

## The High School of St. Thomas More Morgan Buerkett Scholarship

The Morgan Lee Buerkett Scholarship has been established at The High School of Saint Thomas More in memory of Morgan “Moe” Buerkett (‘10) and her parents, Jon and Dana, who passed away on July 24, 2011. Morgan was to begin her sophomore year at the University of Chicago where she was studying journalism. She was a middle blocker for the UC volleyball team and a member of Delta Gamma sorority. At The High School of Saint Thomas More, Morgan helped lead both the volleyball and track teams to the IHSA state finals. She was an exemplary student, achieving a place on the school’s honor roll, serving as an STM Ambassador, participating in both the “Saber Pack” and cheerleading squad, serving as a student mentor, and participating in the Spanish Club. Morgan’s teammates remember her leadership, sense of humor, willingness to be silly, as well as her easygoing and compassionate ways. Her friends describe Morgan as having been “larger than life,” a friend to everyone who knew her, a leader of every activity she joined, and a striking beauty sought out as a model. Jon, Dana and Morgan Buerkett were genuine stakeholders and believed in The High School of Saint Thomas More. The entire school community will forever mourn the loss of Jon, Dana and Morgan and remain eternally grateful for their time, talent, treasure, and commitment to The High School of Saint Thomas More.



All STM Families are eligible to apply for the scholarship and selection will be based on financial need, including those who do not otherwise qualify for the Illinois Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship, Spalding Grants, or Parish Assistance. Each year the High School of Saint Thomas More Morgan Buerkett Scholarship Committee will grant up to **two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 each**. Selection will be determined based on the financial need of the student and family, tuition assistance application at the High School of Saint Thomas More, and the student reflection. Students will need to reapply each year for scholarship consideration.

Recipients shall be eligible to receive the scholarship award provided they meet the stated criteria:

- Family must have submitted the FACTS application
- The student must submit a 300-500 word reflection focusing on the impact that service and leadership has on their lives, as well as how they live out their faith and serve others through their extra-curricular involvement.

Essays should be typed, Times New Roman 12 pt font, double-spaced.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of : \_\_\_\_\_

**School, Parish, & Community Involvement (please list all sports, clubs, groups, activities, etc and any specific Leadership Roles):**

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Applications and Essay are due May 1st to the STM Office