

Hi! I'm Debbie Friedberg Olim and I am here today representing Alan's Legacy. Alan's Legacy is a non-profit organization to remember Alan Bell, a remarkable and inspirational student, from the Lower Moreland Graduating Class of 1998. After a strong fight with cancer, he unfortunately was taken from us at the young age of 26. He was a dear friend of mine and many teachers would remember Alan for his superb academic excellence, his warmth, sense of humor, and commitment to serving his community.

Alan's Legacy was started in 2007 and there is a special person we would like to recognize tonight for her continued service and commitment to the organization. Mrs. Diana Sullivan, who is retiring at the end of this school year, has gone above and beyond for Alan's Legacy. First, I would like to share how special Mrs. Sullivan was to Alan. Alan had Mrs. Sullivan for 6<sup>th</sup> grade math. I was in the same math class and can attest that she was an excellent teacher and also one of my favorites. In 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Alan won the 1998 Presidential Scholars award, an award given to 2 people in each state. Alan had the great honor of meeting President Bill Clinton and bringing his favorite teacher with him to Washington DC for the award ceremony. He chose Mrs. Sullivan for the fond memories and profound impact she had on him as a student and as a sponsor of the Interact Club.

In turn, Mrs. Sullivan has had a profound impact on Alan's Legacy. She was the innovator of the "Alan Bell Memorial Fun Day," a fundraiser at Murray Avenue to help Alan's friends and family fund the Alan Bell Memorial Award that they established in his honor. This annual award is given to a deserving Lower Moreland High School Senior who has faced adversity, grown from his/her hardship, and/or

made a significant difference in the life of another person. Mrs. Diana Sullivan quickly, creatively, and passionately organized this successful Fun Day event, which she generously orchestrated three consecutive years in a row, raising significant funds for the Alan Bell Memorial Award.

On behalf of Alan's Legacy, we would like to present this award to Mrs. Diana Sullivan to congratulate you on your retirement and deeply thank you for your passion, creativity, and extraordinary service to the Lower Moreland community and Alan's Legacy.

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