

## "One" Memorial Scholarship Honoring Hunter Nathanael Smith

(BHS Class of 2011)

Hunter Nathanael Smith, also known as "One" by his mother, Carol Crawford Smith, and others close to him, was a scholar and a gentleman, who accomplished many great academic, athletic, and social achievements in his terse twenty-one years of mortal life. "One" Memorial Scholarship Honoring Hunter Nathanael Smith (BHS Class of 2011) is awarded to a senior graduating from Blacksburg High School and continuing his or her education at a four-year college or university.

Upon graduating from Blacksburg High School in June of 2011, Hunter Nathanael Smith matriculated at the University of Virginia in fall of the same year. He chose a Mathematics major and Environmental Science minor at UVA, and received a posthumous Bachelor of Arts degree in May of 2015. Hunter Nathanael Smith was proficient at learning languages, and was a gifted dancer, as first -taught by his beloved mother. Hunter Nathanael Smith treasured special activities in life with his family and friends, from tubing on the New River to hiking The Cascades to showcasing his talent of singing in Japanese and Hebrew at Crawford Family reunions.

An impromptu, always generous with his time, ever ready tutor in differential equations, statistics, and physics, to his college peers; a swimming and gymnastics teacher to local children; an avid karaoke aficionado; Hunter Nathanael Smith truly loved living and giving of his time and expertise to others with endless, selfless, care, and kindness. Above it all, Hunter Nathanael Smith had a genuine desire to do good for mankind and wanted peace on earth!

As Hunter Nathanael Smith had a love for math and science, during his college career, he was a researcher in the photovoltaic lab and the plant pathology lab at Virginia Tech. In light of his love and appreciation for the subjects, he is paid homage through the Blacksburg Children's Museum's *Hunter Nathanael Smith Learning Laboratory* (pending) equipped with furniture and fixtures he was awarded by ABC network's Extreme Makeover Home Edition in 2005, as well as, microscopes and specimen slides for scientific study donated by Blacksburg High School.

Hunter Nathanael Smith had aspirations to travel overseas to work in the areas of environmental science and education. His fun-loving, kind, humble, and gentle spirit, as well as, his compassion for others, led him to study many cultures and languages including Chinese, Hindi, Hebrew, and Spanish, and to engage in the respective cultures. In familiar social environments, Hunter Nathanael Smith was known to unpretentiously break out, just for fun, with his bright, beautiful, infectious smile and his happy, playful contagious laughter, into words and acts, by speaking a foreign language, like it was his native tongue, or simply doing a backflip, as effortlessly as, sitting on a chair.

Hunter Nathanael Smith was a member of the swim club, acrobatics club (in which he was a revered silks performer), and gymnastics club, and was employed as both a lifeguard and math tutor at the University of Virginia. Hunter Nathanael Smith was also an employed lifeguard and swim instructor, as well as, a competitive swimmer at the Blacksburg Aquatic Center. His great appreciation and high respect for water sports and water safety, along with his fervent, intensely spirited, and graceful pyrotechnics, enabled him to place second in the State of Virginia in years 2010 and 2011, representing Blacksburg High School in the Virginia High School League AA State Diving Championship competitions.

Hunter Nathanael Smith was a Bronze Subscribing Life NAACP Youth Member, and was officially active in the organization serving in several officer positions in the local chapter Montgomery County Youth Council.

Hunter Nathanael Smith was a recipient of the Asbury United Methodist Church Scholarship for four years for his collegiate academic achievement, and was a member of the church's school and youth groups. Upon graduating from Blacksburg High School, Hunter Nathanael Smith also received the Bill Brown Memorial Scholarship, the Grants & W.B. Fitzgerald Scholarship, The NAACP Montgomery-Radford -Floyd Counties Academic Scholarship, and a host of other honors and awards including the B'nai B'rith Athletic and Academic Achievement Award nomination.

In summation, Carol Crawford Smith's "Hunter-One" or "One", as she lovingly called her son, Hunter Nathanael Smith, grew from an adorable, angelic, inquisitive, and precocious child raised by a single mother to become an academically, athletically, and socially gifted young man, who was encouraged and supported by nurturing and loving diverse communities of family and friends, to be a most admired, appreciated, and respected individual. As Hunter Nathanael Smith was a well-rounded, multi-talented, and highly-accomplished human being, whose interests and associations in life epitomized inclusion, ALL Blacksburg High School students, including students affiliated with any Blacksburg High School club are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

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Application criteria:

- Blacksburg High School graduating senior
- Accepted to a 2 or 4 year college or university
- Completed "One" Memorial Scholarship Honoring Hunter Nathanael Smith (BHS Class of 2011) Application Form
- This scholarship is a needs based scholarship, please explain how you feel this scholarship will help you to meet your collegiate goals, based on your and your family's financial need.
- Additional requirement: One typed double-spaced 1000 words essay referencing any or all of the following:
  - Applicant's social, academic, and athletic involvements
  - Applicant's vision for global environmental change
  - Applicant's vision for world-peace and helping others
  - Feel free to include academic interests and achievements in science, mathematics, and learning languages.
  - Well-rounded interests, aspirations, and goals in travelling internationally are suggested to include, as well.
- Application Deadline: **May 3, 2021**
- Turn in to Ms. Dwoyer in BHS Counseling Office or email [emilydwoyer@mcps.org](mailto:emilydwoyer@mcps.org)

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**Application Form**

(Please type or print clearly and submit with financial need statement and typed essay.)

Full Name (Include nickname, if desired.):

Date of Birth/Age:

Address:

Telephone Number/Email:

List Academic Interests:

List Sports Interests:

List Social Interests:

Share one fact that is unique about you:

Please explain how you feel this scholarship will help you to meet your collegiate goals, based on your and your family's financial need:

Describe how you 'Reach for the Stars':