

2023 Giovanni Vitrano Memorial Scholarship

Business Partner Opportunities



Interested? Contact Ron Vitrano

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Making an Impact



Ethan Stewart 2022 Scholarship Winner

"When I first got the call to varsity my sophomore year Gio was the first person to come to me. He really taught me that in soccer, your team is family and you can't really have anything like that so being able to receive a scholarship that's in memory of Gio is awesome. It means I have a part of him that's always going to be with me."



Ron VitranoGio's Dad & Foundation President

"These are great high school students, athletes, pillars of the community. To be able to help out a little bit, I think that's the key. It helps ease the pain of what happened. Giovanni died six and a half months ago, but to watch these young students and athletes walk away with these awards, it warms my heart."



Maddie Kopka

2022 Scholarship Winner

"It's really competitive here.

Everyone who's in it is a great
soccer player... and it's an honor to
win out of all those people."

NEWS COVERAGE



WCTV Covers Inaugural Giovanni Vitrano Memorial Scholarship Awards Banquet

JUN 4, 2022

WCTV's Ryan Kelly came out to cover our annual awards banquet, and profilied



Class of 2022 Scholarship Winners Announced

JUN 1, 2022

We are pleased to announce the winners of our inaugural Giovanni Vitrano Memorial...



Tallahassee Democrat profiles the Giovanni Vitrano Memorial Scholarship

MAR 5, 2022

March 5, 2022 - The Tallahassee Democrat profiled the Giovanni Vitrano Memorial...

The Giovanni Vitrano Scholarship

Class of 2022 Scholarship Winners





Alejandro Alonso - \$5,000 Scholarship Winner

Alejandro is the second family member to graduate high school and will be the first to attend college. He was the Secretary of the Gasdsen Future Farmers of America. A Second-Team All-Big Bend midfielder, Alejandro holds a 3.6 GPA and plans to attend Florida State University to study Criminology.



Maddie Kopka - \$1,000 Scholarship Winner

Madeline is the 2022 All-Big Bend Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Maddle overcame physical challenges to show perseverance to become an elite soccer player in our area. She holds a 3.9 GPA and plans to continue her playing career at Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C.



Ethan Stewart - \$1,000 Scholarship Winner

A 2022 Big Bend-All Star on Leon High School's soccer team and former teammate of Giovanni Vitrano, Ethan held a 3.9 GPA. He has signed to play soccer at Southwestern Assemblies of God University while studying Children's Ministry.







The Foundation was formed in 2022 following the tragic death of Tallahassee native Giovanni Vitrano in November 2021. Upon his death it was clear through family, friends and the local community that Giovanni had left an impact on Tallahassee during his 20 years. Their love, support and generosity is what led to the start the Giovanni Vitrano Foundation.

Giovanni loved soccer. He was a goalkeeper for 4 years at Leon High School and played many years of club soccer while growing up. The night before he passed he even sat on the Leon Soccer teams bench to cheer them on. Leon H.S. honored him by raising a banner for the remainder of the season that read "We play for Gio."

So naturally we started a scholarship for local soccer players in the Tallahassee area. This past June the GV Foundation didn't waste any time making an impact. We awarded 3 local soccer athletes with scholarships totaling \$7,000. Gadsden's Alejandro Alonso, Sail's Maddie Kopka and Leon's Ethan Stewart were our 2022 winners.

THAT'S NOT ALL

 The "Gio Cup" will kick off the 2022 H.S. Soccer Season this winter with Leon, Chiles, McClay and Lincoln all battling it out. Soccer will be followed by a battle of the local bands concert. We will teaming with Lions United to help raise money for both charities.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

This year our goal is to award \$12,000 in scholarships to 3 student athletes. Attached is all the information about partnering with the Giovanni Vitrano Foundation.

Help join us in changing lives and making a difference right here in Tallahassee!

Sincerely,

Ron Vitrano - Giovanni's Dad

President of the GV Foundation



2022 SPONSORSHIPS

GOLD DONOR - \$5,000

- Business/Company Logo on front page of gvscholarship.org along with inclusion on our sponsorship page with a link to your company website.
- (2) 4x8 company banners on display at 2022 Gio Cup & Concert
- 4 Passes to the 2022 Gio Cup
- 2 Tickets to the 2022-23 Giovanni Vitrano Foundation Awards Banquet

Banner to be displayed at any additional events host by GV For	undation
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