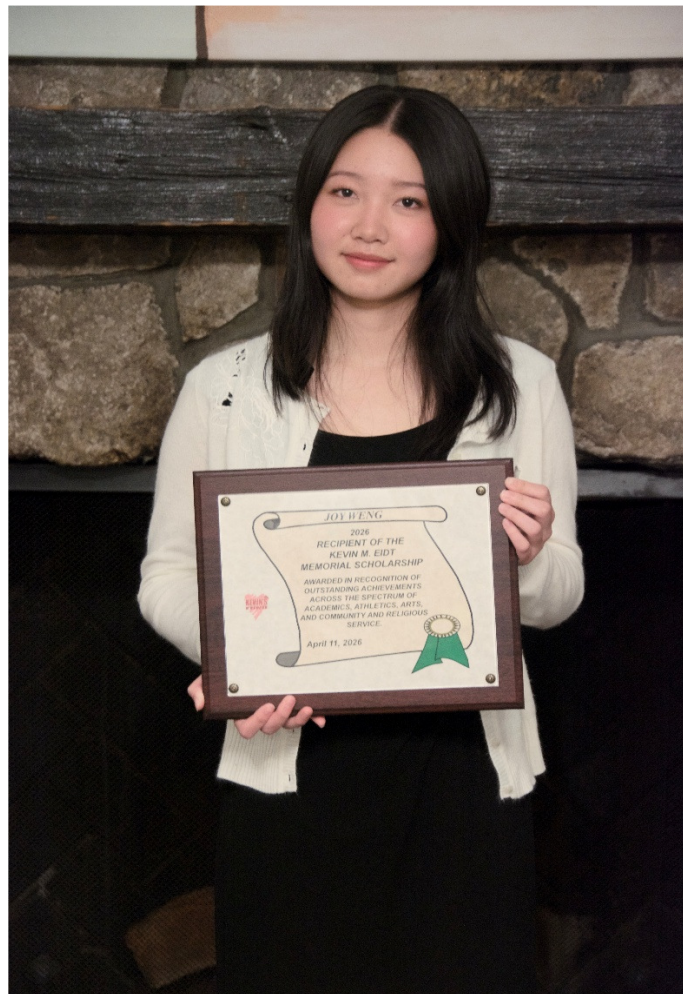




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**JOY WENG
NAMED 2026 RECIPIENT OF THE
\$120,000 KEVIN M. EIDT NORWALK HIGH
SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**



On Saturday April 11th, the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund, (Kevin's Fund), announced Joy Weng as the 30th recipient of Kevin's Norwalk High School Scholarship.

The \$120,000 scholarship was awarded to Joy judged as the most outstanding senior in the Norwalk High School Class of 2026. This scholarship is in recognition of her outstanding depth of commitment and breadth of interests, involvements, and accomplishments across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service, all areas

in which Kevin participated and excelled. Joy will be attending Northwestern University in the fall.

Gregory Calnon, chair of the Fund's Scholarship Selection Committee, Managing Director at Goldman Sachs, 1997 graduate of Norwalk High School and first recipient of Kevin's Norwalk High School scholarship, presented Joy with the scholarship at the Fund's annual scholarship presentation event held this year at the Birchwood Country Club in Westport.

Joy's weighted GPA at the end of junior year was 4.5. During senior year she maintained a 4.9 GPA while taking advanced placement courses in Chemistry, Environmental Science, Literature & Composition, and Statistics.

She is a member of the Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Honors Society, and member of the Superintendent's Student Leadership Council.

She is a four year member of the Varsity Cross Country as well as the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field team and is Varsity Captain of all three teams.

She is a member of the Honors Principal Orchestra and first stand violist.

She is a three year volunteer for the Norwalk Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk ACTS group, and summer volunteer for the Norwalk Public Library.

Joy was selected from a pool of applicants meeting the following criteria for the scholarship:

- Resident of Norwalk, CT.
- U.S. citizen.
- In continued good standing in both Norwalk High School and their community.
- A member of the Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the Norwalk High School Honor Society.
- Academically ranked in the top 10% of their class at the end of junior year.
- Able to complete a minimum of six full semesters at Norwalk High School by the time of graduation.
- Planning to enroll in a four-year accredited U.S. college or university in the fall of 2026. The college or university must be a public or private, not for profit institution from which one can receive a bachelor's degree.

Norwalk High School Scholarship Recipients In Attendance

Left to right:

- Kimberly Devine, class of 2015, Holy Cross class of 2019
- Despina Sidiropoulos, class of 2009, Boston College class of 2013
- Alexandra Koletsos, class of 2021, Columbia class of 2025
- Summer Bosch, class of 2025, Princeton University class of 2029
- Joy Weng, class of 2026, Northwestern University, class of 2030
- Michael Bonsangue, class of 2022, University of Massachusetts – Amherst class of 2026
- Gregory Calnon, class of 1997, Notre Dame class of 2001. First recipient of Kevin's scholarship and Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee
- Kevin Devine, class of 1999, Amherst class of 2003



2026 Scholarship Finalists

(In alphabetical order)

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2026 Scholarship Commitments

The Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund is supporting 16 scholarships totaling \$205,000 in 2026, each specifically related to achievements in the areas in which Kevin participated and excelled: four for all Norwalk High Schools, ten for Norwalk High School, three for Boston College,.

Community Service Scholarship

With the assistance of a grant from the City of Norwalk, Kevin's Fund supports a \$7,500 Norwalk Community Service Scholarship. This scholarship, for outstanding community service to the city of Norwalk, is available to students from all four Norwalk High Schools. Each high school establishes their own selection process and names a finalist for their school. The four finalists are invited to submit an application for 2006 are:

Rodrigo Zuniga – Center for Global Studies
James Cohen – Brien McMahon High School
Aliya Zamir – Norwalk High School
Valentina Hernandez – P-TECH

The Scholarship Selection Committee consists of one representative from each high school and a member of the Eidt family. School finalists not named recipient of the scholarship are eligible to receive a \$2,000 recognition scholarship. Recipients of the Community Service Scholarships will be announced at each school's awards assembly later this spring.

The Norwalk High School scholarships are:

To a graduating senior in the Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society in good standing and in the top 10% of their class with a breadth of demonstrated achievements across the spectrum of academics, athletics, arts, and community and religious service. The 2026 scholarship is in the amount of \$120,000.

The scholarship recipient is selected by a committee based on submitted applications and a personal interview process. The scholarship selection committee is chaired by Gregory D. Calnon, the 1997 Norwalk High School scholarship recipient, a graduate of Notre Dame class of 2001, and currently Managing Director – Global Portfolio Solutions at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York City. The other members of the selection committee are: Jay Hariton, retired teacher and former faculty advisor to the Kevin M. Eidt Chapter of the National Honor Society, Kyle Seaburg, Social Studies teacher at Norwalk High School, Despina Sidiropoulos, 2009 Norwalk High School scholarship recipient, 2013 graduate of Boston College, and currently a Leverager in Client Services at Bridgewater Associates in Westport, Ellen Story, a 1988 Norwalk High school graduate and currently VP of Human Resources at Stew Leonard's, Dr. Daniel Sullivan, Assistant Principal at Norwalk High School, and four representatives of the Eidt family. Each of the committee members has an equal vote in the scholarship selection process.

Since this scholarship is specifically designed to recognize demonstrated achievements in as many of the specific areas in which Kevin participated and excelled, financial need is not a factor in the selection process. The Fund reserves the right not to make an award in any year if the qualifications of the applicants are judged not to be consistent with the purpose and intent of this scholarship award. In the event no award is made in a given year, the amount which would have been awarded will be used to supplement the level of future scholarship awards over the following four years.

The other scholarships for Norwalk High School are:

Commencing with the 2020 – 2021 academic year Norwalk High School discontinued its class ranking system. As a result, the school established a process to identify the senior who best represented the school across a broad spectrum of involvements and achievements to be the Distinguished Student Speaker at the graduation ceremony.

As part of Kevin's Fund's 25th Legacy Program Norwalk High School has memorialized the Student Speaker as the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Distinguished Student Speaker. The Distinguished Speaker will receive a \$5,000 scholarship from Kevin's Fund.

To the four-year member of the Norwalk High School Marching Band, in good standing, whose combination of commitment and dedication to the band program and academic achievement best represents the band and Norwalk High School. The recipient of this scholarship is selected by the NHS Band Director. The 2026 scholarship is in the amount of \$5,000. The recipient will be announced at the Band's year-end band banquet.

To the four-year member of the Norwalk High School Marching Band, in good standing, with the highest cumulative grade point average, like Kevin's achievement. The recipient is determined by the Principal of Norwalk High School, or a designated representative. In 2026 \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to the student at both Norwalk High School and P-TECH. Both recipients will be announced at the Band's year-end banquet.

To a senior in the Norwalk High School Jazz Orchestra for outstanding contribution to the Jazz program. The 202 scholarship is in the amount of \$3,000. The recipient will be announced at the Band's year-end banquet.

To a senior in the Norwalk High School Orchestra who has made an outstanding contribution to the Orchestra program. The 2026 scholarship is in the amount of \$3,000. The recipient, selected by the Norwalk High School Orchestra Director, will be announced at the annual Awards Assembly.

To a member of the Norwalk High School senior class who has made an outstanding contribution to Norwalk High School both as a scholar and an athlete. The 2026 scholarship is in the amount of \$3,000. The recipient is selected by the Eidt family based on recommendations from Norwalk High School and will be announced at Norwalk High School's annual Awards Assembly.

To further the connection between Norwalk High School and Boston College, Kevin's Fund offers a one-time \$5,000 scholarship to each Norwalk High School senior who matriculates at Boston College. This award is incremental to all of the Fund's scholarships except the primary Norwalk High School scholarship. The recipient(s) of this scholarship will be announced at Norwalk High School's annual Awards Assembly.

One of the Boston College scholarships is awarded to a junior in the Carroll School of Management who has demonstrated the unique combination of academic achievement, character, leadership, and school spirit like Kevin's. The recipient is selected by administrators and faculty of the Management School. The 2026 scholarship is in the amount of \$25,000 and the recipient will be announced on April 27th.

The second Boston College scholarship is the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Boston College Emerging Leader Scholarship. This 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". The recipient of this \$5,000 scholarship will be announced at the organization's year end banquet on April 14th.

The third Boston College Scholarship is for Boston College EMS, an all-volunteer student-run, quick response emergency medical service organization formed in 1997 so situations like Kevin's could 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, Boston College EMS established the Kevin M. Eidt Excellence Award which is presented annually to the most outstanding member of the organization. In 2026 this award is being incremented with a \$15,000 scholarship towards the recipient's graduate school education. The recipient of this scholarship will be announced at the organization's year end banquet on May 2nd.

Scholarship Fund Background

On the evening of January 23, 1997, Kevin M. Eidt, an 18-year-old freshman at Boston College, passed away from cardiac arrest while playing an intramural basketball game on campus. Dreams are important. And this community's dreams of what Kevin would continue to accomplish was not destined to end with a tragic story about a basketball game but rather continue in the hearts and minds of the exceptional young men and women who are recipients of his scholarships. Recipients who carry on Kevin's legacy that you can even at this age make a difference in this world; that no matter what your God given talents if you worked hard you would succeed; and that it was never an option to do something badly when it was within your power to do it well.

Kevin, co-valedictorian of the Norwalk High School class of 1996 was also co-captain of the boy's tennis team, and a member of the renowned marching band and the jazz ensemble. Outside of school Kevin gave to the community as a volunteer for the Norwalk Soup Kitchen, Save the Children, and the American Heart Association. As a junior in high school Kevin created the concept and co-chaired with his brother, the first Hoops for Hearts basketball tournament in Fairfield County to benefit the American Heart Association.

Kevin entered Boston College in the fall of 1996. He was to complete only one semester, passing away during the first week of the spring semester. But in that short time, Kevin left his mark on BC, as he did in Fairfield County. He was a dean's list computer science major in the Carroll School of Management Honors Program and shared his music talent as a member of the Pep Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Liturgy Arts Group. Yet in spite of the fact, he was to spend such a short time at BC, it was obviously filled with accomplishments attested to by his posthumously receiving the annual Nicholas H. Woods Leadership Award. In addition, the men and women's intramural basketball trophies at Boston College have been named after Kevin, and the Liturgy Arts Group dedicated a CD in his memory.

As part of Norwalk's 350th anniversary in October 2001, Kevin was posthumously honored as one of the hundred individuals whose leadership would shape the greater Norwalk area for the next 50 years. This honor was in recognition of what Kevin accomplished in his life and what his memory and legacy continue to make possible through a caring community's support of his Scholarship Fund.

Kevin has been posthumously honored by having the St. Jerome, (Norwalk, CT), Youth Room, and the Norwalk High School National Honor Society Chapter named in his honor.

Boston College Eagle EMS is an all-volunteer student run; quick response emergency medical service organization formed in 1997 by a classmate of Kevin's who wanted to make sure future situations like Kevin's could be met with the skill and resources which could mean the difference between life and death. In 2009 Eagle EMS established the Kevin M. Eidt Excellence Award which is presented annually to the most outstanding member of the organization. Today, the organization formed in Kevin's memory, has 70+ active members and has recently been awarded the Striving for Excellence Award by the National Collegiate EMS foundation, the foundation's most prestigious honor.

It was the life Kevin led, and the void his passing created, that led family and friends to create the Kevin M. Eidt Memorial Scholarship Fund. The level of contributions received in

that first year far exceeded expectations and with the help of an annual benefit dinner dance, the idea of a one-time scholarship has evolved into a significant ongoing scholarship program. A program, which has allowed Kevin's spirit to continue in the exceptional young men and women who are recipients of his scholarships.

Kevin's Legacy

Boston College class of 2000

- Dean's List student in the Honors Program in the Carroll School of Management
- Posthumously awarded the Nicholas H. Woods Leadership award for initiative, motivation, and student leadership
- Men's and Women's intramural basketball trophy memorialized in Kevin's name
- "I Want To Praise Your Name" CD, recorded by the BC Liturgy Arts Group and released in December 1997, dedicated to Kevin
- Musician, Liturgy Arts Group, Pep Band, and Jazz Ensemble
- Boston College Eagle EMS, an all-volunteer student run, quick response emergency medical service organization was formed in 1997 by a classmate of Kevin who wanted to make sure future situations like Kevin's could be met with the skill and resources which could mean the difference between life and death. In 2009 Eagle EMS established the Kevin M. Eidt Excellence Award which is awarded annually to the most outstanding member of the organization.

Norwalk High School class of 1996

- Co-Valedictorian class of 1996
- National Honor Society
- Co-captain of the Men's tennis team
- Musician, Marching Band and Jazz Band
- Volunteer for American Heart Association, Norwalk Soup Kitchen, and Save the Children
- Co-chair of the inaugural Fairfield County "Hoops For Hearts" Basketball Tournament benefiting the American Heart Association

Community

- St. Jerome youth room dedicated in Kevin's name
- Norwalk High School chapter of the National Honor Society named after Kevin.
- As part of Norwalk's 350th anniversary celebration was posthumously honored as one of a hundred individuals who will provide leadership for the greater Norwalk area for the next 50 years
- *From Roberta Flack to Boy George: Last Fantastic Albums Ever Made*, written by J.J. Briggs dedicated to Kevin



Kevin M. Eidt
June 17, 1978 - January 23, 1997

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.