

# Annual 5K walk remembers tragic loss

## Coventry's Doug Auger was killed in car crash; memorial walk raises funds for CHS graduates

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COVENTRY— A second annual memorial 5K Walk will be held at Goddard State Park in Warwick on Sunday honoring Douglas Auger, an 18-year old Coventry High School graduate who passed away in a motor vehicle accident in 2012.

All of the proceeds of the memorial walk will go directly to the Coventry Teachers Alliance Scholarship, which provides qualifying Coventry high school seniors with funds to assist with college expenses.

Sue Auger, Doug's mother, said that at last year's walk roughly 175 people attended and raised \$6,000. The Coventry Teachers Alliance matched funds that are raised, bringing the total to \$12,000 in assisting students with college tuition.

"The whole purpose of the walk is to remember a special young man and to help students of Coventry," Auger said. "Our whole family is involved."

Many family members helped promote the event through save-the-date flyers and social media. There are businesses and individuals who also donate to the event every year. A banner that was made honoring Doug will be put up on the bridge near the park's carousel.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. with the walk starting at noon. The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. There will be light refreshments and memorial bands passed out to attendees. The walk will happen rain or shine and pets are welcome.

Doug was no stranger to Coventry athletic teams. He was a dedicated member of the

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File photo

The late Doug Auger drives to the hoop against Cranston East during his time playing for the Coventry High basketball team. Auger was killed in a car crash shortly after graduating.

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Coventry Soccer Association and also played baseball in the Central Coventry Little League and Babe Ruth League. He was a member of the varsity basketball team and was part of the Coventry Basketball Association. With the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School basketball team, Doug played in the Amateur Athletic Union Basketball League.

The 2012 Coventry High School graduate had been working for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management at Goddard State Park after graduation and had plans to attend the Community College of Rhode Island.

For those who would like to donate but can't attend the event, checks can be made payable to the Coventry Teachers Alliance Scholarship Fund and mailed to Sue Tracy at Coventry High School. She is one of the teachers handling scholarship fund donations.