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National Catholic Committee on Scouting Announces Scholarships

Matthew Adamski Awarded $5,000 College Scholarship

Rociada, NM – The National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) has awarded Matthew Adamski from New Egypt, New Jersey the $5,000 Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship. He belongs to St. Isidore The Farmer Catholic Church in the Diocese of Trenton and is a member of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 109 in the Jersey Shore Council. This year, NCCS awarded ten service scholarships totaling $27,000 to recognize Scouts nationwide for outstanding service and leadership in four areas: to the Catholic Church, their community, school and Scouting.

Adamski truly embodies the idea of servant leadership. When asked about the importance of volunteering, he stated, “Volunteering is important to me because it allows me to give back to others and donate my time and services to promote societal growth. In my perspective, volunteering gives me the emotional rewards of feeling good about helping other people, my community, or the environment, just for the sake of doing it without any physical rewards.”

At his parish, Matthew is involved in various activities, including being an altar server, usher and a member of the choir. He assists in decorating his parish church for each of the liturgical seasons and holy days. Adamski has earned the St. Timothy Award, which recognizes young people who are true witnesses to the Catholic faith and exhibit outstanding service in their parishes, schools and communities. He has also earned three of the BSA Catholic Religious Emblems offered by NCCS.

In the community, Adamski has undertaken numerous projects and initiatives to make a positive impact, especially involving environmental cleanup and preservation. He has also volunteered through Mission: Jersey, the diocesan youth mission ministry, and the Church of the Assumption food pantry, the book sale at his local library, the Plumsted Township Memorial Day Parade and participated in flag placement at graves of veterans in a local cemetery. Being a member of two bands, his love for music pours over into his community service by providing free musical entertainment at churches, his school and community events. He has held several jobs and started his own landscaping business.

At Allentown High School, Adamski is an exemplary student, and has been on the high honor roll all four of his high school years. He served as class president and is a member of student council, National Honor Society and additional honor societies. He participated in theater and is actively involved in numerous music extracurriculars serving as president of men's ensemble and other choral groups. He served as captain for the varsity track and field and cross country teams.

In Scouting, Adamski has participated in National Youth Leadership Training, served in numerous troop leadership positions, including senior patrol leader and troop bugler. He also received the Den Chief Service Award. Adamski's Eagle project, a Rosary prayer garden, earned the project of the year at the council level. He dedicated it to his late grandfather, who was his biggest inspiration in his life and who prayed the Rosary daily. The garden includes a statue of Mary with a plaque in his honor and looks out over a heart shaped concrete pathway, with colored Rosary beads. Two interior sections of the garden include small shrubs and flowers and cherry trees line the outside border. Signs are placed throughout the garden to aid in praying the Rosary, along with a QR code sign at the entrance linked to the parish website that includes prayers that are said while praying the Rosary. The garden also includes benches for visitors to sit, rest, pray and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the garden. Adamski led a team of volunteers who worked a total of 405 hours and he raised more than $11,000 to complete his Eagle project.

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/.