

## Charlotte Catholic High School Announces 2021 Scholarship Winners

Charlotte Catholic High School held its annual Senior Awards Ceremony on May 26, honoring members of the Class of 2021 for their commitment to faith, service, sportsmanship, and academic excellence. Eight prestigious college scholarships also were awarded, all provided by generous donors and CCHS affiliates.

The 10,000-member CCHS Alumni Association awards two \$1,500 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who excel in a wide range of areas and represent all of the values of Charlotte Catholic. The 2021 winner of the **Alumni Association Scholarship** is **Cameron Marie Green**, who plans to study at the University of Southern California this fall. **Matthew Edward Ruff** is the 2021 winner of the **Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship**, and he will continue his studies in the fall at the University of Notre Dame.

Each year, the Alumni Association and the CCHS Foundation honor a beloved retired teacher, Ms. Dottie Tippet, by awarding a \$1,000 scholarship in her name. **The Dottie Tippet Performing Arts Scholarship** is presented to a graduating senior who has contributed significantly to the CCHS performing arts program with passion and dedication, just as Ms. Tippet did in her 37 years at Charlotte Catholic. The 2021 winner is **Lauren Elizabeth Kroeger**, who will study at Virginia Tech.

**The Class of 1989 Memorial Scholarship** was established to honor three 1989 graduates of CCHS who lost their battles with cancer: Meredith Birmingham, Andrew Katko, and Michelle Vogelbacher Pratt. The Class of 1989 banded together to honor their legacies, and established a \$500 scholarship to recognize a graduating senior whose life has been affected by cancer. This year's recipient of the Class of 1989 Memorial Scholarship is **Amelia Margaret Young**. Amelia will attend West Virginia University in the fall.

The St. Gabriel Men's Club presents the **Robb Pugh Memorial Scholarships** each year to one male and one female graduating senior, based on faith and community service. The two \$1,500 scholarships are given in memory of Robb Pugh, a much-loved member of the Men's Club whose spirit of selfless service is honored through these awards. The 2021 recipients of these scholarships are **Nicole Ashlee Sanchez**, who will continue her studies at the Belmont Abbey in the fall, and **Evan Patrick Shea**, who will attend North Carolina State University.

Each year, the CCHS Alumni Association presents the **St. Joseph the Carpenter Award**, a \$1,000 scholarship given to a graduating senior who demonstrates service above and beyond what is expected. The recipient follows the example of St. Joseph, who remained out of the limelight and did not seek recognition, but nonetheless was committed to serving in whatever capacity was needed. The award is for the senior who does the right thing, simply because it is the right thing to do. The 2021 winner is **William Joseph Detmer**. Will will attend the United States Naval Academy.

The final award presented each year is the **Kara Kloiber Make a Difference Award**, which honors Kara's love for and commitment to Charlotte Catholic High School. Kara graduated in 1993, and will forever be remembered for her contagious smile, her love of family and of life, and her care for others. The recipient of this \$5,000 scholarship consistently seeks to include others, has empathy for fellow students, has a compassionate heart, and leaves a positive legacy of optimism. Academics and leadership are considered, but a heart for service, a sense of justice, and a love for others are most important. The winner truly demonstrates Kara's spirit of always making a difference, no matter how small. The 2021 winner is **Astrid Nicole Salinas-Reyes**. Nicole plans to continue her studies at Yale University.