit Society. Soon after several other Slovak fraternal benefit societies were created including First Catholic Slovak Union of America and National Slovak Society in 1890. Then, in 1892, our unique Slovak fraternal benefit society was created.

Originally founded as First Catholic Slovak Ladies Union, FCSLA Life is a unique fraternal benefit society because it was founded by women for the benefit of women. The 2nd half of the 1800s was a time of cultural change. As a result of the modernization and urbanization of America after the Civil War, the role of women in society changed.

The 1890s saw the rise of the 'New Woman', the liberally minded suffragette who valued freedom, independence, and education. Epitomized by Charles Dana Gibson as the 'Gibson Girl',** this lady of leisure and debutante was not our working-class Slovak immigrant

foundress, Anna Hurban, but the social changes affected Anna as well.

The Panic of 1893 caused unemployment rates as high as 18% or more in industrial areas like Cleveland, Chicago and Pittsburgh.*** Most of these immigrant women were married to factory workers who may have lost their jobs or at the very least were facing financial hardships. Many of these women needed to find employment and still provide parental care for their children. Anna Hurban recognized the need for life insurance not only for herself, but for every woman in her community.

Anna was ahead of her time and clearly cared for the welfare of her community. 130 years later FCSLA Life follows in Mrs. Hurban's footsteps with our Mission and Vision statements:

Mission: *We provide financial security to our members while embracing our Catholic values and Slavic traditions.*

Vision: *Be a premier fraternal benefit society that offers quality financial products and benefits.*

Help us celebrate the 130th year of FCSLA Life. For our recommenders and agents: you will receive special recognition from our president, Cynthia Maleski, if during the month of August you sell at least one whole life policy.

For more information about FCSLA Life membership or products, please contact a member of our sales team or call the home office:

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Gibson Girl School Days Image – Case Western Reserve Library-Scribner's Magazine 1899

Gibson Girl Bicycle – Library of Congress LC-DIG-ppmsca-34349-Scribner's Magazine 1895

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Anna Hurban Image – FCSLA.com



Mrs. Anna Hurban



Charles Dana Gibson, "School Days," *Scribner's Magazine*, 1899. Case Western University Library.

The Gibson Girl on a bicycle. Charles Dana Gibson, *Scribner's for June*, 1895. Library of Congress, LC-DIG-ppmsca-34349.

2021 NATIONAL YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER

~ Marissa Jason ~

Finally, after a long delay, FCSLA Life is pleased to announce **Marissa Jason** from Branch S172 (Wilkes-Barre PA) is our 2021 National Youth of the Year award winner! She was nominated by Magdalen I. Iskra, Branch President of S172.

Highlights from Marissa's nomination form – Marissa has a true heart for service in her school and community. In high school, she was president of the Service Club where she led various service projects, such as volunteering at an animal shelter and packing bags for a Thanksgiving food drive. Through the Student Leadership Council, she helped her community's soup kitchen by prepping and serving meals. During the pandemic, Marissa co-directed a virtual Stations of the Cross so her classmates would not miss out on this senior year tradition. Outside of school, she has been an altar server, lector, and kindergarten religious education teacher at her church. For several years, Marissa has been involved with the Peace and Justice Center of Wilkes-Barre. Through the organization, she was a counselor for Peace Camp, a camp that promotes peace, kindness, unity, and friendship for children ages 5-13. She continued this work into college by becoming a member of the Center's Steering Committee and co-chairing the planning of the Winter and Summer Peace Camps. Additionally, Marissa has been actively involved with Branch S172.



Marissa has always been a natural leader. In high school, she was president of the Respect for Life Club, editor on the yearbook staff, commissioner on the Student Leadership Council, and salutatorian of her graduating class. Marissa stepped up at church to become the lead kindergarten religious education teacher when the original lead teacher fell ill. She was also an assistant teacher at her dance studio, assisting in the genres of ballet, tap, and jazz. In her freshman year of college, Marissa took on the role of Freshman Representative of the campus Options program where she planned off-campus

events and represented the views and opinions of her freshman class.

"Marissa always strives to be as involved as possible and is passionate about leadership and service. She is a go-getter and works hard to accomplish her goals and dreams. She is the most determined youth I have met. She strives to be the best she can be in all areas of her life. Despite her many achievements, Marissa is humble and kind. She exudes compassion and care with a subtle sense of humor and a contagious laugh. She is an asset to every activity she is a part of because she leads well and is completely dedicated to whatever she puts her mind to. She aspires to law school. Marissa is a truly exceptional young lady who is bound to achieve great things in life."

Congratulations, Marissa!

Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest in August

Members of the Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest committee are making plans for the 17th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest! It will take place on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (St. Matthias Church grounds) which is at 915 Cornell Street and the corner of Florida Road and Shady Run Avenue on the southside of Youngstown, OH 44502. Once again, there will be a Slovak English Mass before the festival at 10:30 a.m., followed at noon by our festival. We will have wonderful food including a Taste of Slovakia (including pirohy, holupki (stuffed cabbage), and so much more that can be ordered beforehand by calling the parish office (330-788-5082) or bought at the festival, klobasa and sauerkraut sandwiches and much, much more.

There will be our great bake sale and our super basket raffle, along with a money raffle with all prizes being cash. The Del Sinchak Orchestra will play and there will be ethnic displays and vendors with Slovak items for sale. And you can enjoy the wonderful outside setting with tents to provide shade!

The Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest helps to support the education of our children, the Slovak churches, and the Slovak organizations of the Mahoning Valley through helping to preserve the heritage and customs that were brought to the valley by churches, parishes, organizations, and individuals of Slovak heritage. The Slovak community has played a large role in our community's history and this festival pays tribute to that role.

We hope that you all come enjoy this great day with us! We would love to see you!

Days Gone By . . .

This year, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, now known as FCSLA Life, celebrates its 130th Anniversary, providing insurance you can trust since 1892. Throughout this anniversary year, *Fraternally Yours* will feature select stories and photos to remind readers of our long and rich history of providing financial security to our members while embracing our Catholic values and Slavic traditions. Look for additional information on our website www.fcsla.com and on our social media feeds throughout the year.



*Groundbreaking to Dedication of the first
Home Office Building on Chagrin Boulevard, Beachwood, Ohio*







CELEBRATING
130
YEARS

AUGUST IS
Founders Month



Anna Hurban

In honor of the nine courageous immigrant women who founded First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association in 1892, any FCSLA Life agent or recommender who submits at least one (1) of our whole life policy products during the month of August will receive special Founders Month Recognition, presented by National President Cynthia M. Maleski.

Recommenders, including limited license recommenders, must abide by state licensure laws including limits on total sales.

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National Fraternalist of the Year 2022

The National Fraternalist of the Year award is an honor presented to an individual in our society who, through example and accomplishment, has provided outstanding volunteer service to their FCSLA Life branch, church, and community.



GUIDELINES

- Any FCSLA Life member may submit a nominee for this award.
- Nominee must be at least 23 years old (received date will determine age).
- Home Office staff and National Officers are not eligible to be nominated.
- Previous awardees are not eligible.
- A headshot photo of the nominee must be included with the nomination.
- An independent committee will select the winner. Decisions are final.
- Nominations must be received at the Home Office by **Friday, November 4, 2022**.
- The winner will receive \$250 and be featured in *Fraternally Yours*, on our website, and social media pages!



The **nomination form** can be found on our website (fcsla.com) or by contacting the Fraternal Department, 800-464-4642 x1051 or fraternal@fcsla.com.

FCSLA Announces 2022 Scholarship Awards

FCSLA Life is happy to present the winners of our 2022 Scholarship Program. We are so proud and very impressed with the hard work, aspirations, and service of our young members. I want to thank all our applicants for their submissions with some very thoughtful and interesting essays. Award winners were selected based on their academic standing, church and community service, school involvement and essay. We wish all our applicants the best of luck in their educational endeavors. – Paula Dalpiaz, Insurance Manager

Vocational- Technical Trade Awards

\$1,250 Each



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Branch S621



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University of Nebraska
Medical Center
Branch W184



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\$1,250 Each



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ANDREW MUFFLER
Waukesha, WI
Wisconsin Lutheran College
Branch S023

KRISTA M. MURPHY
Kansas City, MO
Park University
Branch S452

College Sophomore Awards

\$1,250 Each



VICTORIA E. CECI
Westland, MI
Eastern Michigan University
Branch S2J0



CAMERON JOSEPH CHALK
Mountain Top, PA
Susquehanna University
Branch U401



REGINA L. DEMECHKO
Copley, OH
University of South Florida
Branch S161

CODY J. GARTNER
Janesville, MN
South Dakota State University
Branch W001



CHRISTINE M. GUIDOS
Ashburn, VA
Kent State University
Branch S156



PEYTON M. HART
Pewaukee, WI
University of Wisconsin – Stout
Branch S376

EMMA M. HEJLIK
Britt, IA
University of Iowa
Branch W051



JOSEPH M. KOSTELAC IV
Dillsburg, PA
Duquesne University
Branch S055



KAYLEIGH C. MIDLOCK
Joliet, IL
University of St. Francis
Branch S053



BRADY NOBLE
Ann Arbor, MI
Western Michigan University
Branch S555



MAGEN R. PETTY
Youngstown, OH
Ohio University
Branch S161



TAYLOR M. PRICE
Brookfield, WI
Chapman University
Branch S376

MARIA ROSE SIMEO
Glen Ellyn, IL
Ave Maria University
Branch S090



VICTORIA A. ZAKOVIC
Roslyn Heights, NY
Pennsylvania State University
Branch S002



ALEXANDRA ZULUAGA
Nazareth, PA
Villanova University
Branch S140



College Freshman Awards

\$1,250 Each



CORA J. ADAM
Minneapolis, MN
Hope College
Branch W093



TIMOTHY P. ALLSHOUSE
Clarksburg, PA
Bucknell University
Branch S088

DANIEL G. BALAS
Sugar Notch, PA
Penn State University
Branch S172



GIANNA M. BARBARO
Orland Park, IL
University of St. Francis
Branch S287



JOSHUA T. BRAUN
West Bend, WI
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Branch S376

LUKE A. BRAUN
Fort Wayne, IN
Ball State University
Branch S180



ELLA C. BRESTER
Sioux City, IA
University of Nebraska
Branch W008



TESSA L. EGERMIER
Papillion, NE
University of Nebraska
Branch W018



NICHOLAS B. GAYDOS
Irwin, PA
Saint Vincent College
Branch S044

DOMINIC B. GEARHART
Carlisle, PA
Catholic University of America
Branch S182

LEONARDO DANTE GIORDANO
Roslindale, MA
University of Massachusetts – Lowell
Branch S010



MICHAEL J. GORDON JR.
Youngstown, OH
Youngstown State University
Branch S161



ANNA E. GROVE
Spring, TX
The University of Texas at Austin
Branch S615



STEPHANIE A. GUMP
Bloomington, IL
Illinois State University
Branch S007



ALINA M. GUTH
Easton, PA
Kutztown University
Branch S038

JUSTIN M. HILL
Pittsburgh, PA
Pennsylvania State University
Branch S200



CLARE T. HORVATH
Saline, MI
Hillsdale College
Branch S278



EVAN J. JURCENKO
Chicago, IL
University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign
Branch S046



LAUREN ROSE KALINOWSKI
Mountain Top, PA
Misericordia University
Branch S038

RYAN JAMES KELLY
Oak Lawn, IL
Branch S287



AUSTIN A. KIGGINS
Mentor, OH
Ohio University
Branch S475

MARY B. KLUEBER
West Chester, PA
Eastern Michigan University
Branch S172



CORISSA E. KOONTZ
Warsaw, IN
Loyola University – Chicago
Branch S081



SAMANTHA J. KOTEK
New Prague, MN
University of Wisconsin –
Stout
Branch W056



STEVEN J. KUKUCKA
Lorain, OH
Bowling Green State
University
Branch S475



JENAVIEVE A. LATORRES
Allentown, PA
Kutztown University
Branch S319



ABIGAIL M. LESKANICH
Streator, IL
Branch S066



ELLA M. LOWRY
Mascoutah, IL
Georgetown University
Branch S081



SAMANTHA L. MISIK
Austintown, OH
Ohio State University
Branch S344



MARINDA MUFFLER
Waukesha, WI
University of Wisconsin –
Milwaukee
Branch S023



RYAN E. NEUHERZ
Wilmington, NC
University of North
Carolina – Asheville
Branch S433



AUBREY A. NOVACEK
David City, NE
Benedictine College
Branch S621

COLE P. ORESIK
Crown Point, IN
Purdue University – Northwest
Branch S289



MILEA MARIE OSMANSKI
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Penn State University
Branch U175

CASSANDRA M. PAVLIK
Sheffield Village, OH
Lorain County Community College
Branch S114

RILEY W. PECINOVSKY
Alexandria, VA
Northern Virginia Community College
Branch W033



JULIA M. PODGORNI
Chicago, IL
University of Illinois
Urbana Champaign
Branch S421



BENJAMIN A. PRANTL
Colorado Springs, CO
Duquesne University
Branch W008



NOAH E. REIST
Airville, PA
Paul Smiths College
Branch S044



KATHERINE E. RHYNE
Wilmington, NC
Appalachian State
University
Branch S180



ELIZABETH L. RICE
Omaha, NE
Kansas State University
Branch W018



PAIGE D. ROBERTS
Garner, IA
Oklahoma State University
Branch W051



JAKOB R. SCHMIT
Pleasant Dale, NE
Creighton University
Branch W184



AUTUMN T. SEKERAK
Bowling Green, OH
Franciscan University
of Steubenville
Branch S141



ANDREW L. SETTER
Kenosha, WI
University of Wisconsin –
Milwaukee
Branch S273



NATHAN E. SMREK
Youngstown, OH
Youngstown State University
Branch S030



LILLI ELIZABETH SVOBODA
Northbrook, IL
Southern Illinois University
Branch W130



RYAN A. SZCZEPANIK
Vermillion, PA
Case Western Reserve
University
Branch S114

ETHAN T. TINDIRA
Broadview Heights, OH
University of Akron
Branch S221



ANNA M. TVRDY
Wahoo, NE
University of Nebraska,
NCTA
Branch W026



NATHAN J. WIEDENFELD
Omaha, NE
Marquette University
Branch W014



CATHERINE ANN WINN
Lanoka Harbor, NJ
Ocean County College
Branch S185



JESSICA M. ZDROJEWSKI
Belle Vernon, PA
University of Pittsburgh
Branch S088

John & Geraldine Gaydos Awards

\$1,250 Each



GREGORY W. FAKULT
Twinsburg, OH
St. Ignatius High School
Branch J386



FRANCESCA L. GOODWIN
Brooklyn, NY
Xaverian High School
Branch J126

Florence Hovanec Memorial Awards

\$1,250 Each



ANNA THERESE ALESSANDRO
Mars, PA
North Catholic High School
Branch J003



ALEXANDER PORDUM
Orchard Park, NY
Canisius High School
Branch S630

High School Senior Awards

\$1,000 Each



ROSARIO ALESSANDRO IV
Mars, PA
North Catholic High School
Branch S013



ANDREW J. BULIC
Rocky River, OH
St. Ignatius High School
Branch S481



AIDAN DEHNERT
Leechburg, PA
St. Joseph High School
Branch S262



LILLIAN G. MACHUSKO
Monessen, PA
Greensburg Central Catholic
High School
Branch S088



SYDNEY ELIZABETH MACKAY
Chagrin Falls, OH
Beaumont School
Branch S176

BENEDICT J. RICE
Omaha, NE
Gross Catholic High School
Branch W018



KOURTNEY REAGAN ULMER
Rye, NY
Sacred Heart Greenwich
Branch U070

High School Junior Awards

\$1,000 Each

JILLIAN A. FEDOR
Chardon, OH
Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School
Branch J458



MARIEL R. HORVATH
Saline, MI
Father Gabriel Richard
High School
Branch J099



SUMMER G. HUDAK
Windsor, OH
Hawken Upper School
Branch J374



ELLA V. MACHUSKO
Monessen, PA
Greensburg Central Catholic
High School
Branch J157



CECILIA A. MATATICS
Scranton, PA
Holy Cross High School
Branch W056



OWEN JAMES MINCHOW
Lincoln, NE
Pius X High School
Branch W055



JACKSON T. TIMONEY
David City, NE
Aquinas Catholic School
Branch W184

High School Sophomore Awards

\$1,000 Each



NATHANIEL W. BRINKLEY
North Richland Hills, TX
Fort Worth Christian
Branch JH00



ISABELLE M. FULTON
Nebraska City, NE
Lourdes Central Catholic
Branch W018



JILLIAN R. JOHNSON
Wahoo, NE
Bishop Neumann Catholic
High School
Branch W026



ANDREW J. MEDUNA
Colon, NE
Bishop Neumann
High School
Branch W013



ISAAC MATHEW MINCHOW
Lincoln, NE
Pius X High School
Branch W055



MATTHEW B. PULINSKI
Buffalo, NY
St. Francis High School
Branch J535



ZACHARY W. STARZYK
Pataskala, OH
Bishop Hartley High School
Branch J339

High School Freshman Awards

\$1,000 Each



ANNA ELIZABETH DUELGE
Muskego, WI
Catholic Memorial
High School
Branch J130

JOSEPH R. FITZPATRICK
Lincoln, NE
Pius X Catholic High School
Branch W055



CATHERINE ROSE FLANNERY
Harrisburg, PA
Bishop McDevitt
High School
Branch J362



ELLE M. GOODWIN
Brooklyn, NY
Xaverian High School
Branch J126



SAMUEL W. GUILLATT
Minneapolis, MN
Academy of Holy Angels
Branch W017



BETHANY THERESE JOST
Wheaton, IL
St. Francis High School
Branch J470



DANIEL A. KELLY
Oak Lawn, IL
Marist High School
Branch J339



WILLIAM J. ROME
Danville, IL
Schlarman Academy
Branch J308



ANNE J. SEJBA
Fairlawn, OH
Archbishop Hoban
High School
Branch J380



MATTHEW R. THULIN
Weston, NE
Bishop Neumann Catholic
Jr. Sr. High School
Branch W013



PATRICK J. WARNER
Fishers, IN
Guerin Catholic School
Branch W018



ALICIA C. PATEL
Painesville, OH
St. Mary of the Assumption
Branch J475



OLIVIA M. PIERCE
Valparaiso, NE
Bishop Neumann
High School
Branch W187



HENRY W. SCHUR
Cincinnati, OH
St. Ursula Villa
Branch J066



GRANT S. SZCZEPANSKI
Sheffield Village, OH
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception School
Branch J198



BRYSON C. MERRELL
Fort Wayne, IN
St. Charles Borromeo School
Branch J257



JACOB P. PELIC
Mount Pleasant, SC
Christ Our King – Stella
Maris Catholic School
Branch J192



MARY E. SOUSEK
Ceresco, NE
Wahoo Bishop Neuman
High School
Branch W017

8th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



JADE M. BARTEK
Wahoo, NE
Bishop Neumann
High School
Branch JH0H



JEREMY A. KLAPP
Westerville, OH
St. Paul School
Branch J143



LIVIA KOZUB
Canton, OH
St. Michael's School
Branch J143

7th Grade Awards

\$750 Each

DAWSON M. DRESDEN
Hartington, NE
Cedar Catholic Jr. Sr. High School
Branch W014



FINN M. GUILLIATT
Minneapolis, MN
Annunciation Catholic
School
Branch W017



ROBERT J. HLADIK III
Sedalia, MO
Sacred Heart School
Branch W018



QUINN E. KREJCI
Elkhorn, NE
St. Patrick's Catholic School
Branch W018



JUSTIN MICHAEL ENGLISH
Wyoming, PA
Good Shepherd Academy
Branch U240

MAURA T. FITZPATRICK
Lincoln, NE
St. Teresa Catholic School
Branch W055



KALINA M. GUDAS
Des Plaines, IL
St. Raymond of Penafort
Branch J083



COOPER T. HLADIK
Sedalia, MO
Sacred Heart School
Branch W018

6th Grade Awards

\$750 Each

ANNAMAE LIN BAKER
Merrillville, IN
St. Michael Catholic School
Branch J184



AVA N. MELFI
Girard, OH
St. Rose School
Branch J257



AMELIA S. ROME
Danville, IL
Schlarman Academy
Branch J308



CONNOR J. WARNER
Fishers, IN
Our Lady of Grace
Catholic School
Branch W018



LUCAS C. WOJTYSIAK
Fallston, MD
St. Margaret School
Branch J342

5th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



HARRISON W. BROOKE
Jacksonville, FL
St. Paul's Catholic School
Branch J192



KENDALL E. COOKE
Sheffield Village, OH
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception School
Branch J198



GREELEIGHT G. FAULKNER
Fremont, NE
Archbishop Bergan –
St. Patricks
Branch W026



CAITLIN G. KAISER
Westmont, IL
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Branch J322

EMMA J. KAVAN

Prague, NE
St. John Nepomucene
Branch W013



LIAM C. KREJCI
Elkhorn, NE
St. Patrick's Catholic School
Branch W018



COLIN M. MASEK
Valparaiso, NE
St. John Nepomucene
Branch W187



AIDEN H. MASTNY
Clarkson, NE
Howells Community
Catholic School
Branch W006



MICHAEL A. STEDMAN
Three Rivers, MI
Immaculate Conception
Catholic School
Branch J348

4th Grade Awards

\$750 Each



EMILY MARIE BOREK
Somerset, PA
St. Peter School
Branch J112



GEORGE J. JORDAN
Lincoln, NE
St. Patrick's Catholic
School – Lincoln
Branch W191



PRESTON M. KOZUB
Canton, OH
St. Michael's School
Branch J143



BRAEDAN C. RYAN
Philadelphia, PA
St. Philip Neri
Branch J362



GRACE J. SZCZEPANSKI
Sheffield Village, OH
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception School
Branch J198

3rd Grade Awards

\$750 Each



MAGGIE V. BROOKE
Jacksonville, FL
St. Paul's Catholic School
Branch J192



ELIZABETH M. HORENSKY
Belle Vernon, PA
Saint Sebastian Regional
Catholic School
Branch J157



HARPER M. MASTNY
Clarkson, NE
Howells Community
Catholic School
Branch W006



OLIVER M. NYTES
New Prague, MN
St. Wenceslaus
Catholic School
Branch W001



HALEY E. WOJTYSIAK
Fallston, MD
St. Margaret School
Branch J342



PRESTON R. PASEKA
Linwood, NE
Aquinas Catholic Elementary
Branch W013



KELBY D. FULTON
Nebraska City, NE
Lourdes Central Catholic
School
Branch W018

2nd Grade Awards

\$750 Each



EMILY T. BRINKLEY
North Richland Hills, TX
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Catholic School
Branch JH00



CAMILLE A. COOKE
Sheffield Village, OH
St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception School
Branch J198

DASHEL X. HOLMES
Louisville, KY
St. Margaret Mary Elementary School
Branch J032



CLARA M. JORDAN
Lincoln, NE
St. Patrick's Catholic
School - Lincoln
Branch W191



RICHARD W. KAISER
Westmont, IL
Holy Trinity Catholic School
Branch J322



MAGGIE A. MIRIOVSKY
Buffalo, MN
St. Francis Xavier Catholic
School
Branch W001



STELLA A. MORANO
Cedar Grove, WI
Divine Savior Catholic School
Branch J196



ZACHARY M. RYAN
Philadelphia, PA
St. Philip Neri
Branch J362



JOSHUA J. STEDMAN
Three Rivers, MI
Immaculate Conception
Catholic School
Branch J348

1st Grade Awards

\$750 Each



WADE ANDREW
Nebraska City, NE
Lourdes Central Catholic
Branch Z356



LUCAS WILLIAM CZESZAK
Palos Hills, IL
St. Gerald School
Branch U385



NICHOLAS R. DANTON
Lowell, IN
Saint Mary's School
Branch J184



ANDREW C. D'ONOFRIO
Cleveland, OH
Holy Family School
Branch J374

ELI J. KAVAN
Prague, NE
St. John Nepomucene
Branch W013



ELOISE E. KAVAN
York, NE
St. Joseph Catholic School
Branch W013



AUGUST S. LOIS
Pewaukee, WI
St. Anthony on the Lake
School
Branch J334



DEAN C. McCLUSKEY
Tallmadge, OH
Holy Family School
Branch J192



HUNTER A. PAPOUSEK
Norfolk, NE
Norfolk Catholic Sacred
Heart
Branch W080



TIMOTHY P. SEJBA
Fairlawn, OH
St. Hilary School
Branch J380



JACK F. WETZEL
Chalfont, PA
Saint Jude School
Branch J219

FCSLALife

National Youth of the Year Award 2022

Do you know of a young member who exemplifies youth leadership and service? Someone who stands out as a role model for others? FCSLA Life has a long history of encouraging and supporting youth, beginning in 1905 with the first life insurance certificates sold for children. We continue the tradition of youth engagement with the National Youth of the Year Award. This is your opportunity to nominate that outstanding young person.

Our young members are the future of FCSLA Life.

GUIDELINES

- Any FCSLA Life member may submit a nominee for this award.
- Nominee must be an FCSLA Life member for at least three years.
- Nominee must be between **12 - 22 years old**. (Received date will determine the age.)
- Family members of Home Office staff and National Officers are eligible to be nominated.
- Previous awardees are not eligible.
- Service projects and volunteerism included on nomination form can only be from 2019 - 2022.
- A headshot photo of the nominee must be included with the nomination.
- Nominations must be received at the Home Office by **Friday, November 4, 2022**
- An independent committee will select the winner. Decisions are final.
- The winner will receive \$250 and be featured in *Fraternally Yours*, on our website, and social media pages!

The **nomination form** can be found on our website (fcsla.com)
or by contacting the Fraternal Department, 800-464-4642 x1051
or fraternal@fcsla.com.



REPORT OF THE FCSLA NATIONAL TREASURER

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 2022

ASSETS

Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 19,084,908
Bonds	1,075,240,788
Preferred Stock	2,251,515
Common Stock	8,109,503
Investment Income Due & Accrued	14,554,624
Property Plant & Equipment, Net	4,555,132
Certificate Loans & Accrued Interest	1,900,828
Other Assets	680,482
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,126,377,779

LIABILITIES

Life Reserves	\$ 307,576,616
Annuity Reserves	683,321,732
Death Claims Payable	2,492,464
Unearned Premiums	445,856
Matured Endowments	354,501
Provision for Dividends Payable	1,400,000
Accumulated Dividends & Interest	5,011,482
Accrued Convention Donations	375,000
Provision for Future Conventions	437,442
Asset Valuation Reserve	12,765,896
Interest Maintenance Reserve	416,390
Other Liabilities	2,170,700
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,016,768,080
Surplus	\$ 109,609,699
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS FUNDS	\$ 1,126,377,779

INCOME STATEMENT

For the Third Month Ending March 31, 2022

REVENUE

Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,131,932
Annuity Premiums	14,480,261
Investment Income	12,608,797
Amortization of Interest Maintenance Reserve	18,432
Rental Income	102,240
Other Revenue	24,815
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 28,366,477

EXPENSE

Increase in Reserves — Life	\$ 480,616
Increase in Reserves — Annuity	8,879,712
Insurance Benefits	2,482,631
Annuity Benefits	11,879,580
Commission Expense	393,923
Surrender Benefits	696,961
Matured Endowments	(5,390)
Interest Expense	103,205
Salaries — Employees	181,901
Tax Expense	15,092
Underwriting Expense	15,196
LIFE AND ANNUITY EXPENSES	\$ 25,123,428

Revenue Less Life and Annuity Expenses

Bank Service Charges	\$ 3,243,049
Data Processing Service Fees	36,548
Accounting Fees	83,341
Actuarial Fees	29,528
Legal Fees	67,930
Consulting Fees	23,505
Employee Benefits	3,111
Fees — Directors	179,238
	47,984

Salaries — Employees	371,371
Salaries — Officers	161,638
Temporary Office Expenses	41,189
Tax Expense	50,508
Depreciation Expense	57,810
Utility Expense	31,931
Postage and Printing	57,331
Advertising & Marketing	11,881
Travel Expense	9,151
Insurance Department Fees	19,116
Sales Expense	35,198
Rental Expense	102,240
Building Expense	41,833
Insurance Expense	12,195
Office Equipment & Supplies Expense	34,417
Dues & Subscriptions	15,201
Human Resources	12,683
Other Expense	837

SALES & OPERATING EXPENSES

\$ 1,537,714

Revenue Less Sales & Operating Expenses

\$ 1,705,335

Post Mortem Benefits	447,118
Misc. Member Benefits	13,862
Donation Expenses	21,760
Change in Accrued Convention Donations	37,500
Convention Expenses	43,761
Branch and District Funding	183,999
Fraternal Activities	67,938
Official Publications	148,934
Scholarship Awards	127,625

DIRECT FRATERNAL EXPENSES

\$ 1,092,497

Income (Loss) from Operations

\$ 612,838

Dividends to Members

346,879

Subtotal Income (Loss)

\$ 265,959

Capital Gains (Loss)

(6,508)

NET INCOME (Loss)

\$ 259,451

PLEASE NOTE

FCSLA Life is a trade name and service mark of First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association of the United States of America. Our association has not changed its legal name which remains First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association of the United States of America.

We have adopted and may use FCSLA Life as a trade name for our organization and as a mark for services that we render.



Do you
like to raise awareness and money for charities?
Are you
a good organizer who likes meeting new people?
Interested in
making a difference in your community?

Why not become an FCSLA Life branch officer!

The following branches are looking for new officers. To be an officer, you must currently be a local member in one of these branches, at least 22 years old, and a Principal member. If interested, contact the Fraternal Department - fraternal@fcscla.com or 800.464.4642 x1051 by 9/16/22.

S038 Wilkes-Barre, PA
S041 Baltimore, MD
S074 Bethlehem, PA

S202 Campbell, OH
S267 Nanty Glo, PA
W028 Pisek, ND



Easy Summer Dishes

CREAMY CUCUMBER SALAD

- ½ cup Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar granulated
- ¼ teaspoon salt or to taste
- ½ teaspoon pepper or to taste
- 2 English cucumbers seeds removed, sliced
- 1 small red onion sliced thin
- ¼ cup dill fresh, chopped
- ½ cup feta cheese

Mix the yogurt, mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, salt, and pepper in a bowl and set aside.

Add the cucumber, onion, dill, feta, and dressing to a large bowl and toss until well mixed.

ZUCCHINI CRAB CAKES

- 1 large zucchini grated (2 cups)
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Old Bay Seafood Seasoning
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1 cup plain dry bread crumbs
- ½ pound backfin crabmeat
- 1 to 2 tablespoons vegetable oil divided

Squeeze dry zucchini in a large clean kitchen towel. Mix egg, onion, mayonnaise, Old Bay, mustard and parsley in large bowl until well blended. Add zucchini, bread crumbs, and crabmeat; mix well. Shape into 8 patties about ½ cup each.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in large nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add 4 of the crab cakes. Cook 3 minutes per side or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Keep warm. Repeat with remaining patties adding additional oil if needed.

BLISTERED CHERRY TOMATO TOAST

- ¾ cup whole-milk Greek yogurt (or Ricotta)
- ½ teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon kosher salt, plus more

- 2 tablespoon (or more) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 1"-thick slices sourdough bread
- 4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 lb. cherry tomatoes

Oil-packed anchovy fillets, chopped chives, and balsamic glaze (for serving)

Stir yogurt, lemon zest, lemon juice, and ¼ teaspoon kosher salt in a small bowl to combine.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a medium skillet over medium-high. Toast bread, turning halfway through and adding more oil if pan looks dry, until golden brown and crisp, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to plates.

Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same skillet. Cook garlic, stirring, until fragrant, only about 30 seconds. Add tomatoes and cook, stirring occasionally, until blistered and starting to soften, about 3 minutes. Smash tomatoes with spoon and continue to cook until they have released some of their juices and are beginning to collapse, about 2 minutes more. Season with kosher salt.

Spread yogurt mixture on toasts; spoon tomatoes over. Top with anchovies and chives, drizzle balsamic glaze over top.

ARTICHOKE & SUN-DRIED TOMATO PASTA

- 1 (12-ounce) box bow tie pasta
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- ½ red pepper, diced
- ¾ cup oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained
- 1 cup artichoke hearts, drained well and coarsely chopped
- ½ cup black olives, sliced
- ½ cup basil, chopped fresh
- Parmesan cheese

Cook the pasta as directed on package.

Sauté the minced garlic in olive oil over medium heat until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the red bell pepper and allow to heat for another 2 minutes.

Add the sun-dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts, olives, and basil and allow to cook until heated through, stirring frequently, for

about 2 to 3 more minutes. Do not over-cook, as you'll lose the good fresh flavor from the basil.

Add sundried tomato.

Toss with the cooked pasta and serve with Parmesan cheese.

STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

- 8 ounce fresh spinach washed and drained
- 1 cup strawberries cut in small pieces
- 5 cocktail tomatoes cut in quarters
- 1 red bell pepper cut in thin slices

Dressing

- 1½ teaspoon Dijon mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3 tablespoon olive oil

In a large bowl mix the spinach, strawberries, tomatoes and red pepper.

To make the dressing, whisk together the dressing ingredients in a small bowl.

Before serving pour the dressing over the salad and toss well.

MARGARITA CAKE

- 1 package lemon cake mix
- 1 package instant lemon pudding mix
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup water
- ½ cup frozen lemonade concentrate
- 4 large eggs
- 2 tablespoon triple sec
- ½ cup tequila

Tequila-lime glaze

- 1½ tablespoon tequila
- 1 tablespoon triple sec
- ¼ teaspoon zest of a lime
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1¼ cups powdered sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and grease and flour a bundt pan.

In the bowl of a mixer, combine the cake mix, pudding mix, vegetable oil, lemonade, water, eggs, triple sec and tequila and mix for 5 minutes at medium speed.

Pour the batter in the bundt pan and bake for 45 minutes to an hour or until done, use a toothpick in the center, if it comes out clean, it's done.

While the cake is baking, make the glaze.

Add all the glaze ingredients in a bowl and whisk them well, if it needs to be a bit thicker, add more powdered sugar.

Let the cake cool on a wire rack for about 10 minutes, and then remove it from the bundt pan and let it cool completely.

Pour the glaze over the cake and serve.



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