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Dear Friend,

The Patrick J. DiPaolo Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee is pleased to announce that the Fund has been approved for non-profit status by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and soon expects preliminary approval for 501c(3) status from the U.S. IRS. As such, qualified donations to the Fund will be tax-deductible.

Pat dedicated his life to education and sports. From the start, his years of teaching and coaching made the difference between success and failure in the lives of countless student-athletes. Often, at his own expense, Pat provided food, clothing and athletic equipment, as well as moral support, for students in need. Understanding the importance of post-secondary education, Pat assisted many of his students with attaining college and university scholarships. If not for Pat's assistance, some could have not attended college on their own.

To keep Pat's vision strong and relevant in lives of student-athletes, the Committee is confident Pat's memory will remain alive through creation of this scholarship fund. Thus, the money raised in Pat's name for high school student-athletes to help with college expenses not only continues Pat's lifetime work, but also honors and memorializes him in this most meaningful way.

The Committee respectfully asks that you review the enclosed description of Pat's many accomplishments on behalf of the community's youth. After you do, volunteers serving this Fund are confident that you'll want to help our youth, as Pat did, while keeping alive the memory of this distinguished young teacher, coach and administrator. Your tax-deductible donation can be made to:

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Thank you for your support!

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Patrick lived his life based on the acronym W.I.E.I.T.O.T. – Winning Isn't Everything, It's The Only Thing. This famous saying by legendary football coach Vince Lombardi so inspired Patrick he made it his personalized license plate. After his initial diagnosis of lyme disease in September 2008, Patrick was told he only had a year to live. Bound and determined to face this disease head on, Patrick fought like he did in everything he set out to do in life. No matter how bad things got, Patrick always fought on. For 63 months, Patrick battled until he went into cardiac arrest on Monday, August 19th, followed by his passing Thursday, August 22, 2013, ending his courageous fight.

The beloved son of District Judge Dominick and Janet Colao DiPaolo, Patrick was born on March 14, 1969 in Erie, Pa. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic Grade School and graduated from Cathedral Preparatory School, Class of 1987. Patrick was a three-sport letterman in football, wrestling and baseball. He received a scholarship to Thiel College where he starred in football and baseball. He was named a co-captain of the baseball team. He served as vice-president of the Delta Phi Kappa fraternity. After graduating from Thiel with his Bachelors degree in Graphic and Fine Arts, he was hired as an assistant baseball coach for the Thiel Tomcats, coaching for two years.

Returning to Erie, Patrick enrolled at Edinboro University where he earned his Elementary, Secondary, and Masters Degrees in Education. After graduation, he was employed by the School District of the City of Erie.

Patrick began his years of service to the school district by serving as a teachers' aide at Perry School and then as an art teacher at Roosevelt Middle School and Central High School.

With football as his passion, Patrick returned to his high school alma mater and served as the head junior varsity coach at Cathedral Prep, winning three JV Metro Championships. He then took over the Central football program as its head coach.

One of Patrick's goals at Central was to bridge the disconnect that grew among fans and alumni of the former Tech Memorial and Academy high schools when the schools merged to become Central in 1992. He formed the Tech, Academy, and Central Alumni Foundation, designed to reach former students, players, coaches and teachers and get them involved as boosters of Central's athletic programs. After establishing T.A.C., Patrick organized a golf tournament and used the proceeds to build a state-of-the-art weight room for all student athletes at Central.

In 2002, Patrick lead the City-All-Stars to victory in the Save An Eye football game. The City scored on the first play from scrimmage on a halfback pass, called by Coach DiPaolo. This was the fastest score by any team in the 75-year history of the All-Star game.

He returned to Edinboro University and continued his post graduate work and earned his Administrative and Superintendent Certificates.

At age 33, Patrick became Assistant Principal at Central. He then was named the first principal of the Flagship Transitional School. In 2005, Patrick accepted the Principal position at East High School. This was his final placement until he was forced to resign due to his illness.

At East High School, Patrick established an annual golf tournament that benefited athletics at the school. He quickly became known as "Chef DiPaolo" among the students and faculty for the spaghetti dinners he would serve with his mother's homemade recipes for sauce and meatballs as a way to raise money for the school and for charities.

He enjoyed playing Modified and Slo-Pitch and went on to manage many teams. He also enjoyed playing golf. He was an avid fan of Notre Dame football, the New York Yankees, and the Oakland Raiders. In July 2013, Patrick was honored in the 75th Anniversary Save An Eye Game book, recalling his selection as a player and later a coach.

Patrick cherished his family and friends. From his marriage to Beth Pope on February 21, 1998, to the

birth of their children, Julia and Dominick (Nico), to the many friends he made through the years, Patrick embraced all of them. Beyond the football fields and the classrooms, Patrick had many interests and hobbies. Patrick loved to cook. Many times he would open his home to friends and family to enjoy the tasty meals he cooked. Patrick was also the artist. He created many pieces of beautiful art, some of which are proudly displayed in his families' homes and offices. His greatest display of artistic talent was the family home he built for Beth, Julia and Nico in 2006.

Patrick's pride and joy were his children. Julia was his dancer, his princess and biggest cheerleader. He enjoyed watching her talents grace the stages at many dance competitions. He was excited his niece, Gianna, followed Julia's footsteps into dance as well. He was especially proud that his love for drawing has become a love of Julia's. Patrick donned a baseball cap one last time when he decided to coach his son's baseball team, reveling in enjoyment in coaching his son, Nico, the apple of his eye, and his nephew, Gino. Throughout Patrick's illness, Nico was by his father's side.

Patrick, Beth, Julia and Nico greatly enjoyed their time together while on vacation at the University of Notre Dame and the Outer Banks in North Carolina just as much as quiet days spent together at their home.

Help us keep alive Patrick's ideal of helping student athletes continue their college educations by supporting his Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Thank you.



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