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Supreme Court Statement About Law Student Who Died

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia would like to express sincere condolences to the family of Seth Allen Underwood, a second-year student at the West Virginia University College of Law, who died December 30.

“I first met Seth in 2017 when he and his fellow WVU student government officers visited the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Seth was an exceptionally gifted young man with a very bright future. We share the profound sense of loss being felt by his fellow students, and the faculty and staff at the WVU School of Law.” said Chief Justice Evan Jenkins.

Seth was born April 20, 1997, in Elkins and graduated from Tucker County High School in 2015 in the top 10 of his class. He was a member of the National Honor Society and a National Merit Finalist. He attended American Legion Boys State and the Governor’s Honor Academy. He was a completer in auto mechanics. He was a recipient of the EQT Student of Excellence scholarship and the Golden Horseshoe Award.

He received a bachelor’s degree in Energy Land Management from West Virginia University in 2019. He was a member of the WVU Student Government, American Association of Professional Woodmen, and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was part of the WVU Food Recovery Network.

Seth started his own company in 2018, Underwood Land Services, which did contract work with gas companies. He was a Mason.

He is survived by his parents, Jerry Underwood, Jr., and Kelly Corcoran Underwood of Parsons; his sister, Leah Underwood and her companion, Seth Pifer; and a large extended family.

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