

The Tom Marreel Family Scholarship

A belief that it is difficult to succeed today without higher education and a desire to make a difference in young people's lives led Tom Marreel, a 1976 graduate of Mason City High School, to establish the Tom Marreel Family Scholarship with the Mason City Education Foundation. This scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to two MCHS graduates, one male and one female, who plan to pursue a degree in a health care field.

Marreel is the son of Enri and Mary Anne Marreel, formerly of Mason City, Iowa. Following his MCHS graduation, Marreel earned a B.S. degree in marketing from Arizona State University. He started his career as a health care insurance sales and service provider for large employer groups in the Los Angeles area; worked as a healthcare consultant with The Segal Company; led the growth of the Phoenix branch of Mercer, a human resources consulting firm; and served as senior vice president and business development manager for Schaller Anderson, Inc., a health management consulting company. Today Marreel owns T. Marreel and Associates, a healthcare consulting and benefit brokerage company in Phoenix, AZ, and M/S Home Development in Chandler, AZ.

Marreel is actively involved in charities including the Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) Foundation East Valley, which supports philanthropic fundraising for Chandler Regional Medical Center and Mercy Gilbert Medical Center. He has chaired several fundraising events for the hospitals, including golf tournaments and galas. Marreel and his wife, Julia, live in Chandler, AZ, with their two sons, Andrew (14) and Michael (12). Marreel's mother, Mary Anne, also lives in Chandler.

Marreel said, "Giving back to individuals and communities is something I am truly passionate about. I feel I can make a difference in a student's life by establishing this scholarship, which will help individuals pursuing careers in health care, the industry I have worked in over the past twenty-five years."