

## Dollars for Scholars Spotlight

***It's a tradition.....***

# **FLOODWOOD GRADUATES SUCCEED**

**Michael Wapola**, son of Roland Wapola and Margaret Kanninen, graduated from Floodwood High School with the class of 1991. He earned a Bachelor's of History from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, a Bachelor's in Accounting from the College of St. Scholastica and a Coding Specialist Certificate from the College of St. Catherine.

While at Floodwood High School, Mike was uncertain about his future goals. One thing he did know was that he wanted to find a job that would offer him sound financial security. His decision to pursue a college degree was critical to fulfilling that goal. Mike is currently employed with Children's Hospitals & Clinics of Minneapolis. His job responsibilities include Coding Specialty Clinics – Hem/Onc. Endocrine, Infectious, etc.

Mike makes his home in Duluth, MN with his wife, Janelle (Schminiski) and his two sons, Tyler (age 15) and Daniel (age 14).

Mike's message for the community of Floodwood: For the kids out there looking to attend college – don't take a moment of it for granted: it's too expensive. Have a plan. Even though plans may change, have an idea of what you want out of your education and set out to get it. College is too expensive to attend while just "figuring it out". Getting an education is a great idea and well worth it, just don't do it because there's nothing else.

