



### **The Lasting Legacy of Todd M. Sheridan '10**

Congratulations on being selected for the Todd M. Sheridan '10 Pinnacle Scholarship. Todd was known for his incredible leadership on and off the field. The leadership qualities you possess make you an exceptional recipient of this award. Todd had dreams and worked relentlessly to make them happen. He rarely failed to deliver on the soccer field, in the classroom, and in life. He was humble and very modest about his many accomplishments.

On Saturday August 8, 2020, Todd M. Sheridan, age 32, of Voorhees, NJ, passed away unexpectedly from unknown causes. He is survived by his parents Jack (a Stevens Class of 1967 graduate) and Betty Sheridan, his sister Carrie Nelson and his brother JJ Sheridan, both engineers.

Todd was a fun-loving, loyal, and passionate friend for life. A close friend describes him as a “beacon of joy, kindness and generosity.” He loved music of all genres and international travel, especially to Greece. Todd was a superb athlete, excelling in basketball, baseball, track and his favorite, soccer. In his youth, he was a prolific scorer for the South Jersey Barons and was named the top forward in the Northeast in the highly prestigious Super Y League, a feeder program to the Olympic soccer team. In the Super Y League, Todd demonstrated his knack for scoring the big, game-winning goal. He went on to excel at St. Augustine Preparatory School, where he was awarded the game ball as the MVP in the State Championship game against Seton Hall Prep. Todd was the Captain and MVP on every soccer team he played on.

Arriving in Hoboken as a two-time New Jersey state champion with St. Augustine Preparatory School, Sheridan excelled on the pitch for the Ducks from 2006-09. He finished his career on Castle Point with 37 goals and six assists over 81 matches, including seven goals in the NCAA Tournament. A First Team All-Empire 8 Conference selection in 2008, Sheridan remains ranked in the Ducks' all-time top-10 in both career goals and points. Todd also co-holds the team record for goals in a single game with four, which the Galloway, New Jersey native achieved in 2006. As a first-year student-athlete, Sheridan ranked 22nd in the country in goals per match and 39th in points per match, making an immediate impact on the men's soccer program.



Sheridan played for Stevens during a time in which the Ducks were in the midst of unprecedented success. The men's soccer program reached the postseason in each of Sheridan's four seasons in Hoboken, culminating with a national championship appearance in 2008. The four-year stretch was a key component of the Ducks' run of 13 consecutive conference championships and postseason appearances, which bridged the program's migration from the Skyline Conference to the Empire 8. Despite not coming away with the prized national championship trophy, the program's exit from each of Sheridan's four NCAA appearances came via penalty kicks. Over their four seasons together, Sheridan's

class was one of the most productive in program history, posting a remarkable 71-8-12 record, including a sterling 24-2-2 mark in conference play. The team's 18-0-3 campaign in 2006 was the program's first season without a defeat since 1940.

Although his athletic tenure at Stevens came to a close in 2009 after a scoreless draw in the NCAA Tournament, Sheridan holds the unique and rare feat of closing his career by scoring a goal on his final collegiate shot. On November 15, in the Ducks' second-round NCAA fixture against in-state rival, and nationally-ranked, Montclair State University, Sheridan's strike in the 74th minute capped a dominating 4-0 performance that propelled the Ducks over the Red Hawks for just the second time in the series history. Former head coach, Tim O'Donohue, referred to the team's performance that afternoon as "one of the best that Stevens ever had" and that Sheridan's performance and goal are some of his "lasting memories." The victory snapped Montclair State's 46-match unbeaten streak on its home turf.

"I could talk about him all day," a very emotional O'Donohue said fondly. "I loved him so much. It's not easy to talk about him because he's everything you want as a coach, not only on the field, but off the field as well. I always say to my teams that relationships are a two-way street; it's a mutual thing, even between coach and player and Todd was always listening and he was always aware of that. Todd would stop by at my office every day and ask, 'what are we doing today, Coach?' We had a running joke where he would challenge me to stop drinking so much coffee, and I would tell him the next day I would cut back. He was just a great guy. A big personality and you could not help but adore him. He was a special person and all of his coaches and teammates will always love and remember him."



Equally as successful in the classroom as he was on the soccer field, Sheridan was named to the Dean's List in each of his four years in Hoboken and was also a three-year Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar and a three-time Edwin A. Stevens Scholar. He won the Joel Crouch Award as a senior for his four-year contributions to the men's soccer program and was the recipient of the Athletic Department's Dr. Harold J. Raveche Award in 2010, which is awarded annually to the male and female senior student-athlete who best combine academic and athletic excellence with the ability to lead in the classroom and in competition.

Sheridan earned a Bachelor's of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from Stevens in 2010 and graduated with a 3.30 GPA and honors. He loved and excelled at Physics, even considered earning a Master's Degree in Physics. Instead, he would go on to earn his Master's of Science degree in Geotechnical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 2012.

Following graduation from the University of Texas, he worked for several midsize engineering firms, including GZA Environmental. As an Assistant Project Manager, Todd led several soil re-enforcement projects in Glassboro, NJ and monitored vibration levels of Manhattan skyscrapers as subway tunnels (e.g., #7 Line) were bored under the city. He earned his PE License and was an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Geo-Tech Institute. His next assignment at GZA was the On-

Site Construction Manager responsible for cleaning up the Gowanus Canal Superfund Site in Brooklyn, NY – one of the largest environmental cleanups in the country. In his free time, Todd loved coaching youth leagues and led the Voorhees Soccer Association team to their first 50-50 season.

You are gone, but Todd you will never be forgotten. Thank you for +32 wonderful years. We are very proud of you, everything you have accomplished and everything you represent. Dostoevsky said, "the darker the night the brighter the stars (Todd), the deeper the grief, the closer is God." Stay alert for signs from Todd, he sends them every day. They will make you smile and provide you a bit of comfort!

The Stevens Institute of Technology Department of Athletics mourned the heartbreaking loss of the former men's soccer student-athlete with the following passages:

**Director of Athletics [Russell Rogers](#):**

"Todd was the ideal student-athlete; on the field, in the classroom, and you could not find a nicer person. One of the things that sticks out most to me was Todd's knack for scoring big goals in important situations. His game-winner in the first round of the 2008 NCAA Tournament against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and then the goal in the first five minutes of the national semifinal that year against Amherst College are two of the biggest goals in program history. Todd's loss is devastating to our athletic community, our men's soccer program and to our alumni. The memories Todd gave us will never fade."

**Former Head Men's Soccer Coach [Tim O'Donohue](#):**

"Todd was everything a coach could have wanted in a player - relentless, selfless, humble, funny and loyal. On top of that he had some serious ability accompanied by a tenacity and will to win that is rare. Todd was the most important player in a lot of ways, the heart of the most successful team in Stevens Men's Soccer history. He didn't get all of the accolades, but he was the most indispensable member of the team if you ask any of his teammates. He had a knack for the back of the net, but, more than even that, so athletic, so competitive, so great in the air, just a great guy, a great personality, a great smile. Everybody loved him; just a friendly guy, a great sense of humor, a cool guy, one of the most liked people that I've ever coached or been around; it's a real tragedy. He was proud to wear the Stevens jersey - he embodied who we were as a group. Most importantly, he was great friends with every guy on the team off the field and was beloved by the team. Just a complete class act, a gentleman, a true scholar athlete."

**Former Teammate and Roommate [John Radvany](#):**

"I shared incredible memories with Todd both on and off the field. His resilient leadership and grit inspired our teammates in helping us achieve so much during our four years together. He possessed a positive energy and charisma that was treasured by all those who had the privilege to know him. Todd was taken from us too soon, yet the imprint he left on our lives will never fade."

**Former Teammate and Stevens Athletic Hall of Famer [Niko Gkionis](#):**

"Todd was the quintessential Stevens athlete. He was a genuinely good person with a lot of talent both on and off the field. His natural instinct in front of the goal was one of the best I have seen at Stevens. I remember him coming in his freshman year and working his tail off to prove himself. He did just that and left a lasting impression on the program."

**Former Teammate and Stevens Athletic Hall of Famer [Zach Carr](#):**

"Todd embodied everything that is great about Stevens and the Men's Soccer program. He was extremely talented as a player, but more importantly was an even better leader, friend, and teammate. In the three years I played with Todd, he was instrumental in our success as a team, culminating with his integral play on our way to the National Championship game. But what I will remember most is how he motivated us to succeed and led by example every day. We are all lucky to have been impacted by Todd. Though he will be sorely missed, his influence on his friends and family will live on forever."