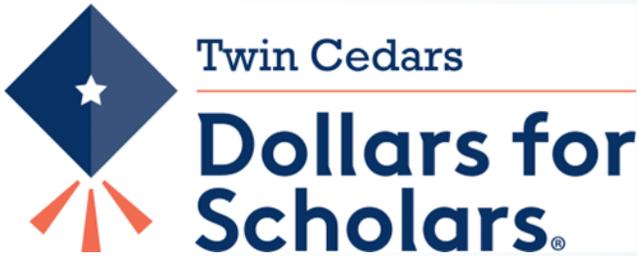


November 2023



# Annual Newsletter

## A Letter from the Board of Directors

*Twin Cedars Friends & Supporters,*

*As we look back on this past year, our Dollars for Scholars chapter has yet again been able to fulfill our mission and provide meaningful scholarships to our students. This would not be possible without your support, so THANK YOU for assisting us in making college a bit more affordable for many to attend.*

*We continue to be blessed with many generous donations. We receive donations from individuals & businesses through annual support, employer matching, donations of stock shares, and being the recipient of estate funds. We are honored to receive each and every donation as every penny counts.*

*We look forward to the next year and being able to continue providing scholarship opportunities to Twin Cedars students and past recipients. Please join us to help fulfill college dreams by joining our chapter or contributing to our cause.*

*Thank you again for your continued support!*

## In Memory of Mildred Joan Beary — 1932-2023

Joan “Jo Ann” Beary was one of the people who met on March 16, 1989, in the Twin Cedars Library, to hear Don Gilkerson (Superintendent) share his thoughts on Twin Cedars starting a Dollars for Scholars organization. The motion was made to start a chapter and Joan seconded it. The rest is history!

Joan was a faithful member of Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars for 30+ years. She was a member of the Board of Directors for 3 years. Joan wrote articles for the newsletters and printed them off to prepare for mailing. She was instrumental in organizing fundraisers: alumni banquets, raffles, grilling at Bussey on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Hat Day. Joann created a display about the schools that combined to make the Twin Cedars School District and it was always popular at the alumni banquets.

Joan loved teaching. She retired from Twin Cedars Elementary after 35 years. She was named Twin Cedars “Teacher of the Year.”

We extend our sincere condolences to Joan’s family and friends.

Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars (TCDFS), affiliated with Scholarship America, is a community-based organization committed to raising scholarship funds for graduates of Twin Cedars High School. It is a locally operated non-profit, tax-exempt scholarship foundation, that is managed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. The Board is committed to supporting post-secondary education by providing scholarship assistance annually.

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### Chapter Members

- Heather Dunkin (President)
- Corrine Uitermarkt (Vice-President)
- LouAnn Willis (Secretary)
- Stephanie Bailley (Treasurer)
- David Roby (HS Principal)
- Julie Sytsma (HS Counselor)

**ALWAYS LOOKING FOR  
NEW MEMBERS!**



## \$42,600 Awarded in 2023

Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars awards were presented on May 13, 2023 during the Twin Cedars graduation ceremony to 14 graduating seniors. \$21,000 was awarded to those individuals in varying amounts based on their application scoring results. Applications take into consideration goal statements, activities & clubs, community involvement, & academics. Awards ranged from \$750 to \$2500.

In addition, the graduating seniors also received \$400 each from money endowed from the Duffy Estate.

Pella Rolscreen Foundation, once again, graciously sponsored 2 additional awards of \$1,000 each to graduating individuals exemplifying the Pillars of Character Counts.

Through our other named endowments from the estates of Dolores Bailey Dykstra, Robert Dykstra, Judith Swanson, & John "Jack" & Mary U Duffy, we provided a total of \$14,000 to applicants from previous year award recipients to support their subsequent years of post-secondary education.

Awards for the year totaled \$42,600.

***THANK YOU TO ALL PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE DONORS!  
YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

### WAYS TO DONATE!

#### ◆ BY MAIL :

Complete form on last page of this newsletter and return

#### ◆ ONLINE :

Visit our website under the DONATE NOW tab on the home page

[twincedars.dollarsforscholars.org](http://twincedars.dollarsforscholars.org)

#### ◆ SHARES OF STOCK :

We have an account with Edward Jones to easily transfer stock to. Contact us directly for details

Any questions about donations can be directed to our Treasurer, Stephanie, at 641-891-9546

## Financial Report—2022 Calendar Year

Balance on hand as of 12/31/2022:

General Fund:	\$ 8,530.15
Endowment Fund:	\$879,727.65

2022 Income Sources:

Interest:	\$ 2,538.72
Dividends & Capital Gains:	\$ 24,222.87
General Fund Donations:	\$ 5,044.52
Endowment Fund Donations:	\$ 8,530.15

## Can You Help Us Make a Difference?

In this annual newsletter, we not only strive to keep you informed of news from the past year, but also request that you consider making a donation. A donation in any amount is greatly appreciated, and you can choose whether your donation is deposited to the General Fund or the Endowment Fund. All of the balance of the General Fund, except administrative expenses and a small amount of seed money, is awarded as scholarships each May. The Endowment Fund principal is not invaded, and the income earned may or may not be used for scholarships. With your help we can continue to provide scholarships to the students we serve!

*Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars became an affiliate of Scholarship America on Feb 2, 1989, and its FEIN and IRS Non-Profit (501 (c)(3) ) determination letter are available upon request. All donations to Twin Cedars DFS are tax deductible.*

## Our Website

As required by our national parent organization, Scholarship America, our Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars Chapter maintains our own chapter website.

Our website provides YOU, our friends and supporters, a way to learn about us and see recent news & giving partners. It provides an ability to DONATE NOW with the money from the online giving platform (GiveLively) going directly to us. You can find all of our chapter contact details on the website too!

Most importantly, our website provides students with an online application process. This streamlines our process and it's never too early to get started! Students can get started now creating their online profiles in preparation for Jan 1 when our scholarship applications open.

**Students & Parents:** Go to our website, click on the STUDENTS & PARENTS tab. Be sure to read the main page for information regarding requirements, deadlines, payments, and opportunities. If you have any questions, contact a chapter member or through the email below.

**Our Website:** [TwinCedars.DollarsForScholars.org](http://TwinCedars.DollarsForScholars.org)

**Contact Us by Email:** [TwinCedarsDFS@hotmail.com](mailto:TwinCedarsDFS@hotmail.com)

## You Are Invited!

JOIN OUR CHAPTER!

We currently meet once a month typically September through November & March through May. We'd love to have you join us at meetings, but we also understand everyone has busy schedules. Can't attend meetings...no problem! We could periodically use help with administrative duties such as website updates, newsletter prep, solicitation letters, mailing list handling/updates, etc. If this is something you may be capable of helping with or if you want to join our meetings, please reach out to us at [twincedarsdfs@hotmail.com](mailto:twincedarsdfs@hotmail.com) or contact any current member. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Alumni Database

Our chapter tries to maintain a database of previous classes. As a service, if requested, we will gladly supply you with a listing of the most recent name & address we have on file for the class members. If you have any updates to the list we send, we ask that you provide us with updated information so we can update our records.

For class lists, please contact us by email.



*@TwinCedarsDFS /  
Twin Cedars Dollars for  
Scholars*

## THANK YOUs

**Kelli Stevenson —**

It's been a long road of late nights and long mornings but I made it.

Thanks for joining me in this celebration. Your gifts and support are worth more than you know!

I can't wait to go on to the next chapter as I attend Indian Hills Comm College and then transfer to Iowa State University to complete my degree in Criminal Justice.

**Rylee Dunkin —**

Thank you for selecting me to receive a scholarship! This scholarship will help me pay for my college expenses.

I am very appreciative of this award, and thanks for your generosity!

**Rachael Stoops —**

Thank you so much for honoring me with a dollars for scholars scholarship, and for all you do for Twin Cedars graduates. It has helped me so much in my paying for college and working towards my goals!

**Grace Bailey —**

Thank you Dollars for Scholars for awarding me a scholarship this year! Thank you to the donors who make these scholarships possible! Thank you for helping me to reach my academic goals!

**Kade Dunkin —**

I am thankful to have received TC DFS scholarships for my JR year of college. Having the opportunity to receive ongoing awards from the designated funds is very much appreciated. Thank you to all that make this possible!

## Twin Cedars Awards

### US Marines Distinguished Athlete

Rylee Dunkin

### US Marines Scholastic Excellence

Rylee Dunkin

### Wendy's High School Heisman

Rylee Dunkin (IA winner)

Landyn Roland

### National Guard Scholastic

Rylee Dunkin

Carson Kelderman

### National Guard Athletic

Rylee Dunkin

### National Guard Resiliency

True Mayfield

### Army Reserve Scholar Athlete

Rylee Dunkin

### Governor's Scholar

Rylee Dunkin

### Impact Life

Rylee Dunkin

Kellie Stevenson

### TC Athletic Sportsmanship

Rylee Dunkin

Landyn Roland

## DFS Senior Scholarship Awards

**Kisha Reed** — \$2,000  
(Mandy & Randy Reed)  
Hawkeye Community College  
Health & Medicine

**Addison Haines** — \$750  
(Kristi Haines & Lange Haines)  
DesMoines Area Community College  
Business

**Cheyenne Bruns** — \$1,500  
(Shanna & Brad Bruns)  
Hawkeye Community College  
Health & Medicine

**Rachael Stoops** — \$1,500  
(Donald & Sarah Stoops)  
Central College  
Elementary Education

**\*Rylee Dunkin** — \$2,500  
(Kurt & Heather Dunkin)  
Central College  
Elementary Education

**Kellie Stevenson** — \$2,000  
(Cindy Stevenson)  
Indian Hills Community College  
Criminal Justice

**Micah Smith** — \$2,000  
(Dan Smith & Elisabeth Smith)  
Indian Hills Community College  
Secondary Education in Music

**\*Carson Kelderman** — \$1,500  
(Bryce & Beth Kelderman)  
DesMoines Area Community College  
Agricultural Business

**Sophie Lyle** — \$750  
(Amber Lyle & Patrick Lyle)  
Southwestern Community College  
Post Secondary Education

**Kasey Clark** — \$1,500  
(Greg & Tina Clark)  
DesMoines Area Community College  
Welding

**Landyn Roland** — \$2,000  
(Mitch & Joanna Roland)  
William Penn University  
Mechanical Engineering

**Erica Elliott** — \$1,000  
(Heidi Elliott & Jim Elliott)  
Iowa State University  
Integrated Studio Arts

**Aiden Hare** — \$1,000  
(Chris Hare & Ashley LaFollett)  
Indian Hills Community College  
Secondary Education

**Christopher Foster** — \$1,000  
(Marcus Foster)  
Simpson College  
Business

## DFS Named Awards

### JOHN 'JACK' & MARY U. DUFFY SCHOLARSHIPS

- All seniors mentioned above—\$400/ea
- 2nd/3rd/4th year Post-Secondary — \$1,000/ea  
Grace Bailey, Hailey Curry, Kade Dunkin, Trenton Reed, Brooke Roby, Nathan Smith

**DOLORES BAILEY DYKSTRA SCHOLARSHIP** (2nd year Post-Secondary — \$1,000/ea)  
Grace Bailey, Brooke Roby

**ROBERT DYKSTRA SCHOLARSHIP** (3rd year Post-Secondary — \$1,000/ea)  
Hailey Curry, Kade Dunkin, Nathan Smith

**JUDITH SWANSON SCHOLARSHIP**  
(2nd/3rd/4th year Post-Secondary & Math/Science field — \$1,000/ea)  
Kade Dunkin, Trenton Reed, Brooke Roby

**PELLA ROLSCREEN FOUNDATION CHARACTER COUNTS**  
(noted with "\*" in senior list above, \$1,000/ea)

## Donations — 11/1/2022 thru 10/15/2023

### General Fund

#### PRIVATE DONATIONS

Dennis Mockenhaupt  
Peggy Wright  
Greg & Tina Clark  
Andy & Stacie Dunkin  
Lee Nichols  
Rob & Terri Vos  
Bill & Chris (Beary) Lanphier  
Carol Huffman  
Robb & Stephanie Sterner  
Bill & Debbie Conner  
Jim & Annette Trinkle  
Howard & Lois Davis  
TC TAG  
Matthew Kissinger

#### BUSINESS DONATIONS

Amazon Smile  
Pella Rolscreen Foundation  
Marion County Fair Association  
Principal Financial Foundation  
Raceway Tire & Exhaust (Knoxville)  
Knoxville Hospital & Clinics—Imprest Fund  
Precision, Inc

### Endowment Fund

#### CONTRIBUTORS OF ANY AMOUNT

Johnson, Lane, & Hughes  
Dwight & Arlene Ensor  
Mark & Sally Grimes  
Larry & Rosie DeVries  
Carl Niefert  
Bryan & Sheryl Hoy  
Bruce & Kathy Baumbaugh  
Two Rivers Cooperative  
IMO Duane A. Jones by Brenda Jones Bray  
Microsoft Matching Funds  
Yvonne Sams Menninga  
Max & Patricia VanGorp  
In Memory of Virginia Puyear - Class of 1966, TC DFS Member  
Weiler Foundation

“  
*Giving is not just  
about making a donation.  
It is about making a  
difference.*

KATHY CALVIN

## TC 500 Club and Above—Total Gift Giving

### Designated Funds —\$100,000 or more

John 'Jack' and Mary U. Duffy Estate  
Judith Swanson Estate

### Designated Funds —\$50,000 or more

In Memory of Dolores Bailey Dykstra—Bussey Class of 1952  
In Memory of Robert Dykstra

### Saber Leader —\$2,500 or more

Max Van Gorp - Class of 1965	Pella Rolscreen Foundation
William & Jeannette Applegate	3M Foundation
Kathy Beary Baumbaugh	Two Rivers Cooperative
In Memory of Winona Davis	VOYA Financial (f/k/a ING U.S.)
Zack and Brandy Dunkin Family	In Memory of Jim Sevier - Industrial Arts Teacher 1966-2002
Bryan & Sheryl Hoy	John K. Cathcart - Attica Class of 1958
Dr. Todd E. Lundy, D.D.S.	In Memory of Steve Parker - Class of 1972, DFS Board Member
Marion County Fair Association/ Knoxville Raceway	
Harold and Gloria Mick Trust	
Microsoft Foundation	
Monsanto Farmers Grow Communities - Corrine Uitermarkt	

### Saber Promoter —\$1,000 or more

Virgie Feagins Bailey	Mahaska Bottling Co
Larry and Joan Beary	Beverly J. Mick
Michael & Brenda Ray Christian	Brenda (Van Polen) Nichols Memorial
Larry Conn	In Memory of Ollie J. Milledge, Tracy Class of 1949
Larry Crozier, donated in the name of Derek Crozier	Todd Petty
Larry & Rose De Vries	Twila Rankin in memory of Boyd Rankin
James P. Duffy, M.D.	Jayne Thorson - Class of 1976
In Memory of Margaret Ann Dunkin, 1st Grade Teacher	In Memory of Ruth J. Vande Keift
Derwin & Irene Ensor	Carl Neifert
Donald Fast in Memory of Carroll Fast	Dwight & Arlene Ensor
Gavel Lodge #229, Integrity Lodge #584, Masonic Lodges	IMO Duane A. Jones by Brenda Jones Bray
Mildred Gurney Memorial	In Memory of Virginia Puyear Class of 1996, TC DFS member
James & Deborah Moses Kerr	Weiler Foundation
Kin Folks - Mike & Teri Sporer	
Knoxville Veterinary Clinic, Pam Langenbau Burk	

## TC 500 Club —\$500 or more

Bill Drost Memorial  
In honor of Beulah Sherman & in memory of Cecil Sherman  
Squirrely Sophomores of 1972  
Rex Vance Memorial Class of 1969  
Betty Augsburger  
Gloria Barnhill Mick  
Harold Mick  
Francis Ford Memorial  
Knoxville Car Wash  
In Memory of "Bud" Pottorff  
Maude Phipps Memorial  
Carrie Frye Morgan  
Dennis W. "George" Smith Memorial  
Jim & Barb Hoehns  
Pearson Bros. Lumber  
Little Sabers Wrestling Club  
Joel Trinkle in memory of Jake and Barbara Trinkle  
Leo Nance Brubaker, Lt. Col USAF WWII Retired  
Bussey H.S. Class of 1945 in memory of Duane & Dale Dunkin, Kenneth Redding and Genevieve (McConnell) Lowenberg  
In Memory of Delmar & Arlene Roush  
In Memory of Fred L. & Sylvia Mick  
Laura Nichols Drzycimiski, Class of 1992  
In Memory of LaVonne Hetherington  
In Memory of Bus Driver George E. Williams, By His Family  
Gib McConnell  
Johnson's Insurance Sales Corp.  
Dani Haines - TC Class of 1999  
In Memory of Wayne & Esther Mick  
Dr. Josh Hill, Class of 1992  
Rick D. Sharp, Class of 1969  
Class of 2001 in honor of Mike Helle

Don Gilkerson, Founder of TC Dollars for Scholars  
Ronald Mick  
Melinda Uitermarkt Groenendyk, Class of 1998  
Suzanne Smith Bauer, Class of 1990  
In Memory of Levi (Shorty) & Hazel Jones Wayne & Karol Little  
In Memory of Gary Swanson  
In Memory of Junior Fall  
Jerry Goemaat 1982 & Angela Vos Goemaat 1984  
Iva Amsberry  
In Memory of Charlotte Drost  
Wilson's Corner  
Bob & LouAnn Willis  
Kurt and Heather Dunkin  
Gayletha Nichols in memory of Lewis Nichols  
Henry & Lillian Ray in Memory of Glen Ray Lance Bailey  
In Memory of Viola Sytsma  
In Memory of Bob Nichols  
Eric Davis  
Mick Furniture & Appliance - Albia  
Patritto Orthodontics  
In Memory of Clyde and Margaret Conner  
Twin Cedars P.T.O.  
In Memory of Luella Jones Parker, Bussey Class of 1949  
In Memory of Donna Piagentini  
Howard and Lois Davis  
In Memory of Sandra Rankin, Class of 1980  
In Memory of Leta Nichols  
In Memory of Sam Barnhill, Class of 1968  
IMO Gregg Rankin, Class of 1968  
Yvonne Sams Menninga, Class of 1973

**THANK YOU!**

*Your contribution is tax-deductible.*

**Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 212, Bussey, IA 50044**

**Make your check payable to TC Dollars for Scholars, and mail along with this form to:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund

Please choose from the following donation opportunities:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Full Address

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*Please send your contribution to the Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars Chapter today.*

**CAN YOU HELP US?**

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