



The Groton Community School Scholarship In Memory of Christopher Barton

Groton Community School is proud to sponsor an annual scholarship which will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is one of our Groton Community School alumni. The scholarship is in memory of Christopher Barton, the son of Daniel and Alisa Barton. In his work as a Groton Community School Board of Trustees President, Dan's vision and inspiration has been instrumental in paving the way for the future of our school. Alisa has shaped the future of many children in our community as a talented Teacher in the Groton Dunstable Regional School District. Their son Christopher was a personable and brilliant young man, whose important work in cancer research has guided future research and improved the lives of many. The award recipient will exemplify Christopher's qualities of scientific inquiry and achievement in math, with interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related pursuits, and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

Scholarship Guidelines

- 1) The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is an alumnus/ alumna of Groton Community School.
- 2) The recipient will exemplify qualities demonstrated by Christopher Barton, with interest in STEM-related pursuits, and desire to make a difference in the lives of others.
- 3) A \$500 scholarship will be awarded.
- 4) To be considered, the following materials must be submitted to the GCS Scholarship Committee, 110 Boston Road, Groton, MA 01450 on or before April 30th:
 - a. A completed application form.
 - b. An essay describing how the candidate exemplifies the qualities demonstrated by Christopher.
 - c. A letter of reference from a teacher or other mentor.
 - d. A copy of the student's transcript.
 - e. A list of extracurricular and community activities.
- 5) Any questions can be directed to kosinski@grotoncommunityschool.org

All applications and accompanying materials must be sent by email (alumni@grotoncommunityschool.org), delivered in person, or postmarked by April 30th.

Christopher Barton (1991-2015)



Christopher was a brilliant young man from Groton, with a passion for his work as a research assistant at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston at the Channing Laboratory on cancer research. His interest and achievements in scientific inquiry and math were highlighted through his degree from UMass Lowell summa cum laude in molecular biology with a minor in analytical chemistry and applied mathematics. It is no surprise that a biologist would have a natural love of nature and the ocean in particular. Christopher especially enjoyed time spent on the beaches of Long Island, Maine, walking around Boston, and in Newburyport. His love of learning made him an inspired substitute teacher and tutor. His generosity of spirit through his meaningful work at the hospital and desire to help others enriched countless lives. Christopher loved exercise, music, coffee, and being with friends and family.

We are extremely grateful to Christopher's father, Daniel Barton, for his vision and inspiration in paving the way for the future of early education and Groton Community School, as our Board of Trustees President. His leadership, insight, and creativity have been instrumental in our Forward Motion Project to expand our school, and his extraordinary kindness, dedication, and commitment to GCS are deeply appreciated. In honoring Christopher, we would also like to honor his mother, Alisa Barton, for her hard work and devotion to shaping the future of children as a Teacher in Groton. Christopher and Alisa found joy in their time spent working together in the Groton Dunstable Regional School District.

We are delighted to award a Groton Community School Scholarship in Memory of Christopher Barton to an alumnus/alumna with a passion for STEM related pursuits, a strong work ethic, and the desire to make a difference in the lives of others.



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APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Town, State, Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

School Address: _____ School Phone: _____

EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Which college or school do you hope to attend?

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

What do you plan to study? _____

GROTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAM(S)

What years did you attend Groton Community School? _____

Which program(s) did you attend? _____

(i.e., Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Extended Day, Camp Kaleidoscope)

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On a separate sheet of paper, please list your extracurricular and community activities, including employment, community service, and/or leadership positions. Please include years of participation.

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain how you best exemplify the qualities demonstrated by Christopher Barton and tell us about your plans for the future. We are looking for candidates who illustrate a passion for STEM related pursuits, a strong work ethic, and the desire to make a difference in the lives of others through their essay. Please limit the essay to two typed pages (double spaced).