

Autodesk Patrick Kolsky Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2003 by the Kolsky Family and Autodesk, The Autodesk Patrick Kolsky Memorial Scholarship supports students studying Computer Science, Engineering or other technical disciplines. Tragically, Patrick died of undetermined natural causes during his freshman year at Chico State where he was studying Computer Science.

As a young teenager, Patrick demonstrated a very early interest in computers and computer programming, spending much of his free time studying various computer programming languages. While a student at Novato High, Patrick worked as a teacher's assistant for the Computer Science class until his sophomore year when he was hired by Autodesk as an intern. In addition to two wonderful years at Autodesk, Patrick also worked as an online writer and critic for Team X-Box where he developed quite a following of readers. His association with Team X-Box resulted in invitations by Sony Corp to attend game preview parties held for visitors and potential investors from Japan and other areas. .

In first establishing this special scholarship program, his colleagues at Autodesk described an outgoing, enthusiastic, and talented young man. He made a memorable impression on all who worked with him and his experience at Autodesk greatly impacted his young life.

It is in the spirit of Patrick's passion for the technical disciplines and in particular Computer Science that the Patrick Kolsky Memorial Scholarship was created. So far, this scholarship has helped four students achieve their educational dreams. Recipients have attended UC San Diego, UCLA, Sonoma State University and Cal Poly.

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