



# The Navigator

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport

P.O. Box 31, Newburyport, MA 01950

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Starboard Galley

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## Club presents annual ACE Award – via Zoom

By Stuart Deane

As we continue to cope with the threat of the corona virus, we have been forced to conduct our meetings and programs of service virtually, through the use of Zoom. And so it was that we presented our annual ACE (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) Award scholarship on June 2. Our second scholarship for community service in memory of Past President Tony Fusco will be presented on June 9, also over Zoom.

Receiving our ACE Award, in memory of Maria Iacono, wife of Past President Ben Iacono, was Angela Patric of Newburyport High School. She was in “attendance” with parents Bill and Dawn Patric.

Angela (right) has dealt with social anxiety and assorted phobias throughout her school career but has persisted despite these difficulties to excel in school and theater and will be attending Clark University in Worcester to major in psychology on the tentative path to becoming a child psychologist.

As an example of the steps along the way, Angela’s mother told the story of a chance meeting with a tiny rescue puppy that gave Angela the courage to overcome a phobia of dogs, including a Great Dane in the same veterinarian’s office.

“She’ll look a problem right in the eye now,” said her mother, “and say, ‘I’m going to do this.’”

All three Patric family members expressed their gratitude for the scholarship and their



admiration for the work done by the Exchange Club.

### Schedule

- June 9: Zoom scholarship presentation of “Anthony J. Fusco Community Service Award”
- June 16: Installation of officers by new District President Sharon Birchall of the Lawrence Club, also on Zoom
- June 23: Program Development Meeting