Patricia Murphy Scholarship

The Patricia Murphy Scholarship is a 100% tuition assistance grant for one school year awarded annually in the spring for the subsequent SCC school year, to a deserving female Seton Catholic Central (SCC) student. This Scholarship recognizes students who exhibit the values of academic achievement, leadership, strong work ethic, participation in at least one junior varsity or varsity sport, and involvement in the Catholic Church and local community.

The Scholarship is named in honor of Patricia Murphy. Mrs. Murphy, as a teacher, coach, and mentor, was a driving force for girl’s high-school athletic opportunities at the advent of Title IX, and long thereafter. She laid the foundation upon which the SCC girls’ athletic program was built. It has been said that great teachers, with consistency and passion, move the minds of their charges along a path, prepare them for their journey and lead them toward their future. This is the legacy of Mrs. Murphy. With patience and consistency, she taught her athletes the virtues of hard work, fair play, integrity, compassion, loyalty, respect, and sportsmanship. She also enhanced their lives by showing them the importance of a sense of humor, self-control and self-respect. Her words and actions demonstrated to her athletes the eternal importance of faith in themselves and each other. As many of her former athletes can attest, Mrs. Murphy has left an indelible mark on the lives of many.

Mrs. Murphy served as a faculty member at Seton Catholic High School (Endicott) and later at SCC where she taught Physical Education, Health, and Human Sexuality & Parenting. She was also a Guidance Counselor and Athletic Director (1986-1996). She coached girls’ basketball, soccer, and softball. In basketball, her team won 4 S.T.A.C. Championships and 5 Section 4 Championships and her soccer teams were sectional finalists twice and champions 5 times.

She has contributed to the athletics in Section 4 by helping to develop girls’ high school sports beginning in 1970. She is past president of Section 4 and served the Southern Tier Athletic Conference as the league’s Associative Executive Secretary (1977-1992). She has been the chair of Sportsmanship and Ethics Committees in Section 4 since 1990 as well as representative to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee. She has served as chair of Section 4’s Life of an Athlete Committee since 1987 and is co-chair of NYSPHSAA Life of an Athlete Committee.

In 2013 she was inducted into the Catholic Schools of Broome County “5-0” Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2015 she was inducted into Section 4 Hall of Fame. She has been a tireless worker for, and the champion of, sportsmanship, ethics and gender equity in athletics.

The Scholarship will be awarded to a female student who meets the following criteria:

* Currently enrolled at SCC
* Applicant must be in good academic standing
* Participates in one or more junior varsity or varsity sports
* Demonstrated commitment to SCC sports
* Indication of strong work ethic and service to the school and community
* Demonstrated leadership skills
* Performs a minimum of 20 hours of community service each year

Selection Process:

Each applicant will submit a one page essay on what athletes and being part of a team means to her.

Final Scholarship Award decision will be made by Mrs. Murphy (or her designee).

Patricia Murphy Scholarship Application

Please return completed application and essay to the high school Guidance Office by **Wednesday, May 1st**.

Student Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (2018-19):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**J.V and/or Varsity Level Athletics (Please list all participation since 7th Grade):**

**Sport:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Level:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**School Involvement (Clubs & Extracurricular Activities):**

**Club Grade Level(s)**

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**Community Service/Volunteer Work (Minimum of 20 hours required):**

**Organization Hours Grade Level(s)**

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**Essay (one page typed):** What do athletics and being part of a team mean to you?