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## **Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation Announces 2019 Winner of the Kara Kloiber Make a Difference Award**

### **Kate Warren '19 Honored at Senior Awards Ceremony**

**Charlotte, NC** – The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation is pleased to announce the 2019 winner of the Kara Kloiber Make a Difference Award, Kate Elizabeth Warren. The \$5,000 scholarship award, generously funded by the Kloiber Family and the CCHS Foundation, was presented by last year's winner, MeKayla Gough '18, during the CCHS Senior Awards Ceremony held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

Kate has shined academically, athletically, and as a leader and volunteer. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Rho Kappa National Honor Society. She has served on the Honor Council and as its President, in several

positions in Student Council including Treasurer, as a CCHS Student Ambassador, and in many yearbook positions including Editor in Chief. Kate played both JV soccer and JV basketball. She has volunteered as a coach for youth basketball and soccer, at St. Gabriel School, and with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Her work with the AFSP inspired her to become involved with the Mental Health Awareness Group at CCHS. Kate and her fellow CCHS students won a \$500 grant for their creation of a feasible, positive plan for CCHS to raise mental health awareness and remove the stigma associated with suicide and depression. Her care for those around her, so similar to Kara's, is evidenced by her determination to break down mental health barriers and be a voice for change.

Kate is the daughter of Nikki Doulé Warren '91 and Graham Warren of Charlotte, and she plans to study graphic design in the fall at North Carolina State University.

Kara Kloiber graduated from CCHS in 1993. She was exceptionally proud of her Charlotte Catholic education, and she loved the time she shared at CCHS. The Kloiber family, whose time at CCHS spans generations, wished to honor her memory by creating an annual award for a CCHS senior who embodies Kara's spirit of always making a difference, no matter how small.

The Kara Kloiber Award honors Kara's love for CCHS by recognizing the student who consistently makes a difference in the school and community. It is awarded to a graduating senior who has exemplified and contributed to Charlotte Catholic's spirit of community, inclusiveness, charity, and service. Like Kara, this student is one who seeks to include others, who has empathy for fellow students, who has a compassionate heart, and who leaves a positive legacy of optimism. Academics and leadership are considered, but a heart for service, a sense of justice, and a love for others are most important. Also significant is the ability to see others as unique individuals who all have a place in our community.

Members of the senior class and members of the CCHS faculty and staff may nominate any senior for the award. A selection committee chooses the winner.

In addition to the award presentation by MeKayla, Mr. Bob Kloiber, Kara's brother, attended the ceremony and presented Kate with a copy of Kara's favorite book, "Falling Up" by Shel Silverstein.

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Bob Kloiber '84, Kate Warren '19, and MeKayla Gough '18  
at the 2019 presentation of the Kara Kloiber Make a Difference Award

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