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**GRANBY MEMORIAL HIGH GRADUATE RECEIVES COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP  
FROM SUSAN G. KOMEN FOR THE CURE® AFTER LOSING HIS MOTHER TO  
BREAST CANCER**

**GRANBY - September 15, 2010** - After losing his mother to breast cancer, Ryan Mannix, a 2010 graduate of Granby Memorial High School, has been selected to receive a college scholarship from Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, the world's largest and most progressive grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists.

The Susan G. Komen College Scholarship Award Program offers \$10,000 a year for up to four years to ease the financial burden of undergraduate higher education for families who have lost a loved one to breast cancer. Recipients are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service and participation, financial need and demonstrated leadership potential.

As an entering freshman at the University of Connecticut this year, Ryan will serve as a collegiate ambassador for Komen for the Cure and the breast cancer movement within his social network and on campus. He is also volunteering at the Komen Connecticut office in Hartford before school starts, helping the Affiliate with their events and donor recognition.

"Ryan is a strong, young man," said Anne Morris, executive director of Komen Connecticut. "We've had the chance to get to know him and he's every bit as mature and sincere as he comes across in his writing. It takes a special type of person to lose a loved one and not only be able to write about their experience so openly, but to also jump right in and do what they can to make a difference."

Ryan's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer when he was 15 and sadly lost her battle to the disease in July 2009, just before the start of Ryan's senior year. Ryan quickly learned to become independent and self-reliant by managing his own busy schedule, including participation in varsity basketball, soccer and lacrosse where he

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served as team captain.

The local Granby community provided support during what he calls an unbearable situation. Ryan says one of the most important things his mother taught him is the importance of asking for and accepting help.

“My mom taught me to live life with no regrets and to forget the “could haves” or “should haves,” Ryan wrote in his scholarship application essay.

Ryan continued, “As I begin the process of higher education, I will be facing new challenges and experiences that I will have to negotiate my way through without my mom’s physical presence. However, I am confident that she’ll be with me and guiding me step by step. And I know for certain that I will apply her lessons throughout my college career and beyond.”

Ryan’s story is currently featured on the Komen Connecticut website. Read it in full at [KomenCT.org](http://KomenCT.org).

**About the Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®** Komen for the Cure’s presence in Connecticut began in 1994 with a Race for the Cure. The local organization was incorporated as an Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure in 1999. Komen Connecticut serves local communities by providing funding for research and local life-saving programs which address education, screening and treatment for Connecticut residents. In 2010, Komen Connecticut invested \$1.02 Million locally, providing funding to 21 Connecticut breast health programs. Since 1994, Komen for the Cure has awarded more than \$20 Million to programs in our local communities. For more information, visit [KomenCT.org](http://KomenCT.org) or call 860-728-4955.

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