



Charlotte Catholic High School Announces New Kara Kloiber Award and Inaugural Winner

Alexis Danielle Pean Honored at Senior Awards Ceremony

Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of a new award for a graduating senior. The inaugural **Kara Kloiber “Make a Difference” Award** was presented by the CCHS Foundation during the CCHS Senior Awards Ceremony held on May 31st.

Kara Kloiber was a member of the CCHS class of '93, who was tragically killed in a car accident. 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.

Kara was exceptionally proud of her Charlotte Catholic education, and she loved the time she shared at CCHS. The Kloiber family honors Kara's memory in many ways, including giving scholarships that provide tuition assistance to current students.

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 nominate fellow students for this award, and a selection committee, consisting of two CCHS Foundation board members, a guidance counselor, and a member of the CCHS Administration, select the winner.

Jamie Boll, secretary of the CCHS Foundation, presented the inaugural award to Alexis Danielle Pean. Mrs. Diane Kloiber attended the ceremony to present Alexis with a college scholarship and a copy of Kara's favorite book, "Falling Up" by Shel Silverstein.

Alexis' classmates describe her as having a knack for identifying fellow students who may be hesitant to join a group, a club, a team, or even a conversation. She is known for seeking these students out, putting them at ease, and encouraging them to join in. Alexis changed schools numerous times due to her parents' careers, and has true empathy for "the new kid." When the CCHS Student Ambassador program was founded, with the purpose of giving school tours, welcoming visitors to campus, and mentoring new CCHS families, Alexis was a natural choice to lead the program, and she has done so admirably. In addition, Alexis was elected senior class vice president and was chosen for Homecoming Court.

"Alexis has the empathetic ability to understand the hardships of those who are less outgoing and do not make transitions as easily as she does," said Mr. Sandy Needham, guidance counselor at CCHS. "She has a huge heart of compassion, which makes her a real ally and a comfort to newcomers in our community."

Alexis will attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in the fall, and hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

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From left: Mrs. Diane Kloiber, Alexis Pean, and her mother, Rachel Pean