

The Tara Lynn Clossman “Sparkle & Shine” Memorial Scholarship August 10, 1991 - August 20, 2016

This scholarship has been set up in honor of our beloved dancer, teacher and friend that was taken from us much too soon. It will be to honor Tara's memory, her passion for dance, and her dedication to education.

This award will be given out annually by McCardle's Dance Studio to one deserving student or family that displays the same type of passion and dedication that Tara was known for. This scholarship has been agreed upon by the staff of the dance studio.

Tara Lynn Clossman, 25, passed away unexpectedly on August 20, 2016. She was born in Akron, Ohio on August 10, 1991 to Robert and Kathy Clossman.

Tara's passion for dance began at the age of five at McCardle's Dance Studio and continued throughout her adult life where she remained a devoted teacher, member of the studio's competitive dance team and mentor to the next generation of the studio's dance family.

Tara graduated from Firestone High School in 2010 where she was a member of FHS' Visual and Performing Arts Program, with a dance concentration. Throughout high school she student taught for McCardle's and participated in the Rockette's Summer Dance intensive at Radio City Music Hall in New York City for two summers. In 2014, she graduated from Kent State University, summa cum laude, with her degree in Early Childhood Education as well as her fourth and fifth grade endorsement. Upon her graduation, she started her teaching career with the Akron Public School Systems at Voris Community Learning Center. In her first full year of teaching, Tara was the recipient of the PTA Outstanding Educator Award.

Tara is survived by her parents, Robert and Kathy Clossman; brother, Luke (Nesrene) Clossman; sister, Mei (Kirk) Goodson; sister, Cindy (Trent) Sapper; grandmother, Marla Border; nephews and nieces (that she loved dearly), Gage, Kendra, Kylie, Matthew, and Zayn; along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, best friends, Sarah, Abby, and Leah, as well as her dance family at McCardle's Dance Studio. She was preceded in death by her brother, Matthew; grandfather, Jack Border; grandparents, Robert and Mary Lou Clossman.

This year we would like to Congratulate you and your family for being chosen to receive this very precious scholarship. You have been chosen because you display the qualities that Tara was so passionate about and you are the type of student that she would have been so very proud of.

Because of receiving this scholarship, your tuition fees will be waived from the end of August to the end of May for the 2016-2017 dance season.

Sincerely,

Colleen Contillo, Owner McCardle's Dance Studio

