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## Announcing a New Scholarship for Madison County High School Seniors

MADISON, VA: In the Fall of 2013, in a car, on his way to a homecoming dance at his high school, Lane Warren's brief life and tremendous promise, came to an end. Lane's family, in partnership with Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, has dedicated a scholarship for Madison County high school students, lovingly titled the Lane E. Warren Memorial Scholarship to honor Lane and continue to cherish and connect him and his family to the county he loved.

Lane was born in Blacksburg, VA, as his father, Peter Warren, completed his master's degree at Virginia Tech. The family moved to Madison County when Lane was 3 and Mr. Warren began work for the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service office in Orange County.

Lane's school career in Madison County started at Rainbow Preschool at Madison United Methodist Church. He then attended Pre-K at Grymes Memorial School. From there, it was on to public school, first at Madison Primary, then Waverly Yowell Elementary, for Middle School, it was Wetsel and finally entering Madison County High School as a member of the class of 2014. During elementary school, Lane participated in the Saturday Enrichment Program for gifted students through UVA's Curry School of Education and Human Development. As a young teenager, he enjoyed attending Belle Meade Summer Camp in Rappahannock County.

Lane's family was involved in community service, and Lane participated in various projects for the Blue Ridge Food Co-op, Mayo Yowell Community Garden, MESA, Madison County Education Foundation, and more.

Quoted from Lane's obituary published in the Madison Eagle, (October 16, 2013) "When Lane came to know, like and respect someone, he was a loyal and faithful friend for life. He treasured the friends he made at every turn -beginning with his siblings, cousins, and including his teammates and coaches in the many sports he played over the years, with soccer and inline hockey being his two favorites. Lane loved music, liked to draw, and enjoyed lively conversation and friendly debate -- "walkin' and talkin'," as he called it. He especially loved his Madison County High School family." Lisa, Warren, Lane's mother says, "During his senior year in high school, he had the best teachers and was excited about starting college in Fall 2014. He talked about wanting to return to Madison after college to teach or otherwise make a difference in the lives of children and young people in the county".

Jane Bowling-Wilson, Executive Director for Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, says, "We are proud to be able to offer Madison County youth a new scholarship opportunity that comes from a family who has lost yet is able to convey love and giving in the face of grief, to support Madison County young people".

Lane's dad lives in Tucson, AZ, now, and Lisa Warren, Lane's mother, and Lane's sister, Phoebe moved to North Carolina in 2014. Phoebe started college this year at Appalachian State University, in Boone, NC.

Please visit our website npcf.org and click on scholarships to read about the Lane E. Warren Memorial Scholarship as well as other scholarship for Madison County residents that Northern Piedmont Community Foundation offers. Scholarship application deadline is March 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

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