JEAN HOWE SCHOLARSHIP

An intelligent, spirited woman with a zest for life and a deep belief in the power of education, Jean Howe grew up on a farm in the Midwest and spent summers reading Merriam-Webster’s dictionary for knowledge and entertainment.

She played marimba in state music competitions and parlayed that unique talent into an opportunity to attend Harvard University. After graduating from Harvard, she moved to Marblehead, got married and eventually earned her master’s degree at Salem State University. She became an English teacher at Marblehead High School, while also raising her three sons.

Jean was a stalwart proponent of public education and educational programs within the community. In the early 1970s she founded the Marblehead Adult Education Program and served for many years as a trustee of Abbot Public Library.

In 2017 Jean established a scholarship in her name so that worthy high school graduates can pursue their own educational growth and opportunities, just as she was able to do. She is one of the single, largest donors to Marblehead Dollars for Scholars in the history of the non-profit organization.