

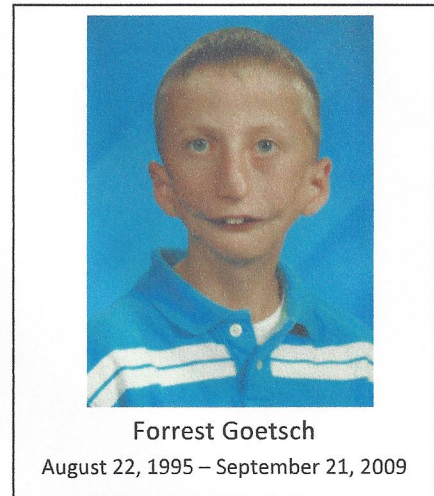


FORREST GOETSCH CROSS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

BACKGROUND:

Many people know Forrest Goetsch as the 14-year old D.C. Everest student who collapsed and died during warm-ups at cross-country practice on September 21, 2009, but that is just the sad conclusion to a story that ended way too soon.

Forrest Goetsch was born on August 22, 1995 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI. He was born 7 weeks before his due date and spent over a month in the neonatal ICU in Marshfield before coming home. That was the beginning of a long relationship Forrest would have with doctors and hospitals. Forrest was also born with a rare facial deformity. Before Forrest was old enough to start kindergarten, he had numerous jaw surgeries. Despite the medical challenges that Forrest had to face in his life, he had great perseverance, dedication, determination and motivation to succeed in life, school and sports – especially running. He never felt sorry for himself about the challenges and surgeries that he would have to face in the future. He looked forward to the future and dreamed of going to college at Duke and playing basketball for Coach Krzyzewski.



Forrest Goetsch
August 22, 1995 – September 21, 2009

Forrest made many friends during his life and was loved by all who let him into their lives. Forrest truly lived each day to the fullest and had a wonderful sense of humor. He loved to tease his family and friends and play practical jokes. Forrest loved sports and spent much of his free time playing soccer, basketball, golf and running. He also enjoyed the outdoors as well as hunting and fishing with friends and family. There are many things that we have learned from Forrest in his short time with us, the most important of these being – *Live your life everyday without feeling sorry for yourself and always take time to tell the people you love that you love them everyday.*

This scholarship fund was created through the contributions of many donors, to perpetuate the memory of an outstanding young boy who lived life to the fullest with no regrets. Because Forrest's life here on earth had such a profound impact we wanted to celebrate his life and honor his memory in a permanent fashion. Forrest Goetsch Charities a 501 (C)(3) is dedicated to recognizing outstanding achievement in our communities by youth and/or organizations who have helped others through difficult times or who have personally overcome challenges in their lives.

FORREST GOETSCH CROSS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM

We ask that all graduating seniors that participated in Cross Country and intend to further their education be considered for this scholarship by the Cross Country Coach and the Athletic Director. To be considered, this nomination form must be completed in full by the Cross Country Coach. Please type or print in ink. Each nominee will receive a \$500.00 scholarship with one male and female from the greater Wausau area being named as the Wausau area's outstanding high school senior Cross Country runner. Those individuals will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship.

The **cross country coach** and the **nominee** are asked to answer the following questions (outlined by number) on separate sheets of paper to be submitted with this nomination form. The answers should demonstrate that the student is a positive role model, displaying the characteristics of **perseverance, dedication, determination, motivation, and leadership**. These are the criteria for selection of the Outstanding Cross Country Runner of the Greater Wausau Area.

1. What has nominee achieved in Cross Country that is outstanding?
2. What recognition for achievement has nominee received from peers or coaches?
3. How has the nominee been a positive role model, displaying the characteristics of perseverance, dedication, determination, motivation, and leadership?
4. Provide a list of activities they have participated in, either in school or outside of school (and the years involved), including any extra-curricular activities, community programs, or work experience during this past year. Offices or positions held, as well as any honors received should be indicated.

All awards and recognition will be presented at the Forrest's Run Awards Ceremony scheduled for June 18th, 2016.

We strongly encourage all recipients to be present at the awards ceremony.

Your signatures below indicate that all information submitted is true to the best of your knowledge.

Signature of Cross Country Coach

Signature of Athletic Director

Date: _____

Date: _____

Name of Student Nominee: _____

Student's Home Address: _____

Home E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: () _____

Parents or Guardians: _____

High School Attending: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Qualified Post Secondary School student plans to attend next fall: _____

Has he/she been accepted for enrollment: Yes No

Anticipated field of study and career goals: _____

Forrest Goetsch Charities a 501(C)(3) reserves the right to request additional information or documentation from the nominee if necessary.

Please mail all documentation by April 6th to:
Forrest Goetsch Cross Country Scholarship
R11581 Sportsmans Lane, Schofield, WI 54476

A Board Member of Forrest Goetsch Charities will contact the recipients before the ceremony.