

Troop 27  
Eagle Scout Court of Honor

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Troop 27 of Shelton recognized four Eagle Scouts in a Court of Honor at Huntington Congregational Church. Mayor Mark Lauretti presented the Scouts with a proclamation congratulating them for their achievements.



*Left to right: Vincent Gallucci, Alexander Harris, Ryan Damilowski and Kevin Richard*

***Alexander Harris***

Alex is the son of Gordon and Linda Harris of 35 Medowridge Rd., Shelton. Currently Alex is enrolled at the University of Hartford pursuing a major in Cinema and a minor in Music. He is currently in the honors program and participates in various groups and clubs.

Alex graduated Shelton High School with High Honors, including membership in the National Honors Society, The Spanish National Honors Society, and receiving a SCC award for Academics, Leadership, and Sportsmanship. He participated in the American Legion's Connecticut Boy's State. High School activities included: Drama Club, Spanish Club, The Mock Trial Team, The Renaissance Club and Film Club. He was president of the film club and also helped direct a play for the Renaissance Fair. On the sports segment he was briefly involved with the lacrosse team. He has been studying music for the past five years, specifically piano, guitar and voice.

Alex is involved with his Church Youth Group and volunteered in helping cook meals for Spooner House and Ronald McDonalds House. He also volunteered in building new homes for Habitat for Humanity. Alex participated in a religious conference at Sliver Lake helping create a musical about several chapters of the Bible. [Eagle Scout Service Project Description](#)

Alex implemented a plan to establish the *Vial of Life* for the city of Shelton. The Vial of Life is a national non-profit organization that allows medical personnel to receive vital medical information quickly and efficiently in any home emergency.

Alex received much support and help in accomplishing his project. Special thanks is due to Jason Perillo and Joe Laucella of Shelton EMS for their organization and support, Betty Wallis for assisting him in distributing the vials at the Views at Long Hill, Guy Beardsley for organizing distribution at the Farmers Market, Barbara Grisgraber for helping reach out to the local churches, Bob Bohannon for coordinating the distribution for meals on wheels, and Scoutmaster Bob Mingrone for help in organizing his [project report](#).

### ***Kevin Richard***

Kevin is the son of Paul and Gail Richard of 22 Woodsend Ave., Shelton.

Currently Kevin is applying to various Universities hoping to major in Mechanical Engineering or Physics.

A total of 21 merit badges are required for Eagle Scout while Kevin has surpassed that requirement earning a total of 44 merit badges.

He is a senior at Shelton High School, member of the National Honor Society, Captain of the Boy's Swim Team, member of the Italian Club, Ultimate Frisbee Club, Track Team and secretary of the Ski and Snowboard Club. Kevin participated in the American Legion's Connecticut Boy's State. He has been taking lessons and playing base guitar for the past four years.

Kevin is a member of St. Joseph's Youth Group, and a participant in Relay for Life. Last summer he was a staff member at Camp Strang, Boy Scout Camp as a waterfront instructor teaching swimming and assisting in teaching lifesaving merit badges. He has also attained the rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt and is an assistant karate instructor.

#### Eagle Scout Service Project Description

Kevin refinished the basement stage area of his church, at Saint Joseph's Parish in Shelton. This project was a benefit to the church in that it now enables the church to conduct two masses at the same time one in Spanish and one in English to accommodate our diverse community. This area is also utilized to accommodate the overflow of parishioners during the religious holidays, and can also be utilized to host guest speakers.

Kevin would like to thank the following: Carroll's Home Improvement for subsidizing some of the cost for supplies needed to refinish the floor. Mr. Michael Zahornacky, President of Excello Tool Engineering and Manufacturing Co. who re-plated, refinished, and restored the cross stand. The project would not have happened without the help and guidance of Father Chris Walsh and Robert Mingrone and the parishioners of St. Joseph's for their donations.

### ***Vincent Gallucci***

Vinny is the son of Chuck and Mary Gallucci of 351 E. Village Rd., Shelton.

Currently Vinny is attending Housatonic Community College majoring in Science and also involved in the drama club.

He graduated with Honors from Shelton High School and involved in many clubs including the Drama Club, Italian Club, Renaissance Club, Film Club, Ultimate Frisbee

Club, and on the Mock Trial Team. Due to his academic success in his language class he was granted a semester of Japanese at Yale University. In the sports arena he was on the swim team and track team. Throughout High School Vinny has been involved in many theatrical and musical plays which include Adaptations, Renaissance Club plays, and the greatly renowned Spring Musical. He has been playing guitar for the past two years.

As a Webelos Cub Scout he was granted the honor of being the key note speaker at an award ceremony for Mayor Lauretti and at this ceremony Vinny received The Good Scout Award. Vinny also took part in the Mayor for a Day Program in which he learned much about our local government.

#### Eagle Scout Service Project Description

Vincent rebuilt the garden area at the Shelton Historical society. The garden frame was rebuilt with pressure treated wood and the walkway that crosses through the center of the garden was reset. This project will preserve the local historical value of the museum.

Vinny would like to thank Island Sand and Gravel of Shelton Ct. for supplying stone dust and a monetary donation, Dew Drop Donut Shop of Shelton and J&N Enterprise of Monroe.

#### ***Ryan Damilowski***

Ryan is the son of Walter and Mary Damilowski of 29 Longfellow Rd., Shelton.

Ryan is currently attending Housatonic Community College with the intent on transferring to Southern Connecticut University or University of Connecticut majoring in either Computer Science or Electrical Engineering.

Ryan graduated and attended both Shelton High School and Bridgeport Regional Vocational Aquaculture School taking advanced science and technological courses. The Aquaculture school gave him a unique learning environment of going out on the schools research vessel to building his own boat and fishing pole in which he actually used. He participated in the Ultimate Frisbee Club, Ski and Snow Board Club, Film Club, Guitar Club and was also a volunteer in the Renaissance Club. He is also fond of music and plays both guitar and base guitar.

#### Eagle Scout Service Project Description

Ryan, lead the effort to bleach and clean the headstones at Shelton's historical Long Hill cemetery. This project honors some of the founders of Shelton by making their headstones legible once more.

For Ryan's project, He would like to thank Mr. Firlotte and Mr. Hanover from Aquarion Water Company for loaning a water truck to rinse the stones. For food donations he would like to thank, Dew Drop Doughnuts and Stop & Shop of Shelton. He would also like to thank Mr. Peter Borrelli and Mr. Martin Coughlin for their assistance and guidance with the project.

All Four boys came up through the ranks of Cub Scout and Webelos of Pack 27. They all also plan on continuing their Scouting Career in Venture Crew 2727.

Troop 27 would also like to thank John Zaleski and Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home of Ansonia for donating the Court of Honor reception cake.