

## **The Dr. Juozas Kriaučiūnas Scholarships Have Been Awarded**

Every year the Lithuanian Catholic Academy of Science (LCAS) awards scholarships to deserving students who are working on their Master's or Doctor's degrees. In the past, both students living in the U.S. and those living in Lithuania have received this scholarship.

This year (2026) the LCAS Scholarship Committee unanimously decided to confer the Dr. Juozas Kriaučiūnas scholarship to one candidate: \$5000 to Kristė Sirtautė.



**Kristė Sirtautė.**

Kristė Sirtautė received a Bachelor's degree in Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Management from Kaunas Technology University. She is working on her Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering. In her own words: „I want my research to be truly beneficial to society and I want it to help ensure the creation of a more enduring environment.”

Kristė is active in student life at the university – she was the president of the University student association, a member of the board of the Lithuanian Student Association, and a member of the University Senate. She is also a volunteer at Church – she teaches Confirmation classes, she organized a pilgrimage to a Taizė youth meeting in Europe and participates in other volunteer activities.

Candidates for the scholarship were evaluated by the LCAS Scholarship Committee, consisting of Dr. Aleksas Gedmintas (Committee Chair), Dr. Mirga Girniuvienė and Onutė Traitor. In their opinion, the Kristė Sirtautė is a great young scholar with leadership potential. We can expect to hear about her important achievements in the future.

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