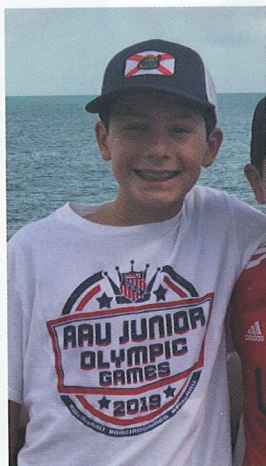


# YOUTH AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH: J.P. GIGLIO

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Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition is recognizing this month's Youth Ambassador of the Month, J.P. Giglio, a current seventh-grader at Cohasset Middle School. J.P. lives here in town with his parents, his older sister, Jenna, his younger brother, Mikey, and his dog, Holly.

J.P. decided to join the 2019-2020 academic year of the Youth Ambassador Program because of an eagerness to make a difference in his community. The Youth Ambassador Program is a group of students from grades 7-12 who work together to advocate and raise awareness around substance use prevention and addiction, educate and develop events that highlight mental health, and strive to encourage peers and community members to make healthy decisions. Since September, J.P. has worked with the other youth ambassadors on projects such as World Mental Health Day (October 10) where his group created yellow ribbons to distribute that day at school, developed a communal school bulletin board for classmates to write positive messages throughout the day, and worked with school administrators to do morning awareness announcements. He also worked on the Rain-Works project where his group decided on a positive message to paint outside the school that only appears when it rains, with the goal to uplift peers on gloomy days. In upcoming projects, J.P. is excited to expand his knowledge of issues occurring in his community and to learn how he can make a difference.

J.P. hopes to make a positive impact on Cohasset and he believes that Youth Ambassadors has given him the platform to do so at a young age. J.P. greatly enjoys that the program involves students of various ages because it allows him the opportunity to engage with many different people and believes it will help develop his critical thinking.

In addition to Youth Ambassadors, J.P. is part of the middle school student council and green team. Within these two clubs, J.P. works to improve his school by giving students a voice and encouraging peers to recycle. In time outside of school and Youth Ambassadors, J.P. enjoys participating in soccer and swimming. When it comes to soccer, J.P. plays on the local seventh/eighth-grade town team and the 2006 GPS Galway elite team. For swimming, J.P. swims with the Sailfish Swim Team and recently traveled with them to compete in the Junior Olympics in North Carolina.

Nicole Balaschi is ecstatic to have someone like J.P. involved with the Youth Ambassador Program. He is an extremely compassionate, brilliant, and determined individual and she cannot wait to see what he and his peers do next.



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