

Japheth Michael Andrew Williams

Memorial Award

Japheth was the fourth of five brothers that attended Newfane Central School. He was an energetic young man who was voted most talented and most talkative by his peers in 1996. He loved sports, primarily football; and music, both instrumental and voice. Among his several awards was the New-Wil-Ran sportsmanship award, given in his senior year. Also in his senior year he participated in an extra-curricular, music performance (Spirit of Youth) group that toured Western New York. While in this group Japheth was selected as the "All American Boy", the boy that best exemplified spirit, fairness, and the American way.

Japheth could go from being a bruising center on the football team to dancing across the stage in makeup and tights in one of the several high school musicals he was in.

Japheth's most redeeming quality however, was his passion for fairness. Japheth felt that people should be allowed to express themselves and live the way they felt was normal for them. In short he was anti-bullying before anti-bullying became a popular catch phrase. He would stand up to bullies and defend the bullied even if that meant facing down friends and peers. In his mind fair was fair; there were no shades of grey.

Japheth's family would like the awarded individual to be the boy or girl that best exemplifies a person of strong character who participates in sports and music while holding average or better academics.

Ron, or Doreen Williams

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\$100.00 cash award