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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Mark Rowell Awarded \$2,000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM – Mark Rowell from Marietta, GA has been awarded a \$2,000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Atlanta and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 8 in the Atlanta 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.

Rowell truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, *“Helping other people at all times’ is not only a phrase, it is a calling to be concerned with the challenges of our fellow citizens. Service to others, especially on behalf of the less fortunate, is a tangible way to minister to others and make them aware that God’s love and mercy are available to every person.”*

In service to the Catholic Church, Rowell has earned three of the religious emblems offered by NCCS and served as an altar server for eleven years. He has also been an usher, lector and youth group leader, taught religious education lessons and served as a Vacation Bible School teacher. He assisted with Knights of Columbus projects and in other ministries. In 2023 Rowell was named as the Outstanding Teen Volunteer for St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church.

In his community, Rowell volunteered ten years with the Cobb County Fire Station #14, supported the elderly at St. George Village and served at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry for eleven years. He provided for the homeless through food preparation and volunteered at the Roswell Pregnancy Crisis Center. Rowell also helped with local historical and teen groups.

At Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in Roswell, Rowell served four years in student government, and was the president of the Foreign Language Club. He was on the Forensics Team and the Environmental Club. Rowell was a member of the wrestling team and various honor societies.

In Scouting he served as a Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. He was a troop guide and gave back to his Cub Scout Pack as a den chief. He also served on the Atlanta Area Council camp staff. For his Eagle Scout project Rowell led a team of Scouts to restore the historic Marietta City Cemetery gazebo. The 60-year-old gazebo was pressure washed and prepped before painting. Nearby walkways, steps and the interior floor were also cleaned, and the metal benches were refurbished. The area now provides a welcoming area for visitors.

Rowell plans to attend Mercer 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>