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Bishop Ahr High School student Lauren Francis wins 12th annual NJCTS Children's Scholarship Award

The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS) is proud to announce Lauren C. Francis 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.

Francis, who is graduating from Bishop George Ahr High School in Edison, 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.

Francis' award essay was titled "A Bright Future is In Store for Me," and her list of activities and achievements is extensive and impressive. Francis, of Iselin, has been a member of her school's Star Program, Italian Club, Student Council, Pro-Life Club and Spanish Club. She also was a varsity cheerleader for four years and was a vibrant participant in the St. John Vianney youth group, the Christian Social Action Club and Hope For Animals – all while also working regularly at the Club at Woodbridge.



NJCTS congratulates Francis – who will attend Monmouth University this 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 or visit the [Teens4TS blog](#).

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