



Cygnets Scholarship Foundation NEWSLETTER



THE CYGNET STORY

Cygnets Scholarship Foundation is a small foundation making a big splash! Cygnets was founded by Jim and Maura Tierney and Roger and Kelly Kadlec with the goal of presenting scholarships to those in our community who might need a helping hand to make their secondary education dreams come true.

Cygnets's Mission: To impact lives in a positive way by providing scholarships for students. Cygnets sees higher education as a catalyst, an agent of change for individuals, families, communities, and nations.

HEADLINE NEWS!

- Cygnets partners with the Hegadus' for their annual turkey trot!
- It was a cold day, but they persevered and ran a 7K!
- Thanks to their efforts, Cygnets earned enough to provide a scholarship for another worthy student!



ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

The splash is back! Save the date for the annual Cygnets Summer Splash! This popular event takes place on Friday, July 14, 2023 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Jim and Maura Tierney's backyard oasis. 1222 Welcome Drive, Long Lake, MN. The event is free.

- Live music by Welcome Drive and Madeline Kadlec.
- Food and beverages prepared by Roger and Robb including the Cygnets signature drink!
- Meet the winners of the 2023 scholarships live and in person.
- Hang with the Cygnets board of directors and other cool, caring people.

LOCAL NEWS--MEET A CYGNET SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Cygnet Scholarship Foundation co-founder, Maura Tierney, recently checked in with consecutive scholarship winner, Kate, to hear about her college journey.

Following is the interview. We are so proud of her accomplishments!



1. **What school are you attending?** I am attending the University of St. Thomas. Roll Toms!

2. **What is your favorite subject?**

My favorite class right now is choir. I am in a select ensemble called the Chamber Singers, and I am the Soprano 1 section leader!

3. **What is your major?**

I am majoring in Financial Management, minoring in Economics, and pursuing a Music Performance Certificate.

4. **What are your interests/hobbies?**

I am heavily involved in our Undergraduate Student Government. I have served as Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Class President, and I am planning to run for Executive Student Body President this Spring. Some of my duties within this role include connecting with my constituents, advocating for student clubs and organizations, and managing club funding. I am a member of Bridge, where we have civil, non-partisan discourse on various current event issues in order to engage with other diverse perspectives. And, last but not least, I recently joined badminton club!

5. **How has the scholarship helped you?**

My family has dealt with our fair share of adversity over the past 5 years. When I was 16, my dad passed away after a brief battle against glioblastoma, the most aggressive form of brain cancer. This past September, my mom had a stroke and has been working hard in therapy ever since. This has, of course, put a lot of unexpected emotional and financial strain on me and my family. My Cygnet Scholarship helped fund my housing, books, and board. Living near campus is quite expensive when your main location is downtown St. Paul. However, it is a vital aspect of the college experience and has ultimately allowed me to become involved in various clubs and activities on campus. It has helped me foster life-long friendships, build my network, and gain marketable skills within my field.

6. **What are your future plans?**

This summer I will be an Undergraduate Finance Intern at Ecolab! If all goes well, I plan to work at Ecolab as a Financial Analyst full-time after I graduate in Spring 2024. My 10 year goal is to be a Senior Financial Manager, and ultimately I am striving to become the Senior VP of Finance at Ecolab.

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