Edward Carien Scholarship
Greater Worcester Community Foundation

This scholarship was created in 2010 by Terrence McMahon, one of Edward Carien’s former students at Doherty Memorial High School. It is awarded to graduating seniors from Doherty, with preference to students planning to major in accounting.

Edward Carien was born in Everett, MA. He was the valedictorian of his high school class and graduated from Boston University. He later earned a Masters in Psychology and Guidance from Assumption College. An Army veteran, he served as a medic in Italy and the Pacific during World War II. He settled in Worcester with his wife and daughter, and they belonged to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. Edward was an inspiring teacher at Doherty who prepared students for success not only in their career but in life as well. He was also a treasurer of the Worcester Tennis Club and a Worcester Public Library volunteer.

At Doherty, Terrence McMahon took Mr. Carien’s accounting classes for two years. After graduating in 1989, Terry took Mr. Carien’s advice and majored in accounting at Bentley College. “Without his encouragement and inspired teaching,” says Terrence, “I would never have chosen accounting as my major. Mr. Carien took a subject that could be difficult and boring and made it fun. Accounting has opened a lot of doors for me,” Terrence continued. “It’s been the foundation of a very rewarding career.”

In high school, Terry was both an A student and a class clown. “More than once,” he says, “Mr. Carien threw me out of his class. He demanded respect. But if I didn’t get a concept, I could come in after school and get help. He let me be who I was. He was fair and he was challenging—a great combination for me.”

Now a wealth advisor with Morgan Stanley, Terry is grateful for his satisfying career. “The people I feel most thankful to are my parents and Mr. Carien.” Edward Carien died in 2009, and his generous spirit lives on in this scholarship.

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