Ocean County Mayors' Association PO Box 896 Island Heights, NJ 08732

May 25, 2022

Dear Ocean County Mayors' Association Members,

I would like to convey my sincere appreciation to each and every member of the Association for the honor of being selected as a recipient of the *Ocean County Mayors' Association Scholarship*. As a fourth generation Barnegat resident this scholarship is extremely special to me. Within my lifetime, I have witnessed the growth of our communities and the challenges that that growth presents to our mayors and local governments. I am very appreciative of all the efforts that our mayors put forth to not only support their communities and residents, but the future aspirations of their graduating seniors. I do not take being chosen to receive this scholarship lightly, nor the efforts that were put forth to fund it. I not only wish to convey my thanks for your generous scholarship, but also for the contributions each mayor has made to make Ocean County such a wonderful place to live. Please know that I will continue to work hard to make you proud.

My college career will begin August 13, 2022 at *The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina* where I will participate in both their Honors Management Program and their Navy ROTC Program. As part of the Navy ROTC Program, I will attend a two and a half week NSI training this July at Great Lakes Naval Base, IL. Upon graduation from *The Citadel*, I will be a commissioned officer in the US Navy with hopes of being accepted into the aviation community. My path to serve my country lies before me and I am excited to take those first steps. **Your** generous assistance has given me the opportunity to pursue my dreams and I will forever be indebted to you for the faith you have placed in me.

Although **Thank You** does not seem enough to convey my appreciation, I offer you those two words with heartfelt gratitude.

Respectfully,

Philip LoPiccolo

