

BILL ALVAREZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

According to Bill, “Life is short; don’t waste it! If you want to do something, then go do it. If it was meant to be, it will happen; if it wasn’t, it never should have happened.” These words are wise indeed and Bill believed in those words and lived his short life through those words. He was a doer, an achiever, an athlete, a motivator and an inspiration to his beloved wife Susan, his family, his students and fellow staff members and, most of all, he was a friend to all at OCC.

Bill suffered a traumatic spinal cord injury in 1984. From that point forward he used a manual wheelchair to get around. In 1986, Bill helped form Campus Colleagues; a campus club for both able bodied and disabled students. In 1990, he was selected as Disabled Student of the Year. In 1991, Bill was the heart and soul in the development of the Disabled Students’ High Tech Center. In 1996, he initiated and organized the first in a series of Wheelchair Rugby charity exhibition games on campus to benefit the OCC Campus Colleagues scholarship fund.

This memorial scholarship is awarded to a disabled student who has demonstrated academic performance, has been involved in campus activities and has strong educational goals. Additionally, an interest in some athletic activities in and around the campus is a plus for this student.

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear student

Applications are currently being accepted for the **Bill Alvarez Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving student with a disability attending OCC. The scholarship is approximately \$ 700.00. We have attached the application for your convenience. The deadline is **March 18, 2011**. Please submit your application to the Disabled Students' Center by the deadline.

Good luck.

DSC staff

THE BILL ALVAREZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ ID/SSN _____ GPA _____

Qualifications: You must be currently enrolled in at least 6 units at Orange Coast College and have an overall GPA of 3.00 or better.

Amount of scholarship: \$ 500 - \$ 700

Deadline: March 18, 2011

Please submit a **typed** one-page essay explaining why you are deserving of this scholarship. Your application should include some of your future goals and a brief statement of what you have accomplished at Orange Coast College as well as any volunteer or community work.