

Harry J. Giacometti Memorial Scholarship



Harry wore many hats:” Harry” to Jo, his wife of over 60 years; “Dad” & “Nonno” to his family and “Rego” to his sisters and longtime friends, “Mr. Giacometti” to his students & co-workers. When asked to describe Harry most often heard were a gentleman, incredibly kind, thoughtful, caring witty, charming, well mannered, an inspiration.

Harry was especially proud of his three sons: Joseph (a retired head of the Respiratory Dept at CMC which later became Geisinger), Charles (deceased), a lawyer and sports agent and Harry, a lawyer with a large Philadelphia law firm. They were raised with respect, love, a strong Christian background, the value of a good education and a work ethic that Harry and Jo exemplified. “My eight grandchildren are my pride and joy” Harry would often say to anyone who could hear him.



Harry Giacometti began his career as an accountant with the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. After moving back to the area he continued his business career as an auditor. He later became an educator teaching business education and later Spanish. He also served as Spanish Club advisor and took his students on many trips all related to Spanish. His tenure here was filled with success and many fond memories. He also served as business administrator and cafeteria manager, expert and successful with all the hats he wore at Wyoming Area. Many of his students kept in touch with him and one traveled quite far to attend his funeral.

As cafeteria manager his culinary skills were well known; as a teacher he was a wonderful role model for his students. One of his former Wyoming Area High School Spanish students, Kim Keiper Cardone,



thanked Mr. Giacometti: "one of my all-time favorite high school teachers" and further described him this way when she recently said: "Thank you for your endless patience in the classroom as we struggled w/conjugating verbs. And finally thank you for leaving a permanently, enduring mark on my high school memory book that took me decades beyond high school. I am forever grateful for that."

Another former student of Mr. Giacometti's, Leo Lulewicz, added: "So sorry to hear about the passing of a mentor, a colleague and a dear friend. He made a difference in the lives of many who had the pleasure of being his acquaintance. A wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother & friend. You will be missed by many."

Mark Butchko, another former student, added: "Whenever I make paella, I explain to my son how to make it but I also add so many of the things I learned from Senor Giacometti in Spanish class, making and loving paella among them."



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Harry had great faith and displayed random displays of kindness often. After his retirement he served as a volunteer at Wesley Village showing up weekly to help out with bingo games and becoming involved with the residents showing them kindness, caring and concern.

CRITERIA for SELECTION: It is the hope of his family that the applicants for this award which was first offered in 2019 will come to know Mr. Giacometti through this scholarship. Through his example he encouraged his children and grandchildren and all the students who passed through his classroom to be kind, caring and to do well. In his memory Harry's wife and children are offering this \$500 scholarship to a Wyoming Area graduating senior who will be attending a 4 year college or university. All majors will be considered.

REQUIREMENTS: In a solid essay of at least 500 words, choose one of the following and tell the selection committee your thoughts. Identify your choice in the first line of your essay.

1. Mr. Giacometti was revered and respected by many of his students, tell us what makes you respect a good teacher. How has such a teacher impacted your life?
2. Mr. Giacometti loved teaching. Tell us about something you enjoy doing? Be specific.
3. Mr. Giacometti was a wonderful positive role model for his students. Tell us about a situation where you were a positive role model and what was the outcome?
4. Mr. Giacometti was a kind, caring person. He encouraged his children, grandchildren and the many students who passed through his classroom to be kind, caring and to do well. Who has played a similar role in your life and cite examples of how this has impacted your behavior.