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MARK J. FITZSIMMONS  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## **Mark J. Fitzsimmons Memorial Scholarship Fund awards inaugural scholarship**

*New \$1,000 scholarship awarded for the first time to Varsity Girls Lacrosse senior*

**NEW BEDFORD** – Today, board members of the Mark J. Fitzsimmons Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded its first scholarship to Lauren Clapper in the amount of \$1,000 at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School’s J. Walter Janiak Field House.

This is the first scholarship awarded by the MJF Memorial Scholarship committee in honor of late Boys Varsity head coach Mark J. “Fitzzy” Fitzsimmons. Mark’s wife Rebecca and Voc-Tech Bears Varsity Girls Lacrosse coach Sarah Hartley also participated in the event.

Lauren, a New Bedford resident, played varsity lacrosse and soccer for the Bears. She’s a graduate of the Nurse/Health Assisting program and plans to attend Curry College this fall to pursue a career in nursing.

**About Mark J. Fitzsimmons Memorial Scholarship Fund** – [The Mark J. Fitzsimmons Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in memory of Greater New Bedford Regional Voc-Tech High School student-athlete and Varsity Boys Lacrosse coach Mark J. “Fitzzy” Fitzsimmons. All officers serving on the organization’s board and scholarship committee are Voc-Tech graduates who played lacrosse under Fitzsimmons, wishing to honor his memory as a coach and mentor.

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