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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Vincent Brown Awarded \$2,000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM – The National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCS) has awarded Vincent Brown from North Huntingdon, PA the \$2,000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship. He belongs to St. Agnes Catholic Church in the Diocese of Greensburg and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 293 in the Westmoreland-Fayette Council. This year, NCCS awarded ten service scholarships totaling \$27,000 to recognize Scouts nationwide for outstanding service and leadership in four areas: the Catholic Church, their community, school and Scouting.

Brown truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked why volunteering is important to him, he responded, “Volunteer work is at the heart of the Catholic faith. There is no better way to achieve unity, which is the meaning of Catholic, than through service for one another. As this is important for the will of God, our own salvation and for one another, service is important to me. This life requires a deference to leadership, hard work and empathy for all people. A Scout embodies these lessons through the points of the Scout Law and promises of the Scout Oath.”

In service to the Catholic Church, Brown shares his love of music by being a cantor and musician at Mass. He also participates in the children's choir and adult choir at his parish, as well as the diocesan youth choir. Brown served three summers as a Vacation Bible School teacher. He earned all four Catholic Religious Emblems offered by the NCCS for Roman Catholics and served on the Ad Altare Dei review board.

Active in his community, Brown has volunteered with the Salvation Army, his local food bank and the Westmoreland Cleanways program. He has participated in veterans programs such as Wreaths Across America and Operation Troop Appreciation. He also worked as a math tutor and drum teacher.

At Serra Catholic High School, Brown's love of music and theater was enhanced. For four years he was the marching band section leader and mentor. His senior year he became the drum

major. Brown sang in the chorus and was involved with theater all four years. He also participated in math club and Junior Achievement. Brown is a member of the National Honor Society, Thespian Honor Society, National Science Honor Society and president of the Tri-M Honor Society. He was selected to represent his school for outreach programs as an Eagle Ambassador for three years.

In Scouting, Brown served his troop as both Senior and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, troop chaplains' aide, webmaster and in many other positions. Helping other Scouts, he participated in 16 other Eagle projects. For his Eagle Scout project, Brown restored and reorganized 25 rooms in the Serra Catholic High School Friary building. These rooms stored a vast amount of old and new musical equipment, school promotional materials, old furniture and much debris. Decisions were made on all items to be kept, thrown out, recycled, returned to the original owner or donated. After cleaning, the reorganization of the rooms greatly improved the overall safety and usability of the areas by removing unwanted items and properly storing the remaining ones. These spaces will now be utilized by some of the school's staff.

Brown plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh and earn a bachelor's degree in biological and biomedical sciences.

Since 2005, NCCS has awarded a total of \$272,000 in scholarships to 118 Scouts nationwide. More details about scholarship eligibility requirements and a listing of this year's and past award recipients can be found at <https://nccs-bsa.org/college-scholarships/>.

NCCS is a Church committee of concerned Catholic laity and clergy, which is advisory to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and relates to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) through its Episcopal Liaison. NCCS-sponsored Catholic Scouting is the only Scouting program sanctioned by both the USCCB and BSA. There are nearly 100,000 Catholic Scouts in more than 5,000 units led by nearly 40,000 Catholic Scouting leaders across the U.S. For more information about NCCS, visit <https://nccs-bsa.org/> and for more information about Catholic Scouting visit <https://catholicscouting.com/>.