



## DANIEL BURKETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### Press Release

On Sunday, October 10, 2010 the friends and family of Danny Burkett (USD '06) hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Danny Burkett Memorial Golf Tournament at Tecolote Canyon Golf Course in San Diego, CA. Seventy-nine players participated in this wonderful event to raise funds for the Daniel L. Burkett III Memorial Scholarship at the University of San Diego. The tournament was a four-person team scramble which consisted of 18 holes of golf, a luncheon and awards ceremony. This year the tournament raised over \$11,000 in funds to be donated directly to the Daniel L. Burkett III Memorial Scholarship at USD.

In early 2010, the scholarship reached \$50,000 in funds donated, making it a fully endowed, perpetual scholarship at the University of San Diego. Once full endowment status was attained, the scholarship committee initiated an application process to select the first scholarship gift recipient. After reviewing essay submissions and conducting interviews, the scholarship committee was proud to present Jake Westlund with the inaugural gift from the Daniel L. Burkett III Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jake is currently a senior at USD, a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, an outstanding student, and an involved member of the USD campus community.

The tournament committee would like to thank the tournament's main sponsor Junk Be Gone for their generous donation to the scholarship fund. The committee would also like to thank the many sponsors who made this tournament possible through their support and generous donations: The Air Force Academy Class of '75 - 17<sup>th</sup> Squadron, The Alison Company, Basel Cellars Winery, The Brady Family, The Burkett Family, Earthbound Farm, Enterprise Rental Car, Gravis Shoes, Greco Surfboards, Guerrilla Packs, Stephen Kelly, LRG Clothing, Plaza Golf, Tanimura and Antle, Jim Bowersox, The Ettlin Families, The Moothart Family, The Pavich Family, The Pioli Family, Emily Swanson, Westin Hotels, The Wiginton Family, The Winter Family, and The Wylder Family.

"Liz, Jackie and I are extremely grateful to the organizers, participants, sponsors, and donors who so generously seek to perpetuate the positive impact that our son and brother had on so many lives and the USD community. We enjoyed our very full weekend with Danny's friends and extended family. It is comforting to know that so many people keep his memory alive. We look forward to Danny's Memorial Scholarship benefiting future USD students." ~Dan Burkett

The Daniel L. Burkett III Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the late USD alumnus, Danny Burkett, who soon after graduating in 2006 died in a tragic boating accident. Danny graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Business Economics and in 2006 received the award of Academic Excellence in Business Economics. While at USD he was a member of the prestigious Alcala Club, Omicron Delta Epsilon International Economics Honor Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and Delta Tau Delta International Fraternity. While a member of Delta Tau Delta he helped establish the Bleed Purple Foundation to help college students with cancer and co-chaired Philanthropy Week, a Greek Community event held to raise money for charity. His magnetic personality and involvement in the USD community allowed him to touch the lives of many people. He leaves behind a legacy of academic excellence, community involvement, high integrity, and a fun-loving attitude. "Danny will live in our hearts and memories forever. He was one truly exceptional, special young man and is sorely missed. His passing left an empty spot in our hearts, but he gave so much during his short life, his impact on everyone who was fortunate enough to meet him was huge! We love you Danny!" ~Danny's Aunt Chris

The scholarship is available to all undergraduate students at USD who are active members of the Greek Community, show excellence in academics, and are actively involved in community service. Please visit [www.dlbscholarship.com](http://www.dlbscholarship.com) for more information on how to become part of the Daniel L. Burkett III Memorial Scholarship.