



To Whom it May Concern,

Two weeks ago we lost our dear classmate, roommate and friend ... Colleen Ritzer. We are all saddened by Colleen's sudden and tragic death, and will forever miss her smile, enthusiasm and friendship.

Knowing how important Assumption College was to Colleen, we spoke with some of the College's administrators about memorializing her on campus. We decided to create an endowed scholarship that recognizes two of Colleen's lifelong passions - teaching and math. Through these two passions, Colleen made a tremendous impact.

The **Colleen Ritzer '11 Memorial Scholarship** will be awarded to an Assumption junior or senior math major who plans to teach at the high school level after graduation. As an endowed scholarship, it will be awarded annually forever, making it a permanent memorial to Colleen.

In addition, a tree will be planted on campus and dedicated following a memorial service for Colleen at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in the spring.

We need to raise \$25,000 to fund these tributes. While alumni from other classes, parents and Assumption faculty and staff will be given the opportunity to contribute, we would like to take the lead in establishing these tributes to Colleen.

Please consider joining us by making a gift to keep Colleen's memory alive at Assumption. You can make your [gift online here](#). You can also mail a check to:

**Colleen Ritzer '11 Memorial Scholarship**

Institutional Advancement  
Assumption College  
500 Salisbury Street  
Worcester, MA 01609

Gifts of any amount are welcome.

Her Assumption education allowed Colleen to pursue her passion for teaching. This scholarship will allow more students to pursue their passions - a fitting tribute to Colleen.

Sincerely,

Carleigh Baldwin	Sarah Garrity
Natalie Geeza	Danielle Lamoureux
Shannon Reilly	Jennifer Roberge
Caroline Rufo	Mike Swanson