



THE CHERYL FAGERBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ENDOWMENT AGREEMENT

for

Graduate Students in Applied Statistics

in the

School of Mathematical Sciences

College of Natural and Health Sciences

University of Northern Colorado

Cheryl Fagerberg was a loved daughter, sister, auntie and friend, who lived July 30, 1977—May 27, 2007. The dash between the dates was too brief, but she made the most of her life as an ambitious person and tenacious student.

Cheryl was a fifth-generation Greeley-area resident. Her parents, Linda and Chuck Jr., came from local farming families. After attending Greeley Central High School, Aims Community College, she received a bachelor's degree from UNC in mathematics with emphasis in applied statistics in 2002. Cheryl earned a master's degree in 2004 and had completed the coursework for a PhD. She was working on her dissertation when she tragically lost her life in a low-speed, all-terrain vehicle accident in the mountains. Cheryl was posthumously awarded a PhD in applied statistics in August 2007.

A fun-loving, happy girl, Cheryl enjoyed spending time with her parents, two older brothers, John and Alan, and her softball and bowling league friends. In her younger years, she raced bicycle motocross with her brothers, and her adventurous spirit led her to ATV trail riding. She became proficient at starting irrigation tubes while helping her brothers on the farm. Changing crop water with Cheryl occasionally spawned serious water fights. Cheryl will be remembered as the cool and fun babysitter by her nieces and nephews, as the sister who was unafraid to try anything her brothers did and as her parents' little princess.

Cheryl helped over 100 patients, including her own father, at North Colorado Medical Center, by donating more than eight gallons of blood. At Garden Square Assisted Living Center, where she worked for several years, she was a favorite care assistant. It was not uncommon for Cheryl to prepare a meal for 30 seniors without notice. She was a compassionate caregiver for her aging grandparents and was her mother's friend and roommate. Her father passed away in 2003 following a sudden illness.

During Cheryl's tenure as a graduate student at UNC, she regularly taught general education level mathematics and statistics classes. Her student evaluations were always at or near the top of the departments in which she taught. Cheryl also taught mathematics for elementary students, introductory statistics, college algebra and mathematics, and the summer COSMOS program. She was known to follow her instruction with, "Does this make sense to you?" to ensure that her students understood. Faculty, staff and students will remember Cheryl as an enthusiastic, full-of-life individual who loved teaching, learning and helping people.

Cheryl had an infectious zest for life and learning. Her legacy will be her passion for teaching and making sure everyone she encountered had a 'great day.' Cheryl was genuinely committed to the success of her students at UNC, which will continue through her memorial scholarship.

The Cheryl Fagerberg Memorial Scholarship is awarded to applied statistics students in the graduate program at the School of Mathematics.

The University of Northern Colorado Foundation is pleased to recognize the generosity of Cheryl's mother, Linda Fagerberg, family members, faculty and beloved friends, who provided the gifts to create this permanent fund to perpetuate excellence in the School of Mathematics.
