



## TC Club Reporter

November 2021

- - - News - - -

### **TWIN CEDARS DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS REACHES \$1,000,000 ENDOWMENT MILESTONE**

Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars (TCDFS) is a local chapter of Scholarship America which is a national network of over 1000 local chapters across the country. The goal of TCDFS is to provide scholarships to Twin Cedars graduates who are pursuing post-secondary education. It originated in March 1989, when Don Gilkerson, Superintendent of Twin Cedars Schools, introduced the idea to a group of teachers and community members. Within 2 months, \$3300 was raised and given to Seniors as scholarships.

In the past 32 years, the local chapter has participated in many fund-raising events which helped build the endowment fund. TCDFS is also very grateful for donations from; past scholarship recipients, private citizens, memorials, businesses and estates. **We are pleased to announce we have been honored with two more estate gifts which raises our endowment fund to \$1,000,000!**

The chapter is honored to announce it is the **beneficiary of \$196,000 from the late Judith Swanson**. She passed away on December 12, 2019, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Judith Kay Swanson, daughter of Wilmer James and Leah (Robinson) Lomax, was born February 13, 1941, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She was a 1960 graduate of Bussey High School and then furthered her education in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, studying dental assisting. She returned to Oskaloosa and began working for Dr. John Ashton in Knoxville. June 13, 1964, Judy was united in marriage to Gary Dale Swanson. They made their home on a farm near Givin, and Gary was a teacher at Twin Cedars High School and Judy continued to work for Dr. Ashton. After 33 years of working for Dr. Ashton, she retired in 1994. After Gary passed away in 2004, Judy moved into Bussey and lived with her mother. Judy's love of history and genealogy prompted her many activities. She was a

lifetime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Chapter Regent, and a lifetime member of the Nelson Pioneer Farm/Mahaska County Historical Society. In 1975, she served as president of the Bussey Centennial Book Committee. She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapters in Bussey and Eddyville, and a member of the Dental Assistant's Association. Judy enjoyed traveling extensively, visiting England four times and traveling to New Zealand, Australia, Alaska, and Mexico. She loved collecting antiques and helping anyone she could.

The chapter is honored to announce it is the **beneficiary of \$50,000 from the late Robert Owen Dykstra** of Albia. He died on December 28, 2020, age 88, at the Monroe Care Center. Robert was born on December 14, 1932, on the family farm in rural Albia to Lloyd and Ellsie (Gray) Dykstra. He attended and graduated from Albia School with the class of 1951. After graduating Robert served his country in the United States Air Force. On November 3, 1956, he was united in marriage to Dolores Bailey in western Iowa. Robert worked construction part time and farmed the family farm his whole life. Robert raised cattle and hogs. He was a member of the American Legion of Eddyville, served on the REC Board for 27 years and the Northeast Missouri Power Board for 24 years. He spent 9 years on the Iowa Area Development Group. He also served on the Eddyville School Board. In 1961, he received the Register and Tribune Award for conservation work. In 1991, Robert and Delores received the Monroe County Cattlemen's Award.

Because of these large gifts, the chapter will be able to award even larger scholarships to post-secondary students up to four years!

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED  
THROUGH THE YEARS!**

### **- - - Senior Awards - - -**

Senior awards were announced at graduation this year in place of having a separate awards night. The following seniors were awarded a scholarship from Dollars for Scholars:

Nathan Smith was awarded \$3,250.00. Nathan is the son of Allen & Melissa Smith. He will be attending the University of Iowa where his major field of study will be Social Sciences.

Laci Messamaker was awarded \$3,250.00. Laci is the daughter of Mary Kaskadden and Gerrit Messamaker. She will be attending Indian Hills Community College where her major field of study will be Arts & Humanities.

Kade Dunkin was awarded \$3,250.00. Kade is the son of Kurt & Heather Dunkin. He will be attending William Penn University where his major field of study will be Biology.

Hailey Curry was awarded \$3,250.00. Hailey is the daughter of Brad & Lori Curry. She will be attending the Iowa State University where her major field of study will be Graphic Design.

Saylor See was awarded \$2,250.00. Saylor is the daughter of Lindsay Wilson and Scott See. She will be attending Indian Hills Community College where her major field of study will be Nursing.

McKenna Beyer was awarded \$2,250.00. McKenna is the daughter of Tim & Michelle Beyer and Michele Williams. She will be attending Indian Hills Community College where her major field of study is undecided.

In addition to the Dollars for Scholars scholarship, each applicant received \$800 from the Duffy Memorial Scholarship.

McKenna Beyer and Kade Dunkin each received a \$500 Character Counts Scholarship provided by Pella Rolscreen Foundation.

#### **Other Scholarships and Awards Received:**

TC PTO: Nathan Smith

TC Athletic Boosters: Kade Dunkin and Hailey Curry

Welch Living Memorial Scholarship: Hailey Curry, Kade Dunkin, Laci Messamaker, Nathan Smith, and Saylor See

Jayne Moore and H.J. "Ham" Moore: Hailey Curry, Kade Dunkin, Laci Messamaker, and Nathan Smith

U of I Harry S Bunker Scholarship: Nathan Smith

U of I Penacrest Award: Nathan Smith

V.F.W. of Knoxville: Nathan Smith

Twin Cedars FFA Alumni Chapter: Nathan Smith and Chloe Swank

Twin Cedars Music Boosters: Nathan Smith, Laci Messamaker, and Chloe Swank

Wm Penn University Men's Shotgun Sports Scholarship: Kade Dunkin

Marion County Sportsmen Club Scholarship: Kade Dunkin

Community 1<sup>st</sup> Credit Union Scholarship: Kade Dunkin

Oskaloosa Daughters of American Revolution: Kade Dunkin

Knoxville Branch, Community 1<sup>st</sup> Credit Union: Laci Messamaker

IHCC Recruiting Scholarship: Chloe Swank

IHCC Construction Technology Club Scholarship: Chloe Swank

Wendy's High School Heisman: Kade Dunkin and Chloe Swank

Bluegrass Conference Senior Top Academic Achievers: Kade Dunkin and Nathan Smith

Gallon Grad Award: Nathan Smith

### **- - -Dolores Bailey Dykstra Scholarship- - -**

2021 Recipients: \$4,000 each to Zachary Peterson and Trenton Reed

### **- - -Duffy Scholarship- - -**

2021 Recipients: \$5,000 each to Anna Lopez, Riley Kelderman, Dakota Pinegar, Alexis Crozier, Daniel Beary, Nicholas Haselhuhn, Jordyn Sanders, Zachary Peterson, and Trenton Reed

**- - - Thank Yous - - -**

Dear TCDFS Chapter,

I am honored and very thankful to be the recipient of the multiple scholarship awards that you have offered over the years. They have gone a long ways towards reducing the cost of tuition. I hope I will be able to pay it forward to the community in the future. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Nick Haselhuhn

I would like to thank the Dollars for Scholars for selecting me to receive a scholarship for my first year of college.

Thanks,  
Kade Dunkin

**- - - Decals - - -**

There is an exciting opportunity to show Saber spirit and support TC graduating seniors. Show your Saber spirit with the new Decal License Plates. All you have to do is surrender your current license plates to your County Treasurer's office and pay \$5.00 for a set of decal license plates. Then you can purchase Twin Cedars decals for \$10/pair. All profits from the decals go to Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Dunkin at 641-218-8865.

**- - - Amazon Smile - - -**

You can make a difference while you shop on Amazon. Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or with AmazonSmile On in the Amazon shopping app. Make sure to designate Scholarship America, Bussey (Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars), as your choice of charity. Thank you to everyone who is already doing this! We are always thankful and surprised when we receive our Amazon payout.

**- - - Donating Shares of Stock - - -**

Did you know you are able to donate shares of stock that you own to Dollars for Scholars? We have an account with Edward Jones that allows us to accept stock shares. If you would like more information, please let us know.

**- - - Private Donations 2020-2021 - - -**

Yvonne Sams Menninga  
Dennis Mockenhaupt  
Twin Cedars Teachers & Staff  
Orville Junior Dunkin  
Dave Roby Family  
TC Tag  
Kevin and Sally Clark  
Jean Smith  
Dude & Rachel Hoehns  
Class of 1969 – In Memory of Helen Marshall  
IMO Sam Barnhill  
IMO Ladonna Milledge

**- - - Business Donations 2020-2021 - - -**

Oskaloosa Vision Center  
Marion Co. Fair Association  
Pella Rolscreen Foundation  
Raceway Tire & Exhaust, Knoxville  
Two Rivers Cooperative, Pella, Otley, Monroe,  
Tracy  
Knoxville Hospital & Clinics – Imprest Fund  
Amazon Smile  
Marion County Abstract  
Ulrich Ford Lincoln  
Dr. Dwayne Patritto  
Principal Financial Foundation

# - - - ENDOWMENT - - -

Contributions to the **Endowment Fund** are considered principal, which is never invaded. Earnings on principal provide part of the funds awarded as scholarships yearly to seniors. As of 8/31/21, the Endowment Fund has a balance of \$1,010,294.30.

## **Contributors of any amount in the last fiscal year**

John Cathcart, Attica Class of 1958  
Howard & Lois (Black) Davis  
Bryan & Sheryl Hoy  
Karen Kraber  
Kathy (Beary) Baumbaugh  
Microsoft Foundation, Matching Funds  
Marion County Abstract  
Carl Neifert

In Memory of Sam Barnhill, Class of 1968

Max Van Gorp, Class of 1965

Judith Swanson Estate

William & Betty Maxwell

Robert Dykstra Estate

## **Designated Funds - \$100,000 or more**

John 'Jack' and Mary U. Duffy

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 - a gift of \$2,500 or more**

William & Jeannette Applegate

Kathy Beary Baumbaugh

In Memory of Winona Davis

Zack and Brandy Dunkin Family

Bryan & Sheryl Hoy

Dr. Todd E. Lundy, D.D.S.

Marion County Fair Association/Knoxville Raceway

Harold and Gloria Mick Trust

Microsoft Foundation

Monsanto Farmers Grow Communities - Corrine

Uitermarkt prize

Pella Rolscreen Foundation

3M Foundation

Two Rivers Cooperative

VOYA Financial (f/k/a ING U.S.)

In Memory of Jim Sevier,

Industrial Arts Teacher 1966-2002

John K. Cathcart – Attica Class of 1958

In Memory of Steve Parker, Class of 1972,

DFS Board Member

## **Saber Promoter - a gift of \$1,000 or more**

Virgie Feagins Bailey

Larry and Joan Beary

Michael & Brenda Ray Christian

Larry Conn

Larry Crozier, donated in the name of Derek Crozier

Larry & Rose De Vries

James P. Duffy, M.D.

In Memory of Margaret Ann Dunkin, 1st Grade Teacher

Derwin & Irene Ensor

Donald Fast in Memory of Carroll Fast

Gavel Lodge #229, Integrity Lodge #584, Masonic Lodges

Mildred Gurney Memorial

James & Deborah Moses Kerr

Kin Folks - Mike & Teri Sporer

Knoxville Veterinary Clinic, Pam Langenbau Burk

Mahaska Bottling Co

Beverly J. Mick

Brenda (Van Polen) Nichols Memorial

In Memory of Ollie J. Milledge, Tracy Class of 1949

Todd Petty

Twila Rankin in memory of Boyd Rankin

Jayne Thorson - Class of 1976

In Memory of Ruth J. Vande Keift

## **TC 500 Club - a gift of \$500 or more**

Bill Drost Memorial

In honor of Beulah Sherman & in memory of Cecil Sherman  
Squirrelly Sophomores of 1972

Rex Vance Memorial Class of 1969

Betty Augsburg

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 Drzymiski, 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

Carl Neifert

In Memory of Sandra Rankin, Class of 1980

In Memory of Sam Barnhill, Class of 1968

Dino Piagentini

In Memory of Marion Sherman, Class of 1967

Grant & Priscilla Rankin, In Memory of Sandra Rankin Redding

In Memory of Leta Nichols

**- - - AND, ETC - - -**

**- - TC DFS Website - -**

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

Next year seems a long way off, but now is the time for 2022 TC graduates to start thinking about scholarships. In addition, previous year grads can use our website to search for scholarships offered by other organizations. Some outside scholarships can have application deadlines as early as January or February. TC students must use our website to submit a scholarship application, and can start filling out their profile page now. Go to our website, click on the Students & Parents button, and be sure to read the Login page for information regarding requirements, deadlines, payments, and opportunities. If you have questions, contact Stephanie Bailey at 641-891-9546. If you have an interest and wish to volunteer to help in the development or maintenance of this website, please contact any TC DFS Chapter member.

Check out our website at

**TwinCedars.DollarsForScholars.org**

Contact us by email at

**TwinCedarsDFS@hotmail.com**

See our page on **Facebook**, and like us, comment, or share

**- - - Your Invitation - - -**

You are invited to join our Chapter! If you already volunteer with a group supporting our TC school and students, good for you! If not, we ask you to consider becoming a member of our organization. Chapter meetings are held the second Tuesday of March through May, and September through November, in the community room at the TC elementary building at 7:00 p.m. Would you like to assist TC DFS but maybe don't have time to attend the meetings? We'd love to grow our group, but we also understand the busy schedules that can get in the way! With so few members, it would be great if there were some volunteers willing to assist us with various administrative tasks at times. Some tasks may be handling/updating mailing lists, annual newsletter prep, website updates, and various other items that may come up. If you have the capability to help out, please contact us at [twincedarsdfs@hotmail.com](mailto:twincedarsdfs@hotmail.com) or contact any current member. We look forward to hearing from you!

**- - - Financial Report - - -**  
**- - - Calendar Year 2020 - - -**

Balance on hand as of 12/31/20:

General Fund: \$6,473.99

Endowment Funds: \$760,108.44

2020 Income Sources:

Interest: \$2,513.09

Dividends and capital gains: \$22,294.54

General Fund Donations: \$4,293.33

Endowment Fund Donations: \$7,339.15

Fundraisers: \$164.00

In this annual newsletter, we not only strive to keep you informed of activities and news in 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 in the General Fund, except administrative expenses and a small amount of seed money, is awarded as scholarships each May. The Endowment Fund principal is never invaded, and the income earned may or may not be used for scholarships. **To make a contribution by mail, please complete the form on the last page of this newsletter. We can also accept donations online through our website by going to the DONATE NOW tab and clicking the blue button.**

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

**- - - TC DFS Chapter Members - - -**

Heather Dunkin, President (641-218-8865)

Corrine Uitermarkt, Vice-President (641-842-6016)

LouAnn Willis, Secretary (641-943-2492)

Stephanie Bailey, Treasurer (641-891-9546)

David Roby (at TC school 641-944-5243)

Julie Sytsma (at TC school 641-944-5243)

**- - - Class Reunions - - -**

As a service, we will gladly supply you with a list of graduates in your class and their addresses. You may make changes, and return the list for a free set of mailing labels. If you have a list of your class alumni and their addresses, we would appreciate a copy so that we may update our database, which is used when mailing our annual newsletter. Contact Stephanie Bailey by phone at 641-891-9546 or email [TwinCedarsDFS@hotmail.com](mailto:TwinCedarsDFS@hotmail.com).

Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars  
P O Box 212  
Bussey, IA 50044

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**CAN YOU HELP US?**

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

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

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

Please choose from the following donation opportunities:

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

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

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

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

*Your contribution is tax-deductible.*

**THANK YOU!**