

Fifty-two received scholarships in 2009

Fifty-two seniors from Fergus Falls High School and Hillcrest Lutheran Academy received scholarships totaling nearly \$44,000 during the annual spring awards luncheon for the Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars.

These 52 students are among the 522 who have received \$376,000 in scholarships since the all-volunteer organization selected its first five recipients in 1992.

Six scholarships were awarded for the first time in 2009:

The **Isaiah Anderson Memorial Scholarship** honors the 2002 graduate of Fergus Falls High School, who died in an accident in 2008. Anderson was a great fan of the games of baseball and softball, so family and friends created a scholarship that will be awarded each year to a member of the FFHS girls softball team or boys baseball team. The Isaiah Anderson Men's Softball Tournament, held in Fergus Falls each summer, raises funds for the scholarship.

Mary Lee Anderson Nord enjoyed music and participated in both band and choir at Fergus Falls High School and in college. Although Nord went on to become a biology teacher until her death in 1987, her parents, Paul and Mary Ann Anderson, chose to create a scholarship that will be awarded each year to a student who plans to major in music.

Excel Plastics of Fergus Falls committed to the creation of a scholarship that will be awarded an-



The 2009 annual spring awards luncheon.

nually to a student who is attending a technical college program.

The **Lake Region Hospital Foundation Scholarship** was created to support students who plan to enter medical fields and attend Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Fergus Falls. Two scholarships are available each year for students who enroll in a nursing program or the medical lab technician program at M State.

Lloyd and Beverly Paulson had previously created two scholarships for students planning careers in vocational fields, and they added a third one that was awarded in 2009.

StoneL Corporation committed to an annual scholarship to benefit a Fergus Falls student who is planning to pursue a career in an engineering field.

Thanks to the Class of 1959

Members of the Fergus Falls High School chose a fitting way to celebrate their 50th reunion this summer: by supporting Dollars for Scholars with a donation of nearly \$1,100.

Class President Gordon Goese said about 90 of the class's original 150 members attended the reunion in mid-July, and he and his fellow class officers opted to contribute their funds to benefit future graduates of their alma mater.



Allie Murphy accepts her scholarship.

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Our students continue to be a wise investment

A letter from the president

Todd McGovern, President, 2009



Dear Friends,

During this past year, we all have felt the pressure of the shifting economy. Many in our community have been impacted directly by increasing costs, the strain on retirement funds and the turbulent stock markets.

There are challenging decisions to be made concerning which charitable causes to support. Sincere thanks to all of you who were able to include Dollars for Scholars in your past giving. It is a very effective use of your contributions.

Even during these trying times, our Dollars for Scholars chapter continues to move forward with our goal of providing scholarships to enhance educational opportunities for our local graduates. Individually and as a group, our board members share a concern for assisting our young people as they mature and develop into active contributors to our community.

What a great day we had last April at our annual Awards Luncheon! It was celebrated, appropriately, in Legacy Hall on the campus of Minnesota State Community and Technical College-Fergus Falls. We were honored to present scholarships totaling more than \$43,000 to 52 outstanding high school seniors. That brought the 18-year total awarded to \$375,920, benefiting 522 students. The many individuals, families and organizations throughout our region who have encouraged and supported this association can share this wondrous achievement.

Our Fergus Falls Dollars for Scholars is only one of more than 1,200 local, volunteer-driven chapters across America. On a national level, I think of Dollars for Scholars as the "anti- Cash for Clunkers," the government-sponsored car allowance rebate system. This very popular program this past summer (No. 2 most-searched-for subject behind ... Brett Favre!) used tax

dollars to remove "clunkers" from society. This is essentially the opposite of our benefactors, who give of their personal time and resources to help benefit society with our best and brightest!

Before concluding, I want to thank David Schneeberger for allowing me to assume the presidency of Dollars for Scholars for the coming year. Dave is the F.D.R. of the Fergus Falls chapter, having served skillfully as our president since 2005. This past year we also "graduated" some long-time board members, each of whom has been instrumental in the prosperity of this organization. Bonnie Denzel, Marilyn Hansel, Tom Johnson and Peg Kalar leave the board with our gratitude. The people in life you should get even with are those who have helped you. A lot of us need to get even with this crowd.

I want to add, as well, that the Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars lost one of its charter donors this past year with the passing of Beverly Gerhardson Paulson. Beverly graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1948 and has been an annual sponsor of scholarships since 1992. Beverly and her husband Lloyd were instrumental in laying the foundation of this affiliate, and they continued to be strong supporters of area youth in many fields of study. She has had a direct and positive influence on a lot of young peoples' lives. Beverly's encouragement will be sadly missed by each of us associated with this program over the years.

To our students, continue to work hard, study and be willing to make changes. Grasp good ideas from other people, and strive to be successful on a daily basis. Intelligence in the future will be measured by your ability to learn, unlearn and relearn.

Make your future bigger than your past.

Warm regards,
Todd McGovern
President, Fergus Falls Dollars for Scholars

Thanks to our donors

The Fergus Falls community believes in investing in the education of young people. We are fortunate to live where citizens understand that education must be a top priority and that our young people need help affording education beyond high school. The generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations has helped Dollars for Scholars grow. We are grateful to our donors, who are listed below. (Donor list as of Sept. 1, 2009.)

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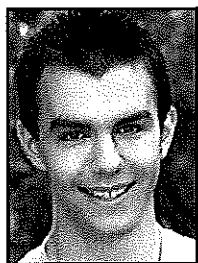
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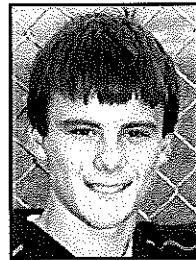
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2009 Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars Scholarships

Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars was established in 1991 with encouragement and contributions from numerous alumni and area businesses. Scholarships have been awarded each year since 1992. Scholarship recipients are selected according to Dollars for Scholars guidelines, with some scholarships having additional criteria.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

Legacy donors have contributed \$25,000 or more to create named scholarships that are awarded annually.

Bechtel Memorial

Lillian Bechtel began teaching at Fergus Falls High School in 1944. Her husband, Edward, was principal at FFHS until his retirement in 1970. This scholarship was created in the fall of 2003.

Henry and Elizabeth Cowles Memorial

Henry and Elizabeth Cowles moved to Fergus Falls in the late 1940s when he began work at Otter Tail Power Co., and they became involved and supportive members of the community. This scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2008, is designated for a student pursuing a career in engineering.

Eagles Aerie #2339

The Eagles Aerie #2339 established a scholarship in 1995 to assist students with their post-secondary education. The organization has made ongoing donations since that year.

Fergus Falls Educators

In 2007, members of the Fergus Falls Education Association and fellow School District 544 educators created this scholarship, which is designated for a student planning a career in education.

Sample Memorial

The Sample family established this scholarship in memory of Alexander K. Sample and Thomas Sample, twin brothers who graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1945. The scholarship was one of the initial Dollars for Scholars scholarships and has been awarded annually since 1992.

Dr. Frank Veden

Dr. Frank Veden was a dentist who practiced for many years in Fergus Falls and left his estate to fund a wide variety of projects that benefit Fergus Falls. The first scholarship was awarded in 1999.

HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Heritage donors have contributed at least \$10,000 to create named scholarships that are awarded annually.

Isaiah Anderson Memorial

Isaiah "Pudge" Anderson was a great fan of the games of baseball and softball. After his death in a truck accident in 2008, his friends and family created this scholarship to be awarded to a member of the Fergus Falls High School girls softball or boys baseball team who shares Anderson's love of the game and teammates. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2009.

Gordon and Joan Bakken

Gordon and Joan Bakken are lifelong community residents known for their support of many projects that have improved the community. The scholarship was first awarded in 1992.

Bank of the West

The Bank of the West Scholarship was established in 1998 to reflect the bank's support of graduating seniors in their quest to continue education beyond high school.

Robert Block

Upon his retirement as superintendent of the Fergus Falls School District, Mr. Block's colleagues and friends established this scholarship in 1997 to recognize his contributions to the school district and the community.

Dorn & Co., Inc.

Larry Dorn is an FFHS graduate who returned to his hometown after college to establish the Dorn & Co. investment securities firm. The scholarship has been awarded annually since 1992.

John and Kim Erickson

This scholarship was created by Kim and John Erickson, who was one of the charter members of the Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars board of directors. It was awarded for the first time in 2007.

Helmer Otto Gerhardson

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson and her husband, Lloyd, created this scholarship in memory of her father, who was a 1927 graduate of Fergus Falls High School. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2006.

Rudolph "Duffy" Gerhardson

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson and her husband, Lloyd, created this scholarship in 2007 in memory of her brother, a 1951 Fergus Falls High School graduate who worked in health care. The award is designated for a student going into a health care field.

Edna Dierich Hagen

Edna Dierich Hagen's love of children was apparent during her 45-year teaching career and in the scholarship donation she bequeathed prior to her death in April 2004. This scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2005.

ITT Corporation

In the early 1990s, two FFHS science teachers were awarded a \$10,000 grant from ITT for scholarships for students interested in math or science. In 1999, the grant funds were transferred to Dollars for Scholars.

Eleanore Keane Johnson

Eleanor "Babe" Keane Johnson was a lifelong resident of Fergus Falls who wanted young people to have the opportunity to continue their education beyond high school. The scholarship was established in 2002.

Lake Region

Healthcare Corporation

Lake Region Healthcare Corporation is a charter donor to Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars. This scholarship is awarded to a student planning to enter a health care field.

Lake Region Hospital Foundation

This scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2009, was created to support students enrolling in either a nursing program or the medical lab technician program at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Fergus Falls.

Anna Nelson Memorial

Anna Nelson was a proud Otter and an enthusiastic percussionist in the band programs at FFHS, graduating in 2002. After her death in a car accident in 2004, a scholarship was created in her memory, with the award to be given annually to an FFHS student who has participated in the school's band program. This scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2005.

Mark Lee Anderson Nord

Paul and Mary Ann Anderson honored their daughter, who died in 1987, with the creation of this scholarship, which is designated for a student planning a career in music. Nord was a biology teacher, but she loved music and participated in band and choir at Fergus Falls High School and in college. It was awarded for the first time in 2009.

Mark Olson Rotary

Mark Olson is a former president of both Security State Bank and the Fergus Falls Noon Rotary Club. In June 2002, he was appointed a governor of the Federal Reserve System. The Noon Rotarians created the scholarship in 2003.

Otter Tail Corporation

Established in 2006, Otter Tail Corporation's scholarship provides support for graduating local high school students as they go on to higher education.

Otter Tail Power Company

A scholarship has been awarded each year since 1992 in the name of Otter Tail Power Company. Additionally, many Otter Tail Power employees have contributed their professional expertise to Dollars for Scholars.

Ottertail Coaches

Ottertail Coaches established a scholarship to demonstrate its interest in and support for the community's young people. The recipient must be an FFHS student.

Ottertail Builders

This scholarship was established in 2008 by a donation from Ottertail Builders when the local trade group disbanded. The scholarship benefits students who are studying at trade or technical schools for careers in carpentry, construction management, architecture and engineering.

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson, an FFHS Class of 1948 graduate, and her husband, Lloyd Paulson, began sponsoring scholarships in 1992. The recipient must be an FFHS graduate.

Lloyd and Beverly Paulson Vocational Scholarships

Long-time Dollars for Scholars supporters Lloyd and Beverly Paulson created two scholarships in 2008 to provide support for students planning to attend vocational or trade schools. A third Paulson Vocational Scholarship was added in 2009.

Theodore Paulson Memorial

Dr. Elmer Paulson established this scholarship in honor of his father, Dr. Theodore S. Paulson, a 1904 graduate of FFHS. The recipient must demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in English.

Service Food Market

Service Food is a charter member of Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars and a valued supporter of our community youth, both as an employer and in a variety of other endeavors.

StoneL Corporation

StoneL Corporation, a long-time member of the Fergus Falls manufacturing community, created this scholarship to provide support for a student pursuing a degree in an engineering field. It was awarded for the first time in 2009.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 612 Good Citizen

VFW Post 612 established the VFW Joe Robertson Good Citizen Scholarship in 1997 to honor Robertson, an FFHS social sciences teacher and VFW member. Two Good Citizen Scholarships are awarded each year.

SCHOLAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Donors who have contributed at least \$5,000 to the foundation have established Dollars for Scholars Scholar Level Scholarships. These scholarships are named by the donor and awarded annually.

The Art Scholarship

In 1997, area artists donated their work for a silent auction. The proceeds were dedicated to sponsoring a scholarship for a graduating senior who intends to study visual or performing arts.

Bremer Bank

The Bremer Bank Scholarship was established in 2007 to provide community support to local high school graduating seniors as they go on to higher education.

Eugene Eckhoff Memorial

Eugene Eckhoff was a beloved FFHS teacher of English, creative writing and literature. His family and colleagues established this scholarship in 1995 to honor his memory.

Fred Evenson Jr. Memorial

This scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2008, is in memory of the late Fred Evenson, an avid golfer and Fergus Falls businessman. In light of Evenson's passion for golf, it is designated for a member of an FFHS golf team.

Excel Plastics Vocational

The Fergus Falls manufacturing firm created this scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2009, to provide support for a student attending a technical college program.

Fergus Falls Education Association

The FFEA created this scholarship in 2006 with money raised in its fall variety show and through teacher contributions. The award is in honor of past and present FFEA members and is intended for a student going into education.

Gordon Gerhardson Memorial

Gordon Gerhardson, FFHS Class of 1952, worked his way through higher education and became a troubleshooter for nuclear power plants. His sister, Beverly Gerhardson Paulson, established this scholarship in his memory in 2001.

Damien Jacklitch Memorial

Damien Jacklitch, a musician and athlete who graduated from FFHS in 1999, died in a car accident in 2002. In 2003, a benefit reunion concert in his memory helped to fund this scholarship.

Northern Lakes Dental

Drs. Kelly Schroeder and Scott Wagnild created this scholarship because of their belief in the critical value of education and knowledge. The scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2008.

Otter Tail Telcom/Park Region Telephone

This scholarship was created in 2006, the company's 100th anniversary year, to reflect its continuing support of local students. Highest priority goes to students pursuing a career in telecommunications or technology.

Mary Beth Wedum

Mary Beth Hagen Wedum is a 1953 graduate of Fergus Falls High School with a strong interest in education. She is co-chair of the board of the Minneapolis-based J.A. Wedum Foundation.

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