

ABOUT THE ROBERT KNIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Knight was a graduate of the SWHS Class of 2007. He was energetic, outgoing, and entertaining. He played four different team sports per year throughout his life, starting at age 3. He was a talented musician and enjoyed playing guitar, drums, and piano as well as writing his own songs.

High school football gave Robert meaning and purpose in his life; especially when it came to keeping up on his studies. Following the end of his Junior football season, his grades had slipped to the point of being in jeopardy of not completing his academic requirements to start his senior year at SWHS, and also being ineligible to play sports.

Robert ended up at boarding school to complete the coursework needed to advance and secure an acceptable overall GPA to return to SWHS and complete his Senior year. While there, he soon learned that he – and only he – had the key to unlock his potential and chart his path to academic success. He applied the focus and discipline he had learned through football to accomplish those objectives, and he set his sights on “...returning to the Falcon football field and scoring the first touchdown of the 2006 season.”

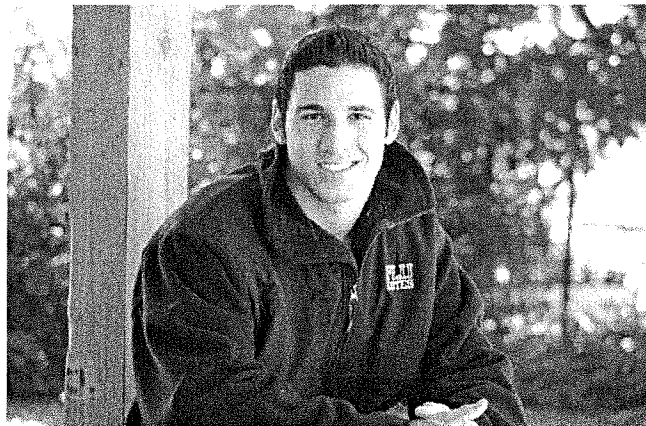
Robert’s drive and newfound academic commitment led him back to SWHS for the first day of pre-season football practice and, in the first game of the season, scored the first touchdown of the game and fulfilled his dream. Robert went on that season to earn “First Team All-Conference Running Back” and “MVP Offensive Player” honors.

After graduation, he played minor league football, earning “First-Team All-Conference,” and “National All-American” honors. Robert was on the Pacific Lutheran University team for 1 season, played for “Team USA v. Mexico,” and also in the “Honolulu Bowl.”

At the age of 22, Robert was tragically killed in an auto accident on Nov. 11, 2011, along with two of his friends and former SWHS athletes, who were also passengers in the car. They had all been drinking, including the driver, who lost control of her vehicle and thankfully was not injured. All four of them made life-changing decisions that night.

Robert’s participation in football at SWHS resulted in him dramatically changing the trajectory of his life. Tragically however, one poor choice took it all away.

The Robert Knight Memorial Scholarship recognizes a student athlete who has made significant impact in his or her own life as a result of involvement in high school sports.



Robert Knight Memorial Scholarship Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 High School: _____ GPA: _____
 Colleges/Universities/Vocational-Technical School/Apprenticeship Programs
 applied to: _____

Intended area of study/vocation: _____

List of Activities, Awards and Honors:

Description	Dates

Community Service and Work Experience:

Place of Service / Employment	Dates	Responsibilities / Hours Wk

Guidelines for Recommendation Letters:

You must submit two letters of recommendation with your application following the criteria below:

Letter 1: Coach (mandatory)

Letter 2: may be written by: (select one category from list)

1. Teacher
2. Leader in the community (principal, spiritual leader, counselor, board member, etc.)
3. Personal acquaintance who is NOT a family member (personal family friend over the age of 25)
4. Work reference from employer

Subject matter for the letters of recommendation (select either category)

1. How have you witnessed this individual improving his or her life; the lives of their classmates, their teammates, their peers, or their community?
2. Describe a specific instance in which the applicant exemplified the qualities of personal growth, strength, dedication, and passion.

Guidelines for Essay:

You must submit an essay that is typed, double spaced, and at least 250 words, but not more than 500. The essay needs to answer one or more of the questions listed below:

1. How have you grown personally as a result of your participation in organized high school athletics?
2. What have you achieved as a direct result of your participation in organized high school athletics; that you otherwise would not have achieved?
3. How have you made a difference in the community as a result of your participation in organized high school athletics?
4. What values, skills, or knowledge will you carry forward in your life that you have learned from your participation in organized high school athletics?

Award of the Robert Knight Memorial Scholarship:

One candidate will be awarded The Robert Knight Memorial Scholarship and recognized at the Scholarship Awards Ceremony late May or early June.