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Dear Friend,

Today would have been Kevin's 45th birthday. As is our tradition, we mark this date by sharing a compendium of the announcements of the recipients of Kevin's scholarships awarded this year. Merit based gifts of education made possible by Kevin's life, albeit a glimpse of life, and your generosity.

A generosity enabling Kevin's Fund to award 12 scholarships during 2023 totaling \$160,500, raising the value of the 222 scholarships awarded since the Fund's inception to \$2,700,000.

Although we are unable to celebrate Kevin's birthday in a normal way, thanks to you, our donors, we are supported by the gratitude 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".

As previously announced at the Fund's Annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance on April 15th, Ben Bradley was selected the recipient of Kevin's \$110,000 Norwalk High School Scholarship. Ben is the 27th recipient of this scholarship, which recognizes the most outstanding senior in the class of 2023 in terms of his breadth of involvement and depth of achievements across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service. Ben will be attending George Washington University in the fall.

On April 25th, Brody Whetzel, Boston College class of 2026, was selected the recipient of Kevin's 11th 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". Brody is from Salem, Oregon.

On May 7th, Gracie Meijer, Boston College class of 2023, was selected the recipient of Kevin's 15th 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 which is 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. Gracie, whose future education plans are currently undecided, is from Ada, Michigan.

On May 25th Norwalk High School held its annual awards assembly at which Kevin's Fund awarded the following scholarships:

\$2,000 Scholar-Athlete Scholarship to Rachel Miller for outstanding contributions to Norwalk High School both as a scholar and an athlete. Rachel played field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse at Norwalk High while maintaining a cumulative GPA in excess of 4.0. Rachel, the 14th recipient of Kevin's Scholar-Athlete Scholarship, will be attending Southern Connecticut State University on a field hockey scholarship.

\$2,000 Orchestra Scholarship to Lindsay Caruso for outstanding contributions to the orchestra program. Lindsay, the 15th recipient of Kevin's Orchestra Scholarship, will be attending American University.

\$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 Anastasios Panagiotidis was recognized with a \$2,000 special achievement scholarship. Taso will attend the University of Connecticut.

There are no Norwalk High School – Boston College scholarships this year as no seniors were accepted in the BC class of 2027.

On June 5th, the Norwalk High School Marching Band held their year-end banquet, during which Kevin's Fund awarded the following scholarships:

\$5,000 Marching Band Scholarship to Hunter Jacobson. 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 recipient is selected by the NHS Band Director. Hunter will be attending the University of Connecticut.

\$1,000 Marching Band Academic Achievement Scholarship (Norwalk High School Recipient) to Aneroly Sanchez. The Marching Band Academic Achievement scholarship is presented to the four-year member of the Marching Band, in good standing, with the highest cumulative academic average. Aneroly is the 27th recipient of this scholarship and is currently undecided where she will attend college.

\$1,000 Marching Band Academic Achievement Scholarship (P-TECH Recipient) to Emily DiSette. The Marching Band Academic Achievement scholarship is presented to the four-year member of the Marching Band, in good standing, with the highest cumulative academic average. Emily will attend Northeastern 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 Robert DiPalma The jazz scholarship is presented to the senior, in good standing, who has made an outstanding contribution to the Jazz program. Robert, the 23rd recipient of this scholarship, will be attending Sacred Heart University.

Also, on June 5th Norwalk High School announced Joseph Cruz as the 2023 Distinguished Student Speaker for the June 15th graduation ceremony. As part of the Fund's 25th Legacy Program initiated in 2001 the Distinguished Student Speaker at the graduation ceremony, in spoken and written references, will be memorialized as the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Distinguished Student Speaker and receives a \$2,500 scholarship. The 2023 Distinguished Student Speaker is selected by a panel of school administrators and teachers. Joey, the 3rd recipient of Kevin's Distinguished Student Speaker Scholarship, will attend Dartmouth College.

Kevin's Boston College scholarship is awarded to the outstanding junior in the Boston College Carroll School of Management. The 2023 scholarship, in the amount of \$25,000, is the 25th Boston College Carroll School of Management scholarship. This scholarship, traditionally announced during the rising senior's spring semester, was rescheduled to early September to facilitate an appropriate time and place for the presentation ceremony marking a quarter of a century of the scholarship. The recipient is selected by a committee consisting of faculty and administrators of the Management School, recognizing the student who has demonstrated the unique combination of academic achievement, character, leadership, and school spirit like Kevin.

Congratulations to our recently graduated 2019 scholarship recipients who received financial support from Kevin's Fund for the past four years: Emilia Cuevas ~ University of Virginia, (Norwalk High School Scholarship), and Sean Murawski ~ University of Connecticut ~ (St. Jerome Youth Group Scholarship).

For the upcoming fall semester, Kevin's Fund will be providing financial support to 14 students matriculating at Liberty, Columbia, UMass-Amherst, George Washington, Boston College (2), American, Champlain, Connecticut (2), Dartmouth, Northeastern, Sacred Heart, and Southern Connecticut State.

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 2024 scholarships Kevin's Fund will support in our November status letter. Save the date for the presentation of our 28th Norwalk High School Scholarship at our annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2024, at The Inn at Longshore in Westport, 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.