



September 2026 Newsletter

Celebrating Our 2026 Scholarship Recipients

Every scholarship recipient carries a powerful story of strength, perseverance, and hope. Each has experienced the loss of a parent or spouse who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving as a first responder. It is our privilege to support their educational journeys and invest in their futures while honoring the lives and legacies of their loved ones.

This year, we were honored to award scholarships to 10 deserving students. In our last newsletter, we have had the privilege of introducing two of our scholarship recipients. In this issue, we are pleased to highlight two more outstanding students who have graciously given us permission to share their stories.

We invite you to join us in celebrating their accomplishments, wishing them continued success, and remembering the loved ones whose service and sacrifice continue to inspire us.



Lauren McKnight

"I wanted to say how grateful I am for the generosity of Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes over the years.

When challenges arise, I am reminded of my father's wisdom and compassion in striving to be the best part of a patient's worst day. I hope to represent this mindset in my future practice in order to contribute towards his legacy, and I am very grateful for how this scholarship has supported me in doing this thus far.

This is my final year of pharmacy school. Your continued support has been greatly appreciated. The work that you do in honoring fallen heroes like my father has



Richard Moorman

"I am now continuing my education through the Master's program in Homeland Security, with a focus on Emergency Management. This program is helping me better understand disaster response, crisis management, public safety, and the role agencies such as FEMA play during some of the nation's most difficult moments.

The Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes Scholarship has been extremely important in helping me follow my dreams and best prepare myself for everything that is ahead of me in life."

We congratulate Richard on this well-deserved scholarship and wish him every

been significantly impactful and meaningful as I complete my academic career."

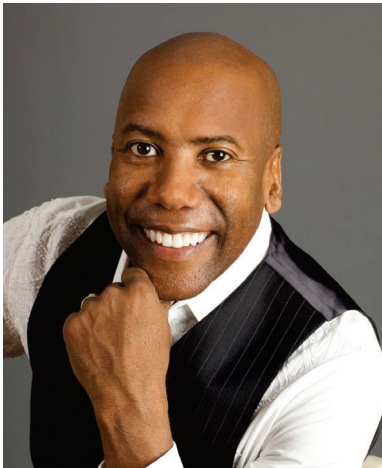
success as he pursues his educational goals.

We congratulate Lauren on this well-deserved scholarship and wish her every success as she completes her educational goals.

Our Board of Directors

Our mission is guided by seven dedicated board members who are deeply committed to supporting the families of fallen peace officers and firefighters. Each month, we'll introduce you to one of the leaders making this work possible.

Nathan East Board Member



Seven-time Grammy-nominated bassist Nathan East is one of the most recorded musicians in the history of contemporary music. Beginning his professional career at just 18 years old, Nathan has spent more than five decades performing, recording, and touring alongside some of the world's most iconic and celebrated musicians. His extraordinary career includes more than 2,000 recording sessions, helping shape countless recordings and hit songs.

Nathan's contributions to music have earned him international recognition, including an acknowledgment in the Congressional Record honoring his impact on the music community. A sought-after performer and recording artist, he continues to bring a lifetime of musicianship and experience to audiences around the world.

Today, Nathan maintains an active touring schedule, performing both with renowned artists and in collaboration with his son, who is also a professional musician. His dedication, humility, and commitment to others have remained constants throughout his remarkable career.

Nathan's genuine respect for those who dedicate their lives to serving others, along with his commitment to helping us honor the fallen first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice, embodies the spirit of our mission. His compassion, leadership, and dedication to service strengthen our mission and the work of our Board of Directors.

Tips for Change

Come enjoy a fun evening of great food, community, and giving back. Our board members, staff and volunteers will be your servers for the evening.

Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers and make a night of it! Every tip makes a difference, and we'd love to see you there.

 **September 22 | 5:00–9:00 PM**
 **Rosmarino Restaurant | San Ramon**

100% of tips + 10% of evening sales benefit our Help For Heroes Fund.

Join us in supporting the families and agencies impacted by the loss of a fallen peace officer or firefighter.



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