

## Plainville swim coach memorialized with scholarship

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Randy Doucette was a highly accomplished educator and swim coach at Plainville High School.

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PLAINVILLE — The Main Street Community Foundation has recently announced the establishment of the Coach Randy Doucette Scholarship Fund to memorialize and continue the legacy of the famed Plainville High School swim coach.

Doucette, affectionately known as “Coach,” was a highly accomplished educator and coach, who led

\$249	\$109	\$136	\$299	\$74	\$99	

He also earned the CIAC Connecticut Boys Swimming Coach of the Year award in 2009 and was inducted into the Plainville Hall of Fame in 2015.

Doucette challenged his students and athletes to always “work hard and keep your head in the game” in every aspect of life. Now, the Doucette family is continuing that tradition as the scholarship seeks to award Plainville residents, who are moving on to the next step after high school graduation.

These scholarships will be awarded annually to residents of Plainville who are graduating seniors of Plainville High School and current members in good standing of the PHS Swim Team. The scholarships are eligible for students seeking any post secondary education whether it is college, vocational or technical school.

The deadline to apply for the inaugural scholarship is March 8.

Main Street Community Foundation President and CEO Susan D. Sadecki said this foundation honors his legacy in the main ways that he challenged his students. She said it honors his dedication to Plainville.

“Education was very important to the family because Randy was an educator in addition to being a swim coach,” Sadecki said. “It was important for the family because of their father's passion for education and to continue that opportunity in the students that will be graduating from Plainville.”

She said another way it carries on Doucette’s legacy is by continuing the importance of leadership.

“He was quite the mentor and he was an individual who wanted to instill leadership and always working hard and doing the right thing,” she said. “The legacy of coach Randy will continue in each of the students that will benefit from this educational opportunity. The opportunity for someone to have some financial assistance through a scholarship to pursue their educational and career dreams is important. So the ability to do that in a lasting way is why families establish funds at a community foundation because they want to honor their loved ones in a lasting way.”

