

## **Award Honoree – Ignatian Award, Young Alumnus**

The Ignatian Awards, initiated by the Alumni Association's Awards Committee, commend the accomplishments of Le Moyne College's alumni and friends, embodying the philosophy of St. Ignatius and the core principles of Jesuit education. The Ignatian Award for Young Alumnus/Alumna recognizes graduates from the last 10 classes whose service to Le Moyne reflects the spirit of Robert F. Grewen, S.J., a dynamic and dedicated former president of Le Moyne College. This award is presented during Reunion and/or Golden Reunion Weekend.



### **Most Recent - Ignatian Award, Young Alumnus Patrick Wiese '14**

"I may never run again but I can smile every day," are the words at the top of the Patrick Wiese Foundation webpage. They are also the words by which the organization's namesake lives. As a senior at Le Moyne in 2014, Patrick Wiese was thriving. Life was good and the future was bright. A talented outfielder, ...

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A talented outfielder, Patrick had just been elected captain of the Le Moyne College baseball team after being named to the conference's first team and the region's second team as a junior. He'd also been selected to play in the Valley Baseball League and the New England College Baseball League; the chances of a professional baseball career looked promising. Then, surprisingly, came a devastating diagnosis: osteosarcoma, a rare bone cancer, followed by total knee replacement surgery and six months of chemotherapy. Dashed were the hopes of a professional baseball career. Patrick always played every game as if it were his last; he left the field knowing that he had given his all.

Patrick went on to complete his bachelor's degree in communications in 2014 and received the Le Moyne College Athletics J.J. O'Brien, S.J., Male Senior Athlete of the

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Year Award, the Northeast-10 Man of the Year Award, and the TD Ameritrade Fan's Choice Award. His story does not end there, though. Not even close. Patrick's diagnosis inspired him to found the Patrick Wiese Foundation. Its goal is to ease the financial burden that many cancer survivors and patients face by offering tuition scholarships, defraying educational costs and more. To date, the Foundation has raised over \$300,000.

After a career in marketing and sports information, Patrick decided to share his gifts and talents with young men and women at Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, where he is currently a math teacher and varsity baseball coach. His motto is: "Do what you love every single day."

### Past Recipients

Previous Award Winners	
1994	James R. Leonard '86
1995	Christine M. Broader '87
1996	Todd L. Corley '91
1997	J. Edward "Ted" Gullo II '92
1998	Thomas R. Hoffman '87

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1999	R. Christopher Errico '90
2001	Frank P. Casaine '91
2002	Janice Gates Kelly '92 Jonathan J. Kelly '92
2003	Rose Docteur Boyton '93 Craig J. Doan '98
2004	Laura B. Clift '94 Michael R. Miller '99
2005	Janet Buggle Harris '95 J.C. Whipple '95
2006	Ryan J. Barker '01
2007	Mary Pat (Hanley) King '97 Brian White '97
2008	John Peters '03

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	Mike Ondrejko '98
2009	Michael Amabile '99 Margaret Burke '04
2010	Meegan Michalak '00
2011	Barbara McHugh '01
2012	Gabriel Bol Deng '07
2013	Brian Moore '03 Keith Shults '03, PA '12
2014	Carissa Barillaro Miles '04, M.Ed. '09
2015	Amanda Miles '10
2016	Kristin B. Dupre '06, Ph.D.
2017	Andrew S. Lunetta '12

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2018	Kelsey E. Woodrick '13
2019	Adrienne L. Graves '09, G'14 Timothy J. Hammond '09, MBA '10
2020	Marissa Rae Roberts '10
2021	Christina J. Nicolais '11
2022	Kayla Burt '17
2023	Kathleen Iles '13 (posthumously) Veronica Ung-Kono '18
2024	Patrick Wiese '14