# KEVIN M. EIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



# 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND BENEFIT DINNER DANCE

**APRIL 6, 2024** 

#### April 6, 2024

Many of you recall the impact Kevin had on the communities he touched and we might have expected his passing would have an adverse effect on a great many lives. Despite the pain and sense of loss that came on January 23, 1997, Kevin would be honored to know his positive influence on us lives on. His lasting influence has been achieved through the effort of every donor empowering Kevin's Fund to award 235 merit based scholarships.

Tonight represents the very best in human nature as it demonstrates the love and goodness of people and reminds us all what human kindness and compassion truly mean. Our family is fortunate, despite our sorrow, as your generosity provides us an opportunity to celebrate as we did before.

Tonight, Kevin's Fund awards the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$120,000, to the most outstanding senior at Norwalk High School. This merit based scholarship was created to recognize the student who most reminded the scholarship selection committee of Kevin and the qualities that made him unique. The scholarship recognizes the special individual who has demonstrated a depth of commitment and breadth of interests and accomplishments across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service.

Including tonight's scholarship, Kevin's Fund is awarding 13 scholarships totaling \$164,500 recognizing achievements in the areas in which Kevin participated and excelled. This raises the value of the 235 merit scholarships awarded by Kevin's Fund to almost \$2.9 million. These scholarships celebrate academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service. When our family received the first donation to Kevin's Scholarship Fund 27 years ago we had no idea the generosity and support of the communities Kevin touched would provide the catalyst for the Fund's extraordinary accomplishments. You have enabled Kevin to remain an active agent for good in every community Kevin's scholarship recipients become part of.

Our gratitude for your support cannot be adequately measured in words. We are blessed every day by your generous support. We look forward to sharing our next celebration of life and love and the announcement of the 29<sup>th</sup> Norwalk High School scholarship at our annual benefit dinner dance on April 5, 2025.

# Chris, Helen, Chris, and Carolyn

# **Mission**

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) public charity. The mission of Kevin's Fund is to recognize demonstrated achievements across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service through the gift of education.

# The Event

The family and friends of Kevin welcome you to the 28<sup>th</sup> presentation of the Norwalk High School scholarship in Kevin's memory and benefit dinner dance and extend our sincere appreciation for your generous support of Kevin's Fund. We strive to make this a special evening and trust you will leave tonight realizing you are an integral part of a worthy endeavor and an extraordinary achievement in sustaining Kevin's spirit, legacy, and memory.

We welcome your comments regarding Kevin's Fund and this evening's event. Please feel free to share your thoughts with us. If you would like to volunteer to help with Kevin's Fund, we are always appreciative of a helping hand.

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Current information regarding Kevin's Fund can be found on our website: <a href="http://www.kevinsfund.org">http://www.kevinsfund.org</a>.



# **Event Schedule**

Cocktail Hour, Norwalk High School String Quartet, 6:30pm and Silent Auction 7:30pm Introductions – Christian J. Eidt Welcoming Remarks – Suzanne and Tom Calnon Invocation – Rev. David Blanchfield Music – Destiny Band Dinner Silent Auction Closing for Early Tables 8:45pm Acknowledgements - Christian J. Eidt 9:00pm Remarks - Emilia Cuevas, 2019 Recipient of the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship and 2023 graduate of the University of Virginia Family Remarks - Christian H. Eidt Scholarship Committee Remarks Despina Sidiropoulos, 2009 Recipient of the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Introduction of 2024 Norwalk High School Scholarship Recipient - Gregory Calnon, 1997 Recipient of the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship and Scholarship Selection Committee Chair Remarks - 2024 Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Recipient Music – Destiny Band 10:00pm Silent Auction Concludes

11:30pm

Event Concludes

# **Entertainment**

We are appreciative of the contribution and support of Jenn Burkhalter, Norwalk High School Orchestra Director, and the fine musicians who have given their time and talent to honor a fellow musician to make your evening more enjoyable. Tonight's cocktail hour music was courtesy of Norwalk High School musicians Mia Abreu, Summer Bosch, Marcello Maturi, and John Sheehan.

We are honored to have the Destiny Band, (203) 751-3529, for your listening and dancing pleasure. The band has donated a significant portion of their fee to the Scholarship Fund for which we are extremely grateful.

# **Acknowledgements**

We would also like to acknowledge the following businesses and individuals that have donated their time, talent, and services to make this evening a unique occasion.

A Piece of Cake by Michelle, 47 Grumman Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851 ~ (203) 849-9840, for donation of the cake.

Bruce's Flowers of Norwalk, CT, (203) 838-7551, and Hansen's Flowers of Fairfield, CT, (203) 255-0461 for the donation of the floral arrangements, as they have for the past 23 years.

Parish Associates, Inc. of Bridgeport, CT for their support of the Fund's mailings.

Yvonne Marchese Photography, ymarchese@gmail.com, (917) 841-7303, for the donation of her time and talent to photograph tonight's event.

We acknowledge the following individuals for their time and effort to make this evening the special event it has become:

Scholarship Selection Committee - Greg Calnon (chair) and 1997 scholarship recipient, Jay Hariton, Kyle Seaburg, Despina Sidiropoulos, 2009 scholarship recipient, Ellen Story, 1988 NHS graduate, and Dan Sullivan.

Suzanne and Tom Calnon - event chairs, Dan Sullivan administrative support, Samanta Lusniak – (2009 Community Service scholarship recipient) and Kristen Beaumonte – (2018 St. Jerome Youth Group scholarship recipient), reception and auction coordinators.

The teen volunteers helping with the reception desk and the auction are Simon Kevin Strazza, Cooper Strazza, Madison Cebrian, and Olivia Cebrian. We also acknowledge everyone in attendance, every contributor, and everyone who made the effort to let others know about this event and Kevin's Fund.

# **Venue Change For 2025**

The Inn at Longshore, our hosts for the past two years, will be undergoing renovations during 2025. As a result our 2025 Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance will be held at Water's Edge in Darien, CT on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be provided with our 2025 event mailing.

# **Memorial Contributions**

This Scholarship Fund is about the courage of those left behind to carry on in the spirit of those having gone before us whom we hold dear. We acknowledge with appreciation contributions received through March 25, 2024 in loving memory of:

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# **Patrons and Sponsors**

We acknowledge the generosity and support of those present tonight. Prior Norwalk High School scholarship recipients who are either present tonight or contributed are noted in **bold**.

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# **Guests**

Val Angione
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Emilia Cuevas
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Yvonne Marchese
Isobel Owen

Please take a moment to look through the advertising section of this program. These businesses have made a significant contribution to Kevin's Fund. They deserve recognition for their commitment to the youth of our community in the memory of Kevin. In determining the businesses, you choose to frequent, please take into consideration how easy it would have been for these sponsors to disregard our appeal.

# **Program Sponsors**

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# **Fund Contributors**

The mission of this Scholarship Fund, and the extent to which it provides a legacy to Kevin by continuing his spirit, is the result of the generosity of our donors. We are honored to recognize the following donors, above and beyond the contribution inherent in the purchase of an event ticket, for contributions received from April 6, 2023 through March 25, 2024. Please excuse us if the name of any contributor was inadvertently omitted.

# **Scholarship Mentors**

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# **Foundation Support**

We are appreciative of the following Foundations which have judged Kevin's Fund worthy of their support.

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## **Other Donors**

#### Stew Leonard's Wishing Well

We would like to thank Stew Leonard's and their Donation Committee, who for the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, have judged Kevin's Fund worthy of participation in their Wishing Well project. This year our participation is for the month of May. We thank each shopper and every child who tosses a coin in the Wishing Well in support of Kevin's Fund.

# **Fund Facts**

#### **New Community Service Scholarship**

We are pleased to announce Kevin's Fund has earned a grant from the City of Norwalk with which we have established a \$5,000 Norwalk Community Service Scholarship for 2024. This scholarship, for outstanding community service to the city of Norwalk, is available to students from all four Norwalk High Schools. Each high school will establish their own selection process and name a finalist for their school. The four finalists have been invited to submit an application. The Selection Committee consists of a representative from each high school and a member of the Eidt family. The scholarship recipient will be selected by a simple majority. Details on the announcement, to be made by either the Mayor's office or Nowalk Public Schools, will be made at a later date.

# **Honoring Kevin**

## **Norwalk Marching Band**

The Norwalk Marching Band honors Kevin and his Scholarship Fund by placing the Fund's logo, with Kevin's name and class year, on the sleeve of the band's show shirts. The following is the Band's 2024 show shirt.



## **Boston College Emergency Medical Services**

The Boston College student-run EMS honors Kevin with his initials and Boston College class year on the organization's patch worn on their service jackets.



## **Norwalk High School**

To honor Kevin Norwalk High School flies Kevin's Fund's flag on the school's flag pole. The flag is flown for the month of the induction ceremony for the Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the Norwalk High School Honor Society, this year in March, and the Fund's scholarship presentation, this year in April.



# **Scholarship Support**

With the 13 scholarships, totaling \$164,500, being awarded in 2024, Kevin's Fund has provided \$2,862,500 in financial support to 235 exemplary young men and women attending over 90 diverse colleges and universities in Kevin's memory.

#### **Scholarship Funding**

Thanks to the in-kind contributions of many individuals and businesses over the past 28 years the Fund has been able to designate 99.5% of all contributions to fund scholarships.

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Kevin's Fund is an established group on LinkedIn. LinkedIn members can subscribe to and receive updates and articles about the Fund. Simply go to www.linkedin.com and sign up as a member. After joining LinkedIn go to 'Groups', 'Groups Directory' and enter 'Kevin's Fund' in the Group Search box then search. Click on the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund link then the 'Join Group' box.

Follow us on Twitter: @KevinsFund\_org or Instagram @kevinsfund.

#### **Donations**

Those wishing to make donations may do so by mail, payable to Kevin's Fund, at 7 Bumblebee Lane, Norwalk, CT 06851 or through Venmo @Kevin-Eidt-2.



#### Recognition by the City of Norwalk

Friday, June 25, 2021, was proclaimed Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund Day in the city by Mayor Harry Rilling. This honor was in recognition of 25 years of Kevin's Fund and to acknowledge the donors for their educational support for Norwalk students, and for passing onto to the Norwalk community the torch of their trust in the ability of the human spirit to overcome, to achieve, and to excel.

#### **Recognition by the State of Connecticut**

On April 17, 2018, Gail Lavielle, the then 143<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Representative, presented the Scholarship Fund with a citation in recognition of the extraordinary achievements of Kevin's Fund. The citation honored the Fund and its benefactors for the unique achievements, at the time of the citation, in terms of the largest merit-based scholarship in Connecticut, the value of scholarships awarded, and longevity of purpose to remember Kevin through the gifts of education. Gifts which perpetuate Kevin's spirit, legacy, and memory made possible by the extraordinary generosity and faithful support of the communities Kevin touched.

# Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the Norwalk High School National Honor Society

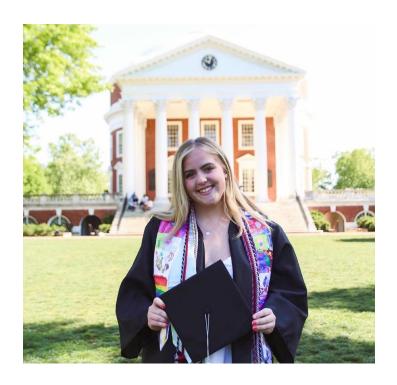
On May 31, 2007, the Norwalk High Honor Society was officially named The Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the Norwalk High School National Honor Society. As part of the Fund's 25th anniversary, the Honor Society created a Kevin's Day of Service at the school to reach out to prospective members and to present and encourage community service opportunities.

#### Kevin M. Eidt Youth Room at St. Jerome Parish

On September 19, 1999, the youth room of St. Jerome Parish was named in honor of Kevin.

# 2019 Recipient Spotlight

The ultimate success of Kevin's Fund lies in the recipients of Kevin's scholarships. This year we are pleased to recognize Emilia Cuevas 2019 Norwalk High School Scholarship recipient and 2023 graduate of the University of Virginia.



I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Eidt family and every donor for their support of Kevin's Scholarship Fund and my education. Being selected as the recipient of the 2019 Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship was and remains an honor, one that I do not take for granted and is a part of my everyday life. I stand before you and I see a community of people in this room who live their lives inspired by Kevin's, a community of people who do everything in their power to continue the legacy left by Kevin. Tonight, I hope to be able to tell you about my undergraduate education, an experience that would not have been possible without the support of the Eidt family, the Fund's benefactors both in this room and those unable to be here tonight, and the empowerment and inspiration given to me by previous scholarship recipients.

As a high school senior, I had a very clear idea of what my life in college and beyond would look like, or so I thought. High school senior Emilia would be shocked to hear that not everything went according to the rigid four year plan that I had mapped out. She would be even

more shocked to hear that what happened *outside* of this four year plan led to the greatest college experience and to the most fulfilling career. Tonight, I hope to give you a small glimpse into the past five years of my life, both the parts that went exactly according to plan, and the parts that I would never have imagined but am thankful happened.

When I stood up here five years ago, I planned to attend the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and I had an idea that I wanted to study Global Public Health or Nursing. This was the first part of my four year plan that went awry. In the weeks following my speech in 2019, I completed an internship at Marvin Elementary School, where I was able to observe and help in a first-grade classroom. I realized that I had a passion for being in the classroom and knew that now, I would be entering college with the intent of becoming a teacher. The second part of my plan that shifted was *where* I would be attending college. Receiving the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship granted me freedom in selecting a university based on academic goals rather than financial concerns. In April 2019, I went to an admitted student day at the University of Virginia. From the second I stepped foot on UVA's grounds, I knew that this would be the place I called home for the next four years.

At this point, I had a new plan- go to the University of Virginia, apply to the Elementary Education program, earn my teaching degree, and then return to Norwalk to teach. In order to gain a semblance of control, I decided to map out every single class that I intended to take while at UVA. During my first year of college, I hit a few bumps in this plan. I was fascinated by my Child Psychology class in the fall of my first semester and adjusted my carefully mapped out course sequence to make space to take more psychology classes. I then had to readjust my plan when I took an incredibly captivating class called Trauma and the US Public School System. In this class, I learned about education policy in the United States and the need to use a trauma-informed lens to tailor instruction. I was enthralled with the idea that education is multifaceted and complex and knew that I wanted to adopt a broad perspective on education. I began to view my 4 year plan as a loose outline, giving me the flexibility to pursue

double minors in Psychology and now, Global Studies in Education. This newfound flexibility in my plan allowed me to take some of the most remarkable and impactful courses of my undergraduate education, from psychology classes called "Child Psychopathology," and "How to Build a Healthy Human Brain," to an educational philosophy class called "What is Education For," and another education policy class called "Poverty, Leaning, and Education Policy".

By the end of my first year of college, I had a more open mind regarding academics and allowed myself freedom to pursue a more robust education than I had originally intended. This grace and flexibility did not, however, extend to my thinking about the extracurricular activities in which I was involved. Upon arriving at UVA, I joined extracurricular activities that I had enjoyed in high school, feeling comforted by the routine of doing familiar activities such as Club Swim and Best Buddies. It was not until I was sent home from school in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, that I allowed myself space to reflect on how I wanted to invest my time. I joined a Greek Life organization, which high school Emilia would've never imagined, and realized that I derived true enjoyment from the friendships I formed in this organization and in supporting our philanthropic cause, the Walk to End Alzheimer's. I decided that going into my second year, I would apply for a leadership position within my sorority, and ended up becoming our Event planner, and eventually Chapter President. I served on our Executive Council and collaborated with National Headquarters and with the UVA office of Fraternity and Sorority Life. I would never have been able to imagine all that I learned about myself as a leader, nor would I have imagined the depth of friendship that the Greek Life community would give me. Even after graduating, I have chosen to stay involved with this organization that meant so much to my college experience, holding a volunteer position as a Collegiate Management Advisor.

After granting myself flexibility to explore interests in new extracurricular activities, I began volunteering with two programs through a local volunteer center. One program, Madison House Childcare, placed me in a local preschool, and the other, Latinx and

Migrant Aid, allowed me to tutor a local first-grade student. I became an English as a Second or Other Language tutor at a local middle school, high school, and preschool, and became a tutor providing reading intervention at an afterschool reading center. I became a research assistant on two meta-analyses examining the impacts of reading interventions on childhood literacy. Lastly, I became involved with Days on the Lawn and Virginia Ambassadors, organizations that allowed me to work with the UVA Office of Admissions to help plan and facilitate the admitted student days at UVA. I found joy in sharing my UVA experience with prospective students, and eventually became co-chair of this organization. The flexibility to invest my time in new ways allowed me to find community at UVA and allowed me to build a college experience that felt rewarding and impactful.

I graduated in May of 2023 with highest honors. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a professional license to teach Elementary Education grades Pre-kindergarten through sixth. Today, I am a third grade classroom teacher in Charlottesville, Virginia at the local elementary school where I completed my student teaching. While not everything went exactly according to plan, I wouldn't change a minute of my college experience. I learned the importance of being flexible, an important lesson as I now work in a profession that requires me to adapt to the ever-changing needs of my students. I learned to give myself grace and patience when adjusting to unexpected events. Today, I know that it is okay to stray from the vision I have for myself, and even more importantly, that the best things can lie just outside of what I have planned.

To every person, business, religious institution or corporation who has donated to Kevin's Scholarship Fund, I can't thank you enough for your support of my educational endeavors and allowing me to graduate debt free. I truly appreciate your support and empowerment; it has shaped me into the person I am today.

# The Fund's Scholarship Commitments

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund is supporting 13 scholarships in 2024, each specifically related to achievements in the

areas in which Kevin participated and excelled: nine for Norwalk High School, three for Boston College, and one available to seniors at all four high schools in Norwalk.

The Norwalk High School scholarships are:

To a graduating senior in the Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society in good standing and in the top 10% of their class with a breadth of demonstrated achievements across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service. The 2024 scholarship is in the amount of \$120,000. The recipient will be announced during this evening's festivities.

The scholarship recipient is selected by a committee based on submitted applications and a personal interview process. The scholarship selection committee is chaired by Gregory D. Calnon, the 1997 Norwalk High School scholarship recipient, a graduate of Notre Dame class of 2001, and currently Managing Director - Global Portfolio Solutions at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York City. The other members of the selection committee are: Jay Hariton, retired teacher and former faculty advisor to the Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society, Kyle Seaburg, Social Studies teacher at Norwalk High School, Despina Sidiropoulos, 2009 Norwalk High School scholarship recipient, 2013 graduate of Boston College, and currently a Leverager in Client Services at Bridgewater Associates in Westport, Ellen Story, a 1988 Norwalk High school graduate and currently VP of Human Resources at Stew Leonard's, Dr. Daniel Sullivan, Assistant Principal at Norwalk High School, and four representatives of the Eidt family. Each of the committee members has an equal vote in the scholarship selection process.

Since this scholarship is specifically designed to recognize demonstrated achievements in as many of the specific areas in which Kevin participated and excelled, financial need is not a factor in the selection process. The Fund reserves the right not to make an award in any year if the qualifications of the applicants are judged not to be consistent with the purpose and intent of this scholarship award. In the event no award is made in a given year, the amount which would

have been awarded will be used to supplement the level of future scholarship awards over the following four years.

The other scholarships for Norwalk High School are:

Commencing with the 2020 – 2021 academic year Norwalk High School discontinued its class ranking system. As a result, the school established a process to identify the senior who best represented the school across a broad spectrum of involvements and achievements to be the Distinguished Student Speaker at the graduation ceremony.

As part of Kevin's Fund's 25<sup>th</sup> Legacy Program Norwalk High School has memorialized the Student Speaker as the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Distinguished Student Speaker. The Distinguished Speaker will receive a \$2,500 scholarship from Kevin's Fund.

To the four-year member of the Norwalk High School Marching Band, in good standing, whose combination of commitment and dedication to the band program and academic achievement best represents the band and Norwalk High School. The recipient of this scholarship is selected by the NHS Band Director. The 2024 scholarship is in the amount of \$5,000. The recipient will be announced at the Band's year-end band banquet.

To the four-year member of the Norwalk High School Marching Band, in good standing, with the highest cumulative grade point average, like Kevin's achievement. The recipient is determined by the Principal of Norwalk High School, or a designated representative. In 2024 there are two \$1,000 scholarships, one for Norwalk High School and one for P-TECH. The recipients will be announced at the Band's year-end banquet.

To a senior in the Norwalk High School Jazz Orchestra for outstanding contribution to the Jazz program. The 2024 scholarship is in the amount of \$2,000. The recipient will be announced at the Band's year-end banquet.

To a senior in the Norwalk High School Orchestra who has made an outstanding contribution to the Orchestra program. The 2024 scholarship is in the amount of \$2,000. The recipient, selected by the Norwalk High School Orchestra Director, will be announced at Norwalk High School's annual Awards Assembly.

To a member of the Norwalk High School senior class who has made an outstanding contribution to Norwalk High School both as a scholar and an athlete. The 2024 scholarship is in the amount of \$2,000. The recipient is selected by the Eidt family based on recommendations from Norwalk High School and will be announced at Norwalk High School's annual Awards Assembly.

To further the connection between Norwalk High School and Boston College, Kevin's Fund offers a one-time \$2,000 scholarship, (amount in recognition of Kevin being in the BC Class of 2000), to each Norwalk High School senior who matriculates at Boston College. This award is incremental to all of the Fund's scholarships except the primary Norwalk High School scholarship. The recipient(s) of this scholarship will be announced at Norwalk High School's annual Awards Assembly.

One of the Boston College scholarships is awarded to a junior in the Carroll School of Management who has demonstrated the unique combination of academic achievement, character, leadership, and school spirit like Kevin's. The recipient is selected by administrators and faculty of the Management School. The 2024 scholarship is in the amount of \$25,000 and will be announced later this spring.

The second Boston College scholarship is the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Boston College Emerging Leader Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to the freshman in the Emerging Leader Program whose leadership skills and potential most closely reflects Boston College's philosophies of "Ever to Excel" and being "Men and Women for Others". The recipient of this \$2,000 scholarship will be announced at the organization's year end banquet on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The third Boston College Scholarship is for Boston College EMS, an all-volunteer student-run, quick response emergency medical service organization formed in 1997 by Mark Ritchie, a classmate of Kevin's. Mark wanted to make sure future situations like Kevin's could be met with the skill and resources which could mean the difference between life and death. In 2009, as part of their inaugural year-end banquet, Boston College EMS established the Kevin M. Eidt Excellence Award which is presented annually to the most outstanding member of the organization. In 2024 this award is being incremented with a \$10,000 scholarship towards the recipient's graduate school education. The recipient of this scholarship will be announced at the organization's year end banquet on April 21st.

Including the 2024 awards, Kevin's Fund has granted \$2,865,500 in scholarships awarded as follows:

To the class of 1997	\$3,750
To the class of 1998	\$5,000
To the class of 1999	\$12,000
To the class of 2000	\$13,000
To the class of 2000	\$47,000
To the class of 2001	
	\$55,000 \$70,000
To the class of 2003	\$70,000
To the class of 2004	\$85,000
To the class of 2005	\$100,000
To the class of 2006	\$111,000
To the class of 2007	\$127,000
To the class of 2008	\$139,000
To the class of 2009	\$140,000
To the class of 2010	\$118,000
To the class of 2011	\$117,000
To the class of 2012	\$115,000
To the class of 2013	\$121,000
To the class of 2014	\$122,000
To the class of 2015	\$124,000
To the class of 2016	•
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To the class of 2017	\$124,000
To the class of 2018	\$127,000
To the class of 2019	\$128,000

To the class of 2020	\$128,000
To the class of 2021	\$127,500
To the class of 2022 *	\$158,000
To the class of 2023	\$160,500
To the class of 2024	\$164,500

<sup>\*</sup> Scholarships as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Legacy Scholarship Program may be awarded to students in other class years.

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HISTORY

#### **NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

- 1997 Gregory Calnon ~ University of Notre Dame
- 1998 Jillian Mallozzi ~ Carnegie Mellon University
- 1999 Kevin Devine ~ Amherst College
- 2000 David Luongo ~ Johns Hopkins University
- 2001 Lauriann Kress ~ Bucknell University
- 2002 Laura Sharp ~ University of Rhode Island
- 2003 Thomas Wagner ~ Bucknell University
- 2004 Elana Ben-Porat ~ University of Wisconsin
- 2005 Jessica Bruno ~ University of Notre Dame
- 2006 Lauren O'Hagan ~ College of William & Mary
- 2007 Kara-Lynne Bess ~ Columbia University
- 2008 Alyxie Harrick ~ Georgetown University
- 2009 Despina Sidiropoulos ~ Boston College
- 2010 Eloise Libre ~ Tufts University
- 2011 Lorena Sferlazza ~ College of the Holy Cross
- 2012 Alexander Libre ~ Dartmouth College
- 2013 Nina Robertson ~ College of the Holy Cross
- 2014 Brody O'Brien ~ University of Connecticut
- 2015 Kimberly Devine ~ College of the Holy Cross
- 2016 Ava Rosato ~ Georgetown University
- 2017 Grace Bradley ~ Furman University
- 2018 Katerina Karaiskos ~ Cornell University
- 2019 Emilia Cuevas ~ University of Virginia
- 2020 Elizabeth Christinat ~ Liberty University
- 2021 Alexandra Koletsos ~ Columbia University
- 2022 Michael P. Bonsangue ~ University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2023 Benjamin S. Bradley ~ George Washington University

Norwalk High School students who have received special recognition scholarships:

- 1999 Jennifer Rentas ~ Harvard University
- 2007 Timothy Fabian ~ Hofstra University
  Karen Shiers ~ University of Miami (FL)
  Mitchell Ulman ~ University of Florida
  Samuel Werner ~ University of Notre Dame
- 2008 Shannon Gombos ~ Providence College Julianne Rogan ~ Villanova University Jessica Taggart ~ Johns Hopkins University
- 2009 Laura Hatchman ~ University of Connecticut Samantha Lusniak ~ University of Rhode Island Elizabeth McLean ~ Vassar College
- 2010 Daniel Faugno-Fusci ~ Boston College Jakub Nowicki ~ Boston College
- 2011 Kristen Benitez ~ Susquehanna University
- 2013 Nicholas Lampman ~ Fordham University\*
- 2014 Nathaniel Cutting ~ Gettysburg College
- 2017 Ryan Williams ~ Merrimack College \*\*
- 2019 Julia Sferlazza ~ Assumption College
- 2021 Devon Wilkins ~ Quinnipiac University \*\*\*
- 2023 Anastasio Panagiotidis ~ University of Connecticut
- \* Recognition in honor of Dr. Joseph Cahalan.
- \*\* Recognition in memory of Alexandra Sandor.
- \*\*\* Recognition in memory of Christine Arnette.

#### NORWALK MARCHING BAND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 1997 Peter Gioiella III ~ Georgetown University
- 1998 Tracey DeMarco ~ New Haven University
- 1999 Jennifer Rentas ~ Harvard University
- 2000 David Ben-Porat ~ Indiana University
- 2001 Daniel Cuzzone ~ Trinity College
- 2002 Richard Frank ~ Brandeis University
- 2003 David Soson ~ University of Rochester
- 2004 Ian Gill ~ United States Naval Academy
- 2005 Kurt Canbolat ~ The New School
- 2006 Raymond Vetter ~ United States Military Academy
- 2007 Stephen Chuba ~ Syracuse University

- 2008 Kelly Mills ~ University of San Francisco
- 2009 Allison Cuttner ~ Temple University
- 2010 Daniel Faugno-Fusci ~ Boston College
- 2011 Rachel Tangard ~ University of Connecticut
- 2012 Kathleen Gill ~ University of Connecticut
- 2013 Kate Cusick ~ Roger Williams University
- 2014 Gavin Schuerch ~ Bates College
- 2015 Fairdi Galicia-Roman ~ Western Connecticut
- 2016 Thomas Jankovic ~ Princeton University
- 2017 Hailey Agostino ~ McGill University
- 2018 Isabel Herrera ~ University of Connecticut
- 2019 Jason Gorman ~ University of Connecticut
- 2020 Pramita Subedi ~ Williams College
- 2021 Anthony Alvarado \*
- 2022 Colin Hong ~ University of Connecticut
- 2023 Aneroly Sanchez (NHS) \*
- 2023 Emily DiSette (P-TECH) ~ Northeastern University
- \* Fund's scholarships can only be paid to four-year college programs. This scholarship will be paid upon recipient's matriculating at a qualifying school.

#### **NORWALK MARCHING BAND SCHOLARSHIP**

2023 - Hunter Jacobson ~ University of Connecticut

#### NORWALK JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP \*

- 2001 Thomas Ash ~ University of New Hampshire
- 2002 Keith Bonenfant ~ Western Connecticut
- 2003 Douglas Wintman ~ University of North Carolina
- 2004 Jonathan Smith ~ Western Connecticut
- 2005 Jonathan Konya ~ Loyola, New Orleans
- 2006 Jason Vigneault ~ Duquesne University
- 2007 Adam Rosado ~ Loyola of New Orleans
- 2008 Benedict Vetter ~ University of Connecticut
- 2009 Jerry Petrini ~ West Virginia University
- 2010 Emily Lavins ~ University of Connecticut
- 2011 Brandon Eckert ~ Western Connecticut
- 2012 Michael O'Callaghan ~ University of Connecticut
- 2013 Blair Roberts ~ Western Connecticut
- 2014 Charles Tinnen ~ Western Connecticut

- 2015 Jeffrey Victor ~ Western Connecticut
- 2016 Kyle Brenn ~ New York University
- 2017 Giovan Pesce ~ University of Connecticut
- 2018 Chaz Bethel-Brescia ~ Princeton University
- 2019 Sean Donaher ~ Western Connecticut
- 2020 Ryan Whitney ~ Berklee College of Music
- 2021 Justin Stavrianos ~ Belmont University
- 2022 Kurt Ruiz ~ Western Connecticut
- 2023 Robert DiPalma ~ Sacred Heart University
- \* The Jazz Scholarship in Kevin's name was funded by private donations prior to 2008.

#### **NORWALK ORCHESTRA SCHOLARSHIP**

- 2009 Caroline Alfen ~ Oberlin College
- 2010 Taylor Scicchitano ~ RPI
- 2011 Megha Nadig ~ SUNY Fredonia
- 2012 Paige Henson ~ St. Lawrence University
- 2013 Darius Colson ~ University of Rochester
- 2014 Richard Cruz ~ Ithaca College
- 2015 Daniel Lott ~ Boston College
- 2016 Ines Purcell ~ Bryn Mawr College
- 2017 Isabel Nees ~ Penn State University
- 2018 Serena Jankovic ~ University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 Katja Jarozewski ~ Louisiana State University
- 2020 Brynn Schmitt ~ Furman University
- 2021 Denali Baker ~ Boston University
- 2022 Tristan Ancog ~ University of Connecticut
- 2023 Lindsay Caruso ~ American University

#### NORWALK SCHOLAR - ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

- 2010 Olga Sidiropoulos ~ Fairfield University
- 2011 Lorena Sferlazza ~ College of the Holy Cross
- 2012 Brain Manby ~ University of Connecticut
- 2013 Michal Nowicki ~ Occidental College
- 2014 Skylar Buswell ~ University of Connecticut
- 2015 Kasey Hogan ~ Boston College
- 2016 Georgios Kutrubis ~ University of Connecticut
- 2017 Juliane Alfen ~ UCLA
- 2018 Katherine Sciglimpaglia ~ St. Peter's University

- 2019 Gianluca Trofa ~ Harvard University
- 2020 Julia Dufort ~ University of Virginia
- 2021 Alexandra Koletsos ~ Columbia University
- 2022 Tyler Belinsky ~ University of Connecticut
- 2023 Rachel Miller ~ Southern Connecticut State University

# NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED STUDENT SPEAKER SCHOLARSHIP

- 2021 Alexandra Koletsos ~ Columbia University
- 2022 Maria Fe Luque ~ Harvard University
- 2023 Joseph Cruz ~ Dartmouth University

#### NORWALK HS - BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

To further the connection between Norwalk High School and Boston College, beginning in 2015, Kevin's Fund provides a one-time \$2,000, (in recognition of Kevin being in the BC Class of 2000), scholarship to each Norwalk High School senior who matriculates at Boston College. This scholarship is incremental to the Fund's Norwalk High School scholarship being presented tonight.

- 2015 Kasey Hogan and Daniel Lott
- 2016 Arissa Troy
- 2019 David Chuba and Madison French

#### ST. JEROME YOUTH GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

- 1997 Gregory Calnon ~ University of Notre Dame
- 1998 Megan Tomlinson ~ University of Connecticut
- 1999 Josh Gibson ~ Eastern Connecticut State University
- 2000 Dana Loch ~ University of Connecticut
- 2001 Beth Olson ~ Western Connecticut State University
- 2002 Gregory Vetter ~ Connecticut College
- 2003 Kelly Jaeger ~ Siena College
- 2004 John Paul Sebastian ~ Bentley University
- 2005 Kelly Spenard ~ College of the Holy Cross
- 2006 Kate McFarland ~ Temple University
- 2007 Angelo Bruno ~ Stonehill College
- 2008 Nicholas Carroll ~ University of Connecticut

- 2009 Jeff DeSimone ~ Bryant University
- 2010 Kristin Chuba ~ Stonehill College
- 2011 Michael Corasaniti ~ University of Connecticut
- 2012 Michael O'Callaghan ~ University of Connecticut
- 2013 Megan O'Callaghan ~ Western Connecticut State Univ.
- 2014 Aidan Whalen ~ James Madison University
- 2015 Allison Hall ~ Sacred Heart University
- 2016 Christina Ronzitti ~ University of Rhode Island
- 2017 Ryan Williams ~ Merrimack College
- 2018 Kristen Beaumonte ~ University of Notre Dame
- 2019 Sean Murawski ~ University of Connecticut
- 2020 Antonia Gasparo ~ Fairfield University
- 2021 Nico Tullio ~ Champlain College

Due to the pandemic's adverse impact on the Youth Program, scholarships beyond 2021 have been temporarily suspended.

# BOSTON COLLEGE CARROLL SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

- 1999 Omar Chaudhary, class of '00 ~ Newton, Massachusetts
- 2000 Carrie Anne Levitt, class of '01 ~ Setauket, New York
- 2001 Dennis Allaire, class of '02 ~ Clifton Park, New York
- 2002 Justin Wescott, class of '03 ~ Holyoke, Massachusetts
- 2003 Matthew Acalin, class of '04 ~ Anaheim, California
- 2004 Amy Racannello, class of '05 ~ Stamford, Connecticut
- 2005 Kevin Schohl, class of '06 ~ Cleveland, Ohio
- 2006 Lauren Hill, class of '07 ~ Buffalo, New York
- 2007 Patrick Twomey, class of '08 ~ Andover, Massachusetts
- 2008 Matthew Raffol, class of '09 ~ Natick, Massachusetts
- 2009 Steven Twomey, class of '10 ~ Andover, Massachusetts
- 2010 Cassandra Porter, class of '11 ~ Franklin Lakes, NJ
- 2011 Hector Vasquez-Aguilar, class of '12 ~ Milford, PA
- 2012 Lauren Wallace, class of '13 ~ Lake Bluff, Illinois
- 2013 Joshua Coyne, class of '14 ~ Paxton, Massachusetts
- 2014 Kevin Zhao, class of '15 ~ Bellevue, Washington
- 2015 Nickolaus Osinski, class of '16 ~ Buffalo, New York
- 2016 Lauren Wedell, class of '17 ~ Arden Hills, Minnesota
- 2017 Hannah Say, class of '18 ~ Burlingame, California
- 2018 Caitlin Ferris, class of '19 ~ Port Washington, New York
- 2019 Vincent Ferrucci, class of '20 ~ Fishers, Indiana
- 2020 Samuel Schelble, class of '21 ~ Brookfield, Wisconsin

- 2021 Josie Seelen, class of '22 ~ Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- 2022 Haoyi Wang, class of '23 ~ Farmington, Connecticut
- 2023 Francis Hodgens, class of '24 ~ Hopedale, Massachusetts

#### **BOSTON COLLEGE EMERGING LEADER SCHOLARSHIP**

- 2013 Christopher Klotsche, class of '16 ~ Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2014 Alec Ellis, class of '17 ~ Winter Park, Florida
- 2015 Noah Groenewold, class of '18~ Hinsdale, Illinois
- 2016 Kandace Nguyen, class of '19 ~ Marrero, Louisiana
- 2017 Joan Kennedy, class of '20 ~ San Antonio, Texas
- 2018 Fatoumata Sall, class '21 ~ New York, New York
- 2018 Noella D'Souza, class of '20 ~ Sharon, Massachusetts \*
- 2019 Henry Bayly, class of '22 ~ Fort Meyers, Florida
- 2020 Audrey Davis, class of '23 ~ Fanwood, New Jersey
- 2021 Lauren Dadekian, class of '24 ~ Upper Saddle River, New Jersey
- 2022 Aidan Mackey, class of '25 ~ West Oneonta, New York
- 2023 Brody Whetzel, class of '26 ~ Salem, Oregon
- \* Special one-time scholarship to Sophomore Facilitator in honor of Program's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **Boston College Emergency Medical Services**

- 2009 Brett Earhart ~ Mount Kisco, New York
- 2010 Katie Davis ~ Glastonbury, Connecticut
- 2011 Christopher Faherty ~ Little Silver, New Jersey
- 2012 Kevin Wickersham ~ Sammamish, Washington
- 2013 Gus Godley ~ North Kingstown, Rhode Island
- 2014 Alex Warshauer ~ Warren, New Jersey
- 2015 Kristen DiBlasi ~ Bolton, Massachusetts
- 2016 Kevin Zirko ~ Lombard, Illinois
- 2017 Caroline Repetti ~ Dover, Massachusetts
- 2018 Conor Morrison ~ Mendon, Massachusetts
- 2019 Mary Kate Pensabene ~ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2020 Alexander Statkevich ~ Southington, Connecticut
- 2021 Caitlin Vasington ~ Bolton, Massachusetts
- 2022 Frank Giacchetto ~ Blue Point, New York ~ Tufts \*
- 2023 Mary (Gracie) Meijer ~ Ada, Michigan \*
- \* As part of the Fund's 25<sup>th</sup> Legacy Scholarship Program this award is supplemented with a graduate school scholarship.

#### 25th LEGACY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- 2021 Kelly Flaherty \* ~ University of Virginia
- 2022 Sofia Cuevas \*\* ~ Rhode Island Institute of Design
  - Antonia Gasparo \*\*\* ~ Fairfield University
  - Colin Hong Trumpet \*\*\*\* ~ University of Connecticut
  - Ryan Mapes Brass \*\*\*\* ~ University of Connecticut
  - Daniel Whelan Percussion \*\*\*\* ~ Syracuse University
  - Harrison Perone Woodwind \*\*\*\* ~ University of Connecticut
  - Mia Piacenza Guard \*\*\*\* ~ Lehigh University
  - Meljeny Rodriguez Leadership \*\*\*\* ~ Lesley University
  - Saul Salgado Senior Class \*\*\*\*
  - Robert Koteen \*- Junior Class \*\*\*\* ~ University of Delaware
  - Sam Aurilio Sophomore Class \*\*\*\*
  - Nicholas Duncan Freshman Class \*\*\*\*
- \* Recipient of two Legacy Scholarships.
- \*\* Scholarship recipient designated by Emilia Cuevas.
- \*\*\* Scholarship recipient designated by Suzanne Calnon
- \*\*\*\* Band 25<sup>th</sup> Scholarships. Scholarships for recipients who are underclassman or enrolling in a community college will be deferred until the enroll in a college or university awarding bachelor's degrees.

From time to time this Scholarship Fund has received grants enabling the Fund to recognize outstanding young men and women, who in the simple conduct of their lives, demonstrated care for others like the way Kevin lived his life. Past recipients of this scholarship were:

- 1999 Brian Cohen ~ Franklin Lakes, NJ ~ Boston College
- 1999 Justin Kanive ~ Washington, Illinois ~ Boston College
- 2000 Julie Merigliano ~ Norwalk, CT ~ Univ. of Connecticut
- 2011 Maggie Mellott ~ Norwalk, CT ~ Loyola of Maryland
- 2013 Maggie Mellott ~ Norwalk, CT ~ Loyola of Maryland

#### BOSTON COLLEGE LITURGY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

- 1999 Jeremy Zipple ~ Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- 2000 Stacie Powderly ~ St. Charles, Missouri
- 2001 Jeff Glass ~ Atlanta, Georgia
  - Benjamin Kadamus ~ Schenectady, New York
- 2002 Carolyn E. Gordon ~ Maynard, Massachusetts

2003 - Brian Ferrasci-O'Malley ~ Tualatin, Oregon

2004 - Darcy M. Roberts ~ Manchester, Connecticut

2005 - Michael Abbott ~ South Hamilton, Massachusetts

2006 - Meaghan Campbell ~ Summit, New Jersey

2007 - Melanie B. Houlihan ~ Bel Air, Maryland

Funding for this scholarship was not renewed after 2007.

# **Fund Raising Activities**

The Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) publicly supported charity. The essence of this Fund is to remember a special life by perpetuating a legacy for our youth to emulate. The primary sources of support come from this annual benefit dinner dance, individual contributions, corporate matching gifts, and a memorial contribution program.

Through the Memorial Contribution program, the Fund receives donations in memory of individuals or to honor special occasions. Formal printed memorials and acknowledgements of the contribution are provided to the families. Those remembered in this special way since our last dinner dance were:

#### In memory of:

Robert Swillo
Patricia Boullianne
Lois Cavalieri
Carmela Strazza

Frank Kilkelly Vincenza Bonanno Joan Alexander

## **Stop & Shop Cash for Causes**

Kevin's Fund is participating in Stop & Shop's Cash for Causes program. Those purchasing gift cards from Kevin's Fund receive a 2% discount to face value. Kevin's Fund receives a percentage of each card purchased. For information, please call us at 203-846-9718 or email us at KevinsFund@aol.com.

#### www.iGive.com

The Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund is registered with igive.com which allows individuals to help non-profit organizations while shopping on the internet with hundreds of stores and merchants. There is no cost to the user and Kevin's Fund will receive a percentage of your purchases.

To sign up go to <a href="www.iGive.com">www.iGive.com</a>. Enter your email address under 'Join Here' then click on 'join now'. On the 'Find a Cause to Support' page, type 'Eidt' as the one keyword and select 'Connecticut' under the state or province. This entry will return a value of 'Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund'. Click on 'Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund' to complete your registration.

#### GoodSearch.com / GoodShop.com / GoodDining.com

You can raise money for Kevin's Fund by using **GoodSearch.com** to search the Internet or **GoodShop.com** to shop on the internet, and **GoodDining.com** to eat at restaurants. Go to http://www.goodsearch.com. Enter Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund in the 'I'm supporting box' and click on the verify key. The designation of Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund, (Norwalk, CT) will appear when returning to the GoodSearch site.

# **Silent Auction**

We acknowledge with appreciation the generosity of individuals and businesses donating goods and services for our auction. We encourage your participation, as all proceeds from these auctions will be applied to scholarships for the class of 2025. We ask you to patronize these businesses as acknowledgement of their charity, their compassion, and their commitment to the youth of our community.

Aroma Beauty & Wellness
134 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT 06897~ (203) 761-1066

#### John Bonanno ~ Flushing, NY

Bob's Discount Furniture 434 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06042 ~ (475) 257-6100

Judy and Barry Bosworth ~ Wilton, CT

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Suzanne and Tom Calnon ~ Norwalk, CT Judy and Dan Campisi ~ Stamford, CT

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1 Regent Street, East Norwalk, CT 06855 ~ (800) 347-5000

Friends of St. Kevin's Parish ~ Flushing NY

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Hilton Garden Inn 560 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851 ~ (203) 523-4040

Inn at Longshore 260 Compo Road South, Westport, CT 06880 ~ (203) 226-3316

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New York Football Giants
Met Life Stadium ~ East Rutherford, NJ 07073

New York Jets
1 Jets Drive ~ Florham Park, NJ 07932

New York Rangers 2 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, NY 10221

Noelle Spa for Beauty & Wellness 1100 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905 ~ (203) 322-3445

Oak Hills Park Golf Course 165 Fillow Street, Norwalk, CT 06850 ~ (203) 838-0303

Open House 9 Center Street, Wilton, CT 06897 ~ (203) 762-3868

#### Osteria Romana

250 Westport Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851 ~ (203) 229-0844

#### Pasquale's Osteria

186 Main Street, Norwalk, CT 06851 ~ (203) 847-4621

#### **Peaceful Places**

9 Wakefield Place, Westport, CT 06880 ~ (203) 644-4518

#### **Primavera Italian Cuisine**

130 New Canaan Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06850 ~ (203) 939-9966

Friends of St. Kevin's Parish ~ Flushing, NY

#### Splash Car Wash

472 Wheelers Farm Road, Milford, CT 06461 (203) 324-5400

Teddy's Transportation System, Inc.

112 Main Street, Norwalk, CT 06851 ~ (203) 866-2231

#### Ten Twenty Post Oyster Bar ~ Bristo

1020 Post Road, Darien, CT 06820 ~ (203) 655-1020

#### The Spotted Horse Tavern

26-28 Church Lane, Westport, CT 06880 ~ (203) 557-9393

#### The Spread

70 N Main Street, Norwalk, CT 06854 ~ (203) 939-1111

#### **Village Market**

108 Old Ridgefield Road, Wilton, CT 06897 ~ (203) 762-7283

#### **Westport County Playhouse**

25 Powers Court, Westport, CT 06880 ~ (203) 227-4177

#### Peg and Bob Whitney ~ Wilton, CT

#### Wilton Jewelers

27 Danbury Rd., Wilton, CT 06897 ~ (203) 210-7026

# Requiescat In Pace

It is important to never forget those who made a difference in our lives. We fondly remember the supporters of Kevin's Fund who have gone before us and ask you to remember them and their loved ones.

Since the last dinner dance, we mourn the passing of Robert Swillo and Joan Alexander. We pray their family experiences peace in recalling their memories and comfort in knowing they will be remembered.

James (Bud) Gallivan Anne O'Callaghan

Sister Ann Maura Wrafter

Bob Hickey Charles Nichols Christine Flynn Dan McNeal

Della (Eidt) Campbell Eleanor Koebele Emanuel Vila John C. Eidt, Jr. Joan Vila

Francis (Pat) Paterno

Mary Calnon Alexandra Sandor Doris (Eidt) Burns Larry Gallacher

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Loralyn Cropper

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Dr. Steven Sferlazza

Robert Swillo

In deepest appreciation to the families of the supporters who designated Kevin's Fund as the charity to receive donations in lieu of flowers:

Teresa Eidt Annette O'Hagan

Stella Eidt

Mary Hennessey Ted Mortner Della Campbell Alexandra Sandor

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# **Kevin's Legacy**

## **Boston College class of 2000**

- Dean's List student in the Honors Program in the Carroll School of Management
- Posthumously awarded the Nicholas H. Woods Leadership award for initiative, motivation, and student leadership
- Men's and Women's intramural basketball trophy memorialized in Kevin's name
- "I Want To Praise Your Name" CD, dedicated to Kevin by the BC Liturgy Arts Group
- Musician, Liturgy Arts Group, Pep Band, and Jazz Orchestra
- Boston College EMS founded in Kevin's memory

#### Norwalk High School class of 1996

- Co-Valedictorian class of 1996
- National Honor Society
- · Co-captain of the Men's tennis team
- Musician, Marching Band and Jazz Band
- Volunteer for American Heart Association, Norwalk Soup Kitchen, and Save the Children
- Co-chair of the inaugural Fairfield County "Hoops For Hearts"
   Basketball Tournament for the American Heart Association
- Norwalk High School Chapter of the National Honor Society named in Kevin's memory

#### **Community**

- St. Jerome Parish youth room dedicated in Kevin's name
- Posthumously honored as one of the 100 individuals who will provide leadership for the greater Norwalk area for the next 50 years as part of Norwalk's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- From Roberta Flack to Boy George: Last Fantastic Albums Ever Made, written by J.J. Briggs dedicated to Kevin

# **Kevin Michael Eidt**

June 17, 1978 – January 23, 1997



"There are many things in life that will catch your eye, but only a few will catch your heart."