



James C. Randall

Memorial internship honors class of '94's Randall

A memorial internship in honor of the late James C. Randall (Grinnell College class of '94) has been established by his parents, Janie and James W. Randall (class of '66), to support Grinnell College students undertaking a summer internship or research project in Spain or Latin America. Their son was a Spanish major who spent 13 months living and studying in Santiago, Chile.

The Randall Endowed fund will support a summer internship or research project by Grinnell College students majoring in Spanish or pursuing a concentration in Latin American studies. Once fully endowed, the award will provide monies for a second- or third-year student to undertake an internship or pursue a research project in Spain or Latin America.

"Jim spent 12 years of his life in Grinnell, as a student, as an employee of the college, and as a member of the greater Grinnell community," said his father, James Randall. "This just seems an appropriate way to honor his memory in Grinnell."

The Randalls established the endowed internship in memory of their son, whose experience in Chile as a third-year Grinnell College student not only facilitated his fluency in the Spanish language but also enhanced his awareness of and interest in the culture and geopolitical environment in Chile and neighboring South American countries.

"Jim felt that an invaluable aspect of his study abroad was the ability to stay in Chile for the full year, to become fully immersed not only in his aca-

demie program but also in the recreational and cultural activities of his Chilean friends, both during the school year and the summer months," said his mother, Janie Randall. "We hope that this internship fund will enable other students to gain the fullest value from their study abroad experience."

An Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, James C. Randall was a co-captain for the Midwest Conference champion Grinnell College men's swim team in 1994 and the individual champion in the 500 freestyle the same year. He was inducted into the Honor G and named most valuable athlete in swimming, also in 1994. After graduation he became the assistant coach for swimming and diving at the college for eight years, helping to guide the team to several men's and women's conference championships and a qualification for the women's team to the NCAA Div. III national championships in 1999.

"Grinnell's commitment is to prepare its graduates to be valuable and contributing citizens to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of this and many other countries," his father said. "In today's global culture, international experiences are an intrinsic part of undergraduate education, and this internship can assist students in getting the most out of their international experiences."

After moving to Newton, Kan., James C. Randall coached the Newton Swim club. He died in an automobile accident on Feb. 28, 2003 near Emporia, Kan., on his way to a swim meet.