

## Francis Maloney Memorial Scholarship Recipient 2019

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MERIDEN, CT – The Francis Maloney Memorial Scholarship is offered to perpetuate the memory of Meriden’s beloved Senator Maloney in the belief that it will encourage young men and women of outstanding ability to emulate Senator Maloney’s character. It is earnestly hoped that recipients of the scholarship will be inspired to give service to their city and their country in the chosen field of work in such measure as to bring honor to themselves and their community, as did Senator Maloney. This year’s Francis Maloney Memorial Scholarship recipient is Alexa Papallo.



Alexa is the daughter of Tony and Mary Beth Papallo. Alexa was born and raised in Meriden, Connecticut, and attended Thomas Hooker Elementary School, Washington Middle School, and will graduate on June 7<sup>th</sup> from Francis T. Maloney High School.

Alexa has taken honors classes from freshman year through senior year as well as Advanced Placement and an Early College Experience (ECE) class. She has been recognized with Distinguished Honors all four years and will graduate in the top 10 percent of her class with a 4.2 cumulative grade point average.

Alexa has worked hard in the classroom, on the court, and on the field, and has received many honors recognizing her strong work ethic. As an underclassman, Alexa was recognized with an award in World Language and in Science, recognized as a member of the Central Connecticut Conference All-Academic Teams for soccer, basketball, and softball, selected as a *Record-Journal* Athlete-of-the-Week for basketball, All-Conference for soccer and softball, and selected to participate in the Junior Select softball game. Alexa received her license as Certified Nursing Assistant and is a member of SKILLS USA. Her team placed 1st junior year and 2nd senior year in the Health Knowledge Bowl during the state SKILLS USA Competition. Alexa is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the Italian National Honor Society.

To date as a senior, Alexa has been captain of the Maloney Spartans varsity soccer and basketball teams and one of two senior leaders on this year’s softball team. She has been recognized as part of the Central Connecticut Conference All-Conference team for Soccer, *Record Journal* All-Area Team for soccer, *Record Journal* Scholar-Athlete for basketball, Central Connecticut Conference All-Academic Teams for soccer, basketball, and softball, and recognized as a New Haven Tap Off Club Scholar-Athlete for basketball. Alexa has recently been named Central Connecticut Conference All-Conference and All-State for softball and she has been selected to participate in both the Scholar-Athlete Classic softball game and the Connecticut High School Senior All-Star softball game.

Alexa will graduate as the only female three-sport, four-year varsity student-athlete from the Class of 2019. She has earned 12 varsity letters.

Alexa has been a member of the Italian Club for three years and the Interact Club for one year. She has been very active in the Athletic Leadership Council for four years and this year was named as one of the

Senior Advisors. This year, Alexa has also held an internship in the Athletic Director's office. Alexa has a total of 138 community service hours and she has enjoyed volunteering for many local organizations such as the Connecticut Baptist Home, Ed Walsh Little League, Jack Barry Little League Golf Tournament, Meriden Rotary Club/CT Humane Society Dog Walk, Maloney High School's Be Fit Event, Maloney High School Summer Bridge Program, the Maloney High School Freshman Orientation, and she was an ambassador for the Unified Sports Championship Tournament.

Alexa will be attending Springfield College in the fall where she will study Health Sciences toward her doctorate in Physical Therapy.