



SALEM EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES ADAM WARD SCHOLARSHIP

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The Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association announced this afternoon that a scholarship has been established in memory of Adam Ward, a 2007 graduate of Salem High School who was loved and treasured by the Salem community, his peers at WDBJ, his family and friends.

This endowment, which was established at the request of Adam's family, will honor his memory by benefitting a graduate of Salem High School, who is headed to Virginia Tech to pursue a career in journalism or photojournalism. Adam began as a sports department intern at WDBJ and later served as a reporter, videographer and production assistant.

Adam is the youngest child of Mary and Buddy Ward. His recently retired father was a lifelong educator at Glenvar and Salem where he served as a coach, teacher and guidance counselor for thousands of students, including SEFAA President, Tommy McDonald.

"Buddy Ward was one of my all-time favorites because he took such an interest in his students and players, and most importantly, he cared about you as a person," says McDonald. "As a teenager, he would instill confidence in me and would always make me feel good about myself."

The Salem Educational Foundation and Alumni Association was founded in 1983 by the late Dr. Richard Fisher. It has an endowment of \$3.2 million and this June handed out 98 scholarships to Salem High School graduates valued at \$132,000.

"Adam Ward's family and Alison Parker's family are in our thoughts and prayers," he says. "All of us at the Salem Educational Foundation are honored that we can establish this scholarship for Adam and forever have something positive come out of this tragic situation."

Here is a link to the scholarship <http://www.sefandaa.org/new-scholarship-in-memory-of-shs-alumni-adam-ward/>

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