



**Matthew Kohlenberg September 8, 1991 - July 26, 2013**

It is with great sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of our beautiful son and brother Matthew Kohlenberg, age 21. Matthew was born in Calgary and took his schooling at Nellie McClung Elementary, John Ware Junior High and Henry Wise

Wood High. After graduating, Matthew took a gap year to plan his future and earn money to travel. After returning from his trip to Italy, Greece and Egypt, Matthew dove into his Honours Philosophy program at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. So began his search for truth and meaning. He received numerous academic awards including Dean's list recognition in all years of study and receipt of a thesis research grant for work this summer. The day before his passing he received word that he had been nominated to receive the Alex Colville award for scholastic achievement at Acadia. He was on top of the world and at the top of his game. He blossomed into a wonderful young man. He had passion and purpose. Matthew was always smiling and enjoyed engaging with people. He was genuine, compassionate, creative, articulate and sharp as a tack. He looked for the best in people and most often found it. Matthew is survived by his parents and sister David, Pamela and Kathryn (Calgary); grandparents Philip and Yvonne Kohlenberg (High River) and Tina Evans (Vernon); many loving aunts, uncles and cousins; wonderful god parents David and Jackie Taylor (Calgary); and his many friends across Canada. Please join us in a celebration of Matthew's life on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 3:00pm in the Garden Room, K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre at Acadia University, Wolfville.

Open your hearts to our Matthew and those young adults in your life like him. They will enrich your life in so many ways as Matthew has enriched and will continue to enrich ours.

Donations to the Matthew Kohlenberg Memorial Award in Philosophy at Acadia University can be made online at <http://giving.acadiau.ca> or by mail to Acadia University, Office of Advancement, 512 Main Street, Wolfville, NS B4P 2R6.