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Supporting the Benedictine Spirit of Compassionate Care

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## Bike for Cancer Remembers Dan Barnes

Kingston, N.Y. – August 2, 2016 – The Benedictine Health Foundation's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Bike for Cancer Care will take place on Sunday, September 18 at Dietz Stadium in Kingston. For the second consecutive year, the event's 50-mile ride will be named in memory of Dan Barnes.

Born and raised in Kingston, Dan Barnes was an outstanding student, athlete, and friend to all who knew him. He graduated from Kingston High School in 2003, lettering in four sports, and then went on to study at the University at Albany where he played football and lacrosse. After earning a master's degree in International Relations in Madrid, Dan worked in Spain analyzing humanitarian aid for organizations and countries. He was married in Spain, and loved his life there while traveling for work and pleasure. Although he was far from home, Kingston and the people he grew up with remained always in his heart.

In March, 2015, Dan died at the age of 30 after a two year battle with Melanoma. "Dan said he wanted his story shared to help prevent cancer and cure it. We are proud to have his name and memory connected with the Bike for Cancer Care to support the Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund to help cancer patients and their families in our community," stated Dan's mother, Marie Barnes.

The bike ride offers a 12-, 25-, and 50-mile route. In addition, debuting in 2016, a non-competitive, 5K Run/Walk will travel throughout historic Uptown Kingston. A Kids Fun Run inside Dietz Stadium will offer supervised children's activities to parents in the 5K.

Funds raised through the event will benefit the Foundation's Rosemary D. Gruner Memorial Cancer Fund which provides financial assistance to local cancer patients while they receive treatment. Over 1600 patients have received more than \$700,000 in assistance. For event details, to register or donate, visit [www.bikeforcancer.org](http://www.bikeforcancer.org), or contact the Foundation office at (845) 334-3017.

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