

## NEWS RELEASE

### Popular high school teacher to live on in memorial scholarship

**Nanaimo, 4 November 2013** - A popular high school teacher, who passed away tragically, last July, will be commemorated in the form of a memorial scholarship established by his family and friends through the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation.

The late Bruce Chandler started the chef training program at John Barsby secondary school in 1999 and was “passionately committed to his students, as well as the work of our Foundation,” according to Erin van Steen, executive director of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation.

“The Foundation was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Bruce Chandler this summer,” said van Steen. “Many students found real inspiration in Chef Chandler’s kitchen, especially those who had overcome major hurdles in their lives.”

The first memorial award will be presented in 2014 to a graduating high school student who plans to pursue further studies in culinary arts. The recipient will be selected by the Chandler family and staff of John Barsby secondary school.

“The award will go to a student who has overcome obstacles and was inspired in the kitchen. Bruce would have wanted that,” said van Steen.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Chef Bruce Chandler Memorial Fund should contact van Steen at 250-753-4074.

For more information about the Nanaimo-Ladysmith Schools Foundation, visit the website at [www.nlsf.ca](http://www.nlsf.ca).

