

MARIST

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More than a month has passed since the off-campus house fire that claimed the lives of Eva Block, Kerry Fitzsimons, and Kevin Johnson. The Marist community continues to mourn their loss while keeping their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. We also remain grateful to alumni, parents, and friends of the College for the tremendous outpouring of sympathy and support we have received during this difficult period.

At the request of the Block, Fitzsimons, and Johnson families, the College has established three memorial scholarship funds in the names of Eva, Kerry, and Kevin. It is a testament to the strength and character of these families that in the aftermath of such profound loss, their thoughts have turned to remembering their loved ones in ways that would benefit future Marist students. A number of friends and relatives have already made contributions in memory of Eva, Kerry, and Kevin. In addition, the College's Board of Trustees has allocated \$25,000 to each of these three scholarship funds to honor the students' memories and celebrate their many contributions to our community.

Many of you have inquired about how you might support the families in their efforts to honor the memories of their children at Marist. Details on the criteria for awarding the scholarships are being finalized in consultation with the families, but those wishing to contribute can do so by mailing gifts to the Marist College Office of College Advancement; 3399 North Road; Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Gifts can also be made online at <http://www.marist.edu/alumni/giving>. If you have any questions, please call Vice President for College Advancement Chris DelGiorno '88 at (845) 575-3412, or contact him at chris.delgiorno@marist.edu.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support during this trying time, and please remember to keep the families of Eva, Kerry, and Kevin in your prayers.

Sincerely,



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