After graduating from the SIU Automotive Technology Program, Edward Wright led a successful career in the automotive industry.

The majority of his career was with Mitsubishi in their training and development group. Ed was an exceptional instructor and curriculum developer. He took on various leadership and management assignments as he was a skillful manager and mentor.

Ed was a strong supporter of students and their education. He was an active member of the SIU Automotive Advisory Board and he continually visited the Program promoting student and instructor learning. Ed was responsible for hiring many SIU automotive graduates into the industry and mentoring their growth and success.

Ed passed far too early in his career. Through his estate, he wanted to continue his passion of supporting students and their education with the development of this endowment. Many of Ed’s co-workers have also helped support this fund in his memory.