



The AMA History Project Presents: Biography of MICHAEL GRANSIRACUSA



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The following was published in the January 2001 issue of Model Aviation magazine. Michael was a 2000 AMA Scholarship winner.

Michael Gransiracusa, of Northborough, Massachusetts, was awarded a Charles H. Grant Scholarship of \$4,500 and a Sig Scholarship of \$750. He will be attending Cornell University, working toward a degree in aeronautical engineering.

A variety of activities filled Michael's time during high school. He played saxophone as a member of the marching band, acted as a moderator for a United Nations simulation, played soccer and lacrosse, and established a mountain-biking club.

Michael's academic awards included being selected for the National Honor Society, receiving the Dartmouth College Book Award, and participating in the Alliance for Education's Humanities Scholars' Collaborative.

Michael managed many hours of community service involving the American Diabetes Association, as well as volunteer work at the Northborough Food Pantry and a local soup kitchen called "Our Father's Table."

In addition to community and school activities, he worked at a variety of jobs, including a newspaper delivery service, landscaping service, bicycle shop, construction company, Wal-Mart, and at a sports facility as a soccer referee.

As a member of the Central Massachusetts Radio Controlled Modelers, Michael began his involvement with the hobby in 1994. Although he has not competed in the club's monthly contests, he has been involved in the events. He is looking forward to competing in Combat events held by the club.

Michael stated, "I hope to fly airplanes for the rest of my life. With so many different models, engines, and radios, this is the type of hobby that will never be boring."

Best wishes for success in the future.

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