



# CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## **Charlotte Catholic High School Announces 2020 Scholarship Winners**

*Scholarships provided through  
CCHS Foundation and CCHS Alumni Association*

Charlotte Catholic High School held its annual Senior Awards Ceremony on May 27<sup>th</sup>, honoring members of the Class of 2020 for their commitment to faith, service, sportsmanship, and academic excellence. Eight prestigious college scholarships also were awarded during the ceremony, all provided by generous donors and CCHS affiliates. Principal Kurt Telford welcomed students virtually, as this year's ceremony was pre-recorded, and shared through social media channels and posted on the school's website.

The 10,000-member CCHS Alumni Association awards two \$1,500 scholarships each year to graduating seniors who demonstrate qualities in a wide range of areas and represent all of the values of Charlotte Catholic. The awards consider academics, extra-curricular activities, fine arts involvement, leadership, and service to both CCHS and the community. The 2020 winner of the **Alumni Association Scholarship** is **Davis Matthew Barnett**, who plans to study mechanical engineering at North Carolina State University this fall. **Christopher James Hoefling** is the 2020 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 Tippett, by awarding a scholarship in her name. **The**

**Dottie Tippett 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. Tippett did in her 37 years at Charlotte Catholic. Students in band, choral music, and theater are eligible for this \$1,000 scholarship. The 2020 winner is **Emma Michelle Joseph**, who will study music composition and production this fall at the Berklee College of Music.

**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 were cherished members of the Class of 1989, and all left a void in their classmates' hearts with their passing. The Class of 1989 banded together to honor their legacy and established a \$500 scholarship that recognizes a graduating senior whose life has been affected by cancer. This year's recipient of the Class of 1989 Memorial Scholarship is **Kate Copeland Mulkey**. Kate will attend Xavier 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 2020 recipients of the Robb Pugh Memorial Scholarships are **Mary-Kathryn Shea Samuelson** and **Roman Joseph Rivera**. Mary-Kathryn will continue her studies at the University of Tennessee in the fall, and Roman will attend the University of Central Florida.

This year, a scholarship was added in memory of CCHS Class of 1995 Alumni Brian Sienkiewicz. Brian's parents wanted to give back to a student who excels in the discipline of visual arts. Brian loved his art and while not pursuing it as a full-time occupation, he would be happy to know he was "helping" another young artist pursue their dreams today! The recipient of this \$2500 scholarship is **Titilayo Bisola Mary Ekunsanmi**.

Each year, the CCHS Alumni Association and a generous anonymous donor present the **St. Joseph the Carpenter Award**, a \$1,000 scholarship given to a graduating senior who demonstrates service above and beyond what is expected, building the ongoing reputation of CCHS as a school that engenders a spirit of service and a habit of paying it forward. 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. Love for CCHS and willingness to build community and school spirit are hallmarks of the recipient's service. The award is for the senior who does the right thing, simply because it is the right thing to do. The 2020 winner is **Davis Matthew Barnett**.

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 exemplifies and contributes to Charlotte Catholic's spirit of community, inclusiveness, charity, and service. Like Kara, the winner 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 2020 winner is **Christian George Alston**. Christian plans to continue his studies at Clemson University in the fall.

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