

## **Norwalk High School**

Co-valedictorian of the Class of 1996  
Co-captain of the Tennis Team  
Member of the Marching Band and Jazz Ensemble  
NHS Honor Society Chapter named in Kevin's memory  
Kevin's name, class year, and Fund logo on the Marching Band's show shirts

## **Community**

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

## **Kevin's Fund Facts**

June 25, 2021, was proclaimed Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund day by the City of Norwalk to acknowledge the donors for their educational support for Norwalk students, and for passing onto all of us and the Norwalk community the torch of their trust in the ability of the human spirit to overcome, to achieve, and to excel.

Recognized in 2018 by the State of Connecticut, as the non-profit with the then largest merit based scholarship in Connecticut, (\$100,000), the value of scholarships awarded, (\$2,000,000), and longevity of purpose, (22 years).

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

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

In 2024 Kevin's Fund was beneficiary of Don Carmelo's inaugural 5K run.

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

# KEVIN M. EIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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## **Background**

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund was established through the generosity of the many people Kevin touched in his short life. Kevin, an 18-year-old dean's list freshman in the honors program at Boston College, passed away from cardiac arrest on January 23, 1997, while playing intramural basketball. Kevin set the example of the passion and sincerity we should bring to each day. He was an individual with vision, commitment, abiding hope, aspirations, and compassion. And when we look back, it was a life, albeit a glimpse of life, by which people can be measured and judged by. 2025 marks the 29<sup>th</sup> year of Kevin's Fund.

## **Mission**

The mission of the Fund is to recognize demonstrated achievements across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service. Including our 2025 scholarships, Kevin's Fund will have awarded almost \$3.1 million in gifts of education to 252 students. The 17 scholarships, totaling \$187,000, being supported in 2025 are:

\$130,000 to a senior at Norwalk HS with demonstrated achievement across the spectrum of academics, arts, athletics, and community and religious service.

\$15,000 to the recipient of Boston College EMS's Kevin M. Eidt Award.

\$10,000 to a junior at Boston College School of Management who demonstrated the unique combination of academic achievement, character, leadership, and school spirit.

\$3,000 to the Norwalk High School senior named Kevin M. Eidt Distinguished Student Speaker at the graduation ceremony.

\$5,000 to the outstanding member of the Norwalk HS Marching Band.

\$8,000 Norwalk Community Service Scholarship. Available to seniors at all four City High Schools. Recipient receives \$5,000 and each finalist \$1,000.

\$2,000 to a freshman, in the Boston College Emerging Leader Program whose leadership skills and potential best represented the philosophies of "Ever To Excel" and "Being Men and Women for Others".

\$2,000 to seniors in the Norwalk HS Marching Band with the highest cumulative GPA. The award is \$2,000 for both a Norwalk HS and P-TECH student.

\$2,000 to a senior at Norwalk HS who has made an outstanding contribution to the Jazz program.

\$2,000 to a senior at Norwalk HS who has made an outstanding contribution to the Orchestra program.

\$2,000 to a senior who has made an outstanding contribution to Norwalk HS both as a scholar and an athlete.

\$2,000 to each Norwalk HS graduating senior matriculating at Boston College in the upcoming fall semester.

\$2,000 to a Norwalk High School senior with financial need active in athletics and community service.

For the 2024-2025 academic year, Kevin's Fund is providing educational support for 17 recipients. Kevin's Fund scholarship recipients have matriculated at:

Amherst College  
Assumption College  
Bates College  
Belmont University  
Bentley University  
Berklee College of Music (2)  
Boston College (62)  
Boston University  
Brandeis University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bryant University  
Bucknell University (2)  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Champlain College  
Columbia University (6)  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Eastern Connecticut State  
Fairfield University (3)  
Fordham University  
Furman University (2)  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University (3)  
Gettysburg College  
Harvard University (4)  
Hofstra University  
Holy Cross (5)  
University of Miami (FL)  
Indiana University  
Ithaca College  
James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University (2)  
Lehigh University  
Lesley University  
Liberty University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola of Maryland (2)  
McGill University  
Merrimack College  
New Haven University  
New School  
New York University  
Northeastern University

Oberlin College  
Occidental College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Princeton University (2)  
Providence College  
Quinnipiac University (2)  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhode Island School of Design  
Roger Williams University  
Sacred Heart University  
St. Lawrence University (4)  
St. Peter's University  
Siena College  
Southern Connecticut State University  
Stanford University (2)  
State University of NY - Fredonia  
Stonehill College (2)  
Susquehanna University  
Syracuse University (2)  
Temple University (3)  
Trinity College  
Tufts University (2)  
United States Military Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of California – Los Angeles  
University of Connecticut (29)  
University of Delaware  
University of Florida  
University of Massachusetts - Amherst  
University of Notre Dame (5)  
University Pennsylvania  
University of Rhode Island (3)  
University of Rochester (2)  
University of San Francisco  
University of Virginia (4)  
University of Wisconsin (2)  
Western Connecticut (2)  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
West Virginia University  
Western Connecticut State (9)  
William and Mary (2)  
Williams College

## **Kevin's Legacy**

### **Boston College**

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

The Liturgy Arts Group ***I Want to Praise Your Name*** CD dedicated to Kevin.

Men's and women's intramural basketball trophy memorialized in Kevin's name.

Boston College EMS created in response to Kevin's death.