



Andrew Bedoya Memorial Character Award

“Your *character* is a set of beliefs that define what sort of person you are. It determines whether you will effectively achieve your goals.”

“Your opinion of another person's character is based on the impression the person makes concerning his or her attitudes or actions toward things you value.”

“Character traits are learned from parents, friends, and experiences in the form of "rules" of the right way to behave. Sometimes rules that are taught are wrong and can actually harm the person in the long run. There can also be extremes in good character.”

Ron Kurtus - School for Champions

Andrew Bedoya was very proud to be a graduate of Monson-Sultana School. His mother Sally Acosta wanted Andrew to have the same solid educational and caring experience she had growing up in Sultana. Every effort was made so that Andrew could attend Monson-Sultana School from Kindergarten till his graduation from the eighth grade, class of 2005.

His high school counselor called Andrew a “Renaissance Man” because he was involved in many activities in high school: sports, music, clubs, and officiating sports for Dinuba Recreation and at Monson-Sultana School. As Andrew worked toward his goals he was fortunate to make many friends and have many role models to help guide him.

As his parents, we asked many things of Andrew. We wanted Andrew to be a person of strong character. We talked to our son about the importance to be a good person. To try your best in whatever you do, to not get discouraged, and to treat people with a kind and generous heart.

We believe that Monson-Sultana School and the surrounding community was a major reason that Andrew was able to accomplish many of his goals. He graduated from Dinuba High School in 2009 and California State University Fresno in 2015. His goal was to teach and coach basketball at Dinuba High School. Andrew wanted to be part of the Dinuba community. Shortly after his graduation from Fresno State he passed away in a car accident. He was 24 years old.

His family wants to keep his dreams alive and would like to help a graduating Monson-Sultana student reach his/her goals. If you are interested please fill out the Andrew Bedoya Memorial Character Essay Award application. You may turn in your response to me or email to:

edward@msschool.org

The student chosen will receive a laptop computer to help them with their high school education. **Applications are due Tuesday, May 14th.**

Andrew was very proud of being a Monson-Sultana Raider! He would ask that you be a person of good character. He would want you to try your best!

Thank you for your time,

Andrew's family:

Sally Acosta, Edward and Michael Bedoya



Andrew Bedoya Memorial Character Essay Award

Student: _____ Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Due: Tuesday, May 14th . You may type or write your response and turn in to me or email it to edward@msschool.org

Answer the following questions in a one to two **paragraph** response.

1. What does it mean to be a person of good character? Why is it important to be a person of good character?
2. One of Andrew's favorite quotes is by John Wooden. "The true test of a man's character is what he does when no one is watching." What does this quote mean to you?
3. Give an example where you feel your character was tested and you did the right thing.

***REMEMBER TO WRITE A ONE TO TWO PARAGRAPH RESPONSE TO EACH QUESTION.**

"Do you best"

Mr. Bedoya