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Aimee Leaming Wilson - Be Kind Scholarship

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The Huntsman School of Business, in partnership with OC Tanner and several USU alumnae, recently announced the creation of the Aimee Leaming Wilson Be Kind Scholarship in memory of a dear friend, sorority sister, and colleague to many True Blue Aggies.

During her time attending Utah State University, Aimee Leaming Wilson ('92, Marketing) served actively with the Chi Omega sorority, the USU Greek Community, and the Huntsman School of Business. Aimee was an exceptional student and found her passion in the field of Human Resource Management after graduating with a degree in marketing. She excelled as an HR Executive at the University of Utah and then at OC Tanner, where she was the Senior Vice President of their People and Great Work Team. Shortly after joining the team at O.C. Tanner, Aimee was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer and passed away October 12, 2016, at the age of 45. Aimee left behind a son, Jackson Barlocker, and husband, Mark Wilson.



Shortly after Aimee's passing, Danna Redmond ('93, Human Resource Management) began a campaign to raise money for a scholarship in her memory. "Aimee was an example of true friendship and sincere kindness. Aimee approached life with a positive attitude and this is the magnet that drew people to her. Aimee believed strongly in education and valued her USU education. I like to think that Aimee would be proud that her legacy can live on and help future USU Huntsman students to attain their educational goals."

In addition to the foundational gift from Danna and gifts from many other friends and family of Aimee's, O.C. Tanner Company pledged its support for the scholarship in honor of their valued colleague. Gail Bedke ('95, Journalism), Vice President for Strategic Account Management at O.C. Tanner and a dear friend to Aimee, remarked, "While we only had Aimee as our People and Great Work leader for a short period of time, the impact she made within our organization was very strong. She continues to be greatly missed."

The Aimee Leaming Wilson Be Kind Scholarship will support students in the Huntsman School of Business who excel academically and exemplify kindness, integrity, leadership and friendship. Visit <u>usu.edu/aimee</u> to make your gift.



Clockwise from Left: Mark Wilson (Aimee's husband), Patty Halaufia, Danna Redmond (center), Mindy Cox, Gail Bedke, David Sturt, President Noelle Cockett, David Peterson, Jackson Barlocker (Aimee's son), Lorraine & Jerry Moreland (Aimee's parents)