

KIMBERLY A. VAN DEN ELZEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



FUND BACKSTORY . . .

To all whose lives she touched, Kimberly Van Den Elzen was a fire of energy, a source of endless optimism, and the essence of encouragement. She was a woman of principles and inexhaustible love and friendship. Kimberly's child-like spirit enriched the lives of everyone she met. Kimberly was the 1976 Michigan Diving Champion and received an Associate of Arts Degree in 1994 from Harper College in Palatine, Illinois.

In 1994, she and her husband, Cliff, moved to Wausau, where she opened a branch office for the company with which she was employed. With an entrepreneurial spirit, in 1997, she opened a business of her own. She was the founder and president of a human resource consulting and employee recruitment firm.

Always seeking the next challenge, Kimberly planned to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Business and Human Resources from the University of Wisconsin. These plans were left unfinished, when Kimberly died of breast cancer on June 19, 1998 at the age of 36. With her premature death, the Wausau area lost the opportunity to share in the making of a great leader.

In the short time Kimberly lived in Wausau, she was actively involved in many local organizations and contributed much of who she was to her community. She was a member of the Wausau Area Chamber of Commerce, Good Morning Wausau Committee, Council of Women Business Owners, Downtown Wausau Action Council, Wausau Rotary Club (Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient), National and Central Wisconsin Society for Human Resource Management, Network Group, Business and Professional Women, Birch Trail Girl Scout volunteer for the Rise and Shine Program and Bon Repas Gourmet Club. On October 4, 1997, Kimberly co-chaired the First Annual Pumpkin Plod, to raise money for Christmas lights for the downtown area.

This fund, established in 1998, is designed to honor her memory and to continue her work in a field she valued deeply.



ELIGIBILITY

- Resident of central Wisconsin
- Pursuing a degree in Human Resources
- Applicants pursuing post high school education – high school graduating seniors, undergraduate students, or graduate school students, etc.

CRITERIA

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Potential for success in chosen field of study
- Relative educational achievement
- Strong commitment to community and to the welfare of others
- Positive attitude and "Can Do" spirit

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