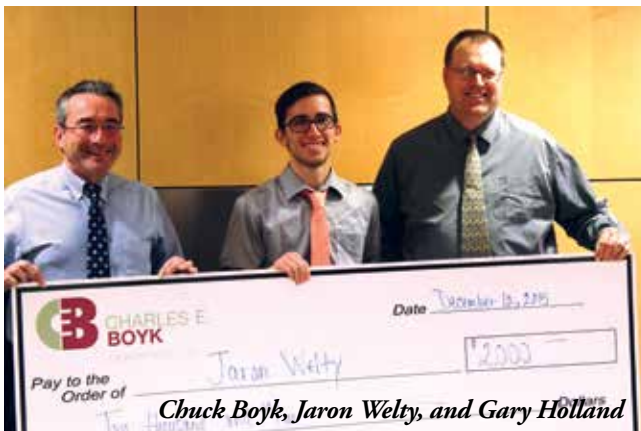


# The BOYK BULLETIN

## BGSU Student Pays Tribute To Army Veteran Step-Father, Wins \$2,000 Scholarship From Boyk Law



*Chuck Boyk, Jaron Welty, and Gary Holland*

Jaron Welty, a Marketing Major at Bowling Green State University, was awarded the first annual Boyk Law Veteran Scholarship at BGSU's Student Union last month, earning him a \$2,000 check to put toward tuition.

Jaron is the step-son of U.S. Army Desert Storm Veteran Gary J. Holland of Bluffton and Jaron won the scholarship partially based on his moving tribute to his step-dad, who has raised Jaron since he was a toddler.

In his application essay, Jaron wrote:

"My step-father has been around since I was at least two years old, so he is essentially my dad. That fact alone has impacted me immensely. Him stepping up and taking care of my mom

and me showed me that taking responsibility is more than the right thing to do. He showed me that taking care of others is the highest form of service. I learned from my dad how important respect is. Respect for other's walks of life, respect for authority and most importantly, respect for yourself. My dad was able to show me all this and more and I could never show to him how much I truly appreciate all of this."

As part of our Military Messages campaign, we created the U.S. Veteran Scholarship contest for college students as part of our continued commitment to the service men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their continuing education.

The Veteran Scholarship was worth \$2,000.00 and was aimed at students currently attending an accredited college or university, who have either served in the Armed Forces or are the children of a U.S. Veteran.

"We wanted this scholarship to give students not only the opportunity to pursue higher education, but also to encourage them to stop



and think about the Veterans who have helped them along the way," said Attorney Chuck Boyk. "We received applications from all over the country and as a BGSU grad, I am proud to see it go to someone at Bowling Green State University.



*Gary Holland during his Army years in the 1990's*

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# TPS Proud: Student Thanks Teacher For His Dedication To Class Even While Battling Cancer



Joe Boyle & Jacob Cloyne



Robert Lawson and Rob Baither

Many of us find the daily grind of work and school tiring or overwhelming at some point in our careers. But for Waite High School teacher Joe Boyle, the challenge of the mundane is welcomed.

When Joe was diagnosed with terminal Stage 4 kidney cancer in 2011, he did not let it stop his drive to continue running, continue teaching, and continue connecting with his students who clearly respond to his efforts. He gained national media attention on CBS's *Today Show* for his clever way of teaching his children about his cancer and subsequent treatment by mirroring Captain America. He continues to take those same lessons into the classroom.

That is why his student, Jacob Cloyne, created a video about Mr. Boyle in nomination for Teacher of the Month.

On November 24, 2015, Boyk Law visited Waite High School as part of our TPS Proud program to recognize November's Student and Teacher of the Month winners and also to thank the students for creating a record 58 videos on why they appreciate their teachers. Mr. Boyle was named TPS Proud's Teacher of the Month and was surprised with the nomination video made by Jacob as well as with a \$150 Visa gift card.

"He really gives all of his everything to class," Jacob said. "He literally goes above and beyond, even after chemo, whether he's on his medication or

whatever. He goes to all of the schools, too, so it's not even just Waite. He takes time out of his week to visit everybody because he does a distance learning class. The amount of effort he puts into his job makes my job as a student a lot easier. [He taught me] Don't let the little things bother you – just worry about the big picture and keep striving towards your goals."

The same day, Student of the Month winner and Waite Senior Robert Lawson was recognized for his hard work in trying to gain admission into the United States Air Force Academy, a competitive endeavor that few from Toledo even attempt.

Robert's teacher Rob Baither nominated him for his contributions to class and unwillingness to give up.

"He is a wonderful student," Mr. Baither said. "I find that Robert is the type of student that has great integrity and is extremely insightful. He is the sort of student that makes teaching a pleasure."

The TPS Proud Student and Teacher of the Month contest is a joint effort between Toledo Public Schools and Charles E. Boyk Law Offices, LLC. Each month, one teacher and one student from one of TPS's high schools will be awarded with a \$150 Visa gift card. Stay tuned for winners from next month's school, Toledo Technology Academy, and be sure to visit [www.TPSProud.com](http://www.TPSProud.com) to hear the inspiring things that student have to say about their teachers.

## RECIPE:

# Aunt Jenny's Restaurant-Style New England Clam Chowder

*When it's too cold to leave your house, whip up this easy soup that can be ready in less than an hour.*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 4 slices of thick-cut bacon
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, finely diced
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 3 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup vegetable stock
- 2 (6.5oz) cans chopped clams OR ¾ pound fresh clams, juices reserved
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 russet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 cup half and half
- Salt and pepper to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Heat a large stock pot over medium-high

heat and cook bacon until crispy, approximately 6-8 minutes. Remove bacon and add butter, garlic, and onion. Cook 2-3 minutes before stirring in thyme.

2. Whisk in flour until mixture is lightly browned, about 1 minute. Gradually whisk in milk, vegetable stock, clam juice, and bay leaf. Cook, whisking constantly, until thickened, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in potatoes.

3. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are tender, about 12-15 minutes.

4. Stir in half and half and clams until heated through, about 1-2 minutes. Serve immediately, garnished with bacon crumbles.





# A Dad's Tribute To His College-Bound Daughter

By: *Chuck Boyk*



*Sarah Boyk*

When your kids play sports, there is nothing better than watching them compete to the best of their ability. Going to our kids' games is what my wife, Joann, and I look forward to doing every weekend.

Every dad likes to brag a little bit. My daughter, Sarah, a senior at Maumee Valley Country Day School in Toledo, was voted first team All-State and first team All-Northeast Ohio in high school field hockey for the second year in a row.

Sarah co-captained the Maumee Valley Country Day School Hawks, the smallest school in the one division in Ohio for high school field hockey. She was a forward and the leading goal scorer for her team all four years of her high school career. She ended her senior season at Maumee Valley as the all-time leading scorer for goals (77), career

assists (28), and is the record-holder for total goals in a single season (29). Her high school career was wrapped up at the Ohio Senior All Star game where she tallied two goals and an assist to lead her team to a 3-0 victory.

Sarah's formidable passion on the field, but is also an incredibly dedicated student. Every parent hopes that their kids take school seriously, which can be difficult for athletes to do while balancing practice, conditioning, and games. Not only does Sarah continue to carry a challenging academic course load, her senior year has also been spent thus far as co-president of student council and co-editor of the student newspaper. Sarah also continues to challenge herself and improve her field hockey game by being a member of the Pinnacle Field Hockey Club, a travel team based in Ann Arbor, Michigan coached by former U of M coach, Nancy Cox.

As a member of the Pinnacle Club, Sarah participates in Midwest spring league games, college playdates, national tournaments across the country, and in both winter and summer training. When she's not, she's either running or at the gym.

It will be bittersweet when Sarah leaves in the fall to attend Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts to continue her field hockey career and pursue her dream of a future in medicine. Sarah's interest in Smith College was piqued on a college visit with her older sister, Emily (now a sophomore at Wellesley College in Massachusetts), during Sarah's freshman year of high school. After an exhaustive (and exhausting!) college selection process, Sarah has chosen Smith College as her college home.

Our whole family has been privileged that Sarah has had such outstanding coaches that mentored her in sports and in life. Sarah is indebted to her youth soccer coach, Jorge Diaz, for teaching her the thrill of hard work and dedication to her sport. Terri Herrmann, Sarah's high school coach, provided endless encouragement and support. Coach Nancy Cox of Pinnacle taught Sarah the finer skills and strategy of the game of field hockey, as well as the importance of strong cohesive teamwork and having a strong voice as a woman on and off the field.

I want to congratulate Sarah on a job well done and I look forward to watching her compete in Massachusetts whenever I can. Great job, Sarah.

## CASES OF INTEREST: JANUARY 2016

### Mother of Two Hospitalized With Traumatic Brain Injury After Expressway Car Accident

Our client was driving on the expressway when another driver pulled out from the shoulder of the road, causing a serious car accident. The mother of two was rushed to the hospital where X-rays, MRI's, and CT scans showed bulging discs and a traumatic brain injury. The head injury has affected her ears, caused slurred and slowed speech and the need for speech therapy, in addition to a nearly month-long hospital stay. Our client is still off of work as she continues to undergo medical treatment with a physical therapist, psychologist, neurologist, orthopedic surgeon, and otolaryngologist (ear, nose, and throat doctor).

### Backseat Passenger Undergoes Surgery After Serious Auto Accident

Three of our clients were driving on I-75 when they were rear-ended with such force that their car flipped. The backseat passenger spent five days in the hospital after undergoing surgery to repair a broken neck. She is under the care of a home health nurse and her neurosurgeon continues to keep her off of work more than two months after the accident as she continues physical therapy. The front seat passenger sustained a head injury and severe back strain, while the driver suffered a concussion, chest wall and hip contusions, and back strain.

### Man Struck Head-On While Driving, Spends Four Days In Hospital

Our client is facing months of recovery after another driver went left of center, causing an accident that left our client with two crushed vertebrae and facial lacerations. The head-on impact knocked him unconscious and he was rushed to the hospital where he spent four days recovering. He is still under medical care almost two months after the accident as he manages his pain from the wreck.



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## January's Raving Fan of the Month

We asked client Amanda K. what it was like working with the attorneys and staff at our office and this is what she had to say:

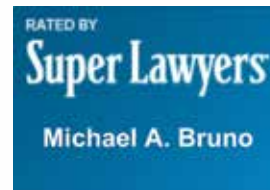
**“One of the things I truly appreciated about working with Boyk Law was that THEY called ME with updates. I never had to call to see what was going on with my case and they were always really helpful and kind, especially after the car accident. They went out of their way to make sure my expectations were being met throughout the case and they got me more money than I was expecting. The settlement was above**

**and beyond what I thought it would be and I appreciated the fact that they went the extra mile to get me more money. I would highly recommend them to anyone. Thanks, Chuck Boyk!**

Thanks, Amanda, for the kind words! If you'd like to tell us about your Boyk Law experience and be featured in a video testimonial, call Anneke at 419-241-1395, email her at [marketing@charlesboyk-law.com](mailto:marketing@charlesboyk-law.com), or visit [www.boyklawclientsurvey.com](http://www.boyklawclientsurvey.com) today!

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