

CONNOR "CHEECH" ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home
Address: _____

Eligibility: A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at BFA who will be attending college. Preference will be given to a student who embodies the same values and leadership qualities Connor possessed.

College/University of choice:

Applied? Y/ N Accepted? Y/N

Number of children in family: _____

Number attending
College: _____

To Apply:

1. Read and complete the application. Deadline of April 1st.
2. Attach a copy of your recent GPA and transcript.
3. Attach at least 2 letters of recommendation.
4. Please answer one of the following topics (300-500 words):
 - a. Describe a time in your life when you went above and beyond as a teammate.
 - b. What are your leadership and core values as a person? How do you role model these values?
5. Please mail/drop off completed applications to 47 Bishop Street St. Albans, VT.



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Being the youngest of four children, Connor "Cheech" Roberts, was a very special kid with lots of talent. Connor had big shoes to fill, and naturally he did. He was born with the ability to keep up with his older siblings, who helped mold him into a fierce competitor. Sports were second nature to Connor – he simply had to pick up a stick and he was the next best player. He wanted to be as good or better than his siblings and neighborhood friends. He was a three sport athlete, playing football, hockey, and lacrosse. His dedication and competitive spirit allowed him to compete in lacrosse and football for Norwich University.

Connor always had a special love for hockey. He was lucky enough to have hockey be nearly a way of life in his family. It was inevitable he would play thanks to his father, sister and brother's enthusiasm for the sport. While hockey might have been the most natural sport for Connor, ~~football and lacrosse were his favorite sports to compete in. He loved the football~~ team comradery, and the skill it took to play lacrosse. Connor was a fierce competitor and his teammates and coaches could count on him. Although he did not care to lose, he would still honorably shake his opponent's hand at the end of the game.

Connor's senior year might be the best example of the type of teammate and person he was. Little did we know, Connor would miss the majority of his games in all three sports that senior year. Connor broke the same collarbone in both football and hockey. Without hesitation, Connor assumed his new and unfamiliar role as a non-player. In this capacity, he became a better student of the game, an inspiring leader, and a true motivator for his teammates. Connor learned the most valuable lesson that year; a true leader doesn't need to be the best player, or even a player out on the field at all.

Even though Connor was popular he did things many popular kids may not think of doing. He would take the time to talk with special needs students, and invite them to his lunch table. He spoke to the younger generations who looked up to athletes like him, and made time for everyone. A longtime Norwich lacrosse coach, Neil Anderson, called Connor a "bridge builder" because of the people from all walks of life he concerned himself with. He touched numerous people in more ways than we will ever know in his short 21 years of life.

Connor had great academic standing. He worked full time in the summer doing manual labor jobs, and also made sure to keep up with the gym for sports. Connor had numerous hobbies from fishing to working on cars. It is easy to believe and see why he had so many connections to people; he was a natural people person and well rounded. Connor was goal oriented and worked hard to attain every endeavor he set for himself. The Connor Cheech Roberts scholarship will go to a person who truly encompasses what we honorably recognized in Connor. Someone who goes above and beyond the physical and emotional aspect of being an athlete, teammate, and active community member. More importantly, someone who can overcome adversity and sacrifice so much of themselves for the greater good of the team and the future of the sport.