

About Liz

Liz was a beautiful, intelligent, and talented young woman. Architecture was her passion, as it combined her talents and interest in art, design, and building. Her smile was pure sunshine! Liz worked hard and excelled in her studies at Washington University while helping others understand the field she loved. She continued her studies at the University of Pennsylvania looking to earn Masters' degrees in both architecture and landscape architecture.

Shortly after beginning her graduate studies, Liz was diagnosed with brain cancer. While courageously pursuing treatment for nineteen months, she stayed focused on her passion while working part-time at Astorino Associates in Pittsburgh. Although Liz died in April 2005, the joy she had for life and architecture continues on in all the lives she touched.

The Scholarship

Jonathan and Veronica Schmerling and their son, Bruce, chose to honor Liz's memory by establishing the Elizabeth S. Schmerling Endowed Scholarship at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University.

Over the past 14 years, the scholarship has grown through the gifts of family and friends. Between one and three scholarships may be awarded annually, as determined by a committee of four faculty members. Selection is based on superior academic performance and scholarship, innovative approaches to the science and art of architecture, and a commitment to the study and understanding of architecture Recipients serve as an inspiration to both peers and professors.

For award recipients and direct donations, please visit the Sam Fox School website.

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This Year's Quilt Pattern

A modern twist on the traditional Rail Fence quilt, this striking quilt top is composed of 6 different black and white fabrics. The monochromatic palette of this original design allows it to fit into any style of décor. The backing is a black and white reverse of one of the fabrics on the front. An embroidered tag commemorating the scholarship is on the back. This quilt measures approximately 56" X 65" (lap or throw size).

The winner will be drawn using random.org, notified via email and then posted on this site. All proceeds will be donated to the Elizabeth S. Schmerling Endowed Scholarship at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts at Washington University in St Louis.