

Vermilion High School Launches Alumni Scholarship with Standout Senior Chad Everett Ellis as Inaugural Recipient



Chad Ellis

of the \$1,000 VHS Alumni Scholarship at the Erie County Community Foundation's 2026 Scholarship Recognition Breakfast, held at the Sandusky Yacht Club.

Ellis, a senior at Vermilion High School,

A milestone moment for Vermilion's community of Sailor alumni unfolded on May 29, 2026, when Chad Everett Ellis was named the first-ever recipient

has made his mark both on and off the field. An All-Ohio offensive lineman and captain of the Sailor football team, he will take his talents to Kent State University in the fall, where he plans to major in finance.

The scholarship was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the VHS Alumni Scholarship Fund Team — Judy Shaw Williams ('61), Cathy Huffman Werner ('78), Kim Huffman ('74), and Brent Westover ('85) — who spearheaded an ambitious fundraising campaign to establish the award in perpetuity. Their vision: a lasting legacy that gives back to Vermilion students for

generations to come.

That vision became reality thanks to hundreds of fellow Sailor alumni and local businesses whose generosity turned the idea into something enduring.

"Thank you so much to the hundreds of fellow Sailor alums and local businesses who made this scholarship a reality," the Fund Team shared in announcing the award.

Congratulations to Chad Everett Ellis — the first of many Sailors who will carry this scholarship forward — and best wishes for success and happiness in the years ahead.

