

# Danny Curran III Memorial Scholarship Award

Daniel R. Curran III was a 1995 graduate of Springfield High School. While at Springfield High, Danny was a four-year member of the Cross Country, Winter Track, and Spring Track Teams. In his senior year, Danny was Captain of all three teams. Danny was also a 1999 graduate of Widener University where he was a four-year member of their Track and Field Team. In his senior year his peers elected him Captain. Dan's favorite event was the Pole Vault, where he was always trying to "scratch the sky." Dan still holds the record in the Pole Vault at Widener.

In the October of 2001 Danny and his brother, Cavan, left on a cross-country adventure to explore the USA. On November 7, 2001, Danny went hiking in the Three Sister Wilderness Area on Broken Top Mountain in Oregon. Danny never returned. A massive search was conducted for almost two week with no results. Hikers discovered Danny's remains on July 26, 2002. It was determined Danny died of hypothermia due to exposure to the cold.

*Danny was an amazing, adventurous spirit and he was good and kind and gentle. He had a smile that could light up a room and a sense of humor and caring that made people gravitate to him. At times he could drive his family crazy but mainly we were proud of the man he had become. It seems inconceivable that we will never see him again. But Danny loved to climb and hike the mountains and he found great challenge as well as joy and peace there. He was doing what he loved to do and he was happy.*

A scholarship award has been established in Danny's name. Each year two awards will be given to members of Springfield High School's graduating class. Recipients will exemplify the qualities of Integrity – as demonstrated by high moral principle, honesty and sincerity in the school and the community and a Positive Mental Attitude – a "can do" attitude about all that is put before them.

Contributions to the Danny Curran Scholarship Fund may be sent to the Curran Family at 121 Kent Road in Springfield, PA.