The
Kira Meyer
SCHOLARSHIP

For 22 years, Kira Meyer’s compassionate and courageous spirit blessed the lives of those who knew her. Kira was born with a rare genetic disease that multiplied challenges but never discouraged her from doing her own personal best. In July 1995 Kira underwent a bone marrow transplant. Nearly ten months later she experienced respiratory complications and passed away on May 10, 1996. Friends and family have funded this scholarship in her memory.

Kira was an avid Bible quizzer. During her teen years she memorized word-for-word eight of the New Testament books she studied. Her Columbine Hills Church of the Nazarene quiz team won several district and regional championships. She was honored to represent NNU in Orlando, Florida at Nazarene Youth Congress ’91. In 1992 Kira graduated with honors from Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. A local college offered her a full scholarship, yet Kira chose Northwest Nazarene University. Kira treasured her new friends at NNU and blossomed academically and spiritually. In the fall of 1994 she transferred to Pharmacy School at the University of Colorado Health and Science Center in Denver. In June 1996 Kira, posthumously, was the first recipient of the “Timothy Award” presented by the Colorado District NYI. Kira lived out her faith and encouraged others to come along.

Debi Carter Smelzenbach, NNU roommate, writes: “I think Kira really represented all of the most important things of NNU—love of Christ and love of people. I remember the verse she painted on the wall our sophomore year:

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:7) Kira was a good and perfect gift from above.”

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Recipients are to be students who are majoring in the field of chemistry;
3. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
4. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years;
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Department of Chemistry and the Office of Financial Aid.

A most satisfying way to honor a loved one or friend is to invest in a life yet to be lived.
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