

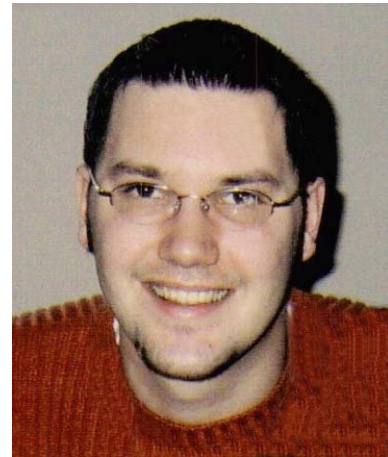


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## **Ray, Vest Families Endow David Brennan Ray Memorial ‘Sunshine’ Scholarship at MSCC**

David Brennan Ray, who passed away in 2009 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident, is being memorialized with an endowed scholarship at Mid-South Community College.

Established by Brenna and Cliff Vest and David T. Ray, the David Brennan Ray Memorial “Sunshine” Scholarship will support the awarding of one \$300 award to an MSCC student each fall and spring semester. The endowment fund is being administered by the Mid-South Community College Foundation.



An avid musician, Ray often entertained his family and friends with his guitar playing abilities. The family included “Sunshine” in the scholarship name because of David’s ability to “light up the room with his bright smile.”

“David was a happy child who grew into a happy young man, so ‘Ray of Sunshine’ fits him perfectly,” said Virginia Gardner, a close friend of the family. “He was truly a giver, from trying to bring home every stray animal he came across to volunteering at the YMCA to work with children. He would be so proud to be able to help someone through this scholarship.”

Ray attended Marion Public Schools before enrolling at Arkansas State University and also classes at MSCC. He suffered severe brain trauma in the car accident and was confined to a wheelchair and could not speak.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have a minimum cumulative high school or college grade-point average of 2.75, must enroll in a minimum of six hours, and

must demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to students with disabilities. Applicants must also submit a brief summary of his/her educational plans and goals.

To contribute to the David Brennan Ray Memorial “Sunshine” Scholarship fund or to establish one of your own, please contact Patti Coleman, MSCC Director of Advancement, at (870) 733-6764 or by email at [pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu](mailto:pdcoleman@midsouthcc.edu). The Foundation is also offering direct on-line giving through the College’s website, [www.midsouthcc.edu](http://www.midsouthcc.edu) (point to the MSCC Foundation link, and click on Give Now).

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