



Michael Manzella, a gifted scholar, musician and athlete, succumbed to a two-year battle with cancer in 1993 at the age of 21. He left behind a legacy of music, love and inspirational courage. This Foundation was conceived to honor that legacy.

The Michael Manzella Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to activities in education, children's causes, cancer research and the arts. We support those individuals and institutions that demonstrate the leadership and potential to make significant contributions in these areas. These goals are consistent with the struggles and achievements of Michael's life.



Mark Your Calendar

14th Annual Comedy Club Night
Sunday, November 21

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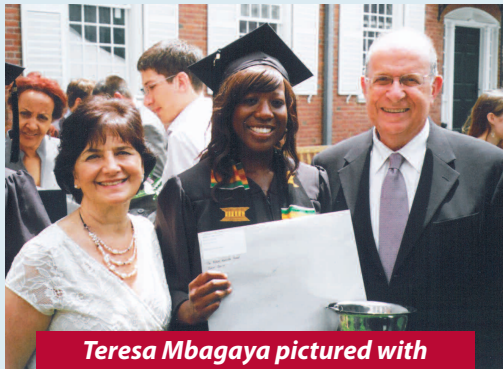
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Annual Yale Manzella Award



Teresa Mbagaya pictured with Joan & Frank Manzella

For the past 18 years, Yale's Timothy Dwight Residential College has presented an award in Michael's name to a graduating senior who most represents Michael's "sterling qualities." The 2010 graduate who "inspired his/her classmates through kindness, dedication, and courage" is Teresa Mbagaya.

Comedy Club Benefit

Our 2009 Annual Comedy Night benefit brought together family and friends for an evening of fun while raising \$5,000 to support the Foundation's many grants. We are hoping you will save the date for our 14th Annual Comedy Night on Sunday, November 21, held at Governor's Cabaret on Long Island, NY. For more information, please call Joan Manzella, (516) 764-7419.

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Letter from the Chairman

Dear Friends,

With immense thanks for your generous support and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Michael Manzella Foundation, I'm delighted that we've completed yet another successful year supporting education, children's causes, cancer research and the arts. As demonstrated throughout this newsletter, we're quite proud of our charitable accomplishments:

- Granting over \$19,000 to five charities strongly aligned with our core mission
- Investing over \$7,000 in six promising students pursuing summer fellowships to nurture and expand their horizons
- Strengthening the Michael Manzella Endowment at Yale University by over \$5,000, enabling future generations to pursue their dreams in the performing arts

In addition, we continue to remain true to one of our other founding goals – nurturing the vibrant community that Michael's life brought together. As you flip through the following pages, we hope you'll enjoy seeing a Yale classmate perform Michael's arrangement of "Georgia", reading an update on one of our previous fellow's burgeoning career in the arts and hearing about the camaraderie at our annual Comedy Club Benefit. On that note, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 21** when we hope to see you for the 2010 Comedy Club Night.

Lastly, we're also proud to note that we've gone "green" on both our outbound and inbound channels. On the outbound side, we've consolidated our prior multi-part mailing into one streamlined newsletter. On the inbound side, we're now capable of receiving on-line donations, eliminating unnecessary paper and postage. If possible, we encourage you donate on-line at www.themichaelmanzellafoundation.com.

*With deep gratitude for your ongoing support,
Frank J. Manzella, Chairman*

MMF Gathering: Yale Bowl '09

Following the 2009 Yale-Harvard Game, MMF sponsored a free reception for all Timothy Dwight students and alumni. Michael's beloved a cappella ensemble **The Society of Orpheus and Bacchus** performed "Georgia On My Mind," featuring Brad Williams, an alumnus of the class of 1995. Michael had arranged the version for Williams when they were classmates at Yale and Williams traveled with his family from Arkansas to be a part of the tribute.



Brad Williams '95 with a capella group SOBs

ARTS & MUSIC

Gilda's Club Delaware Valley MMF will be "adding art, color, and a little magic to our children's activities,"

Cindy Della Vedova, CEO, Gilda's Club Delaware.

With a grant of \$5,000, Gilda's Club Delaware Valley will purchase new art supplies, plan an art show and build art therapy into the "str8 talk for teens" and "kid support" curricula, which will be particularly beneficial for the younger children dealing with cancer who need non-verbal skills to express their deep feelings.

DreamYard Project, Artist-in-Residence Program "The remarkable success (of this program) could not have been made possible without donors like you." Jason Duchin & Tim Lord, Co-Executive Directors, DreamYard Project

DreamYard is the largest arts education provider in the Bronx reaching 8,500 students, K-12th grade annually. The MMF has given \$5,000 to the artists in residence program to fund a music teacher for the year. Through year-long residencies, DreamYard artists teach collaboratively with classroom teachers for 90 minutes per week. Disciplines include theater, dance, visual art, film/video, music and creative writing.



Gilda's Club, music session with therapist



Artist in Residence, teacher Peter Hoyle with students at PS 32

Music Together MMF is happy to announce that it will extend its commitment to the Music Together program of Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York. This will be the fourth year MMF has given a \$1,500 grant to sustain this exceptional program that introduces infants and toddlers (along with their parents or caregivers) to various types of music, songs and instruments. MMF is proud to continue supporting Music Together, free of charge, for underprivileged children at the Oyster Bay Youth & Family Counseling Center.

CHILDREN'S CAUSES

debRA of America MMF is proud to support the "debRA of America" with a grant of \$2,500 to aid those affected by **Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa**. This genetic disease suppresses a vital missing protein in the skin's top layer resulting in skin that falls apart, blistering both outside the body and on soft tissue organs inside the body. This agonizing disease requires intensive care from medical professionals and family members. Our grant will support the debRA of America's ability to provide an on-call nurse, a new family outreach program, a financial crisis fund for those in need, a doctor referral network and research to find a cure.

EDUCATION

All Saints Catholic Academy In the spirit of Michael's passion and love for music theory, The Foundation provided a grant in the amount of \$5,175 to All Saints Catholic Academy in Bayonne, NJ for the purchase of third and fifth grade music theory texts and accompanying compact discs. Sister Eileen Jude, Principal of All Saints, originally dismayed that "the school budget did not allow much room for funding the music program," was thrilled to receive the MMF grant stating, "This grant will allow over 100 students at the school to develop an appreciation, knowledge and love of music."

Michael Manzella Summer Fellowship Recipients, 2010

*Through Grants of \$600 to \$1500, the Foundation Proudly Supported Important Summer Projects
Conceived by College Students Changing the World for the Better*



Helen Jack: Helen spent the summer working in Kumasi, Ghana as an intern for the Millennium Cities Initiative (MCI), a non-governmental

organization that works to help countries in sub-Saharan Africa achieve Millennium Development Goals focused on infant health and malaria patients.

Adam Weiner: Adam shadowed oncologists at the Centro Integral Oncológico Clara Campal in Madrid, Spain. In addition to participating in doctors' consultations with cancer patients, Adam seized the opportunity to perform routine oncology examinations of many patients.



Natalia Emanuel: Natalia focused her summer efforts on teaching "Poetry Slams" classes in New York City, working through The Door, a nonprofit organization. "Poetry Slams" provides a nurturing forum for underprivileged youth to explore poetry as both a literary art and a forum of self-expression.

"It is terribly exciting to see these young people growing ever more comfortable engaging with poetry. Several of them have even brought in poetry they wrote in their own time. Thank you so much for facilitating such a meaningful summer."



Alyssa Mitson-Salazar: Alyssa performed cancer research in a laboratory setting, attempting to determine the

functional importance of codanin, the protein responsible for causing congenital dyserythropoietic anemia.



Betsy Cowell: Betsy worked with the Art Therapy program at the Texas Children's Cancer Center clinic, conducting a survey-based evaluation

project designed to improve the art therapy services for children with cancer.

"...I greatly value this opportunity for the extensive clinical experience that I have gained. This exposure has

convinced me in full to pursue a career in pediatric cancer medicine."



Julia Rogers: Julia performed structural biology research in Dr. Caroline Kisker's lab at the University of Wurzburg, Germany. In her

research she was attempting to determine the structure of a complex between damaged DNA and a protein called XPD, involved in repairing DNA, in order to understand how cells are able to repair lesions in their DNA.

"... know that structural biology is the area in which I will pursue a PhD, so it has been great this summer to gain more experience with these techniques. Thank you for giving me this excellent opportunity."

Jennifer Nadelmann: Jennifer performed laboratory research studying the correlation between bladder cancer and the non-coding RNA UCA1 in order to determine whether it can be used as a biomarker to detect recurrence or progression of bladder cancer and decrease morbidity.

Where Are They Now?

MMF Fellow Wins "Best Ensemble Performance"

Patrick Huguenin in '06 used his 2004 Manzella Summer Fellowship to conduct research about realism in American theater. Since graduating Yale, Patrick has worked in journalism and continued to pursue creative writing. His play *Paper Dolls*, about rival tabloid newspaper gossip columnists, was part of the 2008 NYC Fringe Festival where it won for Best Ensemble Performance and was praised by WWD, Time Out, and the New Yorker. Today, he writes a weekly humor column for the *Daily News* and has just completed his first novel.



Patrick Huguenin '06 outside NYC theater where his play *Paper Dolls* was performed