

Dave Engels, a 1979 Journalism graduate of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, was the classic hard-nosed newspaperman – an objective journalist thoroughly committed to the principles of his craft – during his more than two decades as a reporter and political analyst for his hometown daily, the Kenosha News.

He left this world too soon in November 2003, at the age of 47.

The Dave Engels Journalism Scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Dave Engels and his contributions to the field of newspaper reporting.

“The Dave Engels Journalism Scholarship will be awarded to deserving journalism students whose personal and professional qualities mirror the commitment to the field of reporting that Dave embodied. Our goal is to raise at least \$10,000 to fully endow this scholarship. Thanks to generous donations from his family and friends and UW Oshkosh alumni and faculty, we have advanced slightly more than 75 percent toward meeting that goal. Once the fund is endowed, earnings from the fund will support this scholarship. Therefore, every dollar contributed to the fund will allow for a greater annual scholarship award in Dave’s name.” Dave Backmann, 1978 UW Oshkosh Journalism graduate.

Engels won 10 writing/reporting awards between 1981 and 1998, including four from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and three from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards. He was a member of Kenosha Newspaper Guild Local 34159 from 1980 to 2002, the union representing Kenosha News editorial employees. He was also a member of the local’s executive board for 14 years and served as president of the local in 1993 and 1994.



Engels’ fascination with politics blossomed at UW Oshkosh. First as a reporter for the Advance-Titan and later as news editor of the student newspaper, he sought out interviews with leaders in student government. Engels’ manner was friendly and outgoing toward the people he interviewed. However, he enjoyed turning up the heat as an interview progressed, especially with those he relished questioning – senators, governors, aldermen, assemblymen – all manner of politicians. Co-workers at the Kenosha News knew he had a habit of clearing his throat just before throwing “the roundhouse right,” the toughest question he’d ask, the zinger he’d been waiting all interview to ask.

“For years, Dave Engels informed and educated countless readers about events impacting our community, our state, and

our nation. The passion, commitment, and journalistic integrity which Dave exuded throughout his career provide a great example for aspiring reporters to follow. I am confident that the Dave Engels Journalism Scholarship will assist University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students in furthering their education in this important field and ensure that Wisconsin's rich tradition of principled journalism continues well into the future." Congressman Paul Ryan

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