

On May 7, 2015, Dollars for Scholars hosted the annual Senior Awards Night, at which TC students of the Class of 2015 were presented scholarships and awards. Principal David Roby welcomed those in attendance, and served as MC for the program.

Announced awards and honors were:

U.S. Marine Corps ñ Distinguished Athlete: David Otis Roby and Elizabeth Robley

U.S. Marine Corps ñ Scholastic Excellence: Elizabeth Rowley

U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete Award: David Otis Roby and Elizabeth Rowley

U.S. Air Force Mathematics/Science Award: Elizabeth Rowley

U.S. Navy Distinguished Athlete Award: David Otis Roby and Elizabeth Rowley

U.S. Navy Scholastic Excellence Award: Elizabeth Rowley

Iowa National Guard Academic Award: David Otis Roby and Elizabeth Rowley

Iowa National Guard Athletic Award: David Otis Roby and Elizabeth Rowley

Iowa National Guard Resiliency Award: William Rang

Wendyís High School Heisman: David Otis Roby(State Finalist) and Shyann DenBurger

Iowa Blood Center ñ Gallon Grad: Bryon DeWit and Taylor Gillaspie

Governor Scholar Recognition: Elizabeth Rowley

Steve Parker, Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars President, announced that Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars was proud to award \$6,000.00 to 9 graduating seniors this year. He introduced the persons who would be presenting the awards, who the presenters were representing, and the graduates accepting the scholarships, along with their family and college information. DFS scholarships were presented, as follows:

Cameron Parker, representing the Twin Cedars Jr.-Sr. High Teaching Staff, presented a \$800.00 scholarship to Elizabeth Rowley. Elizabeth is the daughter of Rick and Diane Rowley, and plans to attend Indian Hills Community College where her major field of study will be Health and Medicine.

Tracy Gathman, representing Two Rivers Cooperative, presented a \$600.00 scholarship to Mackenzie Sedlock. Mackenzie is the daughter of Brad & Michelle Sedlock, and Jenny Arkema, and plans to attend Indian Hills Community College where her major field of study will be Elementary Education.

Dave and Kim Roby, representing their family, presented a \$750.00 scholarship to their son, David Otis Roby. Otis plans to attend Southeastern Community College - North Campus in West Burlington where his major field of study is undecided, but may be business.

Dr. Steven Mott, DDS, representing himself and his wife Tresa Mott, presented a \$700.00 scholarship to Shyann DenBurger. Shyann is the daughter of Matthew & Melinda DenBurger, and plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College where her major field of study will be Dentistry.

Amanda Bacus, past recipient of a TC DFS scholarship, presented a \$700.00 scholarship to Trenton Bacus. Trenton is the son of Mark and Angela Bacus, and plans to attend Indian Hills Community College where his major field of study will be Environmental Studies or Criminal Justice.

Serenity Housell and Paige Phillips, representing the Twin Cedars 6th Grade Class, presented a \$700.00 scholarship to Emily McLain. Emily is the daughter of Mike and Irene McLain, and plans to attend the University of Iowa where her major field of study will be Physical Therapy.

Megan Anderson, past recipient of a TC DFS scholarship, presented a \$600.00 scholarship to Tyler Blaudow. Tyler is the son of Stephanie and Kenny Vander Linden, and plans to attend Kirkwood Community College where his major field of study will be Ag Business or Beef Production.

Tom Morgan, member of the TC school board, presented a \$500.00 scholarship to Dakota Hanley. Dakota is the daughter of Mark and Martie Hanley, and plans to attend Des Moines Area Community College where her major field of study will be Criminal Justice.

Leroy Winfield, representing Winfield Funeral Home, presented a \$650.00 scholarship to Katelyn Morgan. Katelyn is the daughter of Carrie Morgan, and Tom & Teri Morgan, and plans to attend Indian Hills Community College where her major field of study will be Health Information Technologies.

Other scholarships were announced and presented as follows:

Rena Fee Welch: \$100 each to Trenton Bacus, Shyann DenBurger, Victoria Greene, Dakota Hanley, Emily McLain, Katelyn Morgan, Otis Roby, and Elizabeth Rowley.

Mildred Jayne and Ham Moore: \$300 each to Trenton Bacus, Otis Roby, Emily McLain, and Elizabeth Rowley.

TC Yearbook: \$250 to Emily McLain

Twin Cedars P.T.O. \$100 each to Emily McLain and Otis Roby

Orville Pettyjohn Memorial: \$50 to Samantha Pettyjohn

TC Athletic Boosters: \$250 each to Shyann DenBurger, Elizabeth Rowley, and Otis Roby

Indian Hills Edward J Schwartz Educational Trust: \$600 to Katelyn Morgan

Indian Hills Sustainable Ag Club: \$1,200 to Trenton Bacus

Marion County Soil & Water Conservation: \$500 to Trenton Bacus

Knoxville 1st United Methodist Church: \$500 to David Otis Roby

St. Anthony's Catholic Church: \$500 to Emily McLain

Pella Rolscreen Foundation, based on pillars of Character Counts!: \$500 each to David Otis Roby and Elizabeth Rowley

Make Iowa Beautiful ñ Beyers Environmental Scholarship: \$1,000 to Trenton Bacus

Conservation District of Iowa Scholarship: \$500 to Trenton Bacus

- - In Memoriam - -
- - Jim Sevier - -

The following is in memory of a long time supporter of the Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars, Jim Sevier. He attended and supported many fund raising events, including the Alumni Banquets. MANY Twin Cedars Alumni benefitted from Jim's teaching and encouragement to pursue post high school education.

James Thomas "Jim" Sevier, age 70, of Knoxville, Iowa, passed away on September 9, 2015, at his home. He was born on December 11, 1944, in Milan, Missouri. After high school, Jim attended North East Missouri State Teachers College and graduated with a degree in education in 1966. He then began teaching for the Twin Cedars Schools where he taught Industrial Arts for 37 years. When he retired in 2002, he was recognized as having the longest tenure of any TC teacher. During his teaching career, Jim obtained his masters degree in education and Industrial Arts. Jim also co-owned and operated the Knoxville Car Wash for 36 years.

Jim was a long time Masonic Lodge member in Milan, MO. He had a passion and talent for cars, especially Ford Mustangs and he was a member of the South Central Mustang Club.

Jim is survived by his wife of almost 31 years, Deborah Sevier.; his children: Lisa Curnes of Knoxville, Jamie Prins of Phoenix, Arizona, Stacie Spaur of Des Moines and Jason (Meredith) Sevier of Phoenix, Arizona. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, his mother-in-law, a brother, and sister along with their spouses.