



The David W. Ihrle Smart Community STEM Camp Memorial Fund

Those who have had the privilege and the pleasure of knowing David will know how much he loved all the world of technology and innovation and how much he cherished giving back to others. He was a person of great intellect, immense caring, and generous spirit. The Smart Community STEM Camp that he and George Hinckley envisioned was designed primarily to provide young high school students --- especially underserved students including those in public schools --- an opportunity to learn, relish, and be immersed in the world of technology and innovation through meaningful activities. This camp focused on giving students well-targeted opportunities in the realm of scientific learning that were then followed up with mentorship positions in campers' own communities.

After attending summer camp programs, students are equipped to return to their districts to lead middle school clubs spreading exposure, knowledge, and enthusiasm for opportunities in STEM. Thus, the program empowers high school students to further spread their growing skills and understanding beyond themselves, just as Dave chose to share his skills and talents when creating this camp. Over the past four years, the successes of the program have inspired area individuals, universities, corporations, and community organizations to make this cause their cause.

Dave wanted nothing more than for these camp programs to thrive and to expand. He recognized that STEM camp can serve to further student talent in mathematics, science, and engineering and can facilitate strong connections with potential career pathways. He knew the camp would drive critical thinking, problem solving skills, creativity, and adaptability. It was Dave's vision, hard work, and his dedication along with that of his co-creator, George, that have made this camp a reality.

We are thrilled to honor Dave's memory through the launch of The David W. Ihrle Memorial Fund.

Please join us honoring Dave's memory by providing support for the Smart Community STEM Camp program. To donate or to learn more about the Smart Community STEM Camp, please see the accompanying fact sheet or visit the website:

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