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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Luciano Grande Awarded \$2,000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM – Luciano Grande from Lancaster, NY has been awarded a \$2,000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to Our Lady of Pompeii Catholic Church in the Diocese of Buffalo and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 601 in the Greater Niagara Frontier 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.

Grande truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, *“Being involved in the community has allowed me opportunities to help those that are in need. These opportunities are even more satisfying when they are completed alongside family and friends. Helping people alongside those that you care about is such a surreal and inspirational experience. Volunteering within a community truly helps develop a strong bond while working together.”*

In service to the Catholic Church, Grande has earned the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem offered by NCCS. He was a religious education teacher, a member of the youth group and helped at parish events. He is an active member of *Fraternus*, a Catholic brotherhood which focuses on mentoring boys through sports, shared meals and prayer activities.

In his community, Grande worked with the Bowmansville Volunteer Fire Association at open houses, supported his local food kitchen and the Lancaster and Tri-Community Food Pantries. For the past six years, he has helped with holiday pie making for Friends of Night People, an organization that aids the poor, homeless and destitute in Buffalo, NY. He assisted his elderly neighbors with household chores, raised money for cancer patients through Bald for Bucks and volunteered at the Seneca Gospel City Mission homeless shelter. Grande also serves as a community lifeguard. In 2022, he was inducted into the Lancaster Youth Bureau Hall of Fame for his noted achievements in personal growth and outstanding leadership and service to the people of the community.

At Lancaster Central High School, Grande was a member of the National Honor Society, served on student council and as a tutor. He volunteered over 600 hours in the Lancaster High School Tech Center helping teachers and students troubleshoot computer issues and creating study guides. He was a member of the Wind Symphony, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chess Club and Ski Club. He also served as president of the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism and on the Students Working to Improve the School Setting Committee.

In Scouting, Grande served his troop as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe and Guide. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society. He served on staff for National Youth Leadership Training and at BSA's Camp Merz. For his Eagle Scout project titled Honoring Our Veterans, Grande led a team of Scouts in cleaning 500 veterans' headstones at St. Augustine Cemetery to show respect for their service. The project also included landscaping flowerbeds, edging walkways and trimming the areas around all the markers.

Grande plans to attend St. Fisher University in the fall of 2023.

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>