

David J. Coddington Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000 annual scholarship

Born in Mason City, Iowa on February 27, 1979, David Coddington was a 1997 graduate of Mason City High School. He graduated from Reed College in Portland, Oregon with a bachelor's degree in art and then worked in the art shipping business in New York City. David attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago working toward a master's degree in Interior Architecture.

Throughout his life he faced numerous health challenges with dignity and grace. Without complaint, David used his strength, adaptability, and determination to pursue his passions. When a stroke diminished his ability to speak and read, he used his art to communicate. When his right hand could no longer paint, he developed other artistic skills and continued to create. David understood the importance of academic excellence as well as creative expression. In a classroom, alone with a book, traveling, or spending time with friends, he was always learning.

David's love of travel took him around the globe. He rarely passed an opportunity to explore, whether it be an antique shop in the middle of nowhere, a museum in Europe, or a hip restaurant in Brooklyn. A gifted artist, excellent skier and an avid fan of all Chicago sports teams, especially the Blackhawks, David passionately pursued all of his eclectic interests.

Scholarship should be awarded to a deserving MCHS senior who is well rounded, creative and displays many interests. Recipient shows perseverance and **special preference** to candidates who have faced adversity during their life journey in the form of physical, mental, environmental or financial hardships. Financial need may or may not be determinant of this award.