



Two Ben Davis High School students receive college scholarships from ROTC



Claire Thompson and Connor O'Day, seniors at Ben Davis High School, have received full-tuition ROTC scholarships for college. The Navy Marine Option ROTC Scholarship provides up to \$180,000 for each student to use for tuition and books.

LtCol. David Thompson is senior Marine instructor for the Ben Davis High School Marine Corps JROTC Program. He said the academic and athletic accomplishments, initiative, organizational skills, and leadership displayed by both Connor and Claire helped them win the scholarship. Col. Thompson says it is "extremely rare" for two students from the same school to receive this scholarship.

Both students have been highly successful at Ben Davis. Claire's weighted GPA is 4.06 and she ranks 100th out of a senior class of 982 students. Connor's weighted GPA is 4.22 and he ranks 78th in his class.

Connor plans to attend Purdue University and Claire plans to attend the University of Wisconsin.