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**CHAD STONER MEDICAL RESEARCH
SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT MCCC**

MONROE, Mich. – David and Rose Mary Stoner and The Foundation at Monroe County Community College have established the Chad L. Stoner Medical Research Scholarship at MCCC.

The \$1,500 scholarship was created in memory of the Stoners' son, Chad L. Stoner, who died in a whitewater kayaking accident near Quito, Ecuador. It may be used for tuition, fees and books and will be awarded annually to a Monroe County resident who is interested in pursuing a career in medical research.

To apply for the scholarship, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2 and submit a one-page essay outlining the reason for his or her interest in medical research and ultimate career goals. To maintain the scholarship, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours and have a 3.0 GPA.

Stoner graduated from Monroe High School in 1991. He continued his education at Monroe County Community College where he graduated cum laude with an associate degree in 1993. Stoner then transferred to Eastern Michigan University, where he also graduated cum laude, earning a bachelor's degree in physiology and biochemistry in 1995. He went on to earn a master of science degree in cellular and molecular biology from EMU in 1997.

"Chad's educational achievement meant that he was able to do cancer research," said David Stoner. "If Chad had not worked hard and studied very hard in college, he would not have had the

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opportunity to work in the field of science, which was his ultimate goal all through school.”

He began his career working for Parke Davis Research, a division of the former Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical Company in Ann Arbor, during his first year at EMU. In June 2000, Pfizer Inc. and Warner-Lambert announced their intention to join, creating the world’s most valuable and fastest-growing pharmaceutical company. Stoner continued on with Pfizer, and, at the time of his death, was principal scientist in the Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism Department at the company’s research and development campus in La Jolla, Calif.

David and Rose Mary Stoner wanted to establish this scholarship at MCCC because it is where Stoner began his studies toward his career in research. To honor his achievements, they hope to help students who want to study and work in medical research but are in need of help to realize their goals.

For more information on available scholarships and financial aid, please contact the MCCC Financial Aid Office at (734) 384-4135 or visit the college’s STARS Online Scholarship Application System at <http://www.monroeccc.edu/stars/>.

For information about funding a scholarship, contact The Foundation at MCCC at (734) 384-4206.

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