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## **Summit High School student Ellen Carpinelli wins 12<sup>th</sup> annual NJCTS Children's Scholarship Award**

The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS) is proud to announce Ellen B. Carpinelli as an honorable-mention recipient of the 2013 NJCTS Children's Scholarship Award, which this year is being given in honor of the late Dr. Nathan Weiss and his contributions to the organization.

Carpinelli, who is graduating from Summit High School, was selected for her academic achievement, community service and accomplishments as an individual with Tourette Syndrome – an inherited, misunderstood, misdiagnosed neurological disorder that affects 1 in 100 children.

Carpinelli's award essay was titled "Tourette's is a Part of Me, Not All of Me," and her list of activities is extensive and impressive. Carpinelli has given her time to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, Breaking Boundaries and the Continuo Arts Foundation Choir, and has participated in Summit's Key Club, Breast Cancer Club, Walk to End Alzheimer's and Walk Now for Autism. She also has been an active member of the Our Lady of Peace and Saint Theresa of Avila youth groups.



NJCTS congratulates Carpinelli – who will attend Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia in the fall – on her achievements and wishes her continued success in her academic and career endeavors.

Since 2001, the NJCTS Children's Scholarship Award has been awarded to more than 200 outstanding high school seniors in the state of New Jersey who have excelled in their schools, communities and lives – representing themselves as excellent advocates for Tourette. Dr. Weiss, President Emeritus of Kean University who passed away April 9, was a longtime friend and trusted adviser to NJCTS. To learn more about the scholarship program and other 2013 winners, or discover other NJCTS programs, please visit [www.njcts.org](http://www.njcts.org) or visit the [Teens4TS blog](#).

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