

David P. Hayes Memorial Chair in Actuarial Science



Dave Hayes

David P. Hayes, FSA, MAAA, EA, was born September 3, 1961, and passed away on April 9, 2001 of myeloid leukemia, leaving his wife, Dina Krofta, FSA, and two children, Jake and Lauren. David was also survived by his parents, Cliff and Meredith, and his sister, Becky.

David, an Omaha native, excelled academically throughout his life. He achieved a perfect score on the Math portion of the SAT exam, and was an outstanding actuarial science student at UNL. He was the 1979 recipient of the Bankers Life Nebraska 4-year actuarial science scholarship. A 1983 graduate of UNL, David majored in Math with a minor in Actuarial Science. He earned the designation Associate of the Society of Actuaries before graduation, and became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in 1989. During his years at UNL, David was active in the Actuarial Science Club, and helped organize the Club's High School Math Contest. He combined his interest in running and fundraising for the Actuarial Science Program by twice running in the Havelock Charity Run as a member of the "Actuarial Aces" team.

David accomplished and contributed much in his all-too short actuarial career. He worked as a benefits actuary for several consulting firms, serving as the pension practice leader for Mammal and Associates and subsequently the Employee Benefits practice leader for Milliman and Robertson's Omaha office from 1994 until his death. He was an active member of the Nebraska Actuaries Club, and served on the Club's Committee for the Chair of Actuarial Science at UNL, which provides both financial and advisory support to UNL's Actuarial Science Program, from 1990 until his death.

David had a lifelong interest in sports and was an avid Huskers fan. He was also an active member of MENSA, and served on the Board of the Community Alliance.

Cliff and Meredith Hayes established the endowment to fund the David P. Hayes Memorial Chair in Actuarial Science to honor David and in recognition of David's positive feelings about his time as a student in UNL's Actuarial Science Program.