Rachael Anderson joined the #CCMSfamily August 27, 2015 along with her peers in the Fall2015-2016 CCMS Class. She was a beautiful, bright light. She lovingly accepted everyone and was a compassionate caregiver and great advocate and champion for the death care profession. Rachael quickly befriended her peers and successfully saw her dreams come to fruition as she completed her education with CCMS, graduating cum laude. She then set off to central Ohio to pursue an apprenticeship with Shaw-Davis Funeral Home. She was nearing the end of her apprenticeship at the time her life was taken from her.

To honor Rachael’s zest for life and passion for her chosen profession, CCMS established The Rachael Anderson Memorial Scholarship. Her family, along with funeral service professionals, peers, and friends have come together to raise $10,532 to date (8/29/2019) in memory of Rachael to fund the scholarship.

$2,500 has already been awarded to date in Rachael’s honor. The remainder of scholarship funds will be awarded twice per year, one recipient in each cohort during semester 3, and in consultation with Rachael’s family. Awards will be presented to CCMS students who display the same passion for funeral service as Rachael.

“Rachael had many passions throughout her life. First and foremost, her career! She had a gift of compassion! She enjoyed dancing and socializing with family and friends. She loved children! She loved her Life! Rachael will always be remembered for her uniqueness, hard work, loving kindness, joy and infectious laughter. She had the ability to make a lasting impression on everyone she came in contact with and she could light up a room with her smile.”
– Family of Rachael Anderson

**AWARD**

- A $500 award will be disbursed twice annually; one award recipient in each cohort during semester 3. Awards will be granted at the discretion of the CCMS Scholarship Committee and will be applied to the recipient’s tuition.
ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

A qualified candidate will be:

- An enrolled student at CCMS who has completed a minimum of 1 semester of their academic program of choice
- First generation (no one in your family was formerly in funeral service)
- Be employed as a student in a Funeral Home

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants should complete and send the attached Scholarship Application and Questionnaire to wlee@ccms.edu AND ewilliams@ccms.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Spring cohort deadline: August 1
- Fall cohort deadline: April 1

SELECTION DECISION

- The scholarship selection committee will choose one recipient per cohort based upon the applicant’s submission criteria. Applicants for this scholarship should display an undeniable passion for funeral service.