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About the Daniel Bartlett Memorial Lecture

Daniel Wezelman Bartlett was born November 8, 1980. He died of sudden cardiac arrest on August 8, 2006, just before commencing his fourth year of graduate school in mathematics at The University of Arizona. He was a wonderful and loving son to his parents, a close companion to his younger sister, and a fierce friend for many.

Daniel was born with physical impairments, but that didn’t stop him from enjoying life. He played piano, trumpet, and shofar; he was a chess player; and he was an academic athlete, winning scholarships and contests for Academic Decathlon, economics, and the annual Shakespeare monologue competition (he loved portraying Iago). He was a proud leader in his Birth Youth Organization.

Daniel’s academic interests were not restricted to mathematics. As a junior in high school he was selected for the Telluride Association Summer Program at Cornell, an intense program in the humanities.

He graduated from University High School in Tucson both as a Presidential Scholar and a National Merit Scholarship winner.

Daniel loved mathematics and excelled at it all of his life. He went to Harvard for his undergraduate work, concentrating in mathematics, where his undergraduate advisor was Barry Mazur. While an undergraduate, he worked one summer at The University of Arizona Astronomy Department and another summer at the National Security Administration, where he co-authored a classified paper. He received his BA degree in 2003.

While studying for his PhD at The University of Arizona, Daniel had narrowed his research interest to the field of algebraic geometry, and at the time of his death he was beginning the work he hoped to use for his doctoral dissertation.