

Georgie Smigel Group Real Estate Scholarship

Growing up and living in Cranberry Township has been a gift that I truly appreciate. The countless opportunities that my community has provided, from my early childhood to emerging adult years, is something that I am so thankful for and have not taken for granted. The access to great schools and education, numerous athletic programs and activities, and opportunities for employment, along with a community of amazing people, has made a great impact on my life—one that not many communities are able to offer.

The opportunities that I had growing up is a huge reason why I love my community and have so much pride in it. As a young kid who wanted to try almost every sport and activity that I could, Cranberry Township provided the ability for me to try new things and find what I was passionate about. Whether it was the many years that I played baseball and soccer or only the few seasons that I played basketball, football, and hockey, the organizations and top-notch facilities in my community made these experiences something that I really enjoyed. Through these programs I was able to meet so many great people, who are now some of my best friends, and learn valuable life lessons such as commitment, discipline, and teamwork that I will use for the rest of my life.

The schooling that my community has provided is another thing that has made a tremendous impact on my life. The educational opportunities given by Seneca Valley are some of the best in the area and have helped prepare and develop me as a person. The amazing teachers that I have had throughout my schooling have built my knowledge, guided me to be the best student I could be, and prepared me for post-secondary education. Additionally, the variety of

rigorous courses such as advanced calculus, physics, and computer sciences classes as well as technical classes like robotics and engineering have allowed me to pursue my interests and challenge myself in the classroom. Seneca Valley has also allowed me to continue my passion of sports through cross-country and track and field and given the opportunity to give back to my community through clubs such as National Honor Society and Key Club.

Beyond these things, the employment opportunities that I have had working within Cranberry has further strengthened my appreciation for the community. My job at the Cranberry Township Waterpark as a concessions crew leader and working at the SVBSA concession stands has helped me develop professional skills that I can use in future careers. Employment in the township has also let me serve families in the community and given me a way to contribute and make Cranberry even better.

Overall, the benefits I have had from living in my community have prepared me for the next chapters of my life and will always be a place that I am truly thankful for.