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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Luke Mosca Awarded \$3000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM – Luke Mosca from Paramus, NJ has been awarded the \$3000 Frank Parater Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Newark and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 80 in the Northern New Jersey 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.

Mosca truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, *“For as long as I can remember, volunteering has been central to all my lived experiences...As a devout lifelong Catholic and dedicated Eagle Scout, I value the importance of helping others and exerting a meaningful impact on the world... Volunteering is my way of showing God that I appreciate his blessings and seek to do His will.”*

In service to the Catholic Church, Mosca earned three of the religious emblems offered by NCCS and serves as an altar server and musician. He has volunteered for parish events and as a Vacation Bible School teacher.

Passionate about community service, Mosca has volunteered countless hours supporting veterans at Paramus Veterans Home and through Stand Down, events which provide food and clothing to homeless veterans and offer services to help them find stable housing. In addition, he has participated in environmental cleanup projects with Hackensack Riverkeeper and organized other community cleanup sessions. Mosca has been a mentor with Together Everyone Achieves More with Mentors, volunteered with Tri-Boro Food Pantry, Visions and Pathways, Covenant House and the Arman Roy Foundation, which focuses on bringing critical technology resources and skills to at-risk youth in local communities.

At Paramus Catholic High School, Mosca served as the Director of Tutoring with the National Honor Society, was President of Future Doctors of America Club and brass section leader for the orchestra. He also performed independent research in both Neuroscience and Spirituality

and Health. In sports, he played on the varsity golf team and was the basketball team manager. Mosca was awarded the St. Teresa of Calcutta Award for completing over 100 hours of service during the school year. He is a New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences Scholar, an AP Scholar with Distinction and a National Merit Scholarship Finalist.

In Scouting, Mosca has served as Troop Guide, Chaplain, Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader Patrol Leader and has been on council camp staff. For his Eagle Scout project, he developed a concept he titled Vitamins for Veterans for the Patterson Military Assistance Pantry. Mosca created a logo and promotion plan to collect and distribute vitamins, health supplements and donations to provide necessary health related supplies for veterans in need. His successful project earned him the Humanitarian Award by the Paterson Great Falls Rotary Club and Good Citizenship Citation by the Bergen County American Legion.

Mosca plans to attend Case Western Reserve 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>