

LA LUMIERE SCHOOL  
*Character • Scholarship • Faith*



Dr. James R. Kennedy  
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND





The Dr. James R. Kennedy Scholarship honors the late James Kennedy who served as a leader in medicine, humanitarian work, and civil rights in Kankakee County. The scholarship is awarded each year to one or two talented students who personify Kennedy's values and are part of an underrepresented population.

The Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore captured Kennedy's life philosophy:

*I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I awoke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and behold, service was joy.*



## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The Dr. James R. Kennedy Scholarship is a merit-based award. The eligibility of this award is defined by the criteria of the donor, and the award amount will vary.
- Candidates are evaluated based on a variety of aspects, including academic achievement, quality of interview, and importantly, leadership in their current community.
- In order to be considered for the award, candidates must complete the admissions application and the supplemental scholarship essay.

## SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Our Mission: At La Lumiere School, we form character, cultivate scholarship, and explore faith in order to grow into more complete versions of ourselves. Please explain how your joining the La Lumiere community will help in your personal growth in these three areas.

*\*300 to 500 typewritten words*



## DR. JAMES R. KENNEDY



Dr. Kennedy graduated from Joliet Catholic High School, the University of Notre Dame in 1957 and Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine in 1960. He served his internship and surgical residency at Cook County Hospital. This residency was interrupted to serve as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. A 20-year career as an accomplished surgeon was ended prematurely in 1988 with the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease. Kennedy's post-surgical career presented opportunities for teaching, continuing his own learning and imparting knowledge to many.

He lived the Jesuit motto: "ad maiorem Dei gloriam" – for the greater glory of God. It came as no surprise that, honoring his Jesuit training, Dr. Kennedy returned to Loyola as he discovered a new career as an educator.

From 1989–2005 he served Loyola as assistant professor of surgery and retired as assistant professor of surgery emeritus. He also served as chairman of the Stritch School of Medicine Admissions Committee. Dr. Kennedy's years at Loyola were marked by two invitations to be the baccalaureate speaker, as well as numerous awards including: Teacher of the Year Award, the Golden Apple Award, and the Dr. Juan Angelats Service Award. Kennedy's career culminated in the awarding of the prestigious Stritch School Medal of Honor in 2000.

Acting on his desire to provide services to those who were underserved, Kennedy was a founder and board member of the Dr. Martin Luther King Adult Education Center, co-founder and volunteer of the Northside Well Baby Clinic and the Doctor's Outpatient Clinic all in Kankakee. Kennedy also started the Pembroke Clinic in Hopkins Park, IL and provided immunizations to the migrant workers in Milford, IL.

Committed to quality education and his community, Dr. Kennedy served the boards of Bishop McNamara Catholic High School in Kankakee, La Lumiere School in La Porte, IN, the YMCA and St. Teresa School in Kankakee.

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