



## **Daniel Ha Memorial Scholarship Fund** Greater Worcester Community Foundation

This fund was created in 2015 by Daniel's family and friends to honor his shining spirit, compassion and love of learning. It is awarded to students from South High Community School.

Daniel was born in Abbotsford, British Columbia and raised in Worcester, MA. He grew up in a loving family with three siblings. At South High Community School, Daniel was a scholar, athlete, musician and leader, giving 100% of himself to every activity. His sports included tennis, track, and cross country, and he was Captain of both the tennis and track teams in his senior year. He performed in Band and Chorus, served as Class Treasurer, and participated in the National Honor Society, Math Club, Model Congress and Mock Trial Club. Dan was also a technology and video game enthusiast and an amateur chef. He was warm and caring, with an uncommon generosity of spirit that made him a friend to all. His peers voted him "Most Likely to Succeed," "Most Studious" and "Most School Pride."

In 2006, Daniel graduated from South High and went to Stanford University, where he studied Computer Science and became a coder and entrepreneur. He joined a business fraternity and an *a capella* singing group. Dan graduated from Stanford in 2010 and launched SSE Labs, now known as StartX (Stanford's Student Startup Accelerator), which mentors start-up companies. He worked for several startups and then joined MetroMile, a San Francisco company that offers pay-per-mile car insurance and a smart-driving app.

In November 2014, Daniel passed away suddenly, leaving behind many close friends who wished to sustain his legacy. They chose a scholarship fund as a fitting tribute for a man who embraced education so fully and gave so much to others. In establishing this fund, they wrote,

*Dan was an incredibly beloved person who made a strong impact on all of our lives. He had a strong sense of compassion and justice in addition to being extremely intelligent and hardworking. These characteristics inspired us to create a scholarship in his honor for a student who shares a passion for one or more of the activities that Dan was a part of.*

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