



## **David Fajgenbaum**

Co-founder, Students of AMF  
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While a student at Georgetown University, David founded Students of AMF, a peer-led support group and service program, in memory of his mother, Anne Marie Fajgenbaum. Working with co-founder Ben Chesson, David grew the Georgetown chapter into a national, nonprofit organization in 2006, while also conducting research for his senior thesis on college student bereavement. At Georgetown, David was a John Carroll Fellow, quarterback of the football team, Raines Scholar, recipient of the 2005 Georgetown Lena Landegger Community Service Award, Rhodes Scholar Finalist, one of 20 college students in the United States named to the [2007 USA TODAY Academic All-America First Team](#), and graduated Magna Cum Laude in Honors Human Sciences with Distinction.

After Georgetown, David attended Oxford University as the recipient of Georgetown's Joseph L. Allbritton Scholarship and completed a 24-month master's degree (M.Sc. by Research) in Public Health with a focus on cancer prevention in 8 months.

David was selected as one of 12 winners of the [2007 BRICK Award](#) in North America for his outstanding leadership, achievements with AMF, and for being a young person who has "changed the world." In April 2008, he was named one of 10 [Reader's Digest "Make it Matter"](#) stories of the year, which included a feature story and photo on the cover of the issue. NBC's [Today Show](#) ran a similar story the same week the Reader's Digest article was published. Eli Lilly recently awarded David the 2012 Welcome Back Award for his national community mental health achievements ([click here to watch his acceptance speech](#)).

David is currently a fourth year combined MD/MBA student at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is a Twenty-First Century Scholar and will study for an MBA at the Wharton School of Business.