



Fergus Falls Area Dollars® for Scholars

July

1999

Congratulations to our 1999 Dollars for Scholars scholarship recipients



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Fergus Falls
High School
Dr. Frank Veden



Maria Bigwood
Fergus Falls
High School
*Joe Robertson VFW
Good Citizen*



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Fergus Falls
High School
Dr. Frank Veden



Laura Evavold
Fergus Falls
High School
Service Food



Brendan Giese
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High School
*Eugene Eckhoff
Memorial*



Heather Glynn
Fergus Falls
High School
Otter Tail Coaches



David Hjelle
Hillcrest Lutheran
Academy
Thomas Sample



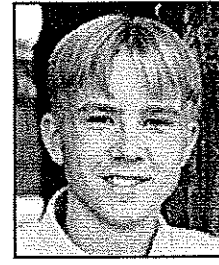
Matthew Johnston
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High School



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Fergus Falls
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High School
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Wedum Foundation



Andrew Spidah
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Academy



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*Lake Region
Healthcare Corp.*



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Fergus Falls
High School



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High School
*Beverly Gerhardson
Paulson, Class of '48*



Mary Wenstrom
Fergus Falls
High School
Bob Block



Lisa Worner
Fergus Falls
High School
*Joe Robertson VFW
Good Citizen*



Erica Zielen
Fergus Falls
High School
Thomas Sample

A Brief History

In the spring of 1991, the Fergus Falls School Board voted to establish a Dollars for Scholars program to encourage students to pursue post secondary education and to build partnerships between the community and the school for this purpose. On October 25, 1991, a group of interested citizens and alumni gathered at the administration offices of School District 544 to establish the Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars. By November, officers and board members were elected and by-laws established—thus the birth of this organization. The Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars was formed to provide a vehicle to donate money toward scholarships to Fergus Falls and Hillcrest graduates who plan to attend a two-year, four-year, or technical college.

The spring of 1992 found the board actively soliciting funds for an endowment fund to finance this program. Seed money came from the Wedum Foundation, Lloyd and Beverly (Gerhardson) Paulson, and Larry Dorn. The chapter was off to a running start and five \$500 scholarships were awarded that first year.

It was decided that the scholarships would be named for corporate donations of \$10,000 (Heritage Club) and individual donations of \$5,000 (Scholar Club). Other gift classifications are for \$2,500 (Leader) and \$1,000 (Sponsor). Another classification was established to set a long-term goal of 1,000 donations of \$544 each (544 Club) to also be placed into the endowment fund. By March of 1994, a total of \$164,000 had been raised. Today the total stands at about \$270,000. We still have a long way to go to reach our goal, but we are confident we will make it.

Our board of directors is a diligent, all-volunteer group of alumni and citizens of Fergus Falls—good people interested in the youth of our community. However, this organization cannot flourish with just the board members participation. We need to have the commitment of the entire community—including the students themselves. That is our goal for the next few years—to grow the chapter by establishing it as a community endeavor—not just the work of a small group of volunteers.

It is said that the best gifts we can lavish on children are roots and wings. We are proud of our organization and hope that we are helping to show our young people that the community stands behind them when they leave to pursue their dreams.

Dollars for Scholars donations as of June 1, 1999

Heritage Club

Gordon & Joanne Bakken
Larry Dorn
Fraternal Order of Eagles
2339
Thomas Sample Estate
ITT Scholarship Fund
Lake Region Healthcare Corp.
Lloyd & Beverly Paulson
Otter Tail Power Co.
Service Food
Veden Charitable Trust
VFW Post 612

Scholar Club

Community First Bank
Fergus Falls Newspapers, Inc.
Otter Tail Coaches, Inc.
Wedum Foundation, Inc.
West Central Minnesota Initiative Fund

Sponsor Club

Andrew & Hazel Anderson
Jean Dahling
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8387
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Cathy Neuman
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Class of 1933
Class of 1962
Class of 1993
Class of 1994
Class of 1995
Cleo Kohn
Cleveland Elementary Staff
Dairyland Drive-Inn
Dale & Claudia Trosvig
Dale Ruehle
Daniel & Michelle Lembcke
Daniel Thimngan
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David & Rebecca Houge
David & Sandra Mandelke
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Dawn Koennicke
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Dennis Hanson
Donald & Angel Bremseth
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Dorothy Brewer
Dorothy Eckhoff
Dorwin & Lorelee Hansen
Doug & Patricia Koch
Dr. Thomas Greenagel
Dr. Robert & Ginger Vannerstrom
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Duane & Sharon Kern
Elsa Hegman
Esther Will
Eugene & Gudrun Boe
Eugene Boe Estate
Everett Jacobson
Faculty Wives of #544
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Fergus Falls Monument Co.
FF Para Educators Assoc.
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Frank & Margaret Kurth
G.W. & Dorothy Porter
Gail Cranston
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Gene & Helen Manning
Gerry Worner
Hastings Development Corp.
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Jeffrey & Kimberly Walvatne
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Thomas Kao Chinese Restaurant
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Kenrad & Leila Salzsieder
Lakes Country Service Cooperative
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Larry Nornes
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Linda Wolfe
Linda Zsedeny
Loren & Sharon Tungseth
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Lowell Carpenter
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Lynette Schirmer
Lynn Anderson
Lynn Balken

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Margaret & Gary Noble
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Mark & Tamara Masten
Marnie Fischer
Mary Western
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Metz Baking Co.
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Michael Kiess
Mid-America Dairymen, Inc.
Mike & Marlys Lucy
Mike Evavold
Mildred Pearson
Minnesota Motor Company
MN School Bus Operators Assoc.
Nice Threads Custom Embroidering
Noon Kiwanis
Norma VanSickle
Norman & Ann Newell
Northern Aire Lanes
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Orville Shannon
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Randy & Polly Balken
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Robert Duncan
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Roger Olson
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Rufer Law Firm
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Senior High Student Council
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Todd & Mary Guerrero
Tom Blondeau
Vicki & Gerald Saurer
Victor Lundeen Co.
Vonnice & Randy Johnson
Wallace Pearson
Warren & Ruth Rovang
Werner Schreiber
William & Deborah Sutor
William & Peggy Kalar

New Contributions . . .



So far in 1999, the chapter has received donations totaling \$25,398. This includes some large donations from the Dr. Frank Veden estate, VFW Post 612, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles 2339. We thank these groups as well as all the individual donors for their support of our youth.

We also made some progress toward our goal of getting individuals to each donate \$544 over a 5 year period as part of our 544 Club. We added several more members this year.

Other contributions to the endowment fund have come from businesses, school alumni, and friends. There were also a number of unique programs developed to raise funds for the chapter.

One of the fund raisers is named Buck-a-Bucket. This year the Fergus Falls Noon Rotary club pledged a one dollar contribution for each basket scored in the first half of the Fergus Falls boys and girls regular season home basketball games. In addition, the Noon Kiwanis Club made the same pledge for every basket scored in the first half of the Hillcrest boys basketball games. Total contributions for this fund raiser came to \$1,426.

March 25, 1999 was the date for the first Fergus Falls High School Intramural All-Stars versus Faculty basketball grudge match. When the smoke cleared and the crowd quieted, the faculty emerged the victors by a close 70-67 score. Rumors of tainted officiating emerged but have not been substantiated (although they probably could be). Plans for next year are already underway.

The game was very well attended and the real winner was the Fergus Falls Dollars for Scholars program, which collected the gate receipts of \$1,452. This was a perfect example of the community doing something fun together to help a worthy cause.



Top left: John Kavanagh of the victorious Faculty team presents a check for \$1,452 to Mark Masten who accepted it on behalf of Dollars for Scholars.

Bottom left: The Fergus Falls Faculty cheerleaders kept the fans entertained as they cheered their team to victory.

Thanks to the generosity of its many supporters, the Fergus Falls Chapter of Dollars for Scholars has been able to award 132 scholarships totaling \$70,200 since the chapter's inception in 1991. Those scholarships, awarded to local students who attend Fergus Falls High School or Hillcrest Lutheran Academy, are an important investment in our community's youth. Because the cost of higher education continues to rise, we believe community support of our students is more important than ever. Congratulations, 1999 scholarship winners, and best wishes as you pursue your dreams.

Yes, I would like to support the Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars

My gift is \$ _____, or I would like to make the following pledge:

- ☐ **544 Club** \$ 544 or \$144 now and \$100 a year for 4 years
- ☐ **Sponsor** \$ 1,000 or \$200 now and \$200 a year for 4 years
- ☐ **Leader** \$ 2,500 or \$500 now and \$500 a year for 4 years
- ☐ **Scholar** \$ 5,000 or \$1,000 now and \$1,000 a year for 4 years
- ☐ **Heritage** \$10,000 or more, given as determined by donor

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____

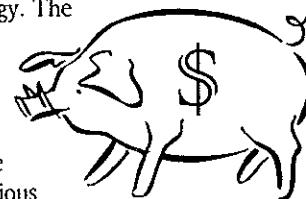
Make checks payable to: Fergus Falls Area Dollars for Scholars
Mail to: 4B East Drive, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Mark your calendars for October

We are still planning our fall talent show to be held this October. This event has been a good fundraiser in the past and is always a lot of fun.

"Watch for the Piggy!"

We will be starting a new program this fall called Pass the Piggy. The goal is to raise \$3,000 in contributions. Twenty plastic piggy banks will be rotated among various businesses in town where they will be displayed and available for contributions. In March, a Piggy Bank contest will be held between the junior and senior classes to see who can raise the most money in a four week period. The winning class will be treated to a fine cuisine meal of hot dogs, pop, and chips served by Dollars for Scholars board members. If the "Piggy" visits your place of business this fall, we hope you will consider a contribution.



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For further information, call: 218-739-8334



Michelle Lehrke

1998 graduate of
Fergus Falls High School

I graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1998 and I have just completed my freshman year at Moorhead State University. College life is fun and I am meeting a lot of new friends. I currently am planning on entering the field of architecture. That means I will probably have to finish my sophomore year at

Moorhead State and then transfer to NDSU for three more years of study. I would like to thank Dollars *for* Scholars for the award they gave me as a graduating senior. The costs of attending college seem to be getting higher every year and the scholarship money from Dollars *for* Scholars really helped out. Also, it's nice to think that the scholarship came from the local community. Good luck to your organization in the future. I hope you can continue to find a way to support Fergus Falls High School and Hillcrest Lutheran Academy seniors as they prepare to go off to college.



Brad Tollerson

1992 graduate of
Fergus Falls High School

I received a Dollars *for* Scholars scholarship when I graduated from Fergus Falls High School in 1992. It helped me attend North Dakota State University where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1996. Upon graduation, I began my career as an electrical engineer with Fisher-Rosemount, a manufacturer of instrumentation equipment for the process-control industry. In 1997, I was given the opportunity to return to Fergus Falls and work for Otter Tail Power Company. In the fall, I will begin part-time work on my Masters in Business Administration degree, again at NDSU. Thank you for the gifts you've provided to so many well-deserving students. Your continued support of our youth is a great investment!

New Minnesota State Chapter

We now have a Minnesota State Chapter of Dollars *for* Scholars that will help each of the state's 114 chapters. Endowment funds for Minnesota chapters total over \$7.3 million. There are about 800 Dollars *for* Scholars chapters nationally, so you can see that Minnesota is helping lead the way. We should be proud of our commitment to youth in this part of the country.