



12th Annual
Character
Celebration

Awarding Ethics in Action

Wednesday May 2, 2018

Amarante's Sea Cliff
62 Cove Street, New Haven, CT 06512

"Ethics in action creates character."

Event Program

Welcoming Address..... Dr. David B. Wangaard
President of the School for Ethical Education

Giving Thanks..... Monsignor Ernie Esposito

Dinner Service

Laws of Life Awards..... Deni Nakonecni
Laws of Life Program Coordinator

Essay Reading..... Kathy Tran
Ansonia High School

Academic Integrity PSA Awards..... Deni Nakonecni
Integrity Works PSA Program Coordinator

Academic Integrity PSA Screenings..... Griswold High
The Williams School
Fairfield Ludlowe

John Winthrop Wright *Ethics in Action*

Award Introduction..... Peter Donovan
Chairman of The School for Ethical Education

Awardee Introduction..... Mickey Herbert
President & CEO of the Bridgeport
Regional Business Council

Ethics in Action Awardee

& Keynote Speaker..... John R. Ciulla
President & CEO of Webster Bank

Closing Remarks..... Dr. David B. Wangaard

2017-2018 John Winthrop Wright *Ethics in Action* Award



John R. Ciulla

President & CEO of Webster Bank

The *Ethics in Action* Award recognizes a business or community leader who demonstrates a commitment to ethics and character in their leadership. Mr. Ciulla is widely respected for his commitment to ethics in his personal and professional life.

As noted by one colleague, John Ciulla has “the moral compass needed to succeed and do the right thing when no one is watching.” Another observer of Mr. Ciulla’s career has testified, “He is a man of incredible integrity and moral character; a man who can be trusted to always do the right thing; to make decisions that advance the greater good as opposed to his own self-interests.”

Mr. Ciulla joined Webster in 2004 as senior vice president for Middle Market Banking and has held several executive management positions with increasing responsibility, including as chief credit risk officer from 2008 to 2010. He was promoted to executive vice president and head of Middle Market Banking in 2011, to head of Commercial Banking in 2014, and to president in 2015. Ciulla became the third CEO in Webster’s 82-year history in January 2018.

Prior to joining Webster, Ciulla was with The Bank of New York, most recently as managing director. He practiced law in New York as an associate with McDermott Will & Emery and Hughes Hubbard & Reed. Ciulla also serves on the board of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) and is the immediate past chairman. In addition, he is a member of the board of the Business Council of Fairfield County. Ciulla earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and history from Williams College, an MBA from the Columbia Business School, and a law degree from Fordham University School of Law.

2017-2018 Laws of Life Essay Finalists

Rachel Antonelli My Achilles Heel: Humility to Accept Help
RHAM High School

Reagan Baker The Importance of Love and Forgiveness
St. Timothy Middle School

Rachel Brooks Optimism
Christian Heritage School

Kristin Cavalieri Fighting Fear with Hope
RHAM High School

Joanna Czaja Respect: View Everyone as Equals
Flood Middle School

Alessandra Good Compassion: A Day in His One Shoe
Northwest Catholic High School

Ryan Micari Service: A Social Responsibility
St. Timothy Middle School

Emma Pantscheko Perseverance: Tomorrow will Always Come
RHAM High School

Artemis Raftopoulos Adaptability: A Journey through Different Worlds
King Philip Middle School

Kathy Tran Family, Faith and Love: A Simple Man's Values
Ansonia High School

2017-2018 Integrity Works! PSA Contest Finalists

Kristen Burroughs

Success

Griswold High School

Alex Bowdler, Colin Madaus, Timothy Nessel

The Choice

The Williams School

Katie Creamer, Alexa Dubbs

Think Twice

Fairfield Ludlowe High School

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2017-2018 Laws of Life Essay Judges

Cristi Alberino

CT Department of
Education

Alyssa Amick

Yale Daily News

Helen Bennett

New Haven Register

John Breunig

Stamford Advocate

John Burgeson

Connecticut Post

Douglas Ficek

University of New
Haven

Michael Flament

Shelton

Mike Gagne

Republican-American

Sara Gerhold

Canton

Gilbert Gigliotti

Central CT State
University

Andra Gumbus

Sacred Heart
Academy

Ellen Jarus

Hanley

Cheshire Herald

Kaitlyn Krasselt

Norwalk Hour

Barbara Liu

Eastern CT State Univ.

Nancy Nicolescu

CT Board of Ethics

Albert Perry III

New Cannan

Anna Quinn

News Times

Enza Richards

Milford

David Simon

Yale University

Travis Tucker

Consultant

2017-2018 Integrity Works! PSA Contest Judges

Rebecca Abbott

Quinnipiac Univ.

Len Besthoff

NBC CT News

Dennis Blader

Univ. New Haven
Comm. Professor

Tom Carl

Fox News CT

Jason Cheshire

Go Media

Richard Falco

Multimedia Journalist

Dana Ferrer

West Haven

Steve Fowler

Video Experts

Dan George

Sirius Computer
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Brian Katsis

American View
Productions

Daniel Kiley

Creative Dimensions

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CV Productions

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Michael Miceli

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Geo Matrix
Productions

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