



New Awards

Dollars for Scholars was pleased to award four new scholarships to members of the Class of 2006. The scholarships are:

- ★ Helmer Otto Gerhardson Scholarship
- ★ Otter Tail Corporation Scholarship
- ★ Fergus Falls Education Association Scholarship
- ★ Park Region Telephone/Otter Tail Telecom Scholarship

See Page 6 for details on these and the other named scholarships awarded in 2006.

2006 scholarship awards luncheon



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Forty-four students from Fergus Falls High School and Hillcrest Lutheran Academy received scholarships during an awards luncheon in May. Special thanks to the following businesses for their support for the luncheon: Otter Tail Corporation, Nelson Ford-Dodge-GMC, Security State Bank, Security Insurance and the Fergus Falls Area Family YMCA.



Dollars for Scholars, 544 Foundation: What's the difference?

On occasion, questions arise about the difference between Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars and the Fergus Falls 544 Education Foundation. While both organizations are dedicated to promoting educational opportunities for young people in our community, they benefit different groups of students.

Q: What is the history of the organizations?

A: The Fergus Falls chapter of Dollars for Scholars was created in the early 1990s by a group of community volunteers to provide scholarships to students graduating from Fergus Falls High School and Hillcrest Lutheran Academy. The Education Foundation was founded in 2000 by community volunteers to offer support for staff and students in the Fergus Falls Public Schools. Both are operated by volunteer boards.

Q: Who is eligible for scholarships from Dollars for Scholars?

A: Local students from Hillcrest and students at FFHS are eligible to seek scholarships, which are awarded on a competitive basis each May. The scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors for use during their first year at an accredited post-secondary college or technical school.

Q: Who receives funds from the 544 Foundation?

A: The foundation provides money in the form of grants to District 544 teachers, administrators and staff for classroom projects or equipment, with the goal of strengthening educational opportunities for all students in the district. In the summer of 2006, the foundation also provided funds for five students to attend engineering camps, which it will continue as an ongoing project.

Q: Who provides funds for these organizations?

A: Both Dollars for Scholars and the 544 Foundation rely on tax-deductible contributions from community members, alumni, businesses and estates. Since its inception, Dollars for Scholars has given out 361 scholarships totaling nearly \$250,000. The 544 Foundation has provided nearly \$37,000 since its creation in 2000.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Go on line for information at www.ffdollarsforscholars.org or www.544foundation.org.



Dollars reaches original goal, aims for \$1 million

A letter from the president

David Schneeberger
President, 2005-07



Fifteen years have come and gone for Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars and the opportunity we have had to help local students with their post secondary education. At our 2006 awards luncheon in May, we gave out 44 scholarships totaling nearly \$34,000. This brought our total since inception to 361 scholarships worth \$248,000. Those are fantastic numbers made possible by the strong support we have received from individuals, businesses and organizations in our area.

We were pleased this year to receive an additional \$5,000 from the Fergus Falls Eagles, a long-time supporter of our chapter. In addition, new named scholarships were made possible by contributions from Otter Tail Corporation, Park Region Telephone/Otter Tail Telcom, the Fergus Falls Education Association and Lloyd and Beverly Gerhardson Paulson, who created the Helmer Otto Gerhardson Memorial Scholarship to honor Mrs. Paulson's father.

A special thank you is extended to those who created these new named scholarships as well as all of the other contributors during this past year. If you have not attended one of our awards luncheons, I hope you have the opportunity to do so in the future, either as the parent of a scholarship recipient or as a named scholarship donor. It is a wonderful experience to see all of the young people rewarded for their hard work and extra efforts, and it is especially enjoyable to watch the number of recipients continue to grow. A highlight is seeing the donors and recipients meet and visit face to face during the awards luncheon.

When our chapter of Dollars for Scholars was organized, its initial goal of a \$544,000 endowment seemed like an insurmountable stretch. Thanks to generous donations and bequests, we passed that goal in 2005. We could have rested on our laurels, but that isn't the style of our dedicated, committed board. Realizing the possibility of creating additional scholarships to help even more students, we have established a new goal of a \$1 million endowment.

We look forward to hearing from businesses and individuals interested in making a contribution at any level: 544 Club, Sponsor, Leader and especially those willing to establish a named scholarship by joining at the Scholar, Heritage or Legacy levels. Named scholarships can be set up in the name of a living or deceased individual, couple, family, business or benefactor. It is a wonderful, permanent tribute and remembrance that is appreciated each and every year by our student recipients.

The key benefit of the organization continues to be the students we are able to assist — bright, accomplished individuals who lead by example. We keep in touch with these students as they travel off to college, and we ask them to provide the community with an update on their college experiences by writing articles that are published in the local paper. This gives us one more opportunity to see them learn and grow into the leaders of the next generation. We as a community have a huge responsibility to ready our young adults for their post secondary educational experience and for the "real world." We take this responsibility seriously, and we hope you will join us as we all help to prepare these young people for the future.

For more information on Dollars for Scholars and its scholarships, please visit the Web site at:
www.ffdollarsforscholars.org

Where are they now?

We contacted Fergus Falls Dollars for Scholars scholarship recipients from 1996 to ask them where their education and life have taken them in the 10 years since high school graduation.

ABBY PICKETT BYZEWSKI attended the University of Minnesota, Morris, and the University of North Dakota, earning a biology degree from UND in 2003. She worked at UND for two years as a research technician on issues including malaria and the West Nile virus. She is now a quality assurance specialist at Nabi Biopharmaceuticals in Boca Raton, Fla.

CARMEN GRAUMANN attended Bethel College, where she earned a degree in business finance in 2000. In 2003, she received her master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Bethel Seminary. As a licensed associate marriage and family therapist, she provides counseling services through her private practice, Courage Facing Hope, in St. Paul. She also works with the Family Caregiving Center at the University of Minnesota.

LISA BERG JURAN attended North Dakota State University, earning her bachelor's degree in pharmaceutical sciences in 2000 and her doctorate of pharmacy in 2002. She is currently a pharmacist at Prairie Stone Pharmacy in Edina.

KIMBERLY TOTLAND LOXTERCAMP earned an accounting degree at the University of North Dakota in 2001, and she is currently enrolled in an evening MBA program at the University of St. Thomas. She is an audit senior with Ernst & Young LLP in the Twin Cities, and she has also completed two marathons. In October, she plans to run the 2006 Twin Cities Marathon.

MELISSA MILLARD received her AA degree from MSCTC, Fergus Falls, and went on to earn a biology degree at Minnesota State University, Moorhead, in 2000. She has also received certification from Saint Paul College in St. Paul. She has worked for nearly five years for the Minnesota State College and University system, first at Minneapolis Community and Technical College and currently at Saint Paul College as a certified lab assistant. She plans to return to school to earn her master's degree in biology and teach at the community college level.

DEAN REITER earned his AA degree from MSCTC, Fergus Falls, and a bachelor's degree in math education from Concordia College in Moorhead in 2000. Since 2001 he has been a high school math teacher in Faribault, where he also coaches football and basketball.

ERIK RONNEVIK graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, in 2000 with a degree in business. He is currently a partner in Ronnevik Farms, rural Fergus Falls, and is youth coordinator for New Life Lutheran Parish, Rothsay.

KRISTIN KILDE RUNZEL earned her undergraduate degree in social studies education from Bethel College in 2000, and she received her master's degree in school counseling from the University of Maryland in 2004. She taught history at Okinawa Christian High School in Japan and is currently a school counselor at Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis. She has competed in both the Okinawa and Twin Cities marathons.

MARK THOMA graduated from the University of North Dakota with a chemical engineering degree in 2001, and he works for Otter Tail Power Co. as an environmental compliance specialist.

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, 2006.)

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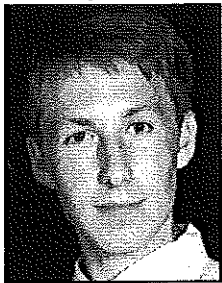
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Applications for 2007 scholarships will be available in the spring.

Scholarship applications are considered on an anonymous basis, so the selection committee is unaware of the identity of applicants until the recipients are chosen. The selection process is rigorous, and recipients are chosen on the basis of:

- School and community involvement
- Grade point average and class rank
- ACT or SAT scores
- Work experience
- Education and career goals.

Students can download scholarship applications on-line at:

**www.
ffdollarsforscholars.org**

2006 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 a named scholarship that is 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.

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.

Sample Memorial

The Sample family established this scholarship in memory of Alexander K. Sample and Thomas Sample, a farmer who understood the need for community support for education. The scholarship 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 a named scholarship that is awarded annually.

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. The recipient must be an FFHS student.

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.

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.

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.

Eleanor 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.

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 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.

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson, an FFHS Class of 1948 graduate, and her husband, Lloyd Paulson, have sponsored a scholarship each year since 1992. The recipient must be an FFHS graduate.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Park Region Telephone/Otter Tail Telcom

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.

Beth Wedum Memorial

Beth Wedum was a graduate of FFHS with a strong interest in education. Her friend, Ella Hagen, established this scholarship to assist Fergus Falls-area youth interested in continuing their education.



Letters from 2005 scholarship recipients

"There I was, in the heart of Minneapolis, with no money, no car, no familiar faces, and not a clue as to where I was. That's how I felt on my first day of classes at the University of Minnesota. After the initial shock wore off, I began to settle in to my new surroundings and start to appreciate where I was. The U of M has so many great opportunities for me that I don't know where to start! I thank my teachers during high school for turning me into the more responsible person I am today; Mr. Iverson, there will never be another conductor like you. I'd also like to thank Dollars for Scholars for providing the generous scholarship opportunity. Lastly, I thank all those who have supported me over the years, both financially and emotionally. I wouldn't be where I am now without their help and guidance."

— Kelsey Fjestad received the Edna Dierich Hagen Scholarship. She attends the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

"I am writing to sincerely thank the Fergus Falls chapter of Dollars for Scholars. Without the support of the community of Fergus Falls and the Dollars for Scholars program, along with the solid educational foundation I received in Fergus Falls, this wouldn't have been possible. Like most students, moving away from home and living in a city where I don't know anyone has been a learning and growing experience for me. UW-Superior has provided me with a comfortable atmosphere to make this transition as smooth as possible. The financial support from the Dollars for Scholars program and the emphasis placed on education in the Fergus Falls community have benefited me greatly. Thank you to a great program and the educators of Fergus Falls."

— Amanda Hanson received the Mark Olson Rotary Scholarship. She attends the University of Wisconsin, Superior.

"A teacher once told me if you make it past your first semester of college, you've made it though the hardest part. Well, I now have the experience of knowing that statement is true. I also know that 'change' is the least descriptive word you could use for the transition from high school life to college life. Adjusting to the new part of my life was a challenge. However, I came to realize that anything worthwhile is a challenge, and it makes life more interesting. I'd like to thank Dollars for Scholars and their supporters. It's such a great program, and I have so much gratitude toward them. I don't think enough people realize how much this program helps students like me. Thanks again!"

— Kristin Hohman received the Sample Memorial Scholarship. She attends St. Cloud State University.

"College is a complete break from the mold of my previously scheduled and predictable lifestyle. It is an amazing rush of events, hard work and fun. All in all, my college experience

thus far has proven itself to be all that I expected and more. I would not be here without the help of many people, so I would like to thank my family and friends, the Fergus Falls community, and the Dollars for Scholars foundation. Your support is greatly appreciated, and your generosity has helped me achieve my goals. Thank you for all that you do!"

— Susan Johnson received the Gordon Gerhardson Memorial Scholarship. She attended Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., as a freshman and now attends Minnesota State University, Moorhead.

"It is hard to believe that I am almost through my first semester of college. It just seems like yesterday that I was in high school. College is a totally different experience than high school. I spend less time in class and am expected to learn more on my own rather than have the teacher teach everything. Overall, college has been a good experience, and it just keeps on getting better. I want to thank the Fergus Falls community and Dollars for Scholars for providing support and encouragement to me. This has been much appreciated."

— Jacob Lien received the Bank of the West Scholarship. He attends North Dakota State University in Fargo.

"I'm doing the right thing, and I'm ready," I assured myself during the 10-hour drive to DePaul University. The where-to-go-to-college decision was a difficult one for me. I finally chose to pursue a degree in music performance and venture to the Windy City to do so. However, it was not the excitement of a big city that drew me in. It was mostly the promise of a challenging environment. And it has proved to be exactly that. I plan on working hard and doing great things; this adventure will continue to shape me. I want to thank the Fergus Falls community — from certain inspiring teachers to the friendly people at the Public Library to my friends and family — for sharing the years. An equally big thank you to the wonderful foundation called Dollars for Scholars, and to the family funding the Beverly Gerhardson Paulson Scholarship."

— Traci Nelson received the Beverly Gerhardson Paulson Scholarship. She attends DePaul University in Chicago.

"The anticipation and excitement that was bubbling up inside of me during the car ride to Concordia College in Moorhead is a feeling I will never forget. A whole new chapter of my life was about to unfold before my eyes. New experiences and adjustments would be waiting for me. Even now, looking back over my first semester of college, I can't believe how fast time has gone by. College is certainly a lot different than high school! In spite of all the busyness and sports, I have loved college so far. The friends I have made and the different activities I have been involved in will truly be memories I will never forget. Thank you, Dollars for Scholars,

for helping me achieve my goal of attending Concordia College. I really appreciate the support of my community and the Dollars for Scholars program!"

— Abby Scheel received a Dollars for Scholars 544 Scholarship. She attends Concordia College in Moorhead.

"I had a hard time deciding where I would attend my first year of college, but in the end I decided to spend it in my hometown. It has been a blast, and I have not regretted one moment of it. I have met many new people while still hanging out with my friends from Fergus. There have been a lot of good things about staying at home for my first year of college. Foremost, I don't have any living expenses and my mom still does my laundry! I would like to thank Dollars for Scholars and the community for supporting me throughout the years. It is good to see a community helping kids through their education and life. Fergus Falls is a great town, and I'm always proud to say, 'I'm from Fergus Falls.'"

— Dustin Schmidt received the Service Food Market Scholarship. He attended MSCTC-Fergus Falls for his freshman year and now attends North Dakota State University in Fargo.

"Although college has been an adjustment, I wouldn't trade it for anything. I have had times at college where I've felt overwhelmed, stressed out, uncertain about the future, and homesick. I've missed the comforting routine and familiar surroundings of Fergus Falls. I've felt awkward and lonely. But I also know that I am right where I should be and right where I want to be. Thank you to Dollars for Scholars and the community of Fergus Falls for supporting me as I've begun my college career. I hope Fergus Falls will continue to show kids for all the years to come that they care about their education. Learning is thrilling and at times exhausting, but it's ultimately an eye-opening experience. Education truly is an immeasurable gift."

— Krista Schmidt received the Eagles Aerie #2339 Scholarship. She attends St. Olaf College in Northfield.

"It's not going to be a walk in the park," I kept telling myself as I moved my belongings into my dorm. I knew there would be difficult times up ahead, and there were. One of the biggest changes was the amount of freedom. I could choose to, or not to, go to class. However, I would advise everyone to go to class. It will help greatly with the tests. I would like to thank my teachers in high school and everyone in the Fergus Falls community who helped prepare me for this big change. Also, thank you to Dollars for Scholars for helping me with paying for college. I really appreciate their generosity."

— Eric Schneeberger received the Lake Region Healthcare Scholarship. He attends North Dakota State University in Fargo.

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