

## Ben Newell Memorial Scholarship

Ben Newell attended all of his school years in the Mason City school district starting with Jefferson Elementary, continuing on to John Adams Middle School and graduating from Mason City High School in 2006. Ben was athletically inclined, enjoying all sports. He settled on football, swimming and soccer as his favorite high school sports.

Ben wrote many college scholarship essay applications and applied for the M.C. Ed. Foundation scholarships and was awarded 6 local scholarships before he graduated, not to mention scholarships from colleges. Ben attended Luther College freshman year, NIACC the following year and received his A.A. and A.S. degrees from there in 2008. He went on to the University of Iowa graduating with a B.S. degree in finance from the Tippie College of Business at Iowa.

Ben exemplified honesty, integrity and friendship in his relationships with others all his life. He had high respect for his elders and the discipline to try his very best no matter what task was put before him. Ben valued volunteerism and enjoyed helping those less fortunate. At the time of his death he was volunteering at a food pantry once a week. Ben's favorite quote was "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give".

Ben began a promising career at State Farm Insurance in Iowa City the day after college graduation. He was a loyal, diligent employee for the two and a half years he worked there. Ben died October 31, 2012 of a sudden, undetermined illness of less than two days.

Ben always had a positive attitude and believed in living life to its fullest. His family has chosen to honor his memory with a \$1000 scholarship for the next several years to a deserving graduate of MCHS who has aspirations to attend the Univ. of Iowa's Tippie College of Business.

Criteria: First preference, student will be majoring in the field of business and will be attending the University of Iowa. Second preference, student will be attending NIACC with the intentions of transferring to the University of Iowa and majoring in Business. Priority given to students intending on applying to the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa. Student should demonstrate strength of character and financial need.

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