

## The Catholic Foundation Scholar's Award Winners: Where are they now?

Each year at our Annual Award Dinner, the Catholic Foundation gives a scholarship to a deserving junior at one of the Catholic Schools within the Diocese of Dallas.

### Faith Noah



Faith is currently a senior at Vanderbilt studying neuroscience. After graduating with honors, she plans to pursue a medical career and dreams of working internationally once she has finished her studies. During her time at Vanderbilt, she has been highly involved with University Catholic, serving as the chair of the group's service and intellectual pillars as well as a member of the executive board. She is also part of Vanderbilt's Ingram Scholarship Program, which requires her to complete 20 hours of community service each month. Through this program, she connected with the nonprofit Amigos for Christ and received the opportunity to work in rural Nicaragua for nine weeks on a sustainable mental health and workplace stress assessment.

"I always remember The Catholic Foundation fondly, as you all helped remind me of the importance of Catholic values in the midst of an academically challenging environment."

### Miranda Colletta



After graduating from Ursuline in 2007, Miranda went on to receive a Bachelor of Science honors degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin in 2011. Miranda was a Dean's Honored Graduate and the student commencement speaker at her graduation. She then attended medical school at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where she earned her Doctor of Medicine in 2015. In addition to being engaged to fiancé Timothy Horton, Miranda is currently a third-year Otolaryngology resident at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

"I know the Catholic Foundation is very selective in choosing who receives the scholarship, and I was extremely honored to have been nominated for it by Ursuline Academy, let alone be the ultimate recipient. Receiving it boosted my confidence and gave me extra courage to continue pursuing my goals."

### Patrick Andrews



In addition to being elected president of the student body during his senior year at Cistercian, Patrick graduated valedictorian with the award for top student in the humanities as well as the MVP award for his track team. He is currently pursuing a degree in philosophy and classics at the University of Dallas and plans to enter Catholic education after graduation.

"The Catholic Foundation Scholar Award's biggest impact in my life was in helping me see the fantastic community around me, both from the Cistercian community and the broader local Catholic community. It gave me a sense of mission, a desire to bear the torch of philanthropic love into the future. This is the community that has served me my whole life, and I look forward to serving it in return today and for the rest of my days. I also credit the Catholic Foundation Dinner in 2016 for sparking my relationship with Fr. Abbot Denis, which has grown into one of my most intimate friendships."