



## BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL BRUINS

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***“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.  
And if everyone does something, then together we can  
change the world.”***

Austin’s favorite quote; Author Unknown

Dear Class of 2006, Parents, Family, and Friends of Blacksburg High School,

As you may know, Blacksburg High School lost one of its own during the Virginia Tech tragedy of April 16, 2007. Austin Michelle Cloyd – a BHS 2006 graduate, National Honor Society member, French Honor Society member, varsity basketball player, and young woman who was determined to help make the world a better place – was one of the victims of the shooting in Norris Hall.

As our school joins the Cloyd family, the Virginia Tech campus, and the Blacksburg community in grieving the loss of Austin, we want to celebrate her life by establishing a memorial scholarship fund in Austin’s honor. Austin’s dream was to “make the world a better place for everyone,” and she was working to pursue that dream with unique dedication. Austin spent countless hours over four summers volunteering with the Appalachian Service Project, and her decision to major in international studies at Virginia Tech was motivated by the opportunities she would have to help others in the future. Austin set an example for all of us through her scholarship, her ideals and her actions, and she will always remain an inspiration to those who were blessed to know her. We hope this scholarship fund will pay tribute to Austin’s life and enable future BHS students to pursue similar academic and service ideals in her honor.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a college-bound Blacksburg High School senior via a written application process. The Cloyd family will have an integral role in selecting the recipient who best exemplifies Austin’s ideals.

Many of us have felt helpless during the past few days, yet we all wish to help in some concrete manner. We trust that this memorial scholarship fund will provide a worthy outlet for honoring a life that was tragically cut short. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please refer to the enclosed form.

Thank you for considering this avenue for remembering Austin and the Virginia Tech-Blacksburg community. Please keep her family and the families of all the victims in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

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# *The Austin Cloyd Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Please mail your gift and make checks payable to:

**BHS Austin Cloyd Memorial Fund  
c/o Jane Hobeika  
520 Patrick Henry Drive  
Blacksburg, VA 24060**



We would like to acknowledge your gift and keep you informed about the future scholarship recipients. To enable this, please complete the requested information below.

We promise to use this information only for these purposes.

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