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**April 13, 2022 – Sandusky** – Fifteen applications were received from Bellevue, Edison, Norwalk, Norwalk St. Paul, Perkins, Sandusky, Sandusky Central Catholic and Vermilion High Schools. Zonta Club of Greater Sandusky is pleased to announce the following students as recipients of the club’s 2022 High School Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. The monetary award along with a Certificate of Recognition will be presented to the recipients during Zonta’s Annual Scholarship and Installation Banquet in May.

Kathleen R. May, daughter of Keri and John May of Sandusky, a Senior at Sandusky High School. Kathleen’s honors while attending SHS include Principal’s Honor Roll; Captain’s Award, Coach’s Award and MVP Award for Varsity Golf; Sophomore Leadership award in A Capella Choir; OMEA District Honors Choir; ACT 30 Point Club; 30 Quality Point Club; National Honor Society Secretary/Treasurer. Community and high school activities include Boys and Girls Club; Impact Leadership Seminar; Ohio Model United National Council/Vice President; Ohio Leadership Institute Leadership Training Conference; A Capella Choir (86<sup>th</sup>, 87<sup>th</sup>, 88<sup>th</sup>) Librarian (10) and President (12); SHS Choral Dept Musical; SHS Varsity Golf/Captain (12); Sandus-Keynotes and Bell Choir; Superintendent’s Executive Leadership Academy; SHS Drama Club; Unified Students of Sandusky; SHS Global Internship Experience; SHS Academic Challenge Team. Kathleen plans to attend Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI or University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, majoring in Secondary Education and Mathematics.

Alexa E. Samstag, daughter of Elizabeth and Jason Samstag of Huron, a Senior at Sandusky Central Catholic High School. Alexa’s honors while attending SCCHS include All Conference, All District, Offensive MVP and Captain for volleyball; set six school records in volleyball; Homecoming Queen; Student of the Month by Lions Club, Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club. Community and high school activities include volunteer at Firelands Hospital, Red Cross and Northshore Volleyball Club; volleyball, cheerleading, Team Leadership Corps, National Honor Society, National Arts Honor Society, House Group President, Smile Support Squad. Alexa plans to attend Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, majoring in psychology and neuroscience.

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Abigail E. Stein, daughter of Denise and Roger Stine of Norwalk, a Senior at Norwalk St. Paul High School. Abigail’s honors while attending SPHS include 1<sup>st</sup> Honors (9-12); Academic Letter (9-12); Most Improved (9) and Coach’s Award (11) in Varsity Track; First Chair Clarinet (9-12) Marching and Concert Band; Band Secretary (10-12); Class Secretary (12). Community and high school activities include Eucharistic Minister (11-12); Altar Server (9-10); Kairos Team Leader (11-12); Steubenville Youth Conference (9,11, 12); Souls4Souls Shoe Drive (12); Drug Free Clubs of America (9-12); Norwalk Area Food Bank (9-12); Class Act Dance Studio; National Honors Society (11-12); Volleyball; Cross Country; Northshore Volleyball Club; Prom Committee; Pep Band. Abigail will be attending Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, majoring in BioChemistry.

Elle L. Whelan, daughter of Brandy Whelan and Conor Whelan of Sandusky, a Senior at Sandusky High School. Elle’s honors while attending SHS include Perfect Attendance Award (9-12); Scholar-Athlete Award (9-12); Principal’s Honor Roll (9-12); set school record for pole vault; Most Improved Award in track; Captain’s Award in swimming (11-12); All-American Academic Award for swimming. Community and high school activities include 4-H Club/President; volunteering with American Red Cross, visiting homeless shelter, Victory Kitchen, OHgo, Serving Our Seniors; 3-sport athlete in Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Track and Varsity Swim; Student Council/Vice President; National Honor Society; Global Internship Program; Superintendent’s Leadership Academy. Elle will be attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, majoring in Energy Engineering.

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