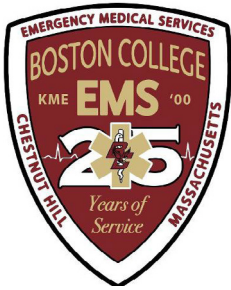


# **KEVIN M. EIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**



**25th ANNUAL  
SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION AND  
BENEFIT DINNER DANCE**

**JUNE 25, 2021**



2021 Boston College EMS Service Patch



2021-2022 Norwalk High School Marching Band Shirt Patch

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Kevin's Flag on Norwalk High School Flagpole



2021-2022 Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society Service Shirt Patch

June 25, 2021

Tonight's Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance is our way of remembering Kevin, preserving part of our past and extending his spirit and legacy to future generations through gifts of education. Gifts made possible by a caring community's support enabling this event to recognize the fullness in the lives of those touched by Kevin's presence and passed on to those who share his calling to serve and determination to achieve.

In recognition of Kevin's Fund's 25 years, today has been proclaimed Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund Day by the City of Norwalk. Tonight, Kevin's Fund awards the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship to the most outstanding senior at Norwalk High School. This merit-based scholarship was created to recognize the student most reminding the scholarship selection committee of Kevin and the qualities which made Kevin special. The scholarship recognizes the unique 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. These are the specific areas which Kevin participated in and excelled.

Thank you for allowing the recipients of Kevin's scholarships to follow their dreams. For inspiring them to live their life with purpose, to cherish every moment, and to leave a meaningful impact on their community. As each winner of Kevin's scholarship goes on to leave his or her mark, Kevin's legacy lives on.

With this evening's \$100,000 scholarship presentation, the value of the 182 merit scholarships awarded by Kevin's Fund amounts to almost \$2.4 million. When our family received the first donation to Kevin's Scholarship Fund 25 years ago, we had no idea the generosity and support of the communities Kevin touched would provide the inspiration for the Fund's extraordinary accomplishments. You have enabled Kevin to remain an active agent for good in our community.

Your coming together for tonight's celebration of spirit and memories, of a short life fully lived, enables us to carry on Kevin's legacy through his scholarship recipients. For this we are forever grateful. We hope you will join us at our next celebration of life and love, Kevin's 26<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Presentation and Annual Benefit Event, on April 9, 2022.

*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 25<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.

**Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund**

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

## Program

- 6:30pm - Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction
- 7:30pm - Introductions – Christian J. Eidt  
- Welcoming Remarks – Suzanne and Tom Calnon  
- Invocation – Rev. David Blanchfield  
- Music – Destiny Band  
- Dinner
- 8:45pm - Silent Auction Closing for Early Tables
- 9:00pm - Acknowledgements – Christian J. Eidt  
- 2020 Norwalk High School Scholarship Recipient Introduction – Gregory Calnon  
- Presentation of Scholarship in Memory of Christine Arnette – Wendy Febbraio representing Stew Leonard's  
- Prior recipient remarks:  
Kim Devine, 2015 Recipient of the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship and 2019 graduate of The College of the Holy Cross  
Ava Rosato, 2016 Recipient of the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship and 2020 graduate of Georgetown University  
- Remarks – Christian H. Eidt  
- 2021 Norwalk High School Scholarship Recipient Introduction – Gregory Calnon  
- Remarks 2021 Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Norwalk High School Scholarship Recipient  
- Music – Destiny Band
- 10:00pm - Silent Auction Concludes
- 11:30pm - Event Concludes

## **Entertainment**

We are honored to present the Destiny Band for your listening and dancing pleasure. The band has donated a significant portion of their fee to the Scholarship Fund for which we are sincerely appreciative.

## **Acknowledgements**

We are indebted to Isaac Storandt, Cheresse Palmer, Chef Jim, and the staff of The Shore and Country Club for their talents and efforts in making this event special.

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

Angela Mia Italian Pastry of Norwalk, CT (203) 853-0044 for the cake donation as they have since 2007.

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 21 years.

Ice Matters of Cheshire, CT (203) 271-3736 for the Ice Sculpture donation as they have for the past 21 years.

Parish Associates, Inc. of Bridgeport, CT, (203) 335-4100, for their support of the Fund's mailings.

Yvonne Marchese Photography, of Norwalk, CT (917) 541-7303, 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 that it has become:

Greg Calnon (chair) and 1997 scholarship recipient, Jay Hariton, Alyxie Harrick 2008 scholarship recipient, Kyle Seaburg, Ellen Story, and Dan Sullivan - Scholarship Selection Committee.

Suzanne and Tom Calnon - event chairs, Ronni Sayewitz - auction chair, Gloria Forbes – program coordinator, Dan Sullivan for his administrative support and Jacquelyn Nota event coordinator.

The volunteers helping with the reception desk and the auction are Allison Eidt, Christian Kevin Eidt, Alexandra Gall, and Simon Kevin Strazza. We also acknowledge everyone in attendance, every contributor, and each one who made the effort to let others know about this event and Kevin's Fund.

And a special acknowledgment to Saint Matthew Parish for their validation and support of our mission.

## **Scholarship in memory of Chirstine Arnette**

Tonight, we are presenting a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Christine Arnette. Chris was our long time liaison with Stew Leonard's and their Wishing Well. In her honor, we funded a scholarship to be awarded to a Stew Leonard's employee planning to further their education, who reflected Chris's dedication and work ethic. The recipient is Devon Wilkins who will be attending Florida Atlantic University in the fall.

## **Kevin's Fund 25<sup>th</sup> Year**

As with everything else, the current health crisis has adversely impacted the Fund's and the Designated Organization's decision-making processes and ability to implement proposals appropriate for the occasion. Not knowing to what extent schools would be able to remain open, what extracurricular activities

would be curtailed or eliminated, limitations on community gatherings, and restrictions on students ability to participate in community and religious activities, we have implemented those proposals we could and deferred the consideration of the remaining proposals until the 2021 – 2022 academic year.

The proposals we were able to implement this year follows:

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

This organization marked its 25<sup>th</sup> year during the 2020 - 2021 academic year and adopted new patches for their service uniforms and a new logo for their media communications by including Kevin's initials and class year. The service patch suggestion was submitted by Kelly Flaherty of Roswell, GA, a recent graduate of the University of Virginia, who received a \$2,500 scholarship.

### **Norwalk High School**

Flying the Fund's banner on the Norwalk High School flagpole during the month of the Honor Society Induction Ceremony and during the month of the Fund's Annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance.

With the school's implementing a Distinguished Student Speaker at their graduation ceremony, spoken and written references will be branded the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Distinguished Speaker. The recipient of this honor is selected by a panel of school administrators and teachers. Concurrently, Kevin's Fund initiated a \$2,500 scholarship for the Distinguished Student Speaker. This year's Distinguished Student Speaker is Alexandra Koletsos who will attend Columbia University in the fall.



## **Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Donation of an anniversary throw quilt with 25 hearts, depicting the names of each Norwalk High School Scholarship Recipient, embroidered in silver thread. Quilt was donated to be displayed at the annual Induction Ceremony for the Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the Norwalk High School National Honor Society and the Fund's Annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance. This proposal was also submitted by Kelly Flaherty who received a second \$2,500 scholarship.

The following proposals have been accepted for implementation in the 2021 – 2022 academic year. Scholarships for the suggestions, if any, will be announced as the activity is finalized.

## **Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society**

Implementation of an annual Kevin Eidt Day of Service in which the Honor Society Chapter will team up to help a local charity or run a charitable event at Norwalk High School which all funds raised, if any, would benefit the Norwalk Soup Kitchen, Save the Children Foundation, and/or the American Heart Association.

## **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 made for this year's event in loving memory of:

Chris Arnette  
Paul F. Cifatte, D.D.S.  
Kelly Devine  
Jay W. Eidt, Sr.  
John C. Eidt, Jr.  
Kevin M. Eidt  
Stella Eidt

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Charles Nichols  
Mary Ann White

# **Designated Contributions**

In honor of the Norwalk/Nagarote Sister City Project.  
In honor of LA Fitness Aqua Club.

## **Patrons and Sponsors**

We acknowledge the generosity of those present tonight.

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## **Guests**

Val Angione  
Fr. David Blanchfield  
Flora Dievenich Braes and Chris McCarthy  
Abigail Brone  
Marie and Greg Calnon  
Judy and Dan Campisi  
Walter Casey  
Kim Devine and Andrew Kyriakos  
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Sandra Hendricks  
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Yvonne Marchese and John Flaherty  
Bruce Minoff  
Denise and Scot Perna  
Ava Rosato and Andrea Rosato  
Jennifer and Jon Spanier  
Devon Wilkins

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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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, beyond the contribution inherent in the purchase of our event ticket, for contributions received in response to our 2020 and 2021 fundraising received through June 18, 2021. Those noted with asterisks (\*\*) indicate donations for both years. Please forgive us if the name of any contributor was inadvertently omitted.

## **Scholarship Mentors**

Jeanne and Chris Bradley \*\*  
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## **Corporate Matching Gifts**

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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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Jay and Alyssa Kanive Charitable Trust  
Andrew J. Knuth Charitable Trust

## **Other Fundraising Activities**

### **Stew Leonard's Wishing Well**

We would like to thank Stew Leonard's and their Donation Committee, who for the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year, have judged Kevin's Fund worthy of participation in their Wishing Well project. This year our participation was for the month of May. We thank each shopper and every child who tossed a coin in the Wishing Well in support of Kevin's Fund.

## **Fund Facts**

### **Scholarship Support**

With the 10 scholarships valued at \$126,500 awarded in 2021, Kevin's Fund has provided \$2,380,500 in financial support to 182 exemplary young men and women attending 76 colleges and universities in Kevin's memory.

### **Scholarship Funding**

Thanks to the in-kind contributions of many individuals and businesses over the past 25 years the Fund has been able to apply 99.5% of all contributions to fund scholarships.

### **Fairfield County Bank**

A special thanks to the patrons of Fairfield County Bank for selecting Kevin's Fund as the Charity of the Month in December 2020. And thanks to Fairfield County Bank for naming Kevin's Fund as the 8<sup>th</sup> of 150 charities local charities who do so much for our community in celebration of their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **Find us on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter**

Kevin's Fund had been established as a group on LinkedIn. LinkedIn members can subscribe to and receive updates and articles about the Fund. Simply go to [www.linkedin.com](http://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.

## **Special Recognition by the City of Norwalk**

Friday, June 25, 2021, has been proclaimed Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund Day in the city by Mayor Harry Rilling. This honor is 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.

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

On April 17, 2018, Gail Lavielle, the 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, (\$100,000), the value of scholarships awarded, (\$2,000,000), and longevity of purpose, (22 years), 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 Eidt Chapter of the Norwalk High School National Honor Society.

### **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.

### **Boston College EMS**

Boston College EMS is 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.

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

## **The Fund's Scholarship Commitments**

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund supported 11 scholarships in 2021 each specifically related to achievements in the areas in which Kevin excelled: seven for Norwalk High School, two for Boston College, one for the St. Jerome Youth Group, and one special scholarship.

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 2021 scholarship is in the amount of \$100,000 and 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, Alyxie Harrick, 2008 Norwalk High School scholarship recipient, 2012 graduate of Georgetown, and currently a Manager at Google, Kyle Seaburg, Social Studies teacher at Norwalk High School, 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 their grade point average 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 it was proposed and accepted by Norwalk High School to memorialize the Distinguished Speaker as the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Distinguished Speaker and have the speaker receive a \$2,500 scholarship from Kevin's Fund.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the school's annual awards ceremony Alexandra Koletsos was formally announced at the 2021 Distinguished Student Speaker and received the inaugural \$2,500 scholarship. Alexandra will be attending Columbia University in the fall.

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. The 2021 scholarship is in the amount of \$2,500 and the recipient, Anthony Alvarado, was announced at the year-end Band Banquet on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Anthony will be studying Graphic Design at Norwalk Community College in the fall. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Band Scholarship presented in Kevin's name.

To a senior in the Norwalk High School Jazz Orchestra for outstanding contribution to the Jazz program. The 2021 scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. The recipient, Justin Stavrianos, selected by the Norwalk High School Jazz Director, was announced at the year-end Band Banquet on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Justin will attend Belmont University in Nashville, TN.

To a senior in the Norwalk High School Orchestra who has made an outstanding contribution to the Orchestra program. The 2021 scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. The 2021 recipient, selected by the Norwalk High School Orchestra Director, announced at Norwalk High School's Award Assembly on June 3<sup>rd</sup> is Denali Baker, who will attend Boston University.

To a member of the Norwalk High School senior class who has made an outstanding contribution to Norwalk HS both as a scholar and an athlete. The 2021 scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000 and the recipient is selected by the Eidt family based on recommendations from Norwalk High School. The 2021 recipient, announced at Norwalk High School's Award Assembly on June 3<sup>rd</sup> is Alexandra Koletsos who will attend Columbia University.

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 the

indicated scholarship awards for the Band, Jazz, Orchestra, and Scholar-Athlete scholarships, but not to the main Norwalk High School scholarship. There were no Norwalk High School graduates planning to matriculate at BC in the fall of 2021.

One of the Boston College scholarships is awarded to a junior in the Carroll School of Management Fulton Leadership Society, (FLS), who has demonstrated the unique combination of academic achievement, character, leadership, and school spirit like Kevin's. The recipient is selected by the administrators and faculty of the Management School, the student president of FLS, and the prior year recipient of this scholarship. The 2021 contribution by Kevin's Fund to this scholarship is \$10,500 made directly to the Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund at Boston College. A percentage of the balance in the Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund at Boston College is awarded each spring. Together with contributions by third parties directly to Boston College, the 2021 scholarship is \$20,000. The recipient of this scholarship, announced on May 6<sup>th</sup>, is Josie Seelen of Eau Claire, WI.

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 scholarship, announced at the organization's year end zoom meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, is Lauren Dadekian, BC class of '24, from Upper Saddle River, NJ.

The St. Jerome Youth Group (TOTAL) scholarship is awarded to an individual with demonstrated commitment to community and religious service like Kevin's. The TOTAL adult ministry team selects the recipient of the scholarship. The 2021 scholarship is in the amount of \$5,000 and the will be announced shortly.



Including the 2021 awards, Kevin's Fund has granted \$2,380,500 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 2001	\$47,000
To the class of 2002	\$55,000
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	\$122,250
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	\$126,500

## **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 ~ College of William & Mary

Norwalk High School students who have received special recognition:

- 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 ~ Norwalk, CT ~ Fordham University\*  
2014 – Nathaniel Cutting ~ Norwalk, CT ~ Gettysburg College  
2017 – Ryan Williams ~ Norwalk, CT ~ Merrimack College \*\*  
2019 – Julia Sferlazza ~ Norwalk, CT ~ Assumption College

\* Recognition award in honor of Dr. Joseph Cahalan.

\*\* Recognition award in memory of Alexandra Sandor.

## **NORWALK HS MARCHING BAND 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 Cuzzzone ~ 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 ~ Norwalk Community College \*

\* Fund's scholarships can only be paid to four-year college programs.

## **NORWALK HS 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

\* The Jazz Scholarship in Kevin’s name was funded by private donations prior to 2008.

## **NORWALK HS 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

### **NORWALK HS 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

### **NORWALK HS DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SCHOLARSHIP**

2021 – Alexandra Koletsos ~ Columbia 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 Norwalk High School scholarship awards other than the main 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

## **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

### **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, NJ

\* Special one-time scholarship to Sophomore Facilitator in honor of Program's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

## **Recipient Spotlight**

The ultimate success of Kevin's Fund lies in the recipients of Kevin's scholarships. As the health pandemic prevented us from holding our annual event in 2020, we are recognizing both the 2015 and 2016 recipient of the Norwalk High School scholarship this year.

### **2015 Recipient ~ Kimberly Devine**



Kim Devine graduated cum laude from the College of the Holy Cross in May 2019, earning a B.A. in English and Psychology. While dedicating immense effort and time to her academics, Kim was involved in club sports and community service. Kim was a dedicated member of the Club Swim team



all four years, first serving on the electoral board as the club's treasurer during her sophomore year. By her junior year, she was elected co-chair, and was responsible for leading practices four times per week, allocating the club's budget and coordinating swim meets with other collegiate swim clubs. On campus, Kim volunteered in the Holy Cross Admissions Department, serving as a greeter to students and families in the office and hosting prospective students for day and overnight visits. Kim reached out beyond the Holy Cross community by volunteering in the city of Worcester through Student Programs for Urban Development. She tutored children after school at a family shelter and assisted staff at a domestic violence shelter for women and children.

As a junior, Kim was recognized for academic achievement in English and was accepted into the international English honors society, Sigma Tau Delta. Kim studied English Literature and Social Policy abroad at the University of York in York, England in her second semester. As a rising senior, Kim participated in the Holy Cross Academic Internship Program and interned in the Trade Marketing department at Scholastic, Inc. New York City. As a senior, Kim conducted and presented research in the Psychology department on creativity and its effect on gender bias in academic settings. Prior to graduation, the Office of Student Involvement presented Kim with a "Live the Mission" award, which honors students who have lived the Holy Cross mission of being "men and women for and with others".

Each summer, Kim worked toward her career aspirations by interning in journalism and digital marketing. After graduating, Kim worked as a Digital Ad Operations Specialist at Icon International in Greenwich. She recently accepted a new position as a Content Marketing and Copywriting Specialist at Ridgefield Academy. Since college, she has also held a part-time position as a Social Media and Marketing Outreach Coordinator for Mission Accounting in Westport.

"I am an infinitely proud and grateful former recipient of the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship. It is a unique and humbling experience to attend four years of college knowing the support of Kevin's Fund and this community is behind you every step of the way. By establishing and maintaining this scholarship that positively impacts our community every year, the Eidt family has taught me that great loss does not have to be the end of a great life. Kevin's spirit lives on through his legacy. And as a small piece of this

legacy, I hope to continue embodying the qualities this scholarship represents and honoring the spirit of Kevin Eidt.”

## **2016 Recipient ~ Ava Rosato**



It feels so wonderful to finally be gathered together for this long-awaited reunion of honoring Kevin’s legacy. Tonight, marks a milestone in a number of ways - not only is this the 25th year the Eidt Scholarship has been awarded at Norwalk High School, but it is also most likely the first time many of us have been able to gather in this capacity since the start of the pandemic. I am deeply honored to be commemorating both of these occasions with you all tonight.

It is surreal to remember standing here five years ago as a bright-eyed high school senior whose dream of attending Georgetown University had just come true. I am so grateful to be here celebrating the ways in which this extraordinary scholarship continues to change the lives of dedicated scholars and families in our community. And I am especially grateful to be

able to share how this scholarship has significantly impacted the past five years of my own life.

I still remember the giddiness inside my chest after receiving the selection committee's infamous phone call. I recall the conflicting pride and disbelief that my efforts in high school had amounted to something as meaningful as this scholarship. That I would now be associated with a legacy much greater than myself and be connected to a line of recipients whose collective accomplishments continue to emulate Kevin's spirit and inspire my own. It was as much an overwhelming honor then as it is now.

It is through the continued support of the Eidt family, selection committee members, gracious donors, and the Norwalk High School community that this scholarship persists in affording one exceptional high school senior an opportunity as great and as rare as this one every year. To all donors and supporters of Kevin's Fund, thank you for your consistent investment in the future. Thank you for allowing me to attend the school of my dreams. Thank you for helping me begin my adult life unscathed by the weight of loans that plague so many young people today. Words will never be enough to convey the collective impact this scholarship has made on our community for the past quarter century.

My time at Georgetown was everything I hoped it would be. Thanks to the Eidt Scholarship, choosing Georgetown was not a financial matter but rather a magnetic pull of promise. Although my pursuit of study may have changed once... or twice... or perhaps even three times, I am proud to say I graduated cum laude last Spring with a major in Justice and Peace Studies concentrating in bioethics, as well as a double minor in cognitive science and Spanish. You could say I took the liberal arts approach of exploration quite seriously.

In retrospect, entering college with any concrete idea of my future was like being Jackson Pollock with a sketchbook. Both woefully premature guesses into an utterly unpredictable canvas, or future. My college experience was fortunately full of just that. I entered Georgetown interested in the mechanics of language, seeking to attain fluency in Spanish and study linguistics after many dedicated years of practice in Ms. Todeschini's classroom. The Spanish department at Georgetown became a second home and piqued my interests in art, culture, and literature. I managed to survive several graduate level courses where I encountered some of my favorite writers to date. A class on Jorge Luis Borges inspired me to apply

to an exchange program in his home city of Buenos Aires. I spent six months directly matriculating into the Argentine classroom, sipping mate in parks, perusing art galleries with local friends, and refining my Spanish, or rather Castellano, to attain fluency. It was a dream to say the least.

Another much more surprising second home to me at Georgetown was the science laboratory. As a high school student who never even fathomed taking an AP science course, you could imagine my own disbelief when my neuroscience professor asked me to join his research team after presenting my final project on the neurophilosophy of the self my sophomore fall. I continued as a research assistant at the Georgetown Laboratory for Relational Cognition for the remainder of my college career and even conducted an Honors Senior Thesis in my lab, where I designed a comparative study on creativity anxiety between classical and jazz musicians. This study would become a fusion of my earlier orchestra career with Ms. Burkhalter combined with my newfound passion for all things cognitive science at Georgetown. My love for neuroscience now rivals my love for Spanish. And for anyone who knew me in high school, that is a deep love.

While my experience at Georgetown was deeply fulfilling in countless ways, there were so many more enriching moments that happened outside the classroom. Throughout my years, I participated in a number of social justice programs in D.C., from tutoring to mentoring to advocacy. These experiences, coupled with my studies centered around social justice, inspired me to apply to the Teach For America program. I'm proud to say I'm now an AmeriCorps member where I teach 7th grade science and social studies at a Title I school just outside of Phoenix, Arizona. Teaching so far has been as great a challenge as it has been a gift. While teaching full-time, I am also concurrently earning my Master's in secondary education through Arizona State University, where I will graduate from next spring.

In reflecting on the past five years, I can clearly see how my receipt of the Eidt Scholarship has transformed my trajectory. I entered Georgetown with an unabashed sense of freedom - both financially and academically. My winding evolution of interests took me out of Ms. T's Spanish class and into the streets of Buenos Aires. The money I saved working during college helped support an additional five weeks of backpacking South America, where I traveled from Argentina up to Colombia and realized a deeper sense of purpose behind my bilingualism. The beauty of cross-cultural connection and ease of communication instilled in me a need to keep up

my Spanish in the States, which in many ways led me to serve the Spanish-speaking community I am now a part of in Arizona.

Early lessons of what it means to be of service came straight from Mr. O'Donnell inside the walls of the Career Center for B.R.O.W.N., (Bears Reaching Out Within Norwalk), community service club meetings. During college, I then made my way into D.C. classrooms to mentor underprivileged youth. Now, I will watch my first group of students from my own classroom get promoted to high school this coming school year.

In looking towards the future, I am proud to recognize that Kevin's character continues to influence my effort to create an impact. The values that this scholarship holds - deepening community, offering opportunity, and celebrating service, to name just a few - have become intrinsic parts of both my character and my classroom as I strive to embody Kevin's legacy. It is my hope that my own students leave my classroom with a sense of Kevin's essence through the ways in which I aim to uphold the tenets of his legacy in my everyday life.

To each and every supporter of Kevin's Fund here tonight, your ongoing effort at keeping Kevin's memory alive through this Scholarship has transformed the lives of so many members of the Norwalk community. My story is a small drop in the ocean of impact that this Scholarship has made and continues to make. Kevin has become a unifying light that inspires us all to pay it forward and it is the greatest honor to welcome our newest member into our community tonight. I can't wait to hear your reflections in another five years' time and commemorate Kevin's enduring legacy that we are all fortunate enough to be a part of.

## **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, a memorial contribution program, participation with Stop & Shop's Cash for Causes program, iGive.com, GoodSearch.com, GoodShop.com, GoodDining.com, and AmazonSmile.

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:

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Sr. Margaret Anne O'Connor  
Stella Eidt \*

\* Multiple donations received.

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## **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 2022. We ask you to patronize these businesses as acknowledgement of their charity, their compassion, and their commitment to the youth of our community.

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## **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 Sister Jane Bannon, Loralyn Cropper, Grace Jackson, Jim Darby, Reverend Joseph Palacino, Bill Walsh, Christine Arnette, Philip Carpuso, Patricia Mulligan and Stella Eidt. We pray their family experiences peace in recalling their memories and comfort in knowing they will be remembered.

James (Bud) Gallivan	Rosemarie Franklin
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Della (Eidt) Campbell	Gail Strazza
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Mary Calnon	Ernie Williams
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Sr. Jane Bannon, CSJ	Loralyn Cropper
Grace Jackson	Jim Darby
Rev. Joseph Palacino	Bill Walsh
Christine Arnette	Philip Carpuso
Patricia Mulligan	Stella Eidt

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

Teresa Eidt	Mary Hennessey	Della Campbell
Annette O'Hagan	Ted Mortner	Alexandra Sandor
Stella Eidt		

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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**

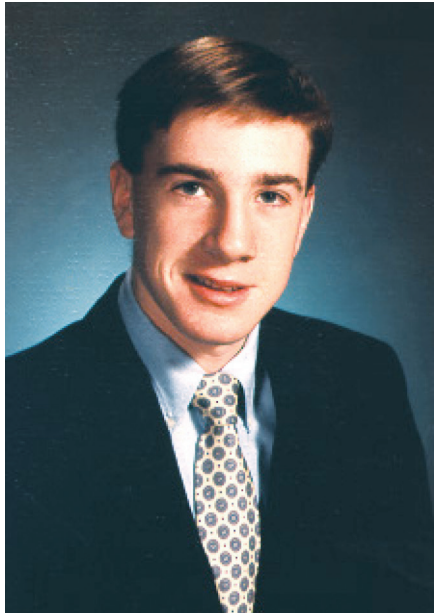
- Co-Valedictorian class of 1996
- National Honor Society
- Co-captain of the Men's tennis team
- Musician, Marching Band and Jazz Band
- Volunteer for American Heart Association, Norwalk Soup Kitchen, and Save the Children
- Co-chair of the inaugural Fairfield County "Hoops For Hearts" Basketball Tournament 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.”**