

Scott Andrew Hudson's confidence and determination inspired many during his time as a student at the University of New Mexico. Born with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and diagnosed just before his third birthday, Scott struggled with the disease but maintained a positive spirit and led a rich and full life. Scott's DMD and confinement to a wheelchair seemed to have only empowered this remarkable young man, noted for his quest for knowledge, eagerness for accomplishment, and desire to succeed.

Scott was a life-long Albuquerque resident and immersed himself in the community he loved. Scott played Challenger Little League baseball for many years and loved the Toronto Blue Jays. He skied with the Adaptive Ski Program at Sandia Peak and Ski Santa Fe, sang and participated in the New Mexico All State Chorus while in High School, and served as an Elder at First Presbyterian Church. Scott was an Eagle Scout and led his troop in the refurbishing of the A Child's Garden playground as his project. He volunteered with New Mexico Make-a-Wish Foundation and also served as the Goodwill Ambassador for the New Mexico Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Scott's academic achievements included a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of New Mexico where he graduated summa cum laude in the spring of 2004. As a proud Regents' Scholar, Scott earned many honors during his tenure at UNM including Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Mortar Board, Phi Alpha Theta, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Phi Eta Sigma, and Golden Key. His gifts and accomplishments were profound, but we were no less inspired by his qualities of strength, character, courage, determination and warmth of soul.

Scott enjoyed studying 19<sup>th</sup> century US history, especially the period between the Civil War and World War II. He traveled widely in Europe and the United States with his family, but Hawaii was his favorite destination. The islands inspired the research for his Senior Honors thesis titled "Island Patriotism: Hawaii's Japanese During World War II."

On Scott's acknowledgement page of his thesis you get a glimpse of his struggle with DMD. He states that the thesis process had been long and sometimes tiresome. However, he gives accolades to all the people who helped him along the

way. He thanked the members of his thesis committee, Drs. Dan Feller and Diane Rawls, for selflessly giving up their time and energies to indulge his love of Hawaii and the history behind it; Paul May, his attendant, who he called his co-conspirator, for taking him to school and putting up with his extra meetings after classes and at the library. He also thanked his parents, Jack and Susan Hudson and his brother Keith for their help and willingness to lend a hand whenever he needed it.

Scott left a mark on the community he loved and on the University of New Mexico where he served for two years as an assistant editor of the *New Mexico Historical Review*. He was awarded his master's degree posthumously in 2008, proudly accepted by Susan and the late Jack A. Hudson.

Scott challenged the idea that people with disabilities are limited in their value and ability to contribute to society. The Scott Andrew Hudson Endowed Scholarship fund will celebrate the life of extraordinary UNM alum and will help to further the education of others. **Ua ola loko i ke aloha -He alii ka la'i, he ha Ku'ulani na, an old Hawaiian proverb** states "Life is an echo ---What you give out comes back." The Scott Andrew Hudson Endowed Scholarship will echo Scott's achievements and prepare the next generation of history students for their educational journey.

On behalf of Susan K. Hudson, the late Jack A. Hudson, Scott's brother, Keith A. Hudson, sister-in-law Stephanie, nephew Oliver and niece Eliza, we are proud to create a legacy in Scott's name to help fund scholarships and further the education goals of history students.