

# The Clayton R. Smith Memorial Scholarship



Clayton R. Smith started working as a co-op student for Patti Engineering in September of last year. He was a very intelligent young man, very hard working, and had great potential to become an excellent engineer. Clayton fit right in with our team; he always brought a smile and shared a positive attitude. It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the death of our young, aspiring engineer, on June 14, 2013.

Clayton was just 18 years old. He was born November 16, 1994 in Port Huron, Michigan to Kenneth and Carol Smith. Clayton was enrolled at Kettering University, pursuing an Electrical Engineering degree. He was a 2012 Marysville High School graduate, where he lettered in soccer, tennis and wrestling. Clayton is survived by his loving parents, Ken and Carol Smith; siblings, Aaron and Kelsey Smith.

Clayton is greatly missed by his colleagues at Patti Engineering; our hearts go out to his family and all of his friends. Clayton had a bright future and was on the path to be a great contributor to our society. Patti Engineering's executive team decided to honor Clayton's memory by establishing the "Clayton R. Smith Memorial Scholarship" at Kettering University. The \$2,000 yearly scholarship will be awarded to a qualifying student majoring in electrical engineering and maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher. Freshman through seniors may apply through the school. In addition to the GPA requirement, students are required to write an essay that highlights their leadership and community service. The scholarship will be awarded for the next 5 years. Students interested in applying for the scholarship can contact Kettering's Director of Financial Aid, Diane Bice, by email at [dbice@kettering.edu](mailto:dbice@kettering.edu) or call 810.762.7491.

Kettering University is a nationally-recognized STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and Business University and a national leader in combining a rigorous academic environment with rich experiential and cooperative learning opportunities that focus on the development of the individual student. "We can think of no finer way to remember Clayton than through this scholarship provided by Patti Engineering," commented Betsy Homsher, Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students. The school administration has made arrangements with Clayton Smith's family to hold a memorial service at Kettering on Thursday, September 5th, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Patti Engineering believes strongly in supporting young aspiring engineers through hiring, mentoring and training Kettering students. Sam Hoff, founder of Patti Engineering was a co-op student for General Motors during his college years at Kettering University (General Motors Institute of Technology (GMI) when Sam attended). Patti Engineering began hiring students in 1996; maintaining four co-op students throughout. "Many of our top engineers started with us as co-ops," commented Patti Hoff, president of Patti Engineering. "We were all shocked and very saddened by the loss of Clayton, we knew we had to do something to honor his memory, and the scholarship just seemed like the right thing to do."

