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The Parker Skiba Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Computer Science was established in early 2018 in memory of Parker Skiba.

Scholarship recipients depend on the generosity of ordinary people making donations to boost the endowment size. We ask for your continued contribution to the many dreams and goals of these bright, hard working and ambitious students. Helping us build this fund will have an impact in so many ways:

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Ensuring The Spirit of Parker Skiba Lives On

Parker Skiba touched many people's lives. His love for knowledge and technology left a global imprint that will not be soon forgotten. During his childhood, Parker's curiosity exceeded that of the average toddler and by the age of 8, he was manipulating gaming systems to suit his needs. In boarding school, he was recognized by friends and classmates as "the American with the extraordinary computer skills". As a passionate member of the Longhorn community, his entrepreneurial aspirations were demonstrated both in the classroom and as a young and groundbreaking contributor at Snow Software. Most importantly, Parker's love to learn and contribute was never absent of his love for each person alongside him in every journey. That love for friends, family and life's every adventure will leave a lasting impression on the lives he touched. The Parker Skiba Memorial Scholarship will keep him a part of what he loved indefinitely.

Aspiring Computer Science Majors

The Parker Skiba Memorial Scholarship focuses on Computer Science students that have entrepreneurial ambitions. This is in fitting with the spirit of Parker himself. Entrepreneurs, particularly in key strategic areas like Computer Science, are key to business formation and job creation in the economy. By helping these students achieve their academic success, you will be responsible for their positive impact on society.

The University of Texas at Austin Computer Science Program

In 2017, U.S. News & World ranked The University of Texas at Austin the second-best university in the world for computer science out of 200 schools behind Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. It surpassed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, Harvard University and the University of California Berkeley.

Charitable Donations

Donations to the Parker Skiba Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship are made directly to The University of Texas at Austin and are tax deductible.

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For more information and scholarship updates, visit **www.ParkerSkiba.org**

The Department of Computer Science at The University of Texas at Austin is one of the top undergraduate programs in the country. Their world-class research faculty challenges students to deepen their intellectual curiosity, and their curriculum allows students to tailor their studies to their specific areas of interest.

Their undergraduate students engage in research, get involved in student organizations, network with corporate recruiters, intern at top companies and attend conferences. Students graduate with the skills to pursue challenging careers and the drive to change the world.

The Parker Skiba Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship will be awarded to students within the UT Computer Science program with entrepreneurial aspirations.

The Parker Skiba Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Computer Science fund was launched in January, 2018 in memory of Parker Skiba who died tragically and unexpectedly in his sleep on December 12, 2017. Parker Skiba was a computer science student and Longhorn who touched many people's lives and is remembered by family and friends as being wise beyond his years, brilliant beyond reasonable, and loving to all. He was entrepreneurial in spirit, and as such, the scholarship in his name will create a legacy of support for future Longhorn students in computer science who share similar entrepreneurial aspirations. The UT Computer Science and extended Longhorn community mourn the loss of this young man along with those who were closest to him.

Donate directly to The University of Texas at Austin Computer Science Department via the following link: **www.cs.utexas.edu/ParkerSkiba/**

The Need For Scholarships

With a top-ten ranking and over 2,100 students, UTCS is home to the field's largest concentration of young talent in the field of computer science. It is also one of only three public schools in the top ten, putting it in direct competition with well funded private universities like Stanford and MIT. This leaves the university at a disadvantage in terms of its ability to offer the scholarships that are critical to recruiting top students.

Understanding Endowed Scholarships

Establishing an endowed scholarship offers donors the opportunity to create a lasting legacy. The principal of an endowed scholarship is invested by the university and the interest generated is used as scholarship funds.

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