

## Matthew Craig Bowers

December 31, 1975 – March 14, 2012



Craig was tragically killed on March 14, 2013 in a snow skiing accident while on vacation with his family in Crested Butte, Colorado. He was an amazing husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend to many. We love and miss him very much, and he will always be in our hearts and minds. He will forever be remembered for his love for people and love for life. He lived everyday of his life to the fullest. His competitive and aggressive nature is what made him who he was. This awesome quality could be what ultimately lead to his death, but I promise you this, he would not have changed that aggressive nature even if he knew his life would be cut short. His shortened life was so much more fulfilled due to his desire and will to go 110% all the time.

Craig was working as an Assistant Principal at Royse City High School at the time of his death. He previously taught English and was a Basketball and Softball coach at Greenville High School. He had a special love and ability to build rapport with kids and that is unique in our schools these days. He had a passion for learning and education and for making our school systems better. His dreams were to one day be a Head Principal and Superintendent, and was well on his way to making that happen.

Craig graduated from Greenville High School in 1994. He was a great student and top notch athlete. He played varsity basketball and baseball. He lettered four years in Varsity baseball and 2 years in Varsity Basketball. He was given the nickname of "Monster Bowers" by the local newspaper and was written and photographed numerous times in his high school career. He had the opportunity to play baseball at the Junior College level, but chose to attend a 4 year university instead. He attended Texas A&M Commerce and graduated with his bachelors degree in 1998 with a Major in English and minor in History. He then returned to the same school and received his Masters degree in Education.

After Craig's passing, a group of family and friends established The Craig Bowers Memorial Fund which organizes a yearly golf tournament called Monster Ball. Craig grew to love the game of golf and became an avid player at the age of 20. All proceeds will go to the non-profit memorial fund in his name. It will be a great opportunity to give back to our community by contributing to local organizations and schools, as well as, college funds for his 3 children, Caden, Caroline and Mattie Bowers. We hope his love for life can be carried on through these donations whether big or small.

## Craig Bowers' Memorial Fund Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you employed:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how many hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your work duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Additional Data:

**Transcript Release :** A transcript of your grades must be furnished with application to scholarship committee.

I hereby certify that the information on this application is true and do authorize the school to release a transcript to the requesting scholarship committee.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

YEAR(S)	DESCRIPTION	HOURS PER WEEK

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

YEAR(S)	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL HOURS

**FURTHER EDUCATION ASPIRATIONS:**

COLLEGE MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE MINOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE CHOICES:**

1<sup>ST</sup> CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCEPTED: YES OR NO

2<sup>ND</sup> CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCEPTED: YES OR NO

3<sup>RD</sup> CHOICE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACCEPTED: YES OR NO

1. Who do you feel has contributed or been the most influential person in your life?

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2. What are your plans and future aspirations over the next 5 years?

3. Please have a teacher/coach write a short reference below.