

Rachael Moser Honors Father's Commitment to Higher Education

Rachael Moser's life changed irrevocably when she was just 20 years old. Her father, Richard Moser, who was a 21-year veteran of the Maryland State Highway Administration, had been clearing debris in a roadway work zone when a motorist struck him. He was killed upon impact, leaving his wife, Laurie, and three children to carry on their lives without him.

It was after their loss, the close-knit Moser family became actively involved in creating awareness of the dangers of roadway work zones. When they attended the 2015 National Work Zone Awareness Week kick-off event in D.C., they met The Foundation staff and learned about the Roadway Worker Memorial Scholarship program.

After finding out The Foundation's scholarship program was available to eligible dependents and spouses of roadway workers who were killed or permanently disabled in roadway work zone accidents, Rachael and her brother, Carl, submitted applications. Carl received \$6,000 in scholarships, including a \$1,000 Chuck Bailey Memorial Scholarship for his commitment to volunteerism. The scholarship helped him in his goals to study electrical and computer engineering at Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Mass.



Rachael Moser arrives for her first day at Harvard Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Mass. in September 2016. She received a 2016 Foundation Roadway Worker Memorial Scholarship that enables her to receive a master's degree in education policy and management.



Rachael Moser (from left) joins her mother, Laurie Moser; brother Carl (front); half-brother Matthew; and dad Richard Moser for a family photo. Richard Moser was employed by the Maryland State Highway Administration when he was killed after being struck by a pickup truck in 2007.

Rachael had already attended Denison University in Ohio, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in religion and sociology. She had aspirations to continue her education and receive a master's degree, and when she found out she'd been granted a Foundation scholarship, she was on her way. This September, she stepped foot on the campus of Harvard Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Mass. to pursue a master's degree in education policy and management through a one-year program.

"The Foundation's generous support through the Roadway Worker Memorial Scholarship reassured me that I could financially attend the Harvard Graduate School of Education to gain foundational knowledge and skills that are critical to expanding my career in the education sector," said 29-year-old Rachael. "The scholarship provided me with a profound opportunity to honor my father's deep commitment to higher education through earning an advanced degree."

Rachael said she's incredibly grateful to The Foundation for providing the unique scholarship and invaluable educational support following the untimely death of a deeply loved parent.

When she takes a break from her studies at Harvard, Rachael enjoys traveling, cooking and spending time with family and friends. ●





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