



The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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Sydney Elizabeth Ledoux Memorial Scholarship

Established November 2023

The intent of the Sydney Elizabeth Ledoux Memorial Scholarship is to support a Bolton resident or graduate in the pursuit of academic excellence and community service and lessen the financial burden of pursuing higher education.

Sydney was a Bolton resident for twenty-three years. She was a 2018 graduate of Bolton High School. While a student at Bolton High School, Sydney was a scholar athlete, playing varsity soccer for four years and basketball for three. She was Editor-in-Chief of the school yearbook. She actively participated in student government for four years including being a class president. While maintaining her honor status, she worked part-time jobs throughout high school. Sydney not only championed student rights and opportunities as a member of numerous student-led organizations, she also embraced civic responsibilities throughout her tenure that afforded her the Exemplary Service Faculty Award. At graduation, she was bestowed a medal of distinction for passing all graduation requirements at the highest level.

Sydney continued her academic prowess and athleticism as a member of the Stonehill Club Soccer Team, and civic-minded endeavors throughout her collegiate career at Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts. She graduated in 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. While at Stonehill, she was a resident advisor, president of the Resident Hall Association, and president of the Student Alumni Association. She also devoted time to Habitat for Humanity for four years, learning how to wield power tools and side and roof a house. Her time was also spent volunteering at the local Soup Kitchen. One of her noteworthy accomplishments was getting sign language as an official course on campus, having had to petition the college to recognize American Sign Language as a viable academic course. To support her higher-level education, outside interests, and life's responsibilities, she maintained part-time paid positions in local eateries.

Upon graduation, Sydney worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant in the New London Public School System while pursuing her Master's degree and Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology and Communication Disorders from Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts. She had aspirations of earning a doctorate in Audiology. She continued to be passionate about her studies, her community, and enhancing the lives of others through countless acts of civil and community service for the betterment of humans and animals. Anyone who had the opportunity to have made Sydney's acquaintance or know her personally, felt her electric energy when she entered a room or stepped onto the field or the court.

Sydney's presence commanded attention and respect. She was a force, a trusted leader who could always be counted upon in any situation to get the job done at the highest caliber. She had a brilliant smile and a contagious laugh. Her words, actions and random acts of kindness made others feel seen, heard, respected, valued and loved.

On November 26, 2023, Sydney was called home. Even in death, Sydney continued to give back as an organ donor.

You have been awarded this Sydney Elizabeth Ledoux Memorial Scholarship because you have embraced and embodied the attributes that Sydney possessed. These are some rather big shoes to fill. I believe you are up for the challenge. Make the most of the opportunities afforded to you, use your talents to benefit others, empower others, and be impactful. Make a difference...be the change agent the world needs.