



### JIM SCHREMP

April 10, 1962 – August 14, 2000

The James T. Schremp Memorial Scholarship was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin shortly after his death. Gifts from family, friends and colleagues helped to establish the memorial fund as a means of honoring Jim's memory through the awarding of scholarships to graduating scholar/athletes from Mosinee High School.

In administering this fund, we continue to honor the qualities of his life that defined him.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient is asked to acknowledge receipt of this scholarship to:

The James T. Schremp Family  
c/o Karen Schremp-Schinker  
922 Adams Street  
Wausau, WI 54403



## JAMES T. SCHREMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### PURPOSE

To provide scholarships to graduating Mosinee High School senior scholar / athletes as outlined below.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online by visiting our website at [cfoncw.org](http://cfoncw.org). Click on "Grants & Scholarships" / "Scholarships" / "Apply Online Now" to reach the online application portal and begin the registration and application process. If this is your first visit to the site, you will need to "Create an Account." If this is a return visit, enter your email address and password. Choose the appropriate application from the menu.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE March 15

### YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for this scholarship will be prioritized in the following levels:

#### Level I:

- Graduating senior scholar-athlete from Mosinee High School
- Accepted for enrollment at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Planning to major in a business-related field

#### Level II:

- Graduating senior scholar-athlete from Mosinee High School
- Accepted for enrollment at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Planning to major in any field of study

#### Level III:

- Graduating senior scholar-athlete from Mosinee High School
- Accepted for enrollment at any University of Wisconsin System college or university
- Planning to major in a business-related field

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Academic excellence
- Involvement in high school athletics
- Characteristics, qualities, and attributes that display potential for success
- Need is not a criteria for selection.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The recipients will be announced at the Mosinee High School senior awards ceremonies in the spring.

### PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation after the awards ceremony, instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding. The student must provide proof of registration annually to the Community Foundation office for payment to be initiated. The Foundation will make payment directly to the college or university the student is attending.

### CONTINUATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is renewable to the recipient for undergraduate studies and is payable for up to four years. Students must remain in good academic standing. An annual update is required that will include providing proof of enrollment and a transcript of grades through the Community Foundation's scholarship management portal.

## JAMES T. SCHREMP MEMORIAL



The James T. Schremp Memorial Scholarship was established by Karen L. (Kemerling) Schremp in loving memory of her husband, Jim, who died on August 14, 2000 from a rare form of cancer. Although only 38 years old at the time of his death, those years were filled with non-ending love, ongoing trust, devoted friendship, extraordinary humor, absolute courage, and unrelenting faith. The fund was established from numerous memorials received from family, friends, and business associates who had the opportunity to learn from his character and share the attributes of his life.

Having attended St. Paul's Elementary School, in Mosinee, Wisconsin, for nine years, Jim "Theo" Schremp grew up with a strong Catholic background and education. He played 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball for the St. Paul's Panthers, being chosen as a "Most Valuable Player." At this early age, he also developed a special enthusiasm for the game of golf. He played in numerous tournaments, winning several events. It is here that his passion for "da pool or da pond" (CaddyShack 1980) likely began.

Jim attended Mosinee High School from 1976 to 1980, where he graduated with honors. While in high school, he received athletic letters in four sports – football (3 years), basketball (2 years), baseball (2 years), and golf (1 year). As a senior, he received the Marshfield News-Herald Academic Athlete Award. In addition to sports, Jim was also involved in Math League, band, choir, National Honor Society, and multiple clubs. It is during his high school days that Jim met his wife, Karen. She was a supportive spectator at his activities and remains the greatest fan of his life.

Following graduation from high school, Jim ventured to the University of Wisconsin-Madison "Madtown" campus. In addition to seeking educational excellence, he was an encouraging fan of UW Badger sporting events, attending and supporting the football, basketball, and hockey programs. "Rose Bowl" no longer meant a container with flowers and "Bucky," "UW Band Tuba Parade," "5<sup>th</sup> Quarter" and the echo of "Varsity" became significant parts of a cultured college education. In 1985, he received his Bachelors of Science degree in business administration, with majors in both finance and marketing. He went on to obtain a Master's of Business Administration degree with a major in finance from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 1986.

Jim married Karen Kemerling, his Mosinee High School sweetheart and UW Badger sporting events companion, on June 14, 1986, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Mosinee. After living in Madison, they moved to Wausau in 1988, where Jim became employed with Marshall & Ilsley Trust Company as a corporate benefits trust officer. During his 13 year tenure with M&I Trust Company, he was promoted to vice president, managing the Wausau Division of Corporate Benefits. In the year 2000, he was recognized by M&I Trust Company with the President's Ovation Award, (the highest honor given by the company acknowledging his dedication, attitude, and service to his customers.

Jim was involved in numerous civic organizations and groups including the Wausau Performing Arts Foundation, Wausau Country Club, Meals on Wheels, UW Alumni Association, Yawkey Lama Stock Club, and youth sporting activities. His greatest involvement however, was with the lives of his family and friends. Jim and Karen were blessed with two wonderful children, Eric James on August 22, 1990, and Alex William on May 20, 1993. Like their parents, the children acquired a continuous devotion to sports. Jim took pride in watching their accomplishments and encouraging their participation.

The boys recall, "Since we were little, our dad played basketball, baseball, football, and golf with us. He taught us that in sports, as in life, there would be victories, defeats, struggles, and blessings. He will always be our greatest coach."

Jim's favorite hobbies also included fishing, boating, cross-country skiing, music, the art of home brewing, and travel.

Jim's optimism, courage, energy, and enthusiasm for life had a profound influence on all of the lives he touched. He had a special loyalty to Mosinee High School and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, learning many life lessons at both institutions. He believed in the merit of quality education. He believed that involvement in sports allowed a person to focus his/her abilities and provided discipline that could be applied to other aspects of life. He believed in being the "Better" person; always giving and forgiving; seeing specific characteristics and attributes in individuals which to others were unapparent; believe that less, was in fact, more; believing that no matter what the outcome, the situation was as it was meant to be. The James T. Schremp Memorial Scholarship Fund is designed to afford a lasting tribute, now and forever, to a man whose beliefs unquestionably made him the "Better" person. In that same spirit, this memorial is intended to be utilized as an occasion to assist a deserving recipient with the educational opportunities to acquire the same high values and leadership abilities as Jim, while learning their own life lessons, developing their own beliefs, and hearing their own echoes of "Varsity."

May the recipient as well as we who were fortunate to know and truly love him, infinitely remember...

**When You Say Jim Schremp...  
You've Said it All."**

