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First and foremost, we would like to thank you for your continued loyalty in supporting our vision of promoting “all things Italian” by passing the torch to future generations ...through education.

We are proud of our mission and our unique programs, which includes offering awards to students in kindergarten through high school who are excelling in their Italian Studies, sponsored by the Paragano Family Foundation. We also offer the *Coccia-Inserra Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Teaching of Italian K-12*. The Coccia-Inserra Award, which was established in 2010 by our founders Elda and Cavaliere Joseph Coccia, Jr. in collaboration with the Inserra family, was originally in the amount of \$1,000 and is now \$5,000, in which the recipient may utilize 50% for professional development and 50% to advance their school’s Italian language and culture curriculum and programming. This national award has included recipients from the Tri-State Area of New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut, and Florida, Illinois, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Last year, we awarded \$45,000 in scholarships to students that Majored or Minored in Italian Studies, most of which was utilized for study abroad in Italy. If you would like to establish a “sponsored scholarship” in your family’s name or in memory of a loved one, please contact Elisa Coccia at elisa@cocciafoundation.org for more information.

We hope we can count on you to renew your membership. To make your payment online, visit our website at www.cocciafoundation.com – MEMBERSHIP. You also have the option to complete the form below and return it with your check made payable to **Coccia Foundation** in the enclosed envelope.

Once again, we are grateful for your loyal support. We’re sure our founders in Heaven are smiling down on all of us as we continue their legacy in promoting and preserving our rich Italian heritage, language and culture.

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