



Expect Success: Celebrating Achievers!

In April 2018, The Arc of Massachusetts held its Gala evening and recognized six individuals with disabilities who have achieved success in the arts, classroom, business world, and beyond. All of the recipients had high expectations, worked hard to achieve despite challenges, and have been an inspiration to others. We are extremely proud that three of the award recipients are associated with the Nemasket Group.

"Your future rests in your courage." That's the motto that 22-year-old Riley Easley lives by. Riley has both autism and anxiety, but neither of those were enough to prevent him from making his dream a reality: Riley is the founder of the small business, Riley Kind. Inspired by his own passionate commitment to promoting kindness, he specializes in creating personalized greeting cards with the ultimate goal of spreading kindness in the world. Riley was supported by the Building Futures Project for two years at Bridgewater State University through the Massachusetts Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Program and audited a variety of classes including: acting, design and painting classes. Since leaving BSU Riley has enrolled in Worcester State University and in September will be taking an Introduction to Psychology class. This course fits nicely with his card business and his natural curiosity in understanding people. He also found his dream job working part time at the Worcester State Conference Center.



Award winners from the ARC Gala Evening

All Things Possible...that's the name of 24-year-old Jonathan Huggon's photography business. His passion for music and photography has led him to studying music composition and writing 3 songs, performing on stage at Rick's Music World, taking a music class at U Mass Dartmouth and starting his own business. Jonathan has cerebral palsy, communicates partly by using a Tobii Eye Gaze Communication device, and is dependent upon a wheelchair and personal care assistants. These challenges have not come between him and his plan for achieving his dreams of becoming a successful photographer and composer. Jonathan's work as a photographer has been featured in local newspapers. He has also displayed his work in local galleries. Jonathan sells his photographs at craft fairs, by word of mouth and through his website www.jonathanhuggon.com.

Social inclusion has been one of the most crucial aspects of Tess Keijser's success. For her entire life, Tess, a young woman with Down syndrome, has been in inclusive settings, whether in the classroom or the workforce. As a consultant for Pampered Chef, Tess was twice able to attend the company's annual conference held in Chicago as the recipient of The Nemasket Group's Louis Nisenbaum Memorial Scholarship Fund which paid all her expenses. At the conference, Tess met and spent time with other consultants, learned more about selling the products and received awards for her achievements as a consultant. Now almost 22 years old, Tess is thriving as a Director for Pampered Chef, hosting her own parties and selling over \$20,000 worth of products in the three years she has been with the company. She has done all of this and more while managing Celiac disease, dealing with chronic episodes and flare ups along the way.

Congratulations to Riley, Jonathan and Tess.

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People who fill roles that are valued by others (example: photographer, employee, co-worker, voter, musician, volunteer, college student) will be granted the good things of life.



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Thanks to everyone that participated in our
5th Annual 5K Walk/Run at Fort Phoenix this year.
We look forward to seeing you again
next year for this great event!

Summer Sizzler



Date: August 16, 2018
(rain or shine)

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Mattapoisett YMCA
38 Reservation Road
Mattapoisett, MA



Come celebrate summer with the staff
and families of The Nemasket Group and
the Family Connections Center.
Join us for a cook-out and lots of fun!



"Developing Leadership: A Personal Journey"

We are cultivating a new generation of
leaders.....Congratulations Ivone Rego-Cass and
Patricia Charyk for completing the Regional Leadership
Series, sponsored by the Southeast DDS Region, and
hosted by The Nemasket Group in Mattapoisett.