

The 2018 winner of the Hudson Community First Michael-Waly scholarship is Andrew McDonald, a 2018 graduate of Hudson High School. Andrew was nominated by Leah Vaughn, intervention specialist at the Hudson Middle School for tutoring and mentoring a middle school student and making a significant impact in boosting the confidence and independence of this student.

While at Hudson High School, Andrew McDonald was the Communications Adviser of the Hudson High Makerspace Club, the News Editor of The Explorer student newspaper, Co-President of the Hudson Community First Youth Advisory Board and a member of the National Honor Society and Drug Free Clubs of America. He competed at the Junior National level within the sport of curling, and plans to continue doing so as he makes the transition to college next fall.

Andrew will attend Michigan State University, and plans to major in Computer Science & Engineering with a minor in Spanish.

The Michael-Waly Scholarship was created in 2013 by the parents of a young man whose friends for whom the scholarship is named, came forward with their son's addiction problem, which ultimately led to his recovery.

This award is not based on grades, activities, or athletics, it is simply to recognize a student who has made a positive impact on another's life. This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating senior living in Hudson. The winner will be further recognized at the Community First Take a Second Make a Difference luncheon in the fall.