



## **Daniel Stephen Lussier Athletic Scholarship** Greater Worcester Community Foundation

When Daniel Lussier passed away in 2009, his parents and fiancée created this scholarship to cherish his memory. It is awarded to graduating seniors from Worcester County, and from the towns of Natick and Framingham, who will study sports medicine or a related field in college.

Daniel Lussier (1974-2009) was born in East Brookfield, one of Janet and Irving Lussier's three children. During his years at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, he played lacrosse and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. An avid sports fan, he was hindered by injuries in his own athletic career. He went to

Colby Sawyer College and received his Bachelor's degree in 1996.

After college, Dan became an athletic trainer, first working at Fitness Prescription in Natick and then at Natick High School, where he was Head Trainer for seven years. He was passionate about helping people achieve their best athletic performance. In 2005, Dan met his girlfriend Betsy when they both worked at Fitness Prescription; he proposed to her in 2008.

After Natick High School, Dan worked at Boston Children's Hospital as a clinical athletic trainer. With boundless energy for his profession, he also worked part-time at Wentworth Institute of Technology. One Wentworth colleague said, "A lot of people do their job to do their job. Dan did it because he loved the job. He truly cared about his athletes." Dan also loved the Red Sox; his bulldog, Stewie; spending time with his young nephew; and driving his Jeep.

Just a few days after celebrating his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday, and a few weeks before his wedding day, Dan died suddenly from an undiagnosed medical condition. This scholarship honors his generous spirit and devotion to his work. By assisting students who share a similar passion for athletic training, it continues Dan's legacy of touching lives and spreading the joy of being physically active.

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