

The Sanderson Band Scholarship in Memory of Tom Krier

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Tom Krier was a man who loved children and the band. He spent seven years with the Sanderson Band Program during which both of his children participated. During those seven years, he served in several positions with the boosters as equipment manager, Assistant Expo Coordinator, Vice President, and President.

Among the many jobs he took on for the band were instrument repairs, truck maintenance, band camp, Expo set up, and prop building. He especially enjoyed band camp and made sure that he was there every year. Even when his illness did not allow him to stay the night, he had his wife drive him down to Campbell everyday. As president he attended every concert, marching competition, and event no matter his condition.

He was thought very highly of by the parents and students. "Papa Krier" became his nickname created by one of the students he knew and adopted. Tom Krier always put students first. He always asked and considered what was best for the students before embarking on any task.

The last three years he spent with the Sanderson Band he battled cancer. One of Mr. Flowers' (former SHS Band Director) fondest memories of Tom Krier was "no matter how bad he felt, how weak he was, or what was going on he was always there doing what he needed to do for the students." His diligence, strength, passion, and commitment for the program and the students is the reason for this scholarship.

The scholarship will award one senior member of the Sanderson Band, \$1000.00 to further his/her higher education. The scholarship will be awarded and used for the student's first year tuition. The student selected must exemplify the admired traits that Tom possessed: dedication to the band, strength and passion, going above and beyond what is asked of you, and a positive attitude with the band director, parents and fellow peers. Other requirements are:

1. Three years participation in marching, concert or symphonic band.
2. Plans to attend college, junior college, community college, or a technical/trade institute after graduation from high school.
3. Complete application.
4. Interview with the scholarship committee consisting of: the band director; a school administrator; and a family member of Tom Krier, or a staff member of the marching band, or a teacher of the director's choosing.

The award will be presented at the annual Sanderson band banquet each May. The scholarship will be maintained by private donations and an annual fundraiser. We encourage all senior band students who are eligible to apply.

Sincerely,
The Tom Krier Scholarship Committee