



EAST HARTFORD BRANCH YMCA

NIKKI M. GIAMPOLO 'IN SPIRIT, IN COURAGE' AWARD

This award, in memory of Laurel East Hartford YMCA swimmer Nikki Giampolo, will be presented annually to a LEHY team member who best fulfills the award criteria. The award is to honor the memory of Nikki and her accomplishments. While swimming for LEHY, Nikki qualified for, and attended numerous state championship meets as well as the YMCA New England championships, and was continuously among the top female breaststrokers in the state. She competed at the Eastern Zone meet twice, representing both Connecticut and the East Hartford YMCA. Nikki also achieved the qualifying times required to compete at the YMCA national meet. Nikki passed away January 1, 2002 after a courageous battle with bone cancer. Both before and during her illness she had a profound impact on the lives of numerous children and families associated with the LEHY program. She touched us all and we are better for knowing her. Everyone she came in contact with admired her attitude and her courage in the battle she faced.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY:

- Actions and behaviors of the nominee should reflect the YMCA Core Values of **Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility**.
- The nominee should demonstrate fair play, respect for others, courage, and a commitment to swimming.
- The nominee must be a currently participating East Hartford YMCA swimmer.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE:

Family members, swimmers, or coaches may submit nominations. The nomination form must include a letter of support, stating specific reasons for the candidate's nomination. The attached nomination form details the specific information that should be included for each nominee.

Nomination forms must be completed and returned to Kaeley in one of two ways:

Email: Kaeley9@comcast.net

OR

Snail Mail:
Kaeley Steinnagel
697 South End Rd.
Unit #23
Plantsville, CT 06479

By Friday, March 1, 2019

Notes:

- The Nikki M. Giampolo “In Spirit, In Courage” Award can only be given once to any individual. Individuals may be nominated any number of times.
- The award will be presented at the LEHY Annual Banquet and represented at the YMCA annual meeting. The recipient and his/her family will be the guests of the branch board of managers for the dinner and program. A perpetual plaque will hang in the YMCA lobby with the recipient’s name and the year the award was given. The recipient will also receive a personal award.
- The swimmer DOES NOT need to be a senior in high school to receive the award.

Past Winners

- 2002 Jennifer Morgan
- 2003 Carly Huffman
- 2004 Emily Johnson
- 2005 Eric Jackwin
- 2006 Jamie Francis
- 2007 Chelsea Heneghan
- 2008 Courtney Bogue
- 2009 Andrew Jackwin
- 2010 Mitchell Cook
- 2011 Jonathan Burr
- 2012 Steven Geier
- 2013 Kaitlyn Thomesen
- 2014 Rachel Dziatko
- 2015 Marysia Borucinska- Begg
- 2016 Alyssa DiFiore
- 2017 Tegan Ruschmeier
- 2018 Maura Stewart and Anthony Meglin

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NOMINATION FORM

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NOMINEE

Name:

Address:

Town:

Phone:

NOMINATED BY:

Name:

Address:

Town:

Phone:

Please attach the appropriate required documentation as per the nomination procedure. Information in the following areas should be provided for each nominee. Please feel free to attach additional pages as necessary.

YMCA Core Values. Please explain how you feel this nominee best adheres to the Y values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility

Educational Factors (This may include copies of recent grades, school awards received, special recognitions, after school program participation, etc):

Extra-curricular Activities (This could include volunteer work, community service, charitable organizations, etc):

Courageous Efforts (This category is for documenting any significant efforts put forth by the nominee):