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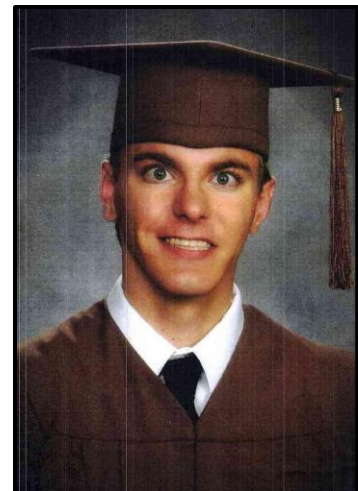
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## **Cherokee High School student Robert O’Hearn wins 12<sup>th</sup> annual NJCTS Children’s Scholarship Award**

The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS) is proud to announce Robert F. O’Hearn 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.

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

O’Hearn’s award essay was titled “Tourette: A Sudden Struggle,” and his list of activities is impressive. O’Hearn is an Eagle Scout, having been with the Boy Scouts of America since 2006. He also has volunteered his time with the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life and Voorhees Children’s Regional Hospital. At Cherokee, O’Hearn participated in the school’s racing association, French Club, Students Movement Against Cancer, Animal Welfare Club, Yearbook Club and Support Our Soldiers movement.



NJCTS congratulates O’Hearn – who will attend Marist College in New York this fall – on his achievements and wishes him continued success in his 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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