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Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation Announces Service Award Winner

[Melina Tirrell Honored at Senior Awards Ceremony](#)

Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation is proud to announce the 2017 winner of its annual Service Award, Melina Delight Tirrell. The \$1,500 scholarship award was presented during the CCHS Senior Awards Ceremony held on May 30th at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

The CCHS Foundation Service Award was established to recognize a graduating senior solely for his or her community service. It is presented to a senior who not only spends many hours serving the community, but also chooses several different kinds of service. School spirit, empathy,

compassion, dedication, and diversity of service all are characteristics of the winner of this scholarship. CCHS Campus Ministry and Guidance Department faculty members nominate students who meet the criteria, and a selection committee chooses the winner.

Melina's passion for serving others in her community was prominent during her high school years. At CCHS, she was a Campus Ministry Assistant for all four years, and was a Facilities and Team Coordinator for the Catholic HeartWork Camp. She was active in the St. Matthew parish as an altar server, an assistant in the youth ministry program, and a volunteer in refugee food services with Mel's Diner. In the broader community, she was a buddy at an Autism inclusion camp, and participated for four years as a YMCA Leaders Club member and Peer Team Leader.

Mrs. LynnErin Tyler, President of the CCHS Foundation, presented the award. "Service to school, church, and community, going above and beyond the classroom requirements, surely is commendable," she said. "Melina truly has embraced the Charlotte Catholic culture of service to others, and we are proud to recognize that today."

Melina plans to take a gap year this fall, and will travel on mission trips to Costa Rica, South Africa, and Thailand.

The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation was established in 1974 with a mission to enrich the spiritual, academic, and cultural development of our students by raising funds to support Charlotte Catholic High School. With the support of the CCHS community, the Foundation has raised more than \$1 million for Charlotte Catholic.

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Melina Tirrell '18, left accepts the CCHS Foundation Service Award from Mrs. LynnErin Tyler, President of the CCHS Foundation

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