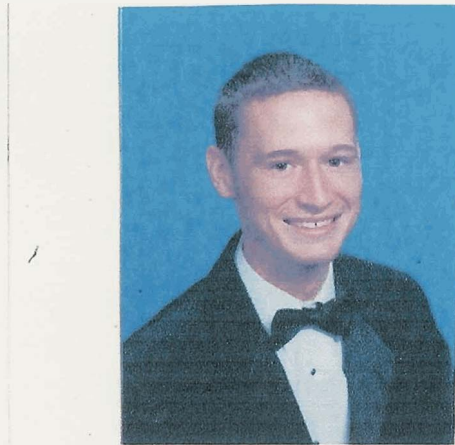


Press Release



Jason Cockerham receives Jim Cooper Memorial Scholarship for 2006

The Sugar Land Sharks swim team, a member of the Southwest Houston Recreational Swim League, is pleased to announce that Jason Scott Cockerham is the recent winner of the \$1,000.00 Jim Cooper Memorial Scholarship for 2006. The scholarship is awarded annually to the Sugar Land Sharks swimmer, coach, or active alumni who demonstrates leadership, a positive attitude, community spirit and volunteerism, integrity, and dedication to the Sharks swim team.

“This scholarship was established by the Sharks last year to encourage and reward the same positive qualities in our swimmers that characterized Jim Cooper and his enormous contributions to the team and community prior to his untimely death in April of 2005,” says Greg Sweatt, board president of the Sugar Land Sharks. “The scholarship assists the recipient with post-secondary educational expenses.”

Jason is a May graduate of Kempner High School who will attend Texas A & M University in the fall. A Shark for 11 years and an encouraging, positive Assistant Coach for two years, Jason is loved and appreciated by this team of almost 200 swimmers. “Yeah, the fun’s back,” expressed a 10-year old swimmer when Coach Jason returned this season.

In response to being selected for the award Jason expressed, “The Sharks have always been like a second family to me, and the team has helped me grow into the man I am today. I feel very honored to have received this scholarship.”

Jason is a leader and active volunteer in the Sugar Land community. An Eagle Scout and Boy Scout Chapter leader, Jason generously assisted Hope House in refurbishing their living quarters, helped Fort Bend Baptist Academy with school clean up projects, and served our local Alzheimer’s Center at Christmas. Jason mentored school children and provided technical support services for Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

Individuals or businesses interested in contributing today to the development of tomorrow’s leaders can obtain more information about the scholarship and how to make tax-deductible donations to the scholarship fund at www.sugarlandsharks.org. Alternatively, contact Linda Jackson, scholarship committee chair, at (713) 780-7333.