

**News Release**  
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## **ICC Foundation Announces Recipient of Martinez Scholarship**

Independence Community College and the Independence Community College Foundation are proud to announce that Chris Henderson is the 2008 recipient of the Trevor Joseph Martinez Scholarship. Shari and Caesar Martinez founded the scholarship through the ICC Foundation in memory of their son Trevor to encourage students. The scholarship awards a GED test candidate in financial need with funds to take the GED test. All recipients have already passed the official GED practice test.

Chris started the ICC GED preparation program in June of 2008 and even though Chris underwent surgery on both knees, he continued to attend regularly and improve his skills. As Chris's skill in math improved so did his confidence. As Chris's confidence grew, he would often volunteer to explain math problems on the board for the rest of the class. Dan Fossoy, the ICC adult education math instructor, noted, "Chris would make a great teacher. My job has become easier with Chris demonstrating how to solve so many math problems." As Chris's reading and writing skills improved, he typed thoughtful, provoking, and interesting essays. He completed a resume and was awarded a Silver WorkKeys® Certificate.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> Chris passed the Official GED® test and will receive a Kansas State High School diploma. His scores qualify him for the Dean's scholarship at ICC. Chris plans to go to college to become a radiologist.

For more information about the Martinez Scholarship and ICC's GED preparation program, please contact Dan Fossoy at (620) 332-1420.