

Professor Nathan Alexander Remembered

In this section we remember our colleague, teacher, and friend, Nathan Alexander. We miss you, Nathan!

From Joe McCall, Senior Lecturer:

Nathan had an amazing capacity to show up for work in the morning in a beautifully-cut three-piece suit – and then linger in his office until late in the day wearing the most ragged looking shorts and shirt imaginable. He wore the suit when he had a meeting on campus with his extensive committee work where he left a lasting impact on Troy's larger community of scholarship and community. Then he changed for a rousing pick-up basketball game with some of his students. Word was that Nathan was not a great shot-maker, but he could pass as well as anybody on the court. It is not surprising that Nathan was more concerned about how his team did than how many points he could make. He always tried to make those around him better.

From Sandra and Steve Alexander, Nathan's parents:

Elisa, Nathan's daughter, reminds us so much of her Dad and we are continually amazed at how much she remembers of what he taught her. Elisa's mother spoke Portuguese, so Nathan decided to learn Portuguese so he could also encourage Elisa to speak both English and Portuguese. This happened until Elisa's mother called him up and said, "Stop speaking Portuguese with Elisa. You're pronouncing it all wrong and she is imitating you." Nathan's attempt at the Portuguese language became known as "the Portuguese du (of) Daddy!" Elisa also told us that Nathan had instructed her to pick out three virtues which she would never compromise on. She remembered this and has followed though.