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Pedestrian/Traffic Safety Suggestions Snag Scholarships for Two High School Students

Jack D’Andrea – Senior, Shoreham-Wading River High School

James Rourke – Senior, Elwood John H. Glenn High School

Hauppauge, NY (June 9, 2023): The New York Coalition for Transportation Safety (NYCTS) awarded the 2023 Lowell Wolf Memorial Scholarship to Jack D’Andrea from Shoreham-Wading River High School and James Rourke from Elwood John H. Glenn High School. Each student received a \$1,000 scholarship for their winning essay. Students had to view the main intersection near their high school, take photos, and observe pedestrian and traffic patterns and comment on any safety hazards and offer solutions to make the intersection safer for all road users. The scholarship winners were announced at the 2023 Walk Bike LI Summit held June 8, 2023 at Farmingdale State College.

The Lowell Wolf Memorial Scholarship honors the life of Lowell Wolf who was an educator with NYCTS and an advocate for pedestrian safety. Read the winning essays [here](#).

According to national and state data, the Long Island region has one of the highest rates of pedestrian injury/fatality in the state with many of our roads deemed “death corridors.” Teens and young adults are among one of the more vulnerable demographics when it comes to pedestrian/traffic safety. This scholarship seeks to raise awareness among this demographic about the dangers of unsafe roads and unsafe pedestrian/motorist behavior through New York State law-based education.



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About [New York Coalition for Transportation Safety](#) and [Walk Safe LI](#)

Walk Safe Long Island (WSLI) is a pedestrian and cyclist safety campaign that aims to teach Long Islanders about walking and biking safely through law-based education. WSLI is overseen by the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety with assistance from the Long Island Health Collaborative. Efforts funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with a grant from the New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee.

Photo: Cindy Brown, Executive Director, NYCTS and scholarship recipient Jack D’Andrea. Scholarship recipient James Rourke was unable to attend.