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**Staten Island Academy – Michael Gordon Foundation, Scholarship Award
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This morning Staten Island Academy was proud to celebrate Samantha Trimboli '19, the 2018 winner of the prestigious Michael Gordon Foundation, Inc., Scholarship Award. This award is presented to an Upper School student who is academically gifted, an exemplary leader and demonstrates strong citizenship in the community.

Samantha was selected for her contributions in the classroom and in the larger community since she joined the Academy as a Grade 9 student, as a quiet and reserved young lady. Since then she has acquired multiple academic awards while attending the Academy and was inducted into both the Spanish and National Honor Societies, as well as making the Head of School list. Most recently, she was also elected by her peers as the Vice-President of the Student Advisory Council. These awards were in recognition of her outstanding all-around contributions to the Academy community, demonstration of high character and seriousness of purpose in the pursuit of education and exceptional dedication and interest in science as exhibited by academic achievement and extra-curricular activities.

Samantha undoubtedly has leadership skills in and out of the classroom. “Samantha is a scholar, a leader, an athlete and is certainly not afraid to try something new and unfamiliar or take on a challenge! She is intellectually curious and always looking to better herself and help others,” said Eileen Corigliano, Assistant Head of School. “Samantha embodies all of the characteristics that we value here at Staten Island Academy,” added Albert Cauz, Head of School.

The late Michael Gordon was born in Budapest, Hungary and studied the art of handbag making in France. He moved to the United States and eventually became world-famous for his designer handbags. In 1991, he established the Michael Gordon Foundation, Inc., to help young people in the areas of education, health and welfare. Gordon died in 1998, but his work lives on through his foundation. Schools can apply to the foundation for grants, with the funds awarded to students as scholarships.

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