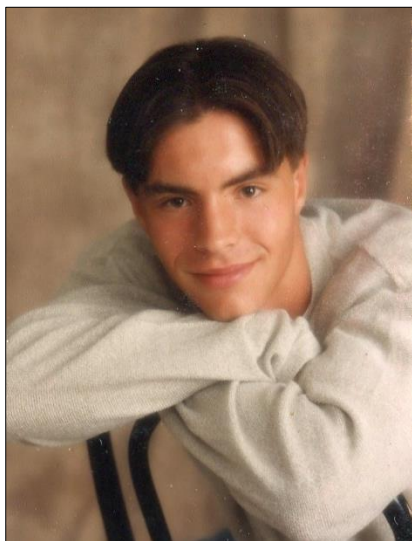




Andrew Sala Memorial Scholarship Greater Worcester Community Foundation

When Andrew B. Sala passed away in 1998, his family and friends created this scholarship to celebrate his extraordinary spirit and accomplishments. It is awarded to scholar-athletes from Nipmuc Regional High School who have played soccer, shown strength of character, and contributed meaningful service to their school and community.

Andrew Sala was born in Framingham, MA in 1978. He lived in Mendon, MA for most of his life, with his parents, Albert and Nancy, and his younger brother, Gregory. At Nipmuc Regional High School, Andrew was a member of the National Honor Society and was voted “Best All-Around Student” by the faculty and administration. He was also a standout member of the varsity soccer team, which won the 1994 State Championships. His coach, William Leaver, said, “He was a smart player, a student of the game. He loved to look for angles. His teammates liked him. He was a team player, who put the team first, ahead of himself.”

After graduating from Nipmuc in 1996, Andrew enrolled at UMass Amherst. He was a sophomore majoring in business management when he died by falling from a dormitory window. Drugs and alcohol were not involved in the tragic accident. The school superintendent remembered Andrew as “an outstanding person, with a quiet and respectful manner.” His former teachers described him as “a gentleman on and off the field” who gave his time to many volunteer activities. Although Andrew’s life was cut short, his spirit lives on in this scholarship and its capacity to help other students pursue their dreams.

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