

**David “Dave” Benjamin Sommer (FCAS 1993)
1964-2015**

Mentor, Musician, Renaissance Man

Dave Sommer lived passionately and excelled in all his areas of interest. He died suddenly and tragically in January 2015, in São Paulo, Brazil.

Born in Concord, California, the second-born of triplet boys, Sommer was an Eagle Scout and graduate of the University of California-Berkeley and UC-San Diego. He parlayed his actuarial career into an international one, working in 20 countries across six continents. He arrived in Brazil in 1999 and was taken with the country, the culture and the people.

Sommer was a down-to-earth, generous person and a natural teacher who encouraged his students to excel. Winner of the 1999 CAS Ratemaking Prize, Sommer held executive appointments at leading multinational insurance companies and consultancies. He also played the saxophone in many bands. He is survived by his parents, Melvin and Sybil; siblings Steven, Debbie, Scott and Bruce; and his son, Josef. Memorial donations can be made to the Spirit of Harmony Foundation.