The Jake Jagoda Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established in 2007 by Anna May and Louis Jagoda in memory of their son, Jake. It supports graduate students at the Heller School with preference for students interested in sustainable international development with a further interest in environmental and/or water conservation issues.

Jake Jagoda was only 24 when he died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. Originally from Huntington, New York, Jake had recently started his job at Cantor Fitzgerald. While he did not attend Brandeis, his sister Mary I. Jagoda did until she died in her junior year, two years after her brother died. The Brandeis community helped her after his passing and the family was inspired by that compassion to create a scholarship in memory of Jake.

Jake had a love for fishing and he served as a mate on fishing boats for several years. “He did any kind of fishing - fly fishing, on fishing boats, ocean fishing, cod fishing,” his mother said. “He even tried ice fishing.”

Mr. and Mrs. Jagoda remain very interested in the recipients of Jake Jagoda Memorial Scholarship Endowment.