

## **Isabella Lagatta** \$2,000 Past President's Scholarship \$7,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

Isabella's incredible passion for reading and writing has driven many of her successes both inside and outside the classroom. Her senior year, she took AP Literature, AP Latin 4 and Journalism 3. Excelling in all of these classes, she also won the National Latin Exam Silver Award.

Isabella wrote for the HI's Eye and managed the website and social media. She eloquently wrote in her college essay of her love of reading and how reading evokes a feeling of accomplishment and fosters discipline. For her Girl Scouts Gold Award Project, Isabella shared her love of reading by collecting 3500 books and soliciting donations to set up a library for an inner-city school. The school's principal wrote that the project has forever changed the school for the better. In addition to receiving the Gold Award, she received the Girl Scout Heart of NJ Change Maker Award and President's Volunteer Service Award.

Isabella is also an Equestrian on a highly ranked team as well as is a Junior Instructor and Hunt Club Second Lieutenant. She is a member of the WHS Concert Choir and won the National Federation of Music Club honor all four years of high school. She is a Library volunteer and Teen Book reviewer, performs on various service projects through her church, and is a member of the Latin and Book Clubs at WHS.

Her guidance counselor wrote about how friendly, thoughtful, and kind she is. He went on to say how honest and respectful she is, and her optimism and determination helped her handle both struggle and success during her high school years. Isabella will be attending Skidmore in the Fall and would like to get her master's degree and become a writer or journalist. We are excited to follow Isabella's future endeavors!