

**SLP 2014
grads attend:**

American University
Anoka-Ramsey Comm. Col.
Augsburg College
Beloit College
Bethel University
Brandeis University
Case Western Reserve Univ.
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna Col.
Coe College
College of St. Benedict
Concordia University
Cornell College
Cornell University
George Washington Univ.
Grinnell College
Gustavus Adolphus Col.
Hamline University
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Luther College
Miami University
Mpls Comm. and Tech. Col.
Minn. St. Univ. Mankato
Minn. St. Univ. Moorhead
Normandale Comm. Col.
Ohio State University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
St. Catherine University
St. Cloud State University
St. John's University
St. Olaf College
Skidmore College
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Chicago
University of Kansas
U. of Minn. - Duluth
U. of Minn. - Morris
U. of Minn. - Twin Cities
Univ. of North Dakota
U. of Northwestern, St. Paul
University of St. Thomas
University of San Diego
Univ. of So. Cal. - L. A.
Univ. of Washington
Univ. of Wis. - Eau Claire
Univ. of Wis. - Madison
Univ. of Wis. - River Falls
Univ. of Wis. - Stout
Wartburg College
Williams College
Winona State University

97 scholarships from:

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Teachers and staff
Graduating classes
Retired faculty
Sports assoc.
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Providing Post-Secondary Scholarships for Local Students

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Seniors receive \$74,675 in scholarships at 2014 Awards Night

May 28, 2014 proved a perfect evening to celebrate with graduating seniors and their families at the St. Louis Park High School Academic Awards Night. A total of 97 St. Louis Park High School Dollars for Scholars Scholarships was awarded representing \$74,675 dollars, all donated to help graduates pursue post-secondary education.

Scholarship donors ranged as wide as recipients' educational choices. Individual and group donors were represented including graduating classes, former and current high school staff, and the all-important neighborhoods, all of whom demonstrate their care for St. Louis Park's young people with donations for their future education.



**Dr. Bill Youmans with Platform 9 ¾
Scholarship recipient Elizabeth Bulman**

Scholarships were sponsored by a number of youth-oriented groups, including Girl Scouts, the Park Association of Teachers, the Soccer Association and the Youth Hockey Association. Caring for others in the St. Louis Park community begins early, demonstrated by the many teens who were thanked for voluntarily distributing donation envelopes and newsletters throughout the city's neighborhoods. As retired faculty member Joel Anderson stated as he presented the Joel G. Anderson/Joanie Brinkman Scholarship to recipient Ariel Weinstein, "The secret of living is giving."

Dollars for Scholars Recognizes Diane Vig with \$1000 Scholarship as Regional Volunteer of the Year

Thanks to St. Louis Park Dollars for Scholars Treasurer Diane Vig, a new \$1000 scholarship will be given to a 2015 graduate. Diane was recognized this fall as a Dollars for Scholars Regional Volunteer of the Year. To honor her efforts, Dollars for Scholars awarded the St. Louis Park chapter a \$1000 scholarship. In addition to her many duties as treasurer, Diane has been instrumental in developing the Dollars for Scholars online website and scholarship application form. Never one for the limelight, Diane said, "I'm just glad it netted us a \$1000 scholarship." View Diane's hard work and apply online for scholarships at <http://www.stlouispark.dollarsforscholars.org>.

Want to earn more? Get that college degree!

"The gap in earnings between college graduates and their peers with a high school diploma or less has never been greater in the modern era," opined Chris Farrell of MPR's Sound Money in a May 2014 Star Tribune editorial. Sighting Pew Research data regarding Millennials ages 25 to 32, Farrell argues that postsecondary degrees have never been more important. "The financial penalty for not getting some form of postsecondary education -- whether a technical college certificate or an advanced degree -- is steep measured in job prospects, wages, benefits and career opportunities over a lifetime." He also cautions that students, parents and guardians need to work hard to minimize student loans.

Closing education gap crucial to strong economy

Even as the worldwide policy-maker Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) recognizes that education is crucial to economic growth, their latest education report shows a slowdown in post-secondary education among younger adults in the United States. Almost the same amount of young adults, 24%, has achieved upward mobility as has experienced downward mobility in education, 23%. In fact, only 53% of US adults aged 25-64 have attained the same level of education as that of their parents. Said OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría, "The biggest threat to inclusive growth is the risk that social mobility could grind to a halt. Increasing access to education for everyone and continuing to improve people's skills will be essential to long-term prosperity and a more cohesive society."

Select colleges match Dollars for Scholars Scholarships

Dollars for Scholars parent non-profit, Scholarship America recognizes 423 Collegiate Partners that have agreed to distribute awarded Dollars for Scholars Scholarships without reducing a student's financial aid package.

Some Collegiate Partners, including the University of St. Thomas, will match Dollars for Scholars Scholarships. To learn more visit <http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/cp.php>

Scholarship donations welcome!



Counselor Barb Nelson presents a scholarship to Ryan McCanna

Please donate today online or by mail

Help a graduate achieve his or her post secondary goals, improve that person's life and the community at large. Donate at the SLP DFS website at <http://www.stlouispark.dollarsforscholars.org> where you can find the latest DFS information at local and national levels. Wish to give by mail? Please send your check to SLP DFS at P.O. Box 16403, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Questions? Email slp.dollarsforscholars@gmail.com or ask a board member.

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