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Mace's Lane Middle School's Carson Scholar – Jeremiah Maltez

The Carson Scholars Fund aims to recognize and reward students in grades 4 – 11 who earn the **highest level of academic achievement** and display **strong humanitarian qualities**. Winners are designated as “Carson Scholars” and receive **\$1,000 scholarship awards** that are invested for college. This year's winner at our Mace's Lane Middle School is eighth grader **Jeremiah Maltez**, who has a **4.0 Grade Point Average**, participated in the **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure**, **collects and donates** clothes, coats, and shoes to less fortunate children, **volunteers** for the Cambridge-South Dorchester High School art teacher, and **tutors** students in mathematics.

Jeremiah has received the **National Leadership Merit Award** and attended the **National Junior Leadership Conference**. A member of the Mace's Lane Middle School **National Junior Honor Society**, he also won the **Top Five MSA Reading Award** and has maintained a **straight-A** average throughout middle school. Responding to a writing prompt by **Dr. Francis Collins**, Director of the **National Institute of Health** and head of the **Human Genome Project**, *“It's not just the DNA – it's what you do with it,”* **Jeremiah** wrote, “. . . even if you are born with the natural ability to excel, if you don't apply your gifts you will not reap the reward. It is up to the individual to live up to all of the potential that they have because your gift will not show itself without hard work.” Jeremiah's goal is to become a **pediatrician**. (The school **runner-up is eighth-grader Ashley Willey**.)

