

Mandy Criswell Memorial Scholarship

The Criswell family is pleased to offer two scholarships, each in the amount of \$500, to students wishing to pursue an education beyond high school. These awards will be presented as a memorial to the achievements of former Apollo-Ridge High School graduate, Amanda Criswell.

Mandy was a 1999 graduate of Apollo-Ridge High School where she excelled academically and was involved in many school and community activities. She went on to study at Penn State University where she earned her B.A. in Journalism in 2003. While at Penn State, Mandy was a staff member of the student newspaper, the Daily Collegian. She also completed internships with the Pennsylvania Center for the Book, the Centre Daily Times, and the Valley News Dispatch.

Mandy began her career as a Copy Editor/Designer at The Index Journal in Greenwood, South Carolina. After gaining three years of experience, she moved on to a position as a Page Designer at The Sun News in Myrtle Beach. Throughout her career, Mandy's supervisors noted her strong work ethic, her attention to detail, her composure under deadlines, and her voluntary assumption of a leadership role in the newsroom. She was well respected by her colleagues for her immense talent and she was honored numerous times by the South Carolina Press Association.

In her personal life, Mandy had a strong love for her family and was happy to live near enough to her parents to spend time with them weekly. She always made friends easily, and she retained those friendships throughout her life. She loved to travel, organize theme parties and events, and bake cupcakes to share with family, friends, and co-workers. One of Mandy's favorite pastimes was spending time at the beach. She often remarked that "nothing beats falling asleep to the sound of waves crashing on the shore."

Although Mandy's life was unexpectedly cut short, she lived life to the fullest and will always be lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

DEADLINE: Please return all completed applications to Mrs. Lukehart by Monday, February 28, 2022.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

School you plan to attend: _____

Major course of study: _____

Reason you are applying for this scholarship: _____

What are your aspirations and long-term goals for your future once your education is completed?

Please provide any information regarding your educational accomplishments, hobbies, interests, community activities, and/or any work experience that may provide insight into your character.

Is there any other information that you wish to share?
