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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Robert J. Riordan Awarded \$2000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM - Robert J. Riordan from Alpharetta, GA has been awarded the \$2000 Bill and Kay Davies Scholarship by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). He belongs to St. Ann's Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Atlanta and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Troop 287 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.

Riordan truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, *"Volunteering is important to me because of the personal relationships created with the people I am serving. I believe we personally encounter God when we use our head, heart, and hands to help others."*

In service to the Catholic Church, Riordan has earned the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem offered by NCCS and served as an altar server. He was a member of his parish Life Teen Youth Group and attended retreats at Life Teen Camp Cove Crest. At St. Ann's Church, he assisted with bingo games for local people with disabilities and he also participated in two mission trips with Catholic HEART Work Camp and plans to participate again this summer.

Riordan has volunteered with many community organizations. At local food kitchens, he prepared sandwiches for MUST Ministries, served meals at Clyde's Kitchen of Crossroads Community Ministries and aided the homeless through 7 Bridges to Recovery. Riordan made a significant impact on his community through Scouting while working on his Citizens in the Community merit badge. He was required to attend a City Council meeting and took it a step further. When he learned that a vape shop was requesting a permit, he made a presentation to the council about the dangers of vaping and the negative influence vaping would have on the children in the community. He persuaded the City Council to vote unanimously against the permit.

At Blessed Trinity Catholic High School, Riordan was a member of National Honor Society and the Musical Honor Society. He held summa or magna cum laude distinction all eight semesters and was a member of the French Club, the Symphonic Band and Battery drumline. He was a member of Ignite, the spiritual formation club and attended Kairos retreat. In sports, he participated in the junior varsity men's swim and dive team and rowing club. Riordan received a service award from his school for 300+ hours of community service.

In Scouting, Riordan served in several leadership positions including Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and as Senior Scout Leader for a troop camping trip to BSA Camp Allatoona. For his Eagle project, Riordan removed a dilapidated wooden boardwalk in the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area and replaced it with a 16-foot-long wooden bridge. Built over a stream in the Gold Branch division of the recreational area, the new bridge allows visitors to cross over the stream and wetlands that would otherwise be impassable when water is high. This project required involvement of professional construction consultants, engineers and a Cultural Affairs Officer of the National Park Service to ensure that the project would not disturb Native American archeological sites or negatively affect the stream and wetlands. In addition to his own project, Riordan helped his sister complete her Girl Scout Gold Award and his brother earn his Eagle Scout Award.

Riordan 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://www.nccs-bsa.org/>

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

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