

THE ETHS STUDENT LEADER SCHOLARSHIP
The Largest Student Scholarship Fund at Evanston Township High School

Description

The ETHS Student Leader Scholarship is presented annually to two graduating seniors, one boy and one girl, who have consistently demonstrated leadership skills during their ETHS careers. Selected by teachers and coaches, these students must possess a strong work ethic, a generosity of spirit, and an excellent citizenship record.

Other selection criteria include:

- Participation in a varsity sport for at least one year
- Involvement in community service and other extra-curricular activities
- A minimum grade point average of 2.5
- Acceptance into a 4-year college or university
- Financial need

The winners will receive \$8,000 each (\$2,000 a year for 4 years).

Background

The Student Leader Scholarship was established during the 2005-2006 school year by two alumni from the Class of 1980, business partners Dan Newman and Don Pollard. They created the fund as a way to recognize the outstanding academic and extra-curricular opportunities offered at ETHS and the importance of athletics in the lives of students.

Student Leaders as Future Supporters

In addition to providing financial support to outstanding student-athletes, the Student Leader Scholarship program looks to build a network of talented, community-oriented ETHS alums who will actively support the high school and its future graduates. An annual luncheon will be held for all current and past award winners, hosted by the donors, to discuss avenues of support.

Summer Internship Opportunities

Award winners will be provided several summer internship opportunities with Evanston companies and associations. **Magnetar**, an Evanston hedge fund, is supporting the program this year and has offered a paid summer internship to one of the winners.

Alumni Donation Opportunities and Ways Companies Can Contribute

Dan Newman and Don Pollard set up this award with the expectation that other ETHS alums also would like to give back to their school. The Student Leader Scholarship program is a perfect place to give your tax-deductible support! You may send a check made out to ETHS to: *Ann Carra, Athletic Department, Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60204.* Companies or organizations interested in providing support or internships can call Ann at **847.424.7299**.

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Winners from 2007 and 2006

Kelly Byrdsong, Varsity Girls Basketball Player (2007)

- Team captain
- 3.5 GPA
- Youth mentor and teacher, Family Focus Community Center and YMCA
- Camp counselor, Robert Crown Community Center
- CSL Scholarship winner
- Hard-working, honest
- Looks at the positive side of life, even in the face of her father's senseless murder several years ago (Coach Ricky Byrdsong, Northwestern's Head Men's basketball coach)
- Will attend North Carolina A & T University.

Dipanjot Singh, Varsity Boys Basketball Player (2007)

- Selfless individual who helps others
- 3.8 GPA
- IHSA 3-point shooting championship, downstate, junior and senior years
- Works with middle schoolers in outreach program called Hoop Avenue
- Youth basketball counselor, YMCA
- Communal prayer leader, Sikh Religious Society of Chicago
- Positive and affable personality, despite enduring subtle harassment of being a Sikh
- Will attend Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Tom Berry, Varsity Football Player (2006)

- All-conference player
- Team captain
- 4.0 GPA
- *"Tom draws praise from his teachers because of his intellectual curiosity, his academic achievement and his character and integrity," Coach Johnson.*
- IHSA baseball official
- Currently playing football at Bates College in Maine.

Emily Roth, Varsity Basketball and Soccer (2006)

- Varsity basketball player
- All-conference soccer player, team captain
- Band member; performances raised money for Appalachia Service Project
- Habitat for Humanity
- Church work camp in Venezuela
- Played soccer at Earlham College in Indiana (2006-2007)
- Transferred to DePaul University, Chicago (2007)