Korman said each finalist was asked to submit a letter to their then-anonymous donor. Common themes were the students' gratitude for their families' sacrifices to help them attend college and a desire to give back to Temple.

After reciting the letter, Korman said, “Through a generous donor, I’ve been nominated to receive a scholarship that would greatly help me continue my education,” the letter read. “You always told me never let any obstacle stand in the way of an education. Now, with this incredible development, I could continue my studies without worrying about how to pay for it.”

“I just know what an honor it is to go here, and I also know how hard it is to go to any college with the cost of tuition, so I can’t even put into words what this means to me and my parents.”

— Sean McGuire

“Words can’t express how much this means to me and my family to not have to worry as much about how to afford college.”

— Sara Sheedy

Korman said he would award each of the scholarship winners $12,000.

“I don’t know how much this means to the students, but it means the world to me. I’ve always been so happy to do things for the students. I’ll always be a student at heart.”

— Steven H. Korman

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Sharon Pinkenson, executive director of the Greater Philadelphia Film Office, greets honoree Steven H. Korman.

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Mark Korman, president of HCI Commercial Real Estate, is one of Steven H. Korman’s three sons. (Bottom) Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard.