



THE AGGIE CANCER SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIP

ESTABLISHED BY JAMES P.
KILCREASE, FAMILY, AND
FRIENDS

Income from the Aggie Cancer Survivor Endowed Scholarship will be used to award one or more graduate students (masters or doctoral) enrolled in the Graduate School at New Mexico State University. All graduate students who are cancer survivors are eligible. The recipient does not have to be currently receiving treatment to qualify.

"Life comes in waves, sometimes you are rowing endlessly just trying to get to the top of the next wave before it crashes over you and sometimes you are surfing hands free down the other side."

- J. Kilcrease



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James Kilcrease comes from a long line of New Mexico State University alumni. He received his B.S. from NMSU in 2009 and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences.

In 2011, he was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer. As James said: "I still remember how it all started like it was yesterday; It was a bright sunny Tuesday just as any other here in Las Cruces but little did I know that a doctor's appointment would alter the course of life. Day 1: Doctors appointment, Day 2: Diagnosis with cancer, Day 3: Surgery. Things moved at a blindingly fast pace but ultimately saved my life and made me appreciate every day more than ever."

Upon completion of surgery and months of chemotherapy, James' life slowly returned to normal, but now with a new view of the world and a driving passion to help others who also have walked down this frightening path. He never gave up during these dark times and set off on a path determined to somehow turn this negative experience into something positive which could help others.

It was through this desire to help others and share his story that James, along with family and friends, founded the *Aggie Cancer Survivor Scholarship*. A scholarship for students who have battled cancer and ultimately pushed forward to pursue a graduate degree. This scholarship is intended to ease some of the financial burdens associated with graduate school and moreover it is meant to recognize individuals that have challenged this common enemy to pursue their goals in life.

Cancer touches millions every year from the very young to the elderly alike. The very mention of the word *cancer* strikes emotion and feelings tied deep within ones heart. In a sense, we have all been affected by cancer in some way, be it through our own personal experience, that of a family member, friend, or even co-worker.

Please join us in helping future graduate students pursue their dreams and lifelong goals of higher education by easing their financial burden and rewarding them for the strength, determination, and courage they have shown.

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give"

- Winston Churchill

Make a difference today!

Fight along side cancer survivors by supporting this university-wide scholarship.

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