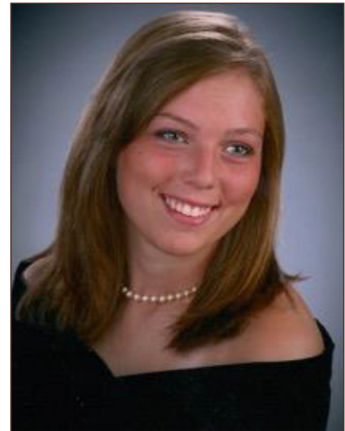




Alexandra Burgett Endowed Scholarship

Alexandra Burgett had a caring heart, an independent spirit and was passionate about helping people with special needs.

Alexandra Burgett was attending Western Michigan University to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Health Services. In following her passion, she was also working as a supervisor at Residential Opportunities, Inc. (ROI), a nonprofit that provides group homes for children and adults. Alexandra was scheduled to graduate in August 2012 and planned to continue with ROI at their new Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research. Unfortunately, in May 2012, her life was cut short by an automobile accident caused by a distracted driver.



Western Michigan University awarded a degree posthumously in December 2012. Dr. Doris Ravotas, coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Health Services program at WMU, said “Alex is remembered by her friends at Western as being fiercely loyal, always having a funny joke and being very non-judgmental. When Alex began her work at ROI, she became deeply committed to her work in the disabilities community, a defender and an advocate for those with disabilities. Upon her passing, ROI dedicated both a memorial garden and an award in her honor. They have recognized her as compassionate, respectful, dedicated, light hearted, intelligent and gentle.”

The Burgett family initiated the Alexandra Burgett Endowed Scholarship in December 2013, to honor and continue Alexandra’s legacy and to assist an interdisciplinary health services undergraduate student in need of support to continue in the program.