JSM Memorial Session for Tom Short
Local Impacts and Mentorship

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“Every time I meet a former student of his, they talk about what a huge impact he had on them.”

Joe Pigeon

Hosted dinner (out of pocket) at JSM with all Villanova students
Mentor...From Afar

MAT7310
Summer Workshop at Villanova

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Center for Statistics Education (CSE)

A Bowl of PASTA with Stats Friends

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Reflections from Ruth Carver

“I loved everything about Tom’s teaching style – he was funny, engaging, incredibly good at explaining even the most abstract concepts, and he never wasted a moment of your time. Tom made teaching statistics seem like the coolest and most fun thing you could do. He was incredibly gracious and patient.”

- Created PASTA (Philadelphia Area Statistics Teachers Alliance) with Tom
- Statistics Career Day at Merck, Presentations at local schools
- ASA Poster Competition
- OATMOPAV – Tom invited Ruth to help organize
- AP Statistics Test Development Committee – from mentor to colleague
- “I hope Tom knew how much I admired, respected, and genuinely liked him. I wish I had the chance to tell him again.”
“Tom’s biggest contribution was his relationship to teachers. He, with Jerry Moreno and David Spohn, worked with high school AP Teachers that would meet quarterly on Saturday mornings to discuss how to teach AP Stat better. Tom was such a huge resource for this group as his experience being an AP Stat reader, exam leader, and member of the test development committee, helped those teachers immensely prepare their students for the exam. I attended these Saturday morning sessions when I could, but I always so impressed with Tom at these meetings and the devotion of him, and the teachers, to being better teachers.”
Be Proactive!

5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain

ASK  KEEP THEM SAFE  BE THERE  HELP THEM CONNECT  STAY CONNECTED

National Institute of Mental Health
www.nimh.nih.gov
Keeping His Memory Alive

- Tom Short Memorial Fund - Consortium for the Advancement of Undergraduate Statistics Education (CAUSE) – Tom Short Memorial Fund

- Family is collecting memories, stories, and anecdotes at memories.of.tom.short@gmail.com

- Award for Teaching Excellence - Philadelphia Chapter of the ASA
  - Proposal to rename it in Tom’s memory
“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”
--- Winston Churchill