



## Andrew Howard Nichols

July 5, 1981 - January 26, 2021

Andrew Howard Nichols was born on Sunday, July 5, 1981, in Huntsville, Alabama. He transitioned from this life on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Casey House (Montgomery Hospice), in Rockville, MD. He was the only child of his surviving parents Robert and Myrtle Nichols of Huntsville, AL.

Andrew accepted Christ on September 12, 1993 at twelve years old and was baptized at Living Word Church in Huntsville, AL.

Andrew was educated in the Madison County Public School System and graduated in the 1999 class of Grissom High School where he was a team member of the State Champions in boys' basketball. He earned a Bachelor of Arts (2003) from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. He earned a Master of Education (2005) from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA. Andrew received a Doctor of Philosophy (2009) from Penn State University, State College, PA.

Andrew was employed by The Education Trust as Senior Director of Higher Education Research and Data Analytics. Andrew helped develop strategies that identified patterns and trends in college access, affordability, and success with emphasis on improving outcomes for underserved students. Prior to joining the Education Trust, Andrew served as the Director for Research and Policy Analysis at the Maryland Higher Education Commission. He

successfully led the research division in developing and producing analytical and informational reports examining key higher education issues. Andrew also worked at the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education where his research focused on enhancing educational opportunities for low-income and first-generation college students. Andrew co-authored several book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles published in the Review of Higher Education, Journal of College Student Development, and Teachers College Record. Andrew will be missed by his special friend and caregiver Roberta Hatchett, a host of loving relatives, and many, many devoted friends.

Internment service will be Friday, February 19, 2021 at Oakwood Memorial Gardens in Huntsville, AL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Drew graduated from Vanderbilt the May before I began my undergraduate career there. I'm so grateful that, years later, our career paths intersected, and to have known and been inspired by his work, passion, and example. Today's service was an inspiring reflection of the person he was and the legacy he leaves. Rest in power, my friend.

Kyle Southern - February 19, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Andrew Howard Nichols.



February 17, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Andrew Howard Nichols.



February 14, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Andrew Howard Nichols.*



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February 13, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *I was part of Andrew's life for five years as his teacher and vice principal. He was intelligent , funny and athletic. I knew his parents and he was their pride and joy. He even became my fraternity brother. Rest In Peace one of my kids 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Sonny Rooks** - February 13, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew Howard Nichols.*



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February 10, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Andrew Howard Nichols.*



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February 08, 2021 at 10:14 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Drew at Ed Trust. What stands out most is his incredible passion and willingness to hold others accountable to the values they espoused. He was fearless in his convictions about educational inequities, especially about the impact on Black males in higher education. I learned a lot from just listening to him talk. I am truly saddened for your loss.

*Tanji Reed Marshall*

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**Tanji Reed Marshall, PhD** - February 08, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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“ Drew was a fine young man. We first got to know each other when I had Drew in class at Penn State. Because my real job was in administration, I was fortunate to be able to later have Drew do some work in our office as he was completing his doctoral program. Drew was bright, capable, pleasant and even-keeled. We enjoyed talking about higher ed, basketball, and just life in general. Again, I will have a good thought for Drew's loved ones.

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**Mike Dooris** - February 06, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Andrew Howard Nichols.



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February 06, 2021 at 02:02 PM

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**Kimberly Williams** - February 01, 2021 at 10:08 PM