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Dear Friend,

Today would have been Kevin's 46th birthday. We traditionally mark this date by sharing a synopsis of the announcements of the recipients of Kevin's 2024 scholarships. These merit-based gifts of education are made possible by Kevin's life, albeit a glimpse of life and by your generosity.

Although we are unable to celebrate Kevin's birthday in a traditional way, thanks to our supporters, we are gifted by the gratitude of the recipients of Kevin's scholarships. As one recent recipient wrote: "As I read and learned more about Kevin, I have a deeper appreciation for the man he was. While Kevin's legacy will forever stand alone, I promise you I will do everything in my power to be a representation of him, both in school and beyond."

The financial impact of your support has enabled Kevin's Fund to award 13 merit-based scholarships in 2024 totaling \$164,500, raising the value of the 235 scholarships awarded since the Fund's inception to \$2,864,500.

As previously announced at the Fund's Annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance on April 6th, Kiera Cunniffe was selected the recipient of Kevin's \$120,000 Norwalk High School Scholarship. Kiera is the 28th recipient of this scholarship, which recognizes the most outstanding senior in their class in terms of their breadth of involvement and depth of achievement across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service. Kiera will be attending the University of Wisconsin in the fall. Pictures of the April 6th Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance event, courtesy of Yvonne Marchese Photography, can be accessed at <https://www.yvonnemarchesephotography.com/Private-Galleries/Events/Kevin-Eidt-Dinner-2024/n-Mxhtvd>.

On April 21st, Julie Satterthwaite from Westchester, Pennsylvania, Boston College class of 2024, was selected the recipient of Kevin's 16th Boston College Emergency Medical Services Kevin M. Eidt Excellence Award. Boston College EMS was founded in 1997 by a classmate of Kevin's to ensure future situations like Kevin's would 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, BC EMS established the Kevin M. Eidt Excellence Award presented annually to the most outstanding member of the organization. Kevin's Fund complemented this award with a \$10,000 scholarship towards the recipient's graduate school education. Julie will be attending Temple University's School of Medicine in the fall.

On April 23rd, Allison Berg, Boston College class of 2027, was selected the recipient of Kevin's 12th Boston College Emerging Leader Program Scholarship. This \$2,000 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". Allison is from Tacoma, Washington.

Kevin's third Boston College scholarship is awarded to the outstanding junior in the Boston College Carroll School of Management. Selected by a committee consisting of faculty and administrators of the Management School, the scholarship recognizes the rising senior who has demonstrated the unique combination of academic achievement, character, leadership, and school spirit that Kevin had. The 2024 scholarship, in the amount of \$25,000, is the 26th Boston College Carroll School of Management scholarship. This scholarship, traditionally announced during the rising senior's spring semester, has been rescheduled to the beginning of the fall 2024 semester.

At the May 20th Boston College Commencement Exercise, Francis Hodgens, the 2023 recipient of Kevin's Carroll School of Management scholarship, was announced as the 2024 recipient of the Edward H. Finnegan S.J. Award. The Finnegan Award is the highest undergraduate Commencement honor conferred by the University. The award is presented to the graduating senior who best exemplifies the University's motto of "Ever to Excel." Fran is the second of Kevin's Carroll School of Management scholarship recipients to receive the highest University award.

With the assistance of a grant from the City of Norwalk, Kevin's Fund inaugurated a Norwalk Community Service Scholarship recognizing outstanding community service to the city of Norwalk available to seniors from all four of the city's high schools. Each high school developed their own process to identify one senior to represent their school and apply for the scholarship. The recipient of the scholarship was selected by a Selection Committee comprised of a representative of each school and a member of the Eidt family. The recipient of this \$5,000 scholarship announced by Norwalk's Mayor Rilling on May 23rd is Norwalk High School's Megan Pollard. Megan will attend Quinnipiac University in the fall.

Also, on May 23rd at Norwalk High School's annual Awards Assembly Kevin's Fund announced recipients of the following scholarships:

\$2,000 Orchestra Scholarship to Marcello Maturi for outstanding contributions to the orchestra program. Marcello, the 16th recipient of Kevin's Orchestra Scholarship, will be attending Columbia University.

\$2,000 Scholar-Athlete Scholarship to Henry Wilkins for outstanding contributions to Norwalk High School both as a scholar and an athlete. Henry participated in indoor and outdoor track at Norwalk High while maintaining a cumulative GPA more than 4.0. Henry, the 14th recipient of Kevin's Scholar-Athlete Scholarship, will be attending The College of William and Mary.

\$2,000 Special Achievement Scholarship. From time-to-time Kevin's Fund recognizes outstanding accomplishments of seniors who reflect the attributes the Fund recognizes and rewards. This year Marcello Maturi was recognized with a \$2,000 special

achievement scholarship for his community service which included volunteering for the last three years as part of the string quartet which plays at our annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance. As previously noted Marcello will be attending Columbia University.

There are no Norwalk High School – Boston College scholarships this year as no seniors are matriculating at Boston College in the fall.

On May 30th, Norwalk High School announced Christian Pierre as the 2024 Distinguished Student Speaker at the June 12th graduation ceremony. As part of the Fund's 25th Legacy Program, initiated in 2001, the Distinguished Student Speaker at the graduation ceremony, is memorialized in spoken and written references, as the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Distinguished Student Speaker and receives a \$2,500 scholarship. The Distinguished Student Speaker is selected by a panel of school administrators and teachers. Christian, the 4th recipient of Kevin's Distinguished Student Speaker Scholarship, will attend Stanford University.

On June 3rd, the Norwalk High School Marching Band held their year-end banquet, during which Chris Rivera, Norwalk High School's Band Director announced the following scholarships recipients.

\$5,000 Marching Band Scholarship to Aidan Isidore. The Marching Band Scholarship is presented to the four-year member of the Marching Band, in good standing, whose combination of commitment and dedication to the band program best represents the band and Norwalk High School. The NHS Band Director selects the recipient. Hunter will be attending the University of Connecticut.

\$1,000 Marching Band Academic Achievement Scholarship (Norwalk High School Recipient) to Christian Pierre. The Marching Band Norwalk High School Academic Achievement scholarship is presented to the four-year member of the Marching Band, in good standing, with the highest cumulative academic average. Christian, the 28th recipient of this scholarship will be attending Stanford University.

\$1,000 Marching Band Academic Achievement Scholarship (P-TECH Recipient) to Vladimir Flores. The Marching P-TECH Band Academic Achievement scholarship is presented to the four-year member of the Marching Band, in good standing, with the highest cumulative academic average. Vladimir will be attending Sacred Heart University.

(Note: P-TECH is a STEM Pathway program associated with Norwalk High School, (NHS). Enrolled P-TECH students participate in all NHS extracurricular activities but have a separate academic grading system.)

\$2,000 Jazz Scholarship to Vladimir Flores. The jazz scholarship is presented to the senior, in good standing, who has made an outstanding contribution to the Jazz program. Vladimir, the 24th recipient of this scholarship, as noted previously will be attending Sacred Heart University.

For the upcoming fall semester, Kevin's Fund will be providing financial support to 17 students matriculating at Columbia (3), Massachusetts, George Washington, Wisconsin,

Boston College (2), Temple, Quinnipiac, Berklee College of Music, William and Mary, Stanford (2), Sacred Heart (2), and Connecticut.

Current information regarding Kevin's Fund activities is available on our website www.KevinsFund.org. You can also follow us on Twitter and Instagram @KevinsFund_org and join the Kevin Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund Group on LinkedIn. In the event you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact us at KevinsFund@aol.com.

As is our practice, we will be announcing the 2025 scholarships Kevin's Fund will support in our November status letter. Save the date for the presentation of our 29th Norwalk High School Scholarship at our annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Giovanni's Waters Edge, Darien CT.

Thank you for making the extraordinary achievements of Kevin's Fund possible and for allowing our scholarship recipients to be a living legacy of Kevin's enduring personality and glowing accomplishments.

With sincere gratitude on behalf of Kevin's Fund.

Chris

Christian H. Eidt,
Director

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) publicly supported charitable organization, was established in honor of the exemplary achievements of Kevin, who died from cardiac arrest during his freshman year at Boston College. The Fund recognizes outstanding achievement in academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious commitment.