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Ryan Thompson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Created at CWU

ELLENSBURG, WA— Central Washington University Alumni Association Board of Directors, along with members of the CWU Campus Police department have established an endowed scholarship fund in honor of alumnus and former CWU police officer Ryan Thompson, who was recently killed in the line of duty as a Kittitas County Sheriff Deputy.

The Ryan Thompson Memorial Endowed Scholarship will provide financial aid to students attending CWU who are pursuing a career in law enforcement—with a preference given to students who are themselves dependents of law enforcement personnel.

“We felt it was very important for Ryan’s memory and legacy to be preserved in perpetuity here at Central,” said CWU Alumni Association President Dan Nicklaus. “Not only for the person that he was, but also for the example of leadership and service that he will continue to be for CWU students for decades to come.”

“Ryan was a friend, colleague, and an important part of the CWU and greater Kittitas County community,” said CWU Campus Police Chief Jason Berthon-Koch. “We are delighted to partner with the CWU Alumni Association to make sure his contributions and sacrifice are never forgotten.”

Additional contributions in Ryan’s memory can be made to the Ryan Thompson Memorial Endowed Scholarship by visiting engage.cwu.edu or by calling 509.963.2160.

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