

The Jonathan Greatorex Scholarship



This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Jonathan Greatorex. Jonathan Frederick Greatorex was born premature on August 29, 1978. After a brief stay at the hospital, he started his life's journey in Dedham, Massachusetts. He was the son of Frederick and Donna Greatorex and older brother to Jessica A. Greatorex.

Jonathan attended elementary school at Mount Alvernia Academy in Newton, MA where he excelled. He achieved the highest grades for the eight years, and received recognition of his academic accomplishments at graduation in 1996. He received an academic scholarship to Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA. While at Xaverian High School, Jonathan was recognized by the National Honor Society. He participated on the debate team, and the drama club. He displayed tremendous school spirit for all the athletic teams. Jonathan was a proud "Eagle" at Boston College, Class of 2000. He excelled in intramural sports and was an avid fan of the basketball, hockey, and football teams. He worked for the video graphic department for several years. While at Boston College, he studied abroad at the University College Cork, Ireland. While in Ireland, he traveled throughout Europe.

After Boston College, Jonathan worked several years for a public accounting firm. His job required him to travel not only throughout the United States, but also to Korea and Japan.

Jonathan left the public accounting firm and enrolled in Boston University Graduate School, graduating in 2006. After graduation Jonathan was employed by an asset management company located in Newton, MA, that invested in real estate and real estate related businesses. Jonathan worked with this company until his unexpected and sudden death in December 2007.

Family and friends were most important to Jonathan. He accumulated a great number of friends that were enduring from his days at Mount Alvernia, Xaverian HS, Boston College, University College of Cork, and Boston University. His friends were not only local to this area, but came from Ireland, France, Portugal, Japan, and Haiti. He cherished many activities with his family and friends, such as sporting events, concerts, or just hanging out. The family was a long time Celtics season ticket holder, which allowed Jonathan and his younger sister Jessica to attend a majority of games. Jonathan became a season ticket holder in later years. He loved the Celtics and Red Sox. After College, Jonathan lived in Brookline, which was a short journey to Fenway Park. He knew how to secure tickets to the games, and when he failed in his quest, he would join friends at a local establishment to watch the games. He attended many major sporting events such as World Series, Super Bowls, NBA Championships, NCAA Final Four, and many more. Jonathan embraced life, his sports and his friends. He had a grand time at each level of his life. Jonathan was intelligent, considerate, supportive, and charitable. He constantly made donations to various shelters for the homeless, Women's Lunch place, and more. He donated his earned travel miles to the troops abroad. Jonathan was a very thoughtful and caring person.

A Reflection by Brittany Rigdon

Jonathan Greatorex was a great friend. He really knew each and every one of his friends' personality traits and quirks, and he was as quick to roast his friends as he was to compliment them, exactly when a compliment was needed the most. He felt people's energies and would respond accordingly.

He was the kind of guy who would listen without any other motive other than the fact that you knew he cared about you and wanted to know what you were going through. That is rare. He paid attention, and when you were having a heart to heart with Jonathan, it felt like you were the most important person in the world. That's just how he was.

In college, we once threw him a surprise "Jonathan Appreciation Party" because we knew that he was one of the best guys we knew, one of the best we would ever meet. There were balloons and streamers and cards and, just as Jonathan would have wanted it, roasts. Throwing that party for Jonathan and letting him know just how very much we loved and appreciated him was one of the best, proudest moments of my life thus far because I was able to give back to a man who gave so very much.