

I consider myself fortunate, among only a few incoming graduate students, to have met Jason Cartwright during my early start here at Purdue. In a just a short time, since we began our summer class together, I have come to know him as an upstanding person. He was one with a unique personality and a strong dedication to his work.

The most striking thing about Jason was undoubtedly his unique style of self-expression. His uncanny attention to detail and formal style, were always present when he spoke. Jason had a knack for being both thoughtful and direct, almost without exception. For those of us who knew him well, this was the most humorous part of Jason, yet the sincerity and effect of his words were truly admirable.

Jason grew up in Texas with his Mother and Grandparents. His relationship with his Grandfather shaped much of his interest in music and science. His lifelong passion for science and a drive for deep understanding guided him through Biomedical Engineering at Boston University and eventually here to Purdue. Had Jason remained with us in the department, he would have emerged with a master's Degree in Biomedical engineering and a Ph. D. in Physics, a truly outstanding achievement.

On an occasion, I had the opportunity to meet with Jason's Mother and Stepfather while they were here at Purdue. Under such somber circumstances I was taken aback, that despite their deep sorrow they maintained an uplifting spirit. It was a heartwarming to hear their stories about Jason in his younger years, and how he became the person we knew. To me it was obvious that such a deep resolve could come only from a strong relationship between wonderful people. I know he will be deeply missed by his family and many of us in the department. Jason, I wish you a peaceful rest, you were a good friend and a great person, thank you for spending time with us here at Purdue.

Richard Brosius - in memory of Jason Cartwright