



Kevin M. Eidt Scholarship Fund
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Dear Friend,

Today would have been Kevin's 47th birthday. Since Kevin's passing we have marked this date by sharing the announcements of Kevin's 2025 scholarship recipients. These merit-based gifts of education are made possible by Kevin's life, albeit a glimpse of life, and by your generosity. Your support has enabled Kevin to live on in the hearts, minds, and spirit of 250 scholarship recipients and the countless number of people they touch and for that our family is forever grateful.

Your support has enabled Kevin's Fund to award 15 scholarships in 2025 totaling \$183,000, raising the value of scholarships awarded since the Fund's inception to almost \$3.1 million.

As previously announced at the Fund's Annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance on April 5th, Summer Bosch was selected the recipient of Kevin's \$130,000 Norwalk High School Scholarship. Summer is the 29th 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. Summer will be attending Princeton University in the fall. Pictures of the April 5th Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance event, courtesy of Yvonne Marchese Photography, can be accessed at <https://www.yvonnemarchesephoto.com/Private-Galleries/Events/Kevin-Eidt-Dinner-2025/n-GvNQMp>

On April 15th, Daniel Hannoush, Boston College class of 2028, was presented with Kevin's 13th 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". Daniel is from Loudonville, New York.

On April 30th Paul Leonelli, Boston College Class of 2026, was presented with Kevin's 27th Boston College Carroll School of Management scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to the outstanding junior 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 as Kevin had. The 2025 scholarship is in the amount of \$25,000. Paul is from Waltham, Massachusetts.

On May 3rd Samantha Strasser, Boston College class of 2025, was presented with Kevin's 17th 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 complements the 2025 award with a \$15,000 scholarship towards the recipient's graduate school education. Samantha who is from Dix Hills, New York, will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

On May 19th, Norwalk High School announced Kathryn Romano as the 2025 Distinguished Student Speaker for the June 11th 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 Distinguished Student Speaker and receives a \$3,000 scholarship. The Distinguished Student Speaker is selected by a panel of school administrators and teachers. Kathryn, the 5th recipient of Kevin's Distinguished Student Speaker Scholarship, was presented with the scholarship at Norwalk High School's awards assembly on May 22nd. Kathryn will attend Boston Conservatory at Berklee College in the fall.

On May 22nd at Norwalk High School's annual Awards Assembly Kevin's Fund announced recipients of the following scholarships:

\$2,000 Scholar-Athlete Scholarship to Ally Lanzarotto for outstanding contributions to Norwalk High School both as a scholar and an athlete. Amy was a four-year starter for the school's varsity softball and volleyball teams and captain of those teams for two years and three years, respectively, while maintaining a cumulative GPA more than 4.1. Ally, the 16th recipient of Kevin's Scholar-Athlete Scholarship, will be attending Penn State University in the fall.

\$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 Konstantinos Panagiotidis was recognized with a \$2,000 special achievement scholarship for his accomplishments reflecting Kevin's values. Konstantinos will be attending the University of Connecticut in the fall.

On June 2nd, 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 Kyla Sanon. 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 of the scholarship is selected by the NHS Band Director. Kyla will be attending Sacred Heart University in the fall.

\$2,000 Marching Band Academic Achievement Scholarship (Norwalk High School Recipient) to Jason Hong. 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. Jason, the 29th recipient of this scholarship, will be attending the University of Connecticut.

\$2,000 Marching Band Academic Achievement Scholarship (P-TECH Recipient) to Daniel Helwig. 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. Daniel will be attending the University of Connecticut.

(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.)

On June 5th at P-TECH's annual Awards Assembly Kevin's Fund announced the recipient of the following scholarship:

\$2,000 Orchestra Scholarship to Brock Newman for outstanding contributions to the orchestra program. Brock, the 17th recipient of Kevin's Orchestra Scholarship, will be attending Lehigh University.

\$5,000 Norwalk Community Service Scholarship to Matthew Rinaldi. With the assistance of a grant from the City of Norwalk, Kevin's Fund supports a Norwalk Community Service Scholarship recognizing outstanding community service to the city of Norwalk. This scholarship is available to seniors from all four of the city's high schools. Each high school developed their own process to identify one senior to apply for the scholarship and represent their school. Matthew was selected as recipient for giving back to the community with over 1,200 hours of service as a peer tutor, in fundraising initiatives for school lunch programs, coaching youth basketball, and assisting at baseball clinics. The recipient is selected by a Committee comprised of a representative of each school and a member of the Eidt family. Matthew will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall. Finalists from the other Norwalk Schools, each receiving a \$1,000 recognition scholarship at their school's award assembly, were:

Sabrina Arastu – Center for Global Studies ~ Williams College
Chynna Kelly – Brien McMahon ~ Penn State University
Kate Putterman – Norwalk ~ University of Delaware

We announced in November we would be awarding a new 2025 scholarship funded by the inaugural Don Carmelo 5K run which was held in August. In November, the organizers promised sufficient contributions and profits from the event to allow us to offer a \$2,000 scholarship for a Norwalk High School senior. The proceeds from the event were never received and the organizers broke off all communications with the Fund; therefore, the new scholarship will not be available.

For the upcoming fall semester, Kevin's Fund will be providing financial support to 19 students matriculating at UMass-Amherst, George Washington, Wisconsin, Princeton, Berklee, Boston College (2), Connecticut (5), Delaware, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Penn State (2), Sacred Heart, and Williams.

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 2026 scholarships Kevin's Fund will support in our November status letter. Save the date for the presentation of our 30th Norwalk High School Scholarship at our annual Scholarship Presentation and Benefit Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the Birchwood Country Club 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.