

Andrew Davel Memorial Scholarship

The memory of Andy Davel has been commemorated since 1987 with the Andrew Davel Memorial Scholarship at Menasha High School.

Andy Davel was the valedictorian of the Menasha High School class of 1984 and was widely recognized as a leader in both academics and athletics on the campus. In addition to being the top student in his high school class, Andy was a two-sport athlete for the Bluejays.



Andy was a standout football player and served as one of the team's captains as a senior during the 1983 season. Andy was a two-year starter on both offense and defense and earned All-Fox Valley Association honors for the Bluejays. As an offensive guard, he helped power the running game and was a consistently excellent pass protector. On the other side of the ball, he played defensive end in Menasha's base 5-2 defense and was known as fierce hitter and disciplined defender.

A constant presence in the Menasha High School weight room, Andy inspired others with his commitment to making himself better every day. Andy also expanded his athletic exploits when he joined the track and field team where he participated in the discus throw and shot put.

Andy's academic excellence and desire to continue his football career led him to Lawrence University in the fall of 1984 after being recruited by legendary Lawrence coach Ron Roberts. Andy won two letters for the Vikings and earned a starting job at guard as a sophomore in 1985. Andy was studying biology and chemistry at Lawrence and was planning a career in sports medicine. He also was active in the campus community and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

While Andy was on winter break from Lawrence in January 1986, he was out with a group of friends in Menasha and Neenah on a Friday evening. Andy was stabbed in a senseless street incident in the early morning hours of Saturday, January 6. He was rushed to Theda Clark Regional Medical Center, which was just blocks away, by his friends, but the chest wound would prove fatal. Andy died surrounded by family and friends on January 9, 1986.

As a tribute to Andy, a group of Andy's closest friends began pursuing a scholarship in his name. Once funds were raised in the ensuing months, the Andrew Davel Memorial Scholarship was born. It was first presented in 1987 and has been given to a scholar-athlete at Menasha High School every year since.

Eligibility:

Graduating seniors from Menasha High School, who plan on attending an accredited educational institute in the fall following high school graduation. The following will be taken into consideration to determine the recipient; minimum 3.25 GPA, minimum of one varsity letter, and a student who exhibits leadership qualities and a certain "content of character" that would exemplify Andy's dedication and passion for his sport.

Award Amount:

Non-renewable \$1,000 scholarship award for tuition expenses.

Selection:

Recipients are selected each spring by the Menasha High School Scholarship Selection Committee along with Joe VandenAcker.

Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payments will be released after submission of the following to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region: completed scholarship verification form (located at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships) and verification of full-time student status (college acceptance letter or class schedule with credits listed). After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending. Most communications between the Community Foundation and the student will be via email; ***please keep us advised of your current email address.***

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to register as a full-time student at an accredited educational institution for the fall semester following high school graduation.

Further Information:

For more information regarding this and other scholarships or to obtain scholarship forms please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships or contact us at scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-702-7619.