



Scholarship Application Number (For office use only) _____
 Initials: _____ Date and Time Received: _____

The Matt Carrao Memorial Scholarship

DUE: March 30, 2018
OPEN TO: BDCHS Seniors

Matt Carrao was an educator who made a difference in the lives of his students. Whether on the soccer field, in the computer lab, or just around campus, Mr. Carrao was someone to whom students gravitated because they knew that he genuinely cared about them and wanted them to succeed. Struggling with mental illness was a part of Mr. Carrao’s identity that only those closest to him knew of, and many people were therefore shocked when he took his own life at the age of 42 in May of 2017. Millions of people struggle with mental illness in silence and even shame, and the stigma associated with such illnesses can exacerbate already devastating conditions. It is the hope of the Rinard family to not only honor our friend and the great man he was and the legacy of excellence he left behind, but to also encourage a dialogue about mental health. The scholarship is a one-time \$500 cash award, and we encourage the recipient to utilize the funds to create an environment in his/her new college residence that will foster and encourage comfort and peace during the transition to life away from home.

Section A: Personal Information

Name	
Date of Birth	
Mailing Address	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

Section B: Parent/Guardian Information

Name(s)	
Email Address(es)	
Phone Number(s)	

Section C: Academic Information

Grade Level	
State GPA	
District GPA	
Number of Logged Community Service Hours	
Scholarships Already Awarded	
College Acceptances (Please list names of schools)	
College of Choice	

Section F: Teacher Recommendations

Please have two teachers submit letters of recommendation to Mrs. Harris in Student Services.

Section E: Signatures

"I certify that all information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section F: Essay

In an essay of between 500 and 700 words, please discuss your own views regarding how mental health is regarded and/addressed in our society. You may choose to write an objective argument that puts forth a specific position, or you may write a personal narrative based on your own experience. This should not be an expository essay in which you define or otherwise explain a specific mental illness or policy related to mental health.

Your essay must be typed, double-spaced, in MLA format. Please write the title of your essay in the space below and center it on the first page of your essay. Do not put your name on your essay. Please submit this form and your essay to Mrs. Harris in Student Services.

Essay Title