

The David Ewing McCarter Athletic Scholarship

David Ewing McCarter was born in Rochester in 1960 and grew up with his sister, Anne, and his two brothers, John and Joe.

David graduated from Rochester High School (RHS) in 1978 and ranked among the top ten in his class in academics. He was a valued member on four high school sports teams, earning nine varsity letters. David helped to lead the Rochester Zebras basketball team to win the Warsaw sectional title, and he was also appointed to the first-team all-Northern Lakes Conference. Additionally, David was a four-year member of the Fellowship for Christian Athletes, President of the National Honors Society, and a member of the RHS Letterman's Club.

After high school, David attended Purdue University and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing. After graduating, he worked for IBM of Indianapolis as a marketing expert for several years. He also earned an associate's degree in radiology at IUPUI and was later employed as a radiologist technician in Tuscon, Arizona at the Carondelet Heart & Vascular Institute. David was also known to enjoy cooking, watching the Cubs play, and spending time with his family.



David's father coached multiple sports, but athletics were never pushed on David; his passion for sports came naturally. He was always self-motivated, not only in athletics, but in his school work as well. He knew when it was time to turn off the sports channel and go practice or work on homework. Classmates knew David as quiet, yet always involved and helpful.

Sadly, David passed away suddenly in June of 2011, just before he had planned on moving back to the Rochester area. Shortly after, his parents, Phil and Katie McCarter, created the David Ewing McCarter Athletic Scholarship Fund in his memory. Through the fund, David's memory will live long after those who knew him personally are gone.

The McCarters presented the scholarship for the first time at the 2012 Fulton County Scholarship Reception to a deserving recipient.. They were overjoyed that, with their help, another young athlete's dreams would be realized.

"It has already been even more rewarding than we expected," said Katie, with a warm smile.

In order to be eligible, students must be graduating seniors of Rochester High School who have participated in a minimum of two sports for four years. Those who have participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes are also given preference. Students may be planning to attend either a two or four-year college or university.