



## 2019-20 NADIIIAA On-Going Project or Activity Award Nominations

### NADIIIAA: On-Going Project or Activity Award Nomination Form

**Institution:** The College at Brockport

**Conference Affiliation/Independent:** SUNYAC

**Please Provide a Brief Overall Description of the Activity/Project:**

**Description:** Description: Annual Football game between rivals St. John Fisher College and The College at Brockport. For the game, Camp Good Days selects honorary coaches and cheerleaders for both teams. These are Camp Good Days campers who have been diagnosed with cancer and would normally not be allowed to participate in a real football game. The Camp Good Days Courage Bowl gives these campers that opportunity. At the conclusion of the Courage Bowl, the Teddi Trophy, named in memory of Teddi Mervis, Gary Mervis' daughter and the inspiration behind Camp Good Days, will be presented, which will later be inscribed with the date of the game, final score of the game, names of the six Honorary Coaches and the names of one player from each team who displays exceptional leadership and sportsmanship.

**Objective:** All proceeds from ticket sales go to benefit Camp Good Days, a residential camping programs at located on Keuka Lake, New York. For 40 years, the camp has provided services for: children with cancer, who have a parent or sibling with cancer /or children who have lost a parent or sibling to cancer. No child is turned away from Camp Good Days. All programs and services are offered free of charge for the participants

**How has this project impacted campus or local community or target audience:** Each year as part of the program the football student-athletes from Brockport and Fisher spend a day at Camp Good Days and Special times interacting with the campers. For the college student-athletes, this is an opportunity to make a camper smile as well as develop a relationship with those campers to show them that someone cares about them. In fact, one of our former football student-athletes

who suffered from brain cancer was a camper when he was younger. This event is the highlight to preseason camp for a number of our student-athletes. Per the story below these relationships can last many years.  
[https://www.brockport.edu/news/stories/lucas\\_lowe.html](https://www.brockport.edu/news/stories/lucas_lowe.html)

**Student-Athlete Group(s) Involved in the Project/Activity:**

The College at Brockport Football student-athletes

**Approximate Number of Student-Athletes Participating in the Project/Activity:**

2018-112, over the past 6 years, approximately 280 student-athletes.

**Dates or Duration of the Project/Activity (e.g., days, weeks, months):**

The game is played each fall. Brockport has been involved for 6 years.

**Community or Population Served by the Project/Activity:**

Children with cancer, along with family members. Over the past 6 years this game has raised over \$120,000.

**Additional Information via Website URL**

: <https://www.campgooddays.org/event/100046/courage-bowl-xv>