

The Knights Scholarship program awards scholarships to parishioners furthering their education. We support high school seniors and ongoing college students. We review their educational success, dreams, references and financial needs.

Today the gospel spoke of sowing seeds and I like to think of the Knights scholarships as fertilizer for those seeds. This year we awarded \$16000 of scholarships to 29 students. A 45% increase in awards over last year. The need to support our catholic students is great. 8 are attending faith based universities and 4 are at Catholic universities, 13 are attending community college or San Diego universities.

This year we have expanded our program. The Knights are honoring Deacon Bob Troy by creating the Deacon Bob Troy memorial scholarship this year. This \$2500 award acknowledges the best of the best of our candidates and is now our highest award. The committee was unanimous in this year's selection.

Our winner is a 4th year college student who has maintained a straight A average as he pursues a career as a doctor. He is a Teacher's assistant teaching anatomy to 30 students, an Assistant Hall director over four dorms and a resident hall mediator. On spring break he was part of a Hearts in Motion medical mission that traveled to Guatemala to assist the poor. He is currently in the UK, studying preventive medicine at the University of Exeter. As you can see, our winner has a passion to help others. He is a great catholic, student, family member, mentor and future leader. He is affectionately called "papa nick" by residents in the dorms because he treats the students he cares for as if they were his own children. I'm pleased to share with you that this year's recipient of the Deacon Bob Troy Memorial Scholarship is Nicholas Camarata.