



Tyler Butterfield Memorial Band Scholarship

Tyler Butterfield was a student at NPS graduating in 2016. He started playing trumpet in 4th grade. During high school Tyler participated in band, jazz band and several honor bands. His senior year he was selected for All State Band. Another highlight of his senior year was performing a beautiful solo with the jazz band for District Music Contest. Tyler was an inspiration to his bandmates demonstrating talent, leadership, knowledge, work ethic, and his true love of music. He was recognized for his dedication by receiving Outstanding Band Student, Lions Club Outstanding Band Member, Outstanding Marching Band Award and the John Phillip Sousa Award. In addition to trumpet, Tyler also played piano and drums. His prize possession, though, was a silver Bach trumpet.

After graduation from NHS Tyler attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and was majoring in accounting. He continued his musical experience by joining the Cornhusker Marching Band as a freshman and was currently a trumpet rank leader his junior year. He loved performing on the field and in the stands on game day with thousands watching and of course cheering for his beloved Huskers. He felt honored to be a member of the Cornhusker Marching Band and he wore his uniform with great pride. He also participated in Campus Band, Big Red Express and Friday Night pep bands and was a member of the band fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi. Through his involvement in these groups he was able to travel to football, basketball, and volleyball games in various states. He continued to recruit NHS band members to join the UNL Cornhusker Marching Band because he had found a special place amongst this group of 300 musicians and faculty, the CMB family, and wanted others have that experience as well.

In October of 2018, while returning to campus from a pep band performance in Lincoln, Tyler was killed in an auto accident. In the midst of such a devastating loss, Tyler's spirit, love of music and membership in the CMB resonated across the country inspiring several touching tributes and comforting words from several college band members, demonstrating the strong bond within the band family. Ohio State spelled his name out on the field during halftime of the Husker game. Over a hundred CMB band members and faculty traveled from Lincoln to Norfolk to pay their respects to their fallen member. He had earned the love and respect of musicians, and Husker fans, far and wide. In his honor, Tyler's fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi commissioned a song written which will be performed by the UNL Campus Band in 2020. Tyler left quite an imprint on many during his time in Lincoln, and at home in Norfolk where the dream began.

The family of Tyler Butterfield wishes to honor his life by passing on his legacy of loving music and embracing all the opportunities it has to offer after High School. It is our hope that this scholarship will encourage a band student to further their band experience at UNL. This scholarship is intended to cover the costs of tuition, uniform cleaning, shoes, gloves, and other required needs for a year. The scholarship will be awarded upon notification of acceptance into the Cornhusker Marching Band following tryouts in August.

Selection Criteria:

1. Applicant must be attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and be participating in the Cornhusker Marching Band their freshman year.
2. Must write a personal essay (see application).
3. Selection will be made by the NPSF Scholarship Committee.
4. Scholarship will be awarded to the recipient upon notification of acceptance into the Cornhusker Marching Band following tryouts in August.