Matthew Busey
Endowed Scholarship Fund
Regardless of limitations, Matt Busey sought to constantly redefine his boundaries, whether in his aspirations to trek the globe or his internal drive for a higher calling in the world of business.
Searching for Inspiration

If lives touched are a measure of a life lived, then Matt lived a lifetime simply through the connections he made and people he met.

Whether in a sauna, on the soccer field, or in a crowded classroom, Matt caught your attention with a smile, a hello, and the inevitable question.

It was that curiosity that drove him to strive for experiences that would shape his own life.
Before his tragic accident, Matt wrote down a list of goals he sought to achieve. It is exactly that forward thinking that defined Matt’s existence.

While his goals seemed outside the realm of accomplishment, they are markers of just what sort of future one can imagine when unhindered by the limitations of life lived within four walls.
A Life Lived to the Fullest

For two months, Matt Busey toured Europe exploring the world beyond his small town environment. He discovered places, people and points-of-view that populate the wider world.

Through self-reflection he concluded “there is a wealth of knowledge and opportunities waiting for me to experience.”
“The best part of my travels were the people who I met,” said Matthew Busey, upon returning home from two months of solitary travel in Europe.

Comparing his experiences with those he met along the way opened Matt’s eyes and defined his burgeoning world perspective.

“Gaining insight from people who were the same age as me, but from an entirely different part of the world was extremely inspirational.”
A List for Life

Sky diving, extreme skiing, boating down the Nile River, seeing the Seven Wonders of the World, joining the Peace Corps, and bear hunting, were just a few of the entries Matt imagined accomplishing.

There was no theme to Matt’s list, but there was the overarching message that one’s life would be ultimately fulfilled with the experiences that dot its trajectory. It was not the road you traveled, but the sights along the way.
An Unencumbered Business Acumen

With the dreams of garnering millions, whether with the thought of using a family barn to invest in alternative forms of fuel or the determination to buy real estate as a growth opportunity, Matt wanted to take on the world of business in much the same way he defined his life.
Ultimately, it was community and a sense of family that laid the foundation for Matt to fulfill many of his dreams.

Commitment to Family and Community
Channeling Matt...

Keeping in line with the path Matt blazed with his own experiences, The Matt Busey Endowed Scholarship asks that you write about how you have gone beyond the boundaries normally set upon you as an individual.

Your essay should not just encompass how you’ve lived your life, but how you have experienced it, and with those experiences how and what exactly do you have planned for yourself in the future?
“You were full of life – you are my strength to never be afraid to “look stupid,” to do what I want to do, and to experience more as I grow.”

~ Bryan Clift | Friend & Teammate

“If there is something everybody knows about you, it is that you lived lifetimes in your years”

~ Tyson Masar | Friend & Teammate

“Not only did you wonder, question and test the waters, you made me question myself and wonder if I’m really doing the most I can! The best I can! And if I’m just living life, or experiencing life”

~ Steve Friend on his friend Matthew Busey.
How to Apply for the Matt Busey Endowed Scholarship

Students can obtain an application by contacting Ashley Hicks, Assistant to the Dean for Student Services in the College of Business.

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