



West Central Area

Dollars for Scholars®



2020-2021 Newsletter



WHY INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS

BY NATALIE HANSON

For centuries the most successful societies are ones who value the power of education and invest in the next generation. Investing in our students benefits us as a community as they eventually enter into the workforce equipped with the skills to not simply maintain our current status but innovate for growth and prosperity. In addition, it also does something much more significant.

Providing assistance for our students' education is one way to demonstrate to our kids that THEY MATTER. They matter to us, our community, and the world. Our act of giving to the next generation communicates confidence in who we believe they are and what we believe they are capable of doing.

Too many students, for countless reasons, doubt their worth, their value, and their significance to the world. Therefore, one of the greatest gifts we can give our kids is BELIEF in them. Belief that they have the power to make a positive impact on the world. Belief that the talents, abilities, and passions they've been given deserve to be nurtured, enhanced, and strengthened.

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WCA DFS PHONE-A-THON

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Unfortunately, as we know, pursuing a higher education comes at a cost—a big one. Our mission at Dollars for Scholars is to support our students' ambitious endeavors and dreams of receiving a college education by providing them with financial assistance.

“The greatest gift we can give our kids is belief in them.”

Scholarships are an invaluable addition to a student's financial resources, not to mention a boost in their mental health. Therefore, we invite you to join us and many other community supporters in showing our students how much they **MATTER** by investing in our students and giving a donation

today! Your donation will help alleviate some of the financial burden that accompanies higher education as well as show the next generation, "We believe in you!"

To see the impact our scholarships make in the life of our students, check out page eight and nine for messages shared by past recipients. Thank you for your consideration in donating to DFS.

On behalf of the DFS Board, students, and parents, we thank you for your continued support!

FUNDS DOWN DUE TO CONCESSION CLOSING

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We all know this has been a year filled with unprecedented circumstances brought on by Covid19 that have changed the way we do life. Like many other organizations, groups, businesses, and schools, DFS has been affected by the changes.

Managing and selling concessions during fall and winter sporting events at WCA secondary school is the number one fundraiser for DFS. Because of the safety measures in place at the school, concessions are not allowed to be sold. Therefore, our funding is

down compared to past years, yet we still have several applicants applying for the scholarships.

This year we are relying heavily on the generosity of our current donors as well as new donors to continue to support our mission to provide financial scholarships to our students. We realize it's been a tough year, financially, for many. Due to our inability to fundraise through concessions, if you are a fan who normally attends games, we invite you to consider the following:

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER:

Adding to your annual donation the amount you would typically spend on concessions.



WCA DFS PHONE-A-THON

BY CHARLENE BLUME

The WCA DFS Phone-a-thon is an annual fundraiser and eligibility requirement for seniors that is responsible for raising over \$10,000 every year. In addition to raising funds, this provides a great learning opportunity to our students. The senior class takes one night to gather as a group and call community members requesting funds to support the various scholarships awarded. Our 2021 Phone-a-thon took place on February 24. If you did not receive a call and would like to donate, you can donate online at www.wcadfs.org or send your donation in the enclosed donation form.

DONATE online at www.WCADFS.org or via Enclosed Donation Form



CONSIDER A GIVING LEVEL

WCA Dollars for Scholars established "**GIVING LEVELS**" in 2009 to recognize individuals and organizations who provide financial support for annual awards. In addition, the giving levels provide a means of budgeting for long-term goals related to giving.

Donors who commit to a specific giving level are recognized in DFS publications and issued reminders every year. Once requirements of a giving level have been met, donors have the option to join a higher level. Donors who continue contributions at the same level are considered "knighted" and recognized as such.

GIVING LEVEL SUPPORTERS

LEGACY & BEYOND—contribution greater than \$10,000+

ELBOW LAKE FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Elbow Lake Firefighters Relief Association joined the Heritage Level in 2009 and moved to Legacy and Beyond in 2013. "We're honored to support our graduating seniors as we are supported by the areas we serve."

LEGACY KNIGHT—contribution of \$10,000

BARRETT FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Barrett Fire Relief Association joined the Heritage level in 2010 and moved up to Legacy Knight in 2013 to further demonstrate a commitment to the community and the belief that we can build stronger communities by educating our youth.

CARL LARSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Carl J. Larson started the Dollars for Scholars program for our area seniors. Carl was a strong supporter and believed every student should be given the opportunity to make a difference. A Carl J. Larson scholarship has been awarded annually since 1997.

ELBOW LAKE COOP GRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

Elbow Lake Coop Grain with locations in Elbow Lake, Wendell and Nashua joined the Legacy Knight giving level in 2009. They support students pursuing an agriculture-related education.

WCA DFS GIVING LEVELS

Donors commit to one-time payment or five payments over five years.

555 KNIGHTS \$555

\$155 now plus \$100/year
for 4 years

HONORED KNIGHT \$1,000

\$200 now plus \$200/year
for 4 years

SCHOLAR KNIGHT \$2,500

\$500 now plus \$500/year
for 4 years

HERITAGE KNIGHT \$5,000

\$1,000 now plus \$1,000/yr
for 4 years

LEGACY KNIGHT \$10,000

Flexible payment options.

LEGACY & BEYOND KNIGHT \$10,000+

Flexible payment options.



GIVING LEVEL SUPPORTERS

LEGACY KNIGHT— contribution of \$10,000

ELMER & VIOLA NELSON FOUNDATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

The Nelson's established this scholarship in support of their belief in continuing education.

ELIZABETH HAUGEN & KIRSTEN (HAUGEN) JUHOLA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (JIM & JOYCE HAUGEN)

Jim and Joyce Haugen's daughters, Elizabeth and Kristen, graduated from Elbow Lake High School in 1975 and 1978. Beth was pursuing a career in nursing while Kris' goal was to become an airline pilot. In 1984, long before their dreams could be fulfilled, both daughters passed away—Beth from a brain tumor and Kris in a plane crash. This scholarship is intended to help other young people realize their dreams.

SHARON STRUNK SCHOLARSHIP

Sharon Strunk truly believed in the value of public education and seized any opportunity to instill success in our youth. Her loved ones wish to keep her spirit alive with support for individuals who have the potential to shape the lives of our community's children and grandchildren.

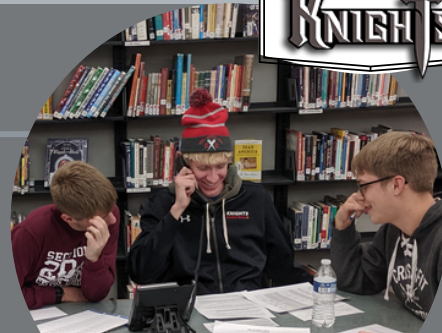
JEROME OSTENSON SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in honor of Oscar and Caroline Ostenson and their descendants, and is awarded to a boy seeking post-secondary training in a non-academic field—trade, vocational, or tech school—that is needed in a rural setting.

HERITAGE KNIGHT— contribution of \$5,000

THE NOEL KJESBO "HEY, WAY TO GO!" MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Noel graduated from Elbow Lake/Wendell HS in 1965 and believed strongly in the value of a well-rounded, practical and fun education that included academics, curiosity about the wider world, extra-curricular participation, and proud community involvement.



HERITAGE KNIGHT

—contribution of \$5,000

BANK OF THE WEST SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2009 to reflect the bank's support of graduating seniors and their endeavors to continue education beyond high school.

CARL A. HANSON AMERICAN LEGION POST #321 SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2011 with a long-standing history of supporting youth programs in the region.

GREGG GOLDENSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP

As a former vocal instructor at WCA, Greg's family established this scholarship in his honor. This scholarship is awarded to a student active in music.

NICK MAHONEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Mahoney family established this scholarship in memory of Nick, a former WCA student.



GIVING LEVEL SUPPORTERS

SCHOLAR KNIGHT— contribution of \$2,500

Amundson-Peterson Inc.	Hoffman Lions Club
Cosmos Enterprises, Inc.	Jim's Market
Cross Country Construction	Kensington Bank
Eagle Bank	Kensington Commercial Club
Elbow Lake Lions Club	Midwest Machine, Inc.
Elbow Lake Women's Study Club	Wendy & Ethan Rudell Memorial
Farmers Agency	Lou Score and Pryce Score
Farmers State Bank of Hoffman	Dick Vipond Memorial
Haley Oil Company	Pro-AG Farmers Cooperative
Hoffman Coop Grain Association	

HONORED KNIGHT— contribution of \$1,000

Ameriprise, Inc., Mike Svobodny	Lake Region Veterinary Center, LLC
Anderson LP	Lakes Area Professional Women
Anderson Oil/Dew Drop Inn	Doug and Kim Oachs
Barrett Farm Supply, Inc.	Prairie Air Inc.
Jim and Marlene Belgum	Dr. Robert Sampson Memorial
Chad and Diane Biss	Star Bank
Blume Electric	Titan Machinery
Bright Seeds	Wendell Lions
Jeff and Marlene Dreier	Wendell Pioneer Insurance
Ellis Insurance Agency	Hanson Auctioneers—Jerome &
Grant County Herald	Natalie

555 KNIGHT— contribution of \$555

555 Knight symbolizes the 5 communities along Highway 55 that comprise of WCA School District.

Matthew & Shelli Allen	Grant County Lions Club	Duane and Lana Rau
Daryl and Connie Amundson	Mark and Wanda Haberer	Todd and Sheila Ronhovde
Lane Anderson Memorial	Dwaine and Jean Haroldson	Runestone Insurance
Tory and Shelly Belgum	Gary and Karen Huebner	Gary and Beth Sabolik
Ron and Jody Brasel	Gary and Kathy Hulzebos	Sanford Self Storage
Dale Champ	Janice Krusemark Memorial	Dean and Bonnie Sternhagen
Jody and Leisha Coleman	Jay and Betty Johnson	Scott and Michelle Swenson
Dean's Super Valu	Karl and Janelle Johnson	WCA Education Association
Tony and Anne Endreson	Kruize Plumbing & Heating	West Acres Shopping Center
James and Brenda Exe	Kent and Colleen Marshall	Dave Willard
Michael and Dana Flint	Curt and Betsy Ostenson	Natalie & Darin Hanson
Keith and Kelly Gerber	Carter Overson Memorial	Kristine Johnson
Beverly Godel	Project Central	Miah & Val Ulrich



HERITAGE KNIGHT

—contribution of \$5,000

CLASS OF 1975 IN MEMORY OF CHARLES WOESSNER

Established in 2018 in memory of Charles, a 1975 graduate of Elbow Lake/Wendell High School.



DFS Students Calling for Phone-A-thon



2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—\$34,000+



Kaleigh Anderson
Noel Kjesbo Memorial
DFSPS, DFSSS



Tia Ahner
DFSPS



Hailey Bennett
Lakes Area
Professional Women
Scholarship, DFSPS



Anna Bergman
Greg Goldenstein
Memorial Scholarship
DFSPS, DFSSS



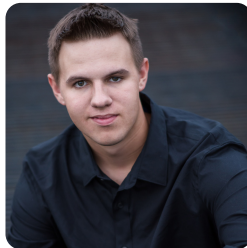
Jacob Bright
Elizabeth Haugen
Kristin Juhola Memorial
Scholarship, DFSPS



Bret Duncan
Elmer & Viola Nelson
Foundation Scholarship
DFSPS



Ashley Froemming
Gordon Peterson
Scholarship, DFSPS
DFSSS



Alex Fystrom
DFSPS



Kaleb Getz
Ostenson Vocational
Scholarship, DFSPS
DFSSS



Shelby Gilsdorf
Bank of the West
Scholarship, DFSPS,
DFSSS



Hailey Hansen
Lakes Area
Professional Women
Scholarship, DFSPS



Tristen Haroldson
DFSPS



Ellie Herman
Dottie Thompson
Scholarship, DFSPS
DFSSS



Hannah Holman
DFSPS



Aaron Holmes
DFSPS



Declan Johnson
DFSPS



Johnathan Johnsrud
DFSPS



Sidney Kvam
Augdahl Memorial
Scholarship, DFSPS
DFSSS



Jared Lock
DFSPS



Ryanne Long
Nick Mahoney
Scholarship, DFSPS
DFSSS