The Nathan B. Trapuzzano Memorial Scholarship


Nate had many interests and talents. He enjoyed sports and participated in wrestling, football, baseball, ice and street hockey and held a Black belt in Taekwondo. He played the piano, was a violinist in the school orchestra and his taste in music was eclectic, to say the least. He was a member of the Latin club. He loved to spend time with his family and friends. Although he made time for other things, his main focus while in high school became his education. Nate loved to learn. He spent a great deal of time reading and studying. He excelled in math and had a fascination for all things Latin.

After graduating from high school, Nate attended Ball State University and studied actuarial science. After his freshman year, having passed two of the actuarial exams, he decided to pursue a different course of study. In 2011, he graduated from Ball State, summa cum laude, with majors in Latin and Greek, minors in classical studies and mathematics and a passion for his Catholic religion. While waiting to see if a potential fellowship at Ohio State University would become a reality, Nate worked for a small computer programming company. He got married in May 2013 and was excited to start a family. Although he had no formal education in computer programming, he decided that this was the best path to take to provide for his family. He relinquished a fellowship in computer programming at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and took a job as a self-taught computer programmer with Ivy Technical College.

When Nate was killed on April 1, 2014, it affected not only his family, friends and the communities in which he grew up and lived, but also strangers across the country and internationally. The outpouring of sympathy and support (emotional, spiritual and financial) was overwhelming and should always serve to remind us how one person can impact so many.
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Name ___________________________________________ 
Last First Middle

Address ____________________________________________

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Home Phone ___________________ Cell Phone ________________

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Cumulative GPA ________

College/University you will be attending ________________________________

Why did you choose this school? __________________________________________

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Do you have a financial need for this scholarship? Explain. ____________

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Highest Level of Latin completed _______ Average Grade _________
Highest level of Math completed _______ Average Grade _________
Highest level of Orchestra completed _______ Average Grade _________

Instrument Played __________
Did you participate in strolling strings? _____

Community Service / Church Service (activities) _________________________
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ESSAY: A brief biography of Nathan B. Trapuzzano was provided at the beginning of this application to provide a glimpse of Nate’s qualities, interests, and what he found to be important. Attach a typed response to the following question (250 words or less) – Why are you worthy of a scholarship named in memory of Nathan B. Trapuzzano?