David E. Schnell Football Scholarship

The scholarship was established in the loving memory of David E. Schnell by his family & friends.

About David
David was born in Elkhart and attended Beardsley Elementary, Northside Middle School, and graduated from Elkhart Central in 1985. He graduated from Indiana University in 1990. He was rated #1 Blue Chip Football player and went on to play college ball at Indiana for Coach Bill Mallory, leading the team as quarterback to back to back victories against Ohio State and Michigan for the first time in Indiana history. David played in All American Bowl, Peach Bowl, Liberty Bowl and got MVP, and the All Star Japan Bowl.

David was also the proud father of four; Samuel, Spencer, Vincent, and Brook. He loved family gatherings. He was a member of the Elk’s Christiana Creek Golf Club. He was a big Chicago Bears fan and IU Basketball fan. He enjoyed fishing and water sports at his home on Long Lake and grilling out. He loved golfing and camping.

David was an Assistant coach at Elkhart Central, and football coach at Northside Middle School. After college he worked with Chris Darling Insurance at Heritage Financial Groups. He was owner of Berkey Insurance Agency.

Eligibility Requirements:
1. Resident of Elkhart County for at least one year
2. Graduating Elkhart Central High School senior (male)
3. Member of the Elkhart Central High School Football Team
4. Maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher
5. Student planning to enroll full time in an accredited college, university or vocational school in the United States

Awards: One new award is given every year in the amount of $1,000 per year for each of 2 years for a total award of $2,000. Future growth of this fund may allow for an increased number of awards or scholarship amount and is at the discretion of the CFEC Scholarship Committee.

To Apply: Please complete the “Universal Scholarship” application on the Community Foundation of Elkhart County website.