

Erik W. Quiroz Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2017 by Tenley K. and Brian D. Stevens

My brother, Erik, passed away suddenly at the young age of 46. The family wanted to honor him in a way that would make Erik proud. My husband, Brian, and I decided the best way to do this would be to establish a memorial scholarship in his name. This seemed fitting as Erik was always helping others and was dedicated to teaching and training undergraduate students on the many research cruises he participated in.

Erik graduated in 1993 with his Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science. In May of 1993 he took a position in the Geochemical and Environmental Research Group (GERG), College of Geosciences, Texas A&M University. He worked on the Louisiana-Texas Shelf Oceanography Program where he collected salinity and temperature data using a salinity, temperature and depth recorder and learned to process the data at sea in a highly efficient manner.

In 1995 he left GERG and went to the Department of Oceanography at Texas A&M University and joined the Marine Operations group. There he became proficient in measurement of marine nutrients by autoanalyzer and oxygen analysis by Winkler titration.

In 2001 he took a position at the University of Southern Mississippi. Hurricane Katrina persuaded him back to College Station, Texas in 2006 when he rejoined GERG.

His invaluable skillset presented him many opportunities to participate in research expeditions to many of the world's oceans. He also participated in a cruise on a U.S. Navy Submarine taking measurements under the ice in the Artic Ocean. Erik truly loved being on a ship out in the ocean or on his boat out in the Mississippi marsh on his way to Cat Island.

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