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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Bridget Brady Awarded \$4000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM – Bridget Brady from Byram, NJ has been awarded the \$4,000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). She belongs to St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 1180, in the Patriots' Path Council. This year ten service scholarships totaling \$27,000 were awarded nationwide to recognize Scouts for outstanding service and leadership in four areas: Church, community, school, and Scouting.

Brady truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to her, she responded, "*Volunteering is important to me as it is a way to have an impact on people in my community and help them to live a better life... Volunteering sends a powerful message to those who benefit - it acknowledges their need and shows them that there are those who care.*"

In service to the Catholic Church, Brady earned two of the religious emblems offered by NCCS and serves as an altar server, a member of the youth group and a Vacation Bible School teacher at her parish.

Active in her community, Brady volunteered over 350 hours with the Sussex County Food Bank and local food kitchens. She also serves at One Step Closer Animal Rescue and as an assistant youth soccer coach. Brady has aided with nine other Eagle Scout projects in addition to completing her own.

At Pope John XXIII Regional High School, Brady is a member of National Honor Society, serves as a tutor and is president of the Foreign Language Club. She plays saxophone in the band and is on the Varsity Robotics Team, the Green Team, environmental club, and is a writer for the school newspaper. In sports, she has been on the varsity soccer and track teams.

In Scouting, Brady has served as Den Chief, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scout Master. She is a member of the Order of the Arrow (OA),

BSA's honor society, served on OA staff and as a crew leader at Summit Bechtel Preserve High Adventure Camp. Brady is also a member of the BSA Venturing Program and served as President and Vice President of her crew. During the pandemic, Brady needed to be creative with her Eagle Scout project. She contacted SCARC, Inc., a non-profit that operates group homes for developmentally disabled people throughout Sussex County, NJ, to determine the needs of their residents. By raising over \$3000 and collecting donated items, Brady was able to design and assemble "Program Boxes" for the nearly 200 residents of 23 group homes to meet the specific needs of those who could not leave their homes.

To be eligible to apply for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Scholarships, the Scout must be Catholic, earned the Ad Altare Dei and/ or Pope Pius XII Awards, and received either the Eagle Scout, Summit or Quartermaster Award. A complete list of award recipients, eligibility requirements and applications can be found at <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>. NCCS Scholarship recipients have been chosen because they are committed to making a difference for good in the world through service and leadership.

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For more information on NCCS Scholarships and Catholic Scouting:

NCCS Website: <https://nccs-bsa.org/>

NCCS Scholarship Page: <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>

Catholic Scouting Website affiliated with NCCS: <https://catholicscouting.com>