

Norwalk High School

Co-valedictorian of the Class of 1996
Co-captain of the Tennis Team
Member of the Marching Band
Member of the Jazz Ensemble
NHS Honor Society Chapter named in Kevin's memory

Community

American Heart Association volunteer
Save the Children Foundation volunteer
Norwalk Soup Kitchen volunteer
St. Jerome TOTAL Program leader
St. Jerome Youth Room dedicated in Kevin's name
Posthumously recognized by *The Hour* in October 2001 as one of a hundred
Norwalk area leaders as part of Norwalk's 350th Anniversary
From Roberta Flack to Boy George: Last Fantastic Albums Ever Made written
by J.J. Briggs dedicated to Kevin February 2003
Elegy for Trumpet and Harp dedicated to Kevin February 2005

Kevin's Fund Facts

June 25, 2021, was proclaimed Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund day by the City of Norwalk to acknowledge the donors for their educational support for Norwalk students, and for passing onto all of us and the Norwalk community the torch of their trust in the ability of the human spirit to overcome, to achieve, and to excel. Recognized in 2018 by the State of Connecticut, as the non-profit with largest merit based scholarship in Connecticut, (\$100,000), the value of scholarships awarded, (\$2,000,000), and longevity of purpose, (22 years).

In 2021 Fairfield County Bank named Kevin's Fund the 8th of 150 local charities who do so much for the community as part of the bank's 150th anniversary.

In December 2021 Kevin's Fund was one of two charities named as beneficiaries of the annual "Playing by Heart" Benefit Concert.

Dreams are important. With your support, Kevin's dreams will not end with the tragic story of a teenager's death during a basketball game, but rather continue in the hearts and minds of the exceptional young men and women who share his determination and commitment to excellence. Kevin taught us about dignity and courage and what is important in this life and what isn't. Your tax-deductible contributions, (Kevin's Fund is a 501(c)(3) public charity), will keep Kevin's spirit and legacy alive and through his scholarship recipients and provide our community with the leadership and vision to face the future with courage, conviction, and compassion. Since the Fund's inception, 99.5% of all contributions have been used to fund scholarships in Kevin's memory.

KEVIN M. EIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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Background

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund was established through the generosity of the many people Kevin touched in his short life. Kevin, an 18-year-old dean's list freshman in the honors program at Boston College, passed away from cardiac arrest on January 23, 1997, while playing intramural basketball. Kevin set the example of the passion and sincerity we should bring to each day. He was an individual with vision, commitment, abiding hope, aspirations, and compassion. And when we look back, it was a life, albeit a glimpse of life, by which people can be measured and judged by. 2022 marks the 26th year of Kevin's Fund.

Mission

The mission of the Fund is to recognize through scholarships demonstrated achievement in activities across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service. Including our 2023 scholarships, Kevin's Fund will have awarded \$2.7 million in gifts of education to 222 students. The 2023 scholarships supported by Kevin's Fund are:

1. \$110,000 to a senior at Norwalk HS with demonstrated achievement across the spectrum of academics, arts, athletics, and community and religious service.
2. \$21,000 to a junior at Boston College School of Management who demonstrated the unique combination of academic achievement, character, leadership, and school spirit similar to Kevin's.
3. \$10,000 to the recipient of Boston College EMS's recipient of their Kevin M. Eidt Award.
4. \$2,500 to the Norwalk High School senior named Kevin M. Eidt Distinguished Student Speaker at the 2023 graduation ceremony.
5. \$5,000 to the outstanding member of the Norwalk HS Marching Band.
6. \$2,000 to a freshman, in the Boston College Emerging Leader Program whose leadership skills and potential best represented the philosophies of "Ever To Excel" and "Being Men and Women for Others".
7. \$2,000 to a senior in the Norwalk HS Marching Band who has achieved the highest cumulative academic average similar to Kevin's accomplishment.
8. \$2,000 to a senior at Norwalk HS who has made an outstanding contribution to the Jazz program.
9. \$2,000 to a senior at Norwalk HS who has made an outstanding contribution to the Orchestra program.
10. \$2,000 to a senior who has made an outstanding contribution to Norwalk HS both as a scholar and an athlete.
11. \$2,000 to each Norwalk HS graduating senior matriculating at Boston College in the upcoming fall semester.

For the 2023-2024 academic year, Kevin's Fund is providing educational support for 15 recipients. Kevin's Fund scholarship recipients have matriculated at:

American University
Amherst College
Assumption College
Bates College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Boston College (60)
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bryn Mawr College
Bryant University
Bucknell University (2)
Carnegie Mellon University
Champlain College
Columbia University (4)
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College (2)
Eastern Connecticut State
Fairfield University (3)
Fordham University
Furman University (2)
George Washington University
Georgetown University (3)
Gettysburg College
Harvard University (4)
Hofstra University
Holy Cross (5)
Indiana University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Lehigh University
Lesley University
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Loyola of Maryland (2)
McGill University
Merrimack College (2)
New Haven University
New School
New York University

Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University (2)
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Roger Williams University
Sacred Heart University (2)
St. Lawrence University
St. Peter's University
Siena College
Southern Connecticut State University
State University of NY - Fredonia
Stonehill College (2)
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University (2)
Temple University (2)
Trinity College
Tufts University (2)
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of California – Los Angeles
University of Connecticut (28)
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Massachusetts - Amherst
University of Miami (FL)
University of Notre Dame (5)
University of Pennsylvania
University of Rhode Island (3)
University of Rochester (2)
University of San Francisco
University of Virginia (4)
University of Wisconsin
Vassar College
Villanova University
West Virginia University
Western Connecticut State (9)
William and Mary
Williams College

Kevin's Legacy

Boston College

Posthumously received the Nicholas H. Woods award for initiative, motivation, and student leadership.

The Liturgy Arts Group *I Want to Praise Your Name* CD dedicated to Kevin. Men's and women's intramural basketball trophy memorialized in Kevin's name. Boston College EMS, student run organization created in response to Kevin's death.