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Fergus Falls Follies Fundraiser on Oct. 11

Fergus Falls School District staff members will put their many talents on display during a Dollars for Scholars fundraiser at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Middle School Auditorium.

Proceeds from the Fergus Falls Follies talent show and silent auction will benefit the Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars, which this year awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to 34 local high school graduates.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Organizers of the event are special education teacher Barb Gutzmer and third grade teacher Vicki Hanneman. Last year's Fergus Falls Follies raised \$2,100 for scholarships.

Anna Nelson award honors Otter musicians



Anna Nelson Plaque

Participating in band was one of the highlights of Anna Nelson's high school career, so it's fitting that a scholarship in her honor will be awarded annually to a fellow Otter musician.

Nelson, a proud Otter and enthusiastic percussionist, died in December 2004 as the result of a car accident in South Dakota. A scholarship in her memory was created through community donations and several fundraisers, including the 2005 Twins Winter Caravan.

The Anna Nelson Memorial Scholarship will be given each year to a Fergus Falls High School senior who participates in band. The recipient this year was Paul Shol, a percussionist and member of the All-State Band. A plaque engraved

with the names of the scholarship winners will also hang in the high school band room.

Anna's mother, Julie Nelson, recalls that Anna used to hang out in the band room over the lunch hour at the high school because many of her friends were in band. Director Jim Iverson was short of drummers, and he convinced her to join when she was a sophomore. She played in the Marching and Pep bands, and eventually in the Concert Band.

"Jim Iverson said it best when he said that she was one who was proud to call herself a band geek," Julie says.

After graduation, Anna completed the television production program at Brown College in Mendota Heights. She was a loyal fan of the Minnesota Twins (her favorite player was Michael Cuddyer), and she had aspirations to work with Burt Blyleven and be the first female broadcaster for the Twins.

At the time of her death, she was working at Café Favorites in Fergus Falls and at Lakes Radio, where her broadcasting name was Anna Marie.

"Another one of her goals was to go to every major league ballpark," Julie says. "I'm sure she's done it by now."

New donations announced during awards luncheon

A new Heritage-level scholarship and two substantial contributions by long-time supporters were announced during the Dollars for Scholars awards luncheon in May.

Beverly Gerhardson Paulson and her husband, Lloyd, pledged \$10,000 to create the Helmer Otto Gerhardson Scholarship to honor Bev's father, a Fergus Falls High School graduate.

Also at the luncheon, Ottertail Coaches of Fergus Falls announced a pledge of \$5,000, and the Fergus Falls Eagles made a contribution of \$5,000. The Eagles, a Fergus Falls fraternal organization, has now contributed \$45,000

since 1995 and is one of the largest supporters of the Fergus Falls chapter of Dollars for Scholars. Ottertail Coaches is a long-time donor at the Scholar level.

The Paulsons, who live in Moorhead, were instrumental in creating the Fergus Falls chapter of Dollars for Scholars. They previously established the Beverly Gerhardson Paulson Scholarship with a \$10,000 donation, and they contributed a \$5,000 donation to create the Gordon Gerhardson Scholarship in honor of Bev's brother.

The latest donation brings their total contribution to \$25,000. The couple was also instrumental in establishing a Dol-

lars for Scholars chapter in Lloyd's hometown of Parkers Prairie, and they are major supporters of that organization.

Helmer Gerhardson was a 1927 graduate of Fergus Falls High School, and he went on to graduate from Park Region Luther College in Fergus Falls (which is now Concordia College in Moorhead). He worked in the finance office at the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center from 1928-58. He then became business manager at Brainerd Regional State Hospital and School, and he served as financial manager for construction of the treatment center in that community.

President's report

It was only a dream when the Fergus Falls chapter of Dollars for Scholars began awarding scholarships in 1991: The chapter's organizers envisioned a day when there would be a \$544,000 endowment to recognize Fergus Falls graduates with scholarships for post-secondary education. We realized that dream this year, thanks to the generous donations and support of local businesses, community residents and alumni of Fergus Falls High School and Hillcrest Academy. Thank you for your support and for the difference you have made in the lives of young people from our community.

This spring, at the 2005 Scholarship Luncheon, our chapter was able to award 34 scholarships totaling more than \$25,000. This is a fantastic achievement, especially when you consider that we began in 1991 by awarding five scholarships for \$500 each. During the ensuing years, our chapter has presented scholarships worth more than \$200,000 to nearly 300 graduating seniors.

Awarded this year, for the first time, was the Anna Nelson Memorial Scholarship, to honor the 2002 graduate of Fergus Falls High School. There is an article about Anna and the scholarship on Page 1 of this newsletter. Also at the Scholarship Luncheon, we were surprised by announcements of three remarkable contributions: Long-time supporters Ottertail Coaches and Fergus Falls Eagles each made additional contributions of \$5,000. Two of our initial benefactors, Beverly and Lloyd Paulson of Moorhead, donated an additional \$10,000 for a new named scholarship in memory of Helmer Otto Gerhardson. That scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time in 2006, is also featured in an article on Page 1.

Generous donations like these allowed us to reach our goal of a \$544,000 endowment. In the 15 years since our creation, the Fergus Falls chapter has stayed true to its mission to grow and encourage scholarship donations from many different areas of the community. Our dedicated board has worked hard to meet our students' needs and keep our costs and expenses down.

Thanks to our community's involvement and generosity, our chapter received national recognition with our receipt of the 2004 Golden Tassel award from the national Dollars for Scholars organization. The award, given to two chapters annually, recognizes local organizations that have done an outstanding job of meeting criteria in the areas of achievement, community impact innovation and organizational strength.

Every year we are impressed anew with the scholarship applications submitted by graduating seniors. Their high school accomplishments and goals for the future are truly amazing. As they complete college and begin their careers, our chapter takes steps to maintain contact as they begin to achieve the goals they laid out in their scholarship applications. Check out this newsletter for a story about 1995 scholarship recipients and their successes in college and beyond.

As we move forward into a new year for our chapter, I want to leave you with one final thought: We as a community must always remember that it is our responsibility to help the younger generations afford the cost of education. They, after all, represent the future of our community.

~ Jason Hastings,
President, 2004-05

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, 2005.)

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News from recipients of 2004 scholarships

"I want to thank Dollars for Scholars for aiding me in my studies. If I can give any advice to incoming freshman, it is this: Be ready to study and work a lot more than you did in high school. Thanks again to Dollars for Scholars for helping pay for my first year of college!"

~ Aaron Cole received the *Bechtel Memorial Scholarship*. He attends the *University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*.

"I would like to thank Dollars for Scholars for helping hard-working students achieve their lifelong goals. I absolutely love college. I would like to leave you all with a few things I have learned. Call home often. Be open to all new ideas. Don't stay up too late — it really catches up on you. And finally, accept people for who they are. We are all the same in God's eyes."

~ Katrina Enderle received the *Dr. Frank Veden Scholarship*. She attends *Concordia College in Moorhead*.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank Dollars for Scholars and the community of Fergus Falls for supporting my future. It is an amazing feeling to know we have such great leaders in this community that lead by example and show their support for education. Thank you to everyone in this town for making this a special place to live."

~ Isaac Erickson received the *Robert Block Scholarship*. He attends *Concordia College in Moorhead*.

"College is such a crucial time, with academic tests to hurdle and life decisions to make. But fortunately for me, I feel that FFHS has prepared me well to take on the study load. I really appreciate all the support and opportunities generated by the people of Fergus Falls. We have good reason to take pride in our school system and caring community members."

~ Katie Gard received the *Bank of the West Scholarship*. She attends *Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa*.

"My freshman year at NDSU was awesome. I am planning a major in nursing and never thought I would have to study so much. As I look back I couldn't have had such a great year without all of the help and support I received. I especially want to thank the Fergus school system and all of the people who support Dollars for Scholars. What a blessing to have such wonderful people encouraging, guiding and challenging me throughout the years."

~ Erica Johnson received the *Service Food Scholarship*. She attends *North Dakota State University in Fargo*.

"I was prepared for everything to be different when I entered college, but I had no idea how different. I knew I'd have to buy my own books now, but it didn't hit me until I had to write out the check. I now fully understand what it means to be a poor college student. I would like to thank Dollars for Scholars and the Fergus Falls community for all the support in getting to where I am today."

~ Michelle Koep received a *Dollars for Scholars Scholarship*. She attends *North Dakota State University in Fargo*.

"I would like to thank Dollars for Scholars and everyone who is supporting them; I really appreciate what you have given me. My classes here are more challenging than I expected, but that's a good thing. I get along really well with the other two people on campus who are brave enough to wear Vikings jerseys! I do miss Fergus Falls. I have a new found appreciation for its sense of community and beautiful open space."

~ Kristi Larsen received a *VFW Scholarship*. She attends *Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin*.

"College is tough, there's no doubt about that; but — if everything is done right — it is the best way to become a mature adult. I have learned so much about life, and I will cherish and always remember these four years. I would also like to thank the Fergus Falls community and Dollars for Scholars for caring so much for their youth. On behalf of all the students that have and will come through the Fergus Falls school system, thank you. The love and support is much appreciated (and so are care packages!)."

~ Zac Lewis received the *Gordon Gerhardsen Scholarship*. He attends *Concordia College in Moorhead*.

"If there are any high school kids reading this and you aren't doing what your teacher wants you to do ... do it! Overall, my college experience thus far has been very rewarding, and it has been made a lot easier thanks to Dollars for Scholars. Please continue and expand this great program so other students may be able to enjoy their collegiate experience a little more."

~ Kenneth Nash received the *Lake Region Healthcare Scholarship*. He attends the *University of North Dakota, Grand Forks*.

"Making new friends has been a highlight for me this year. Thank you, Dollars for Scholars, for allowing me to attend Minnesota State Community and Technical College. Thank you for your desire to further the education and development of young people in the Fergus Falls community. I appreciate your gift immensely."

~ Lindsay Risbrudt received the *Joan and Gordon Bakken Scholarship*. She attends *MSCTC-Fergus Falls*.

"Parents and your friends who are currently in college will try to tell you how to handle the pressures put on you in college and how the changes will be like "nothing you have ever experienced," but the only real way to find out is to experience college for yourself. I am very appreciative of the Dollars for Scholars for their help in the Fergus Falls community and for their award to me to help me pursue my goals."

~ Kyle Rohlf of Fergus received a *VFW Scholarship*. He attends *Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter*.

"Bemidji State University has been an exciting change in my life. I have met many new people and had many new experiences. I want to thank Dollars for Scholars and those in the community that support it. I am very appreciative of how you have helped me. I wouldn't trade my college experience for anything."

~ Heather Sjolie received a *Dollars for Scholars Scholarship*. She attends *Bemidji State University*.

"Thank you, Dollars for Scholars, for your part in making it possible for students in our community to pursue their dreams. Thank you, Fergus Falls, for your valuable investment in students with all kinds of aspirations."

~ Kristin Spidahl received a *Bechtel Memorial Scholarship*. She attends *Scottsdale Culinary Institute in Scottsdale, Arizona*.

"It took me leaving Fergus Falls to realize how important this town really is to me. I was spoiled by this close-knit community, where everyone really does seem to know each other and care for one another. I'm also so very lucky to have a supportive community behind me that has such a wonderful program as Dollars for Scholars."

~ Emma Stensvaag received the *Damien Jacklitch Memorial Scholarship*. She attends *Augsburg College in Minneapolis*.

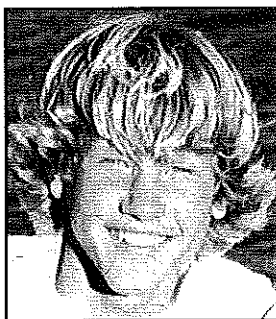


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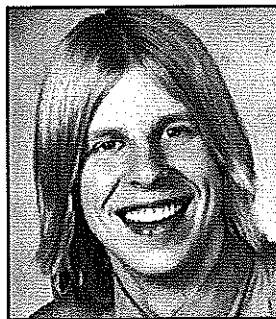
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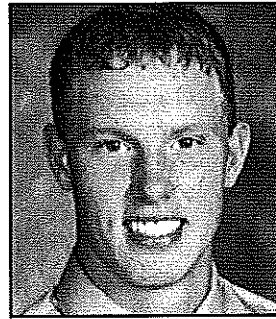
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"Thank you so much for your generous scholarship gift to me. I appreciate it so much and will not forget your generosity as I move forward in my life. This gift will be an enormous help to me this year as I attend Bethel University in St. Paul. Dollars for Scholars is a wonderful organization, and I hope that it will continue to bless students in the same way that I was blessed by this gift. When I am done with college, I would like to support an organization that encourages higher education as you do."

~ Benjamin Brue



Kristin Hohman
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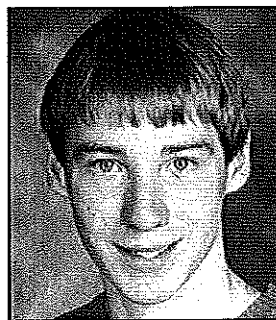
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Fergus Falls High School
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"Thank you so much for your gift of a scholarship. It will help me greatly in working toward my goal of becoming an early childhood education major. I know that many others had just as competent qualifications, but I'm extremely grateful that you picked me. Thank you again, and God bless you and all the other students you give scholarships to."

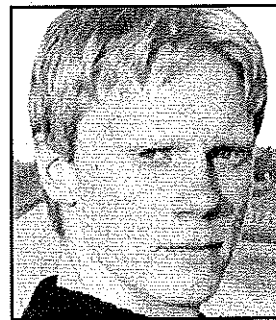
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Scholarship Recipients

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"Thank you for choosing me to receive your scholarship. Your generous support will help me to get a great start at college. I'm looking forward to new challenges and a great future. Thank you for helping to make it all possible."

~ Grant Davenport



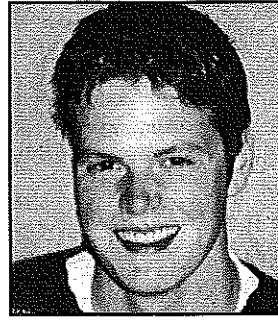
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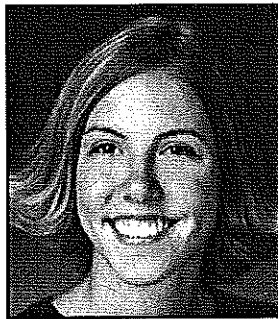
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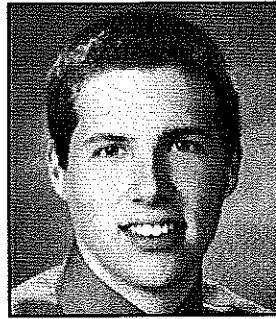
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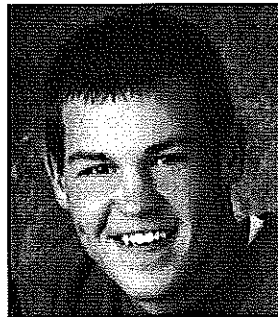
Dustin Schmidt
Fergus Falls High School
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"Thank you so much for awarding me (the Edna Dierich Hagen Scholarship) as part of the Dollars for Scholars program. This scholarship means a lot to me, and I wanted to show my appreciation for receiving it. This fall I am attending the University of Minnesota on the Twin Cities campus. I will be specifically at the College of Liberal Arts working on a journalism major. The scholarship money will be used toward the purchase of books and possibly some of my tuition fees. I am very proud and honored to be the first to receive this scholarship. Thank you again."

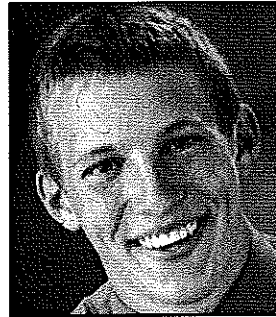
~ Kelsey Fjestad



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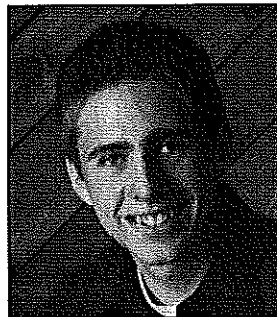
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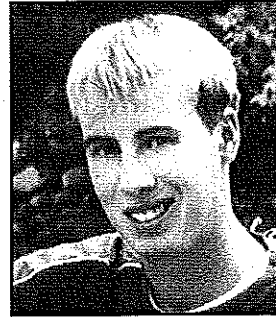
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2005 Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars Scholarships

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. Scholarships 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 who are recognized for their support of many projects that have improved their community. The scholarship was first awarded in 1992.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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

1995 Dollars for Scholars scholarship recipients Where are they now?

Justin Ayres earned a bachelor's degree in religion from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter in 1999 and his master's in divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 2003. He was ordained at Hope Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls in August 2003 as an ELCA pastor, and he is currently associate pastor at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in St. Paul.

Sarah Frank Brunn attended the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities and North Hennepin Community College, earning her associate degree in nursing in 2003. She is a registered nurse in the emergency department at Lake Region Hospital and holds multiple certifications in the nursing field.

Naomi Boe Erkenbrack earned her associate degree from Fergus Falls Community College, her bachelor's degree in social work from Minnesota State University, Moorhead, and her master's in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she also earned a Certificate of Marriage and Family Therapy. She is currently a clinical social worker for the Village Family Service Center in Fargo and a part-time counselor for children and families at Valley Christian Counseling Center in Fargo.

David Folden received his associate degree from Fergus Falls Community College and a biology degree from Bethel University in St. Paul. He graduated from medical school at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, and for the next four years he will be a resident at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Ophthalmology. His works have been published in several professional publications.

Susan Frerichs earned a degree in studio art at Carleton College in Northfield and works as a jewelry designer in downtown Minneapolis. She travels nationwide in her job and is continuing her education in the field.

Maria Larrivy Hanson attended the University of Grand Forks in North Dakota, earning undergraduate degrees in mathematics, philosophy/religion and secondary education, and a master's degree in educational research. She is a lecturer in the Mathematics Department at North Dakota State University in Fargo, where she is the supervisor of college algebra and teaches algebra, finite math and calculus.

Kjersti Hanneman earned a degree in history and women's studies from the University of Minnesota, Morris, in 1999. In 2006 she will complete work on her master's degree at the University of Minnesota, where she is a geography research fellow. Her plans are to continue graduate studies at the U. In 2000, Hanneman was a global volunteer in Ghana, and in 2001-02 she was a Peace Corps volunteer in Haiti.

Joel Harris earned a bachelor's degree in music performance from the University of Minnesota, Morris, in 1999, then spent a year traveling with a youth ministry band throughout the Northwest. In 2005 he graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth/Twin Cities School of Medicine and School of Public Health, and in July 2005 he began a five-year surgery residency through the University of North Dakota School of Medicine's General Surgery Residency Program.

Erin Hendel graduated from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, in 1999 with a degree in English and French. In December 2005, she will complete her master's degree in English literature from the University of Montana in Missoula, where she has been teaching composition classes. She plans to pursue her Ph.D. in English. Hendel also spent a year as a volunteer for AmeriCorps.

Chad Nelson attended Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and St. Olaf College in Northfield, earning a BA in history in 1999. He now lives in Minneapolis and is a supervisor of revenue analysis at Regis Corporation.

Marc Newell earned undergraduate degrees in biology, biochemistry and chemistry from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter prior to attending medical school at the University of Minnesota. He is currently a resident physician in internal medicine at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, with the goal of becoming a cardiologist, and he will serve as chief resident when he completes his own residency. He has done cardiology research and presented at national conventions, and he has submitted articles for publication in several medical journals, including the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

April Walkup Timat attended Fergus Falls Community College and earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of North Dakota. She is currently a labor and delivery nurse at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D., and has also worked as an obstetrical transport nurse with crews airlifting problem OB cases to Sioux Valley Hospital.

Eric Uggerud earned his degree in civil engineering from North Dakota State University in 1999. For the past six years, he has been on the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ, and in July he will start in the seminary at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill.

FYI...

- The Fergus Falls chapter of Dollars for Scholars was created in 1991 by a volunteer board with the goal of raising a \$544,000 endowment to perpetually fund scholarships for Fergus Falls students. The chapter met the \$544,000 goal this year.
- The first Fergus Falls Dollars for Scholars scholarships were awarded in 1991, when five students received scholarships of \$500 each.
- Since 1992, nearly 300 scholarships totaling \$200,000 have been awarded to local high school seniors.
- In 2005, Dollars for Scholars awarded 34 scholarships totaling \$25,000.

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