

SAUK PRAIRIE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS  
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

2020  
*class of*



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SAUK PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL





Sauk Prairie

# Dollars for Scholars®

*Welcome* to the **2020 Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars** awards night. The support of our community allows us to provide 210 scholarships, worth over \$150,000, to 87 graduating seniors tonight. We could not do this without the support of our community. Thank you to each of you that has made tonight possible.

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*Message from Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars*

To the Class of 2020 Scholarship Recipients:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars Board, I applaud your achievements and hard work to get to this point. Under normal circumstances, we would be celebrating tonight with a ceremony in person, where you would have met your donor(s) and received public acknowledgement for your academic dedication and commitment. The fanfare is necessarily different this year, but we hope nonetheless you know that our community is proud of you, we appreciate you, and we celebrate you! We wish you all the best in your future pursuits!

Tim Homar  
President

# *Sauk Prairie DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS*

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## *Procedure to request scholarship money*

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Students who are awarded a scholarship will be presented with a letter explaining the name and amount of the scholarship and to whom a thank you should be sent. In a few days you will be notified of the awards through the Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars website. You will need to log into your Dollars for Scholars account and accept the scholarship(s) prior to June 8, 2019. Please do this as soon as possible.

**FUNDS ARE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE COLLEGE.** To disburse the funds, we must receive:

- REQUEST FOR THE FUNDS IN WRITING (EMAIL IS FINE)
- THE NAME OF THE COLLEGE YOU ARE ATTENDING
- YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT IDENTIFICATION (ID) NUMBER.

Screenshots and/or images of this information should be emailed to:  
saukprairiedollarsforscholars@gmail.com

## *Thank You to Our Endowment Fund Contributors*

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In addition to providing money for specific scholarships, the following contributions have been made to our endowment fund; these funds are administered by **Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars** and provide additional scholarships at the discretion of the organization.

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## *Thank You to Our Annual Fund Contributors*

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**Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars** is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. We thank the following Annual Fund donors for their support of our mission:

### **Soaring Eagle Level \$1,000+**

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**Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Position - Cash Basis**  
**As of December 31, 2019**

**Assets**

Checking/Savings	
SP Dollars for Scholars-Checking	\$24,404.00
SP Dollars for Scholars-Money Market	\$67,796.00
SP Dollars for Scholars-CD	\$80,960.00
Permanent Funds	\$3,000.00
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Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$176,160.00</u>
Trust Point Account	\$1,465,820.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$1,641,990.00</u></b>

**Liabilities & Equity**

Scholarships Payable	\$168,400.00 *
Equity	<u>\$1,473,580.00</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$1,641,980.00</u></b>

*\* Includes scholarships awarded in May 2019, paid in January/February 2020*

**Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars, Inc.**  
**Statement of Financial Income & Expenses - Cash Basis**  
**January through December 2019**

**INCOME**

Donations – Current Year Scholarships	\$115,850.00
Donations – Endowment Funds	\$1,413.00
Donations – Permanent Funds	\$32,722.00
Sponsorship Contributions	<u>\$1,750.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$147,725.00</u>

**EXPENSE**

Scholarships Awarded	\$147,725.00
Administrative Expense	\$4,770.00
Awards Night Expense	\$1,335.00
Finance Expenses	\$1,085.00
Fundraising Expense	<u>\$2,088.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$157,003.00</u>

**INVESTMENT ACTIVITY**

Interest/Dividends	\$37,046.00
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	\$14,848.00
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	\$135,120.00
Investment Fees	<u>\$26,517.00</u>
Net Investment Income (Loss)	<u>\$213,531.00</u>

<b><u>NET INCOME (LOSS)</u></b>	<b><u>\$167,406.00</u></b>
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# *Frequently Asked Questions*

## *How are scholarships set up?*

Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars uses a form that donors fill out specifying the criteria they would like to use to award their scholarship (minimum \$1,000 to include criteria). If no criteria is specified, the scholarship is general in nature and awarded to students based on their total application points received.

## *What if I change my major after graduation?*

Realizing that students may change majors, we award scholarships based on the student's intent at the time of their application. Once a scholarship is awarded, a student's decision to change majors will not impact distribution of award(s).

The Cramer scholarship is specific that the student MUST ATTEND UW-Platteville. If the recipient of the Cramer Scholarship transfers out of UW-Platteville they will not be able to claim that scholarship.

## *How are scholarships awarded?*

After students apply online, a committee of board members and non-board members review specific parts of the applications – essays, GPA, class rank, work, volunteer and extracurricular activities, and special circumstances. All applications are anonymous. Scores are determined for each section of the application and a total is generated. Applicants are ranked in order of their score. A different committee reviews the applicants with their scores and funds available to determine a match.

## *Why does it seem like some students get a lot of scholarships and others get few or one?*

Depending upon scholarship criteria and funds available, it is possible for some students to receive more scholarships than others. However, multiple scholarships may not add up as quickly as one scholarship. For example, one student may receive a scholarship for \$2,000 while another receives three scholarships at \$500 each.

## *What if a student takes a year off after high school or enters the military?*

Students have up to four years following graduation to claim their scholarship funds. Please see procedure on how to request scholarship funds on page 2.

## *Do I need to claim all my scholarship funds at once?*

No. Students can claim partial distribution of their scholarships.

## *What happens to unclaimed scholarship money?*

Any scholarship funds unclaimed after four years are transferred into the SP Dollars for Scholars Endowment Fund and used for future awards.

**For more information about Dollars for Scholars, please visit our website:  
[www.SaukPrairie.DollarsForScholars.com](http://www.SaukPrairie.DollarsForScholars.com)**

# *New Scholarships in 2020*

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## **APEL ASSOCIATES SCHOLARSHIP**

**2 @ \$500**

As the proud parent of three dedicated student athletes, Kari Apel, the CEO & President of Apel Associates, Inc., has witnessed the balancing act a young woman who is more than casually involved in sports must perform. Countless hours of practice and weekends spent on the road participating in tournaments means sacrificing time with family and friends, as well as minimizing the possibility of a part-time job to earn money for continuing education. Living up to high expectations requires the ability to learn from setbacks, constructively take criticism, work through vulnerability, anxiety, and stress, and the resiliency to break through with an optimistic, self-confident desire to succeed. The outstanding sense of focus, self-discipline, and exceptional motivation required to flourish in a chosen sport, and to not only get homework done on time but excel academically on top of other commitments demonstrates tangible traits of a natural leader. The exceptional dedication and willingness to fight for goals, while remaining humble and appreciative, are what set apart the most successful, high-performing athletes and are the characteristics Apel Associates would like to reward with a scholarship.

The winning candidate must have an overall 3.5+ GPA, be a female athlete with 4 years of participation, and be attending a 4-year college.

## **JOAN BACHHUBER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

**3 @ \$500**

**Joan Bachhuber** was a returning student at the age of 38 after losing her husband, Jack, to an extended illness. Nursing was a calling for Joan. She first attended MATC (Madison College) receiving her LPN while working at Maplewood. Joan furthered her education receiving an RN degree from the Madison General Hospital nursing program. She completed her education receiving a baccalaureate degree from the UW Madison nursing program. Joan enjoyed 25 years of caring at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison. A lifetime resident of the Sauk-Prairie area, Joan felt education opened the door to numerous opportunities and truly believed education was a gift of a lifetime.

This scholarship will be awarded to three students intending to major in Nursing with a work history during high school and community service involvement.

# Memorials and Trusts

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## **AARON J. FROSCH MEMORIAL**

**\$1,750**

**Aaron** was killed in a motorcycle accident before he had the chance to pursue his dream of becoming a graphic artist. He was a very talented writer and artist who respected every living thing. Aaron was a very caring person who made everyone feel special and important. This scholarship is provided through the generosity of his many friends and family. Recipient should be someone pursuing a career in art (commercial art, graphic arts) through a technical school or college.

## **ADAM NOVAK MEMORIAL**

**5 @ \$1,000**

PV2 **Adam Novak** was killed on August 27, 2010, by a roadside bombing in Afghanistan, when he was just 20 years old. Adam was a 2008 Sauk Prairie High School graduate. Adam lost his father when he was just 13 years old, and with the support of his mom and four older siblings, he grew up as a fun-loving person with a great passion for life, and a deep love for his family and country. Adam's family created these scholarships to honor him by helping other Sauk Prairie graduates who have the same passion to live life to the fullest and have been affected by close family concerns or military deployment. An annual motorcycle ride and bowling event help fund this scholarship. Adam was a son, brother, uncle, husband and great friend to all. This is a general scholarship with preference for a student who has been affected by close family concerns or military deployment.

## **ALEX KOHLMAN GULLICKSON MEMORIAL**

**\$300**

**Alex Kohlman Gullickson** was a 2008 graduate of Sauk Prairie High School. He was pursuing a two-year degree at Madison Area Technical College with plans to transfer into the UW system. Alex was an outgoing, warm and friendly person who was loved by his family and many friends and classmates. Alex enjoyed art and his music, video games, movies, four-wheeling and hanging with friends. He had been a soccer player and snow boarded but he was most passionate about his skateboarding. Alex did not have the chance to fulfill his dreams or use his many talents. He was lost to us in a traffic accident on January 13, 2009. This general scholarship is given in loving memory of Alex.

## **ALLAN CRAMER MEMORIAL**

**\$2,500**

**Allan Cramer** grew up on a farm north of Prairie du Sac. He graduated from Prairie du Sac High School and earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the Wisconsin State University—Platteville. He taught social studies for over 30 years at Lake Geneva Junior High School. As a testimonial of the excellent education he received at UW Platteville, he bequeathed \$48,000 to both Lake Geneva Badger and Sauk Prairie High Schools with the income to provide scholarships for students attending UW-Platteville.

## **BILL AND RYAN KNICKMEYER MEMORIAL**

**\$1,000**

This scholarship is given in memory of a father and son who both died too young, from cancer. **Bill Knickmeyer** was a family dentist for 38 years in the Sauk Prairie area (1978-2015). Bill enjoyed sports – both as a player and spectator. He was an avid Badger and Packer fan. Bill enjoyed dentistry, mainly because of the families he met. He loved traveling, meeting people from other countries, reading and continually learning new things. Bill believed in post high school education, graduating from Oregon High School, attending UW-Madison for his undergrad studies, and graduating from Marquette Dental School in 1978. He supported Dollars for Scholars because it encourages higher education.

**Ryan Knickmeyer** attended Sauk Prairie schools from kindergarten until he graduated in 1997. He felt Sauk Prairie High School and his AP courses prepared him well for college. Attending UW-Madison, Ryan graduated in 2002 with double majors in English and History. After taking a year off, he went back to the UW to pursue a journalism degree. He was assistant sports editor for The Badger Herald at the time of his death. Ryan also was an avid sports enthusiast – playing football, basketball, baseball and soccer that went to State in 1996 and 1997; and he also had the privilege of being a part of the 1996 Sauk Prairie State Baseball championship team. In 2005 Ryan had the opportunity to be the Sauk Prairie assistant JV baseball coach. He loved watching the Badgers and Packers, and the Cubs (but we forgave him for that). Of all sports, Ryan loved baseball most of all.

Bill and Ryan believe in our Sauk Prairie Schools and in higher education. They lived their motto: "Never stop learning."

## **BOB WOLLERSHEIM MEMORIAL**

**\$500**

The **Bob Wollersheim** Memorial Scholarship has been offered in loving memory of Bob Wollersheim. Bob was a Renaissance Man—he was a brilliant learner, a traveler, an accomplished trumpet player, an electrical engineer, and a pioneer in the Wisconsin winemaking industry. Bob was a graduate of Electrical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and later became a professor at UW-Madison. During his time as a professor, he was involved in NASA's Hubble Space Telescope program. Preference for this scholarship will be for a student planning on majoring in engineering.



## **CHARLES J. PLOETZ FAMILY FOUNDATION**

**6 @ \$1,500**

The **Ploetz Family** feels Sauk Prairie has been good to them including affording them the opportunity for additional education. In return, they have taken this opportunity to support the community by giving six general scholarships.

## **CHRIS RAMSEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**\$500**

Christopher was a 2008 graduate of Sauk Prairie High School. He was an avid swimmer beginning with the Pool Sharks for three years, the Mazomanie Barracudas for eight years and the SPS swim team. He competed in state competition during his sophomore and junior years. He was a loving, generous person.

Preference for this award will be for a senior who has been a member of the Sauk Prairie High School Boys' swim team for at least two years.

## **CLAIRE RICHARDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**\$500**

**Claire Richardson** taught Biology in Sauk Prairie in 1962; a career that spanned almost 30 years until he retired in 1990. When Claire wasn't busy teaching school he kept himself busy preparing taxes at the H&R Block Franchises that he owned in Waunakee, Mt. Horeb, Cross Plains, and Sauk Prairie. He recently sold his last H&R Block office in Sauk Prairie in 2012. In the 1970's, during the summer months, he operated Badgerland Lake Specialists; treating area lakes for algae. He enjoyed playing poker and sheephead with his friends, watching the Packers beat the Vikings, fishing, camping, traveling, tending to his lawn at home, and spending time with his family at their vacation home in Cable. He was a member of the Duck's Unlimited, Lion's Club, and St. John's Lutheran Church in Prairie du Sac. This scholarship is for a student pursuing education or accounting.

## **DAVE HEDGEPTH MEMORIAL**

**\$300**

The family of **Dave Hedgepath** is honored to provide this memorial scholarship to a senior baseball player. Dave was just 51 years old when he was diagnosed with cancer. He passed away only four months later, on April 15, 2009. Family, God and sports were three important parts of Dave's life. Baseball was his favorite sport—to play it when he was younger and then to coach his son Steve's baseball teams for many years. He was an amazing coach and all his players loved to come to practice and play games with Dave as their coach. All three of Dave and Joyce's children (Traci, Brandon and Steve) attended and graduated from Sauk Prairie schools.

## **DAVI DOHM MEMORIAL**

**\$500**

**Davi Dohm** was born in Prairie du Sac and was a 1993 Sauk Prairie High School graduate. Davi was killed by a DRUNK DRIVER on April 15, 2011 at the age of 36. SO, PLEASE -- DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE -- IT KILLS PEOPLE!!! Davi was a UW-Platteville graduate and was studying toward receiving his Master's in IT Management from UW-Stout in 2012. Davi was a huge sports fan. Davi played soccer, softball, tennis, hockey, was a runner, golfer, skier, bowler, fisherman, hiker and swimmer.

Davi was so much fun to be around, the "life of the party." Davi was very sensitive and a traditionalist. Davi was preparing to marry and start his family. Now his parents will never be grandparents. Davi always bought four season tickets because he enjoyed sharing with friends. Davi was the kindest hearted soul you would ever meet. WE MISS DAVI VERY MUCH!!!

Davi was a swimmer for many years on the summer swim team and was on the high school swim team. Davi was so proud and his parents are so proud of the fact that he medaled at state in the backstroke his senior year in high school and set a new high school record. When Davi graduated from high school, he received scholarships. While he was a student at UW-Platteville he mentioned he would like to give back some day to other graduating senior swimmers. So his family believes that he would approve of providing a scholarship to a graduating senior swimmer with memorial money given by his family, friends and his employer Berbee/CDW.

## **DEBORAH CARLSON MEMORIAL**

**\$1,000**

**Deborah Carlson** was a life-long artist and taught art in the Sauk Prairie Schools, primarily at Sauk Prairie Middle School, until illness forced her early retirement in 2006. Deb died in 2010. This beloved teacher had a special quality and passion for both art and teaching art. She guided and mentored many students to further their art education after high school and, for some, into art, graphic design and related careers. This scholarship is general in nature with a preference towards a student has excelled in the middle school and/or high school art programs or is pursuing a career in the arts. This scholarship was also partially funded by Sauk Prairie Today's Women. Deb was instrumental in founding both Today's Women and their Cow Chip Art Fair.

## **DIANE SLANEY MEMORIAL**

**\$250**

**Diane Slaney** was a Sauk County Sheriff who loved her job. She was a 1987 graduate of Sauk Prairie High School who excelled in sports. Diane lettered in volleyball, softball and basketball. Basketball was her favorite sport, and she won many contests with her free throw shots. She competed during half time at a UW Badger men's basketball game and a Milwaukee Bucks game. Diane was also MVP and Captain of the basketball team. After graduation, Diane attended MATC for police science, where she also played basketball. This scholarship will be awarded to a female student who is choosing to major in police science and/or is involved in basketball.

### **EDWARD & MINNIE ACCOLA TRUST**

**\$250**

This Scholarship (amount based on annual earnings of \$8,000.00 placed in trust by **Edward and Minnie Accola**) is available to a student ranking in the top eight of the graduating class. Character and involvement of individual is to be considered.

### **HAROLD E. MUELLER MEMORIAL**

**2 @ \$2,500**

**Harold** graduated from Sauk Prairie High School in the 1960's and lived his entire life on his family's farm. He never married, but is survived by one sister, Mary. Mr. Mueller loved country music and frequently traveled to Mount Pleasant, Iowa for the town's music festival. He loved animals and particularly cats and dogs. Harold had a large gun collection, as well as collecting coins and tractor seats. Thanks to his benevolence, numerous graduates will have extra financial assistance helping them reach their academic goals. These scholarships are general in nature.

### **HARRY & GISELLE EICHMANN MEMORIAL (GIVEN BY UNIVERAL DIE & STAMPINGS)**

**\$500**

**Harry & Giselle Eichmann** worked hard at and achieved the American Dream. They emigrated from Germany with a handful of quarters and didn't speak the language. Through hard work and education they excelled at creating, nurturing and growing their manufacturing business. They always taught the value of hands-on skills and lifelong learning. This general scholarship is provided in their memory for a student with motivation to enter a vocational field for a one or two year degree.

### **JAMIE CARLSON TRUST**

**\$550**

**Jamie Carlson** graduated in 1980 from Sauk Prairie High School and was attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the time of his death in a car accident. He was very active in the athletic program of Sauk Prairie High School and was an outstanding high jumper. His parents, Dr. Haakon and Janice Carlson, established this award to be given to a student who supports or participates in athletics and is planning a medical career.

Preference shall be given to any otherwise qualified candidate who intends to pursue a career in any medical profession or health care field sanctioned by the American Academy of Family Practitioners or successor organization.

### **JEFFREY DANIEL SCHOEPP MEMORIAL**

**\$500**

Dan & Chris Schoepp have established this scholarship in memory of their infant son **Jeffrey**. They had hoped he would contribute to the family construction business, Do-All Construction, but he never had the chance. Preference is given to a senior who has participated in hockey.

### **JEFF FROSCH MEMORIAL**

**\$500**

**Jeffrey (Pinky) Frosch** was a lifelong resident of Sauk City, graduating from Sauk Prairie High School. Jeff was a warm, friendly and giving individual who enjoyed spending time with his many friends, family and special friend Patch. Jeff owned a lawn and landscape business in the area for many years. Jeff was a very gifted golfer, winning his share of tournaments at the Lake Wisconsin Country Club. The scholarship is possible through the generosity of friends and family. Preference is given to a senior who has participated on the golf team.

### **JERRY AND ALICE KINDSCHI MEMORIAL**

**2 @ \$500**

**Jerry and Alice Kindschi** were married in 1955. They made their home on the farm which Jerry was raised on outside of Prairie du Sac. A Kindschi has been farming this land since 1878. Both Jerry and Alice were supportive of the local Sauk-Prairie schools and active in the Sauk-Prairie community through Concordia United Methodist Church, the Ruth Culver Community Library, the Sauk-Prairie Hospital and many other boards and committees.

Jerry was born on the family farm and became a lifelong farmer. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1951 with a degree in Agronomy, and he was also a member of Delta Theta Sigma fraternity. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War, 1952-1955. After the war, Jerry returned to the family farm and began raising seed corn. Hundreds of local teenagers worked their first jobs de-tasseling corn on the Kindschi farm.

Alice graduated from Baraboo High School in 1950 and attended Normal School in Reedsburg. She taught K-8 in a one-room schoolhouse for several years. She also spent several years working at the Tripp Memorial Library in Prairie du Sac. Alice valued education and helping others.

These scholarships were established in order to carry on their passions of agriculture, education and giving back to the community. One scholarship will be awarded in memory of Jerry to a student who is pursuing a career in agriculture. A scholarship will also be awarded in memory of Alice to a student who is pursuing a career in education.

### **JON J. GRUBER MEMORIAL**

**\$3,500**

**Jon Gruber** was a lifelong resident of Sauk Prairie and member of a business family that included Gruber's Furniture in Middleton and a funeral home in Sauk Prairie. He was a dedicated family man who loved people and was very interested in his community and in activities that enrich the development of mind and body. This scholarship is awarded from the trust fund his family established to a senior entering a human service field (funeral director, doctor, lawyer, social worker, psychiatrist, psychologist, counselor, minister or priest).

### **LAVERNE AND BETTY MAIER MEMORIAL**

**\$1,000**

This \$1000 scholarship is named in honor of **LaVerne and Betty Maier** who were 1950 Sauk Prairie graduates and high school sweethearts.

Their greatest accomplishment was raising their nine children while building their business, the Dorf Haus Restaurant which has served the Sauk Prairie area and surrounding communities since 1959. They were proud of their business and with hard work and great vision, transformed what was once a small tavern and grocery store into a German-style restaurant and banquet facility that can now serve 450 guests. Generations of area families have enjoyed dining at the Dorf Haus and more than 2,000 brides and grooms have held their wedding receptions there. Many Sauk Prairie students have worked at the Dorf Haus, often as their very first job.

The Maier's and the Dorf Haus have always been happy to support the community and would like to present this scholarship to a student majoring in business and believes in a strong work ethic to achieve his or her goals, in the spirit of LaVerne and Betty Maier.

### **LAVERNE AND JEANNE STUCKEY TRUST**

**\$1,000**

**LaVerne** was an agriculture teacher for 38 years, 28 of these years at Sauk Prairie. He was an avid supporter of the many Sauk Prairie high school activities and the area agricultural programs. His family has established this scholarship to be given to a student who has been active in agriculture classes in high school and is furthering his/her education in the agricultural field.

### **LCPL NICHOLAS ANDERSON MEMORIAL**

**2 @ \$200**

**Nick Anderson** was born November 9, 1984 to Barbara and James R. (Cindy) Anderson. He attended Sauk Prairie Schools and graduated with the Class of 2003. He started working when he was 16 years old for McFarlane Manufacturing. Nick found his calling in the Marines. On January 18, 2005 Nick signed up with the Marines, was sent to boot camp for 13 weeks in San Diego and graduated on April 15, 2005. He was assigned to Kaneohe Bay Base in Hawaii. On January 8, 2006, he was deployed to Eastern Afghanistan as a machine gunner on a Humvee. While on patrol on April 13, 2006, Nick's convoy maneuvered into defensive position to engage a suspicious vehicle. Nick's driver lost control of the Humvee and rolled over causing Nick's death. Nick also loved to fish, hunt, hang out with friends and family and he loved riding his motorcycle. In memory of Nick, two general scholarships will be awarded.

### **LEROY & DOROTHY FUCHS MEMORIAL**

**2 @ \$500**

This memorial scholarship is provided by the Fuchs' family, in memory of **LeRoy and Dorothy Fuchs**. They owned Fuchs, Inc., a family-operated trucking business since 1955. As highly respected and prominent business people of the Sauk Prairie area, they placed considerable value on the future of the community. They were dedicated friends and supporters of the FFA organization and the Wisconsin 4-H program. Their lives evolved around family, friends, business and a sincere interest in seeing others achieve their goals and a genuine concern for the prosperity of the community. Preference will be given to employees or child/grandchild of employees.

### **LESLIE & LILAH SPRECHER TRUST**

**\$300**

This scholarship is given from the interest of this trust set up by **Leslie & Lilah Sprecher**. The scholarship will first be awarded to a student enrolled in the UW Farm Short Course, secondly someone pursuing a degree in farm power at any WI technical school. If no student in either of these fields, the scholarship will be given to a student pursuing a two or four-year degree in an agricultural field.

### **LILYAN & ALFRED NESS MEMORIAL**

**\$1,250**

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who is attending a four-year college.

**Lilyan and Alfred Ness** were both born in 1912, and began their teaching careers in the 30's. They were married in 1947 and arrived in Prairie du Sac in 1948. They both taught until the spring of 1950, when Lilyan resigned to stay home with two children, Arthur and Kathryn. Alfred continued in the Prairie du Sac system teaching various subjects and serving also as Assistant Superintendent and later as Principal until the merger with the Sauk City School District. He continued with the Sauk Prairie School District as the head of the Guidance Department until his death in 1967.

As a teacher, he taught a wide range of subjects, but his favorites were music and biology. He was also active in drama and directed many of the school plays of that period. As a counselor, he was known for his kindness and genuine care for both the students and his co-workers.

Lilyan remained active as a substitute teacher until 1967, when she returned to full-time teaching following Alfred's death. She also taught a wide range of subjects from biology to Latin and English, but her favorite was English. She promoted respect for the language and love of literature in her classroom and worked with many students in drama and forensics. She retired in 1975 but remained active in the

community and worked to maintain the standards and accreditation of the school system. She never relaxed her standards and insisted on correct English from her friends and family in the years of her retirement until her death in 2001.

### **LINDA SCHOEPP MEMORIAL**

**\$250**

**Linda Schoepp** was a lifelong resident of the Sauk Prairie School District. She was the secretary for the Student Services Director for 30 years. Linda was a strong advocate for students of all learning abilities. Linda believed that all students could succeed with the proper guidance. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who chooses a continuing education path in a technical college or training program.

### **LORIN K. SCHOEPHOERSTER TRUST**

**\$3,550**

**Lorin Schoephoerster** grew up on a farm west of Sauk Prairie and attended Prairie du Sac High School graduating with honors in 1940. In high school he was vice-president of the senior class and participated in choir and oratory. He was also drum major and editor of the school newspaper and participated in four sports earning nine letters. After high school Mr. Schoephoerster earned seven professional degrees, the first in 1944 from Marquette followed by an MBA from UW-Madison in 1951. His last degree was earned at age 65. During WWII he was commissioned a naval officer and assigned to an admiral's staff for the Atlantic fleet. During his career in insurance, he founded the Society of Insurance Research and was executive editor of two national publications. After retirement he resided in Columbus, Ohio until his death in January of 2004. Lorin was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lillian, of 58 years in November of 2002. They are survived by three children: Douglas, Linda and Christine.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student in the top 10% of the senior class, involved in extra-curricular activities and community service.

### **MARIAN VAN LOENEN MEMORIAL**

**\$800**

This scholarship is available to a graduate pursuing a career in elementary education. **Marian Van Loenen** was an outstanding educator, Principal of Grand Avenue Elementary School for many years and a long-time employee of the Sauk Prairie School District. She was active in civic affairs and was respected by students and staff. She died suddenly on May 13, 1980. This award was established by her husband Robert to encourage a student to pursue elementary education.

### **MARIE B. & CLIFFORD PULVERMACHER MEMORIAL**

**2 @ \$2,225**

A member of The Capital Times' staff for 42 years, **Ms. Marie Pulvermacher** began her newspaper career in 1939 as a part-time librarian while a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin and by the time she had retired in 1981, was the newspaper's associate editor. Marie loved the Orchestra and Opera; she enjoyed traveling and was a big sports fan with a particular passion for the UW Badgers and UW boxing. This scholarship is awarded to students in the top one-third of their class and preference is given towards student involved in music and/or drama programs, sports programs, and the student's work experiences outside of high school, particularly if such work experience was necessitated by financial need.

### **MARY ANN BYE MEMORIAL**

**\$325**

**Mary Ann Bye** moved to the Sauk Prairie area with her husband Don and their family in 1982. Prior to her death in 1996, she was very active in Sauk Prairie Community activities, particularly the Sauk Prairie Hospital Auxiliary. An advocate of the life-long importance of educational opportunities for all, she felt that one of her most rewarding activities was the time spent over many years tutoring students in the learning disability resource center at Sauk Prairie High School. Preference for this scholarship will be given to a student who has volunteered in the community and/or tutored other students.

### **MARY FELTZ MEMORIAL**

**\$600**

**Mary Feltz** dedicated her life to the education of children. She taught fifth grade in the Sauk Prairie schools for more than 30 years. Mary instilled a love for reading and writing in many children. She was also a mentor to many young teachers just beginning their careers. This scholarship, given in loving memory of Mary by her family, will be awarded to a student interested in a career in elementary education.

### **MELVIN AND LORETTA BICKFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**2 @ \$500**

**Melvin and Loretta Bickford** operated a very successful farming operation in Prairie du Sac and raised five children. Melvin was progressive and an innovator; he was the first farmer in Sauk County to have a milking parlor and the first to have irrigation. He was one of the founding fathers of the Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital and served on the hospital board for many years. He was also instrumental in the creation of the River Arts Center. Melvin served on the Sauk Prairie School Board for many years and also volunteered at school. He was a supporter of the sports boosters and music association after being a four-year, four-sport letter winner in high school himself and the class of 1941 valedictorian at Prairie du Sac High School.

Loretta was the female valedictorian and star athlete of Beloit High School, class of 1942. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin nursing school in 1947. After being a hard-working farm wife and mother of five, she retired and began volunteering at Sauk Prairie High School where she was a tutor for 15 years and helped instill her love of education onto another generation.

Melvin and Loretta Bickford were both very supportive of Sauk Prairie education, the community, and contributed much to the betterment of both. They were very hard-working and knew the value of getting a good education and instilled that thought to others.

The Bickford family would like to award this scholarship in memory of Melvin, who was a life-long farmer in Prairie du Sac, to a student who is pursuing a career in agriculture. In memory of Loretta Bickford who had a degree in nursing, a scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in nursing or the medical field.

### **MICHAEL MAIER MEMORIAL**

**\$600**

This scholarship is named in honor of **Michael Maier** who was a wonderful son, husband, father, carpenter and outdoorsman. The scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in business or natural resources and attending a technical or 4-year college.

### **MINNIE (FITCH) SZOPINSKI MEMORIAL**

**\$670**

The friends and family of **Minnie (Fitch) Szopinski** are honored to provide this memorial scholarship to a student who is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Minnie was a 1982 graduate of Sauk Prairie High School and was just 49 years old when she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away 22 months later on December 24, 2015. She was a registered nurse, daughter, wife, mother of 3 kids, sister and friend. She touched countless lives with her positive spirit. Her specialty as a nurse was in the Neuro ICU and the Emergency Room. In her work she was highly-respected and it was common knowledge that all the doctors and nurses wanted to work with her. One example of her 'giving' spirit was volunteering in 1991 to travel to India with others in the medical field through the Virginia Children's Connection to perform surgeries on children born with cleft lips and palates. Minnie was a mentor and example to many, and if you knew Minnie you often heard her say, "Life is for living," and "Strive to be your best." We sincerely hope this scholarship will help another person do both of those things.

### **MORRIS E. MOSEMAN FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP**

**\$1,000**

The Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to award this scholarship in memory and honor of **Morris "Morey" Moseman** to a student who has played football for four years, has a positive history of community volunteer work, and has demonstrated leadership skills on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

Morey was the quarterback and loved playing football at Sauk City High School where he graduated in 1962. Morey's love for football inspired him to start Doc's Sport Service and he would become a pioneer of the sports' handicapping industry. For over 41 years he developed, nurtured and expanded his business. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to open The Press Box Sports Bar and Grill in Sauk City in 1985 and he continued his development efforts in our community. This scholarship is in honor of Morey's selfless and generous contributions to the communities of Sauk City and Blackhawk. For over 43 years, he quietly donated resources to several community projects and economic redevelopment efforts. The Sauk Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce will be forever grateful for his donation of the Sauk Prairie Riverway Welcome Center which opened in May 2012. His love of community and sports, his vision for economic development and his desire to showcase the Sauk Prairie Riverway's vast tourism & natural resources will never be forgotten.

### **MUELLER & LITTEL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

**\$450**

This scholarship has been made possible by a trust in the amount of \$10,000.00 and given in memory of **Henry T. Mueller, M.D., Mathilda C. Mueller, Therese C Mueller, Frank X. Littel, Emma Kuoni Littel and Otto H. & Dorothy T. Mueller**. This scholarship will be presented to a senior pursuing a degree in medicine, dentistry, nursing, laboratory technology, x-ray technology, physical therapy, dental technology or other health service field or pursuing a career in veterinary medicine or mortuary science.

### **PAUL REUBEN SCHNELLER MEMORIAL**

**\$1,000**

**Paul Reuben Schneller** was born and raised in Sauk Prairie. He Graduated from Sauk Prairie High School in 2008. Paul enjoyed playing Lacrosse with his brother Matt, listening to music (turned up to a thumper level), and giving a friend a safe ride home. Paul lived his life by his favorite word "Giggity," which seemed to mean extreme contentment. Paul started working at a young age, which gave him the work ethic to complete his education goals. Paul loved to talk with people and was there to help whoever needed it. After graduating in December 2015 from the University of Wisconsin Platteville, Paul moved to Tampa Florida to live with his brother, and start his career. Paul had just started his new fulltime position of helping people enjoy their time in Tampa when he passed away at the young age of 26. In his life, Paul "Lived Loud", always laughing and focusing on the good side of life.

This scholarship recognizes a student pursuing a higher education and someone that is caring, compassionate and gives back to the community, just as Paul did. Our ideal candidate would be attending UW Platteville where Paul and his father Ron studied Business and Agriculture respectively or UW Oshkosh where Matt studied Pharmacy. Paul loved every day of his life, danced with a freedom that most others envy, and accepted all people for who they are.

There will never be another Paul, PA or Schnelf. But in his memory we can all be a bit more caring, compassionate, and we should always LIVE LOUD. Pauls' favorite color was orange, a unique and happy color. Look for orange in your life and remember to add a little Giggity!

## **RAYCE RASCHKA MEMORIAL: LIVE AND GIVE TO THE NTH DEGREE (GIVEN BY NTH DEGREE REAL ESTATE)**

**\$1,000**

Rayce Raschka graduated from Sauk Prairie High School in 2018 and shortly after was taken from us too soon. Rayce had a heart of gold and loved his family and friends deeply. He left his mark on all who were fortunate enough to know him. He amazed us with his Courage, Resilience, Strength and Determination while battling Aplastic Anemia. Even through the difficult times his smile would light up the room. His smile and his sense of humor never wavered. He was a rare soul, wise beyond his years. He spent many years with his Sauk Prairie Music Family wowing the crowds with his amazing talent and love of being on stage. If you mention the boy from Sauk that does the backflips there are quite a few people that know who you are talking about.

Rayce made an impact on everyone he met. He was one of a kind. His smile lit up any room he walked into. He had the most amazing hugs that made you forget all of your worries. He changed people; he was a true example of someone everyone hopes they could be. In his short 18 years he left his mark on the world. He left his mark on so many people and anyone who had the privilege of meeting him will be forever changed. Fly high Rayce. Those we love do not go away, they walk beside us forever.

We would like to award this scholarship in memory of Rayce Raschka to a student in the Music Department. Rayce devoted so much time to his Sauk Prairie Music Family and his family is eternally grateful for the love and support they have received from their music family.

## **ROELKE BROTHERS**

**3 @ \$500**

Three scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors in honor of brothers **Michael and Andy Roelke**, who both attended Sauk Prairie High School. One scholarship is for a graduating senior who has participated in the soccer program at Sauk Prairie High School. The second scholarship is for a graduating senior who has participated in the music program at SPHS. And the third scholarship is for a SPHS senior entering the medical field. In memory and in honor of both Michael and Andy, the family offers these scholarships.

Michael was a 15-year-old when he was diagnosed with cancer and spent the remaining 18 months of his life trying to lead a normal life between the chemotherapy treatments and multiple surgeries. He participated in marching band and also enjoyed playing Magic—the Gathering. A week before his death, Mike had the opportunity to play the creator of the game and actually beat him 2 out of 3 games. Michael was to have graduated in 2005. He did not have enough time to take all the classes he wanted.

Andy graduated from SPHS in 2003 and was attending UW-Milwaukee. He was looking forward to his third year at UW-Milwaukee. Though a little uncertain of the future, he recognized the importance of education. Tragically, Andy was killed in a motorcycle accident the summer before his junior year at UW-Milwaukee. In high school, Andy played soccer, participated in marching band and show choir for all four years, and he was also an honor student.

## **RON HART MEMORIAL**

**\$1,000**

**Ron Hart** was a 1980 graduate of Sauk Prairie High School and passed away after a motorcycle accident. After school, he worked in the meat department at J&T, a local grocery store. After graduation, he worked at a meat market in Baraboo and was eventually able to buy the business with a partner, naming it The Meat Market. Ron was on the FFA Advisory council for Baraboo High School. He was also an avid outdoorsman. The family would like this scholarship to be awarded to a senior who will be pursuing an education in one of the following: dairy science, agriculture, natural resources, food service, or animal science.

## **SCHAFER MEMORIAL**

**\$1,000**

The Schaffer Scholarship is given in loving memory of **Helen & Lindon Schaffer** by their grandchildren, David, Katie, Betsy, and Mark Bender. Helen and Lin persisted through difficult economic circumstances to pursue education following high school in order to become a nurse and a teacher. They believed that learning and helping others enriches all of our lives. Preference for this scholarship will be given to a student who is the first in her/his family to seek education beyond high school.

*The Art of Education . . .  
... is to continue to grow  
as long as you live  
Every moment brings its lesson.  
Every person is a teacher.  
Grow in all directions.  
Develop a desire for goodness,  
An eagerness for knowledge,  
A capacity for friendship,  
An appreciation for beauty,  
A concern for others,  
Grow!  
Man is never finished.  
Man never arrives.  
Education never stops.*

*Author Unknown*

### **SCHWARZ FAMILY MEMORIAL**

**3 @ \$1,000**

Three general scholarships have been established in memory of **Ray (R.J.) Schwarz, Don Schwarz and Brian Schwarz**. R.J. was the founder of Schwarz Insurance Agency, which started in 1923 and operated from his home in Prairie du Sac. Ray's sons entered the insurance business and successfully expanded their business throughout south central Wisconsin. Don succeeded his father as President of the Agency after graduation from Prairie du Sac High School and Marquette University. While under Don's guidance, the agency branched out to seven locations. He died in 2007. Brian succeeded his father as President of the agency since 2007 and furthered the expansion of the agency. He passed away in 2016.

### **TERRY MASCHMAN MEMORIAL**

**\$650**

**Terry Maschman** was an English teacher, coach, and administrator in the Sauk Prairie School District for 28 years from 1977-2005. He played football at North Central College in Naperville, IL, and had a passion for athletics, having coached football, baseball, tennis, and basketball at various points during his coaching career. He also had a passion for music and was an avid supporter of the music department. He and his wife, Nancy, also an educator, loved cheering on their children in both athletics and music during their high school careers and continued cheering after both graduated. Mostly, however, he had a passion for working with students, and he loved to try to help each student achieve the most that she or he possibly could. This scholarship is to honor a student who will be attending a four-year college, who has excelled in academics and been an active participant in both the music department and in athletics at Sauk Prairie High School.

### **THEODORE SAVIDES MEMORIAL**

**\$3,500**

**Theodore Savides** taught history at Prairie du Sac High School for three years in the nineteen-fifties. He and his family had a small farm in Merrimac. He went on to get a Ph.D. degree in Education Administration from the University of Wisconsin, and to become dean of the UW-Green Bay branch, during which he expanded it from a two-year to a four-year institution. In 1968, he, and three elephants from the Circus World Museum, broke ground for the University of Wisconsin-Baraboo/Sauk County, affectionately called "Boo U", of which he was the founder and first dean. Today it continues to grow and thrive, a tribute to his life-long commitment to making good education available to Wisconsin's towns and farms.

The library at Boo U is named for him. A librarian there who had known him was surprised to learn that Ted Savides had been our high school history teacher. He thought we were very lucky to have had such a fine scholar as our teacher in high school. Members of the Class of 1958 know how lucky we were. We have created the Theodore Savides Memorial Scholarship to honor the memory of our class advisor and beloved teacher of world history.

### **DR. THOMAS M. BREUNIG PH.D. MEMORIAL & COATING PLACE, INC.**

**5 @ \$2,000**

This scholarship is donated by Donald and Marge Breunig and Family in memory of Dr. Tom Breunig in conjunction with Coating Place, Inc. owned by brothers Tim and Kendall Breunig along with family friend and co-founder Harlan Hall; all graduates of Sauk Prairie High School. Tom had a deep passion for engineering and truly enjoyed teaching those he encountered about all areas of science. Tom and his five siblings believed that with hard work and perseverance, you can achieve anything. The family would like to award five seniors for their hard work, perseverance and dreams to pursue a career in a science-based or engineering field of study in memory of Dr. Thomas Breunig.

### **W.J. "SHIMMEL" COENEN MEMORIAL**

**\$750**

This scholarship is named in honor of **W.J. "Shimmel" Coenen**, the former owner of Spellman Monument Co. Mr. Coenen passed away in 1998. This scholarship is to be awarded to a high-achieving senior who has a minimum GPA of 3.0, who has excelled in the middle school and/or high school art programs or is pursuing a secondary education in the field of art/design or nursing, with a two- or four-year degree preferred.

### **WAYNE WHEELER MEMORIAL**

**\$100**

**Wayne** was a custodian at the Middle School for 13 years and mentored several students, especially troubled students. He had a special rapport with them and he would be proud to have this memorial in his name. This scholarship is being awarded to a deserving student who is in need of funding and will be pursuing a higher education.

### **WILBUR C. BEACH MEMORIAL**

**\$500**

**Wilbur C. Beach** was the long-time administrator at Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital for 30 years and was especially interested in nursing education. This scholarship will be for a student who volunteered his/her time in the healthcare field and/or will be majoring in medicine, with a preference for nursing.

### **WILLIAM AND ROSE MORROW TRUST**

**\$500**

The **William and Rose Morrow** Scholarship Trust was established in 1984 to aid Sauk Prairie graduates who are residents of Merrimac. If no qualified applicant, the scholarship will be open to any graduate continuing their education.

William (1906-1983) was a lifelong resident of Merrimac, graduating from Merrimac High School in 1925 with five others. He was a milk hauler and common laborer. Rose lived in Merrimac from 1930-1985. She was forced to leave school after sixth grade to help her father in raising her four siblings. William and Rose were firm believers in education thus motivating their three children, Joyce, Robert and Eugene to offer this scholarship. They were all Prairie du Sac High School graduates in the early 1950's and studied further at various universities.

In 2017, the care of this scholarship was transferred to William and Rose's grandchildren, William Wong and David Wong.

### **WILLIAM E. HENNING MEMORIAL**

**2 @ \$500**

William (Bill) Henning (1940-2018) resided in the Sauk Prairie area his entire life. After graduating from Sauk City High School, he attended Sauk County Teachers College-Reedsburg in 1957 where he received his license to teach elementary grades. He began his teaching career at Grand Avenue, then moved on to Black Hawk and Tower Rock. He furthered his education by taking night classes and attending summer school and eventually obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from UW-Platteville. A few years later he went back to college and earned his Master's Degree from UW-Madison. At this point in his career he was back at Black Hawk as a teaching principal until his retirement in 1997. This concluded a 37-year career in the Sauk Prairie School District; a job that he truly enjoyed. Bill had a curiosity and passion for learning. It was his desire to encourage and help enable students to become teachers.



# *Business, Organization and Association Scholarships*

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## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST #167**

**\$500**

This scholarship is given in memory of the auxiliary members who passed away in the past year. The recipient will be a son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter of an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Military Service.

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST #167**

**\$500**

In Memory of Eldred Wilhelm and William O'Brien. This scholarship is given in memory of the legionnaires who passed away in the past year. The recipient will be a son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter of an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Military Service.

## **BADGER STATE DELEGATES**

**4 @ \$100**

These scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who attended **Badger Girls State (BGS) or Badger Boys State (BBS)** and are planning to further their education. Students who participated in the BGS or BBS activity were selected upon characteristics of honesty, good moral character, cooperativeness, leadership and participation in extra-curricular activities. These scholarships are presented by Mary Walz, a teacher at Sauk Prairie High School. Ms. Walz attended BGS in 1983 and has since become a volunteer counselor for the BGS program.

## **BANK OF PRAIRIE DU SAC**

**5 @ \$1,000**

The **Bank of Prairie du Sac** is a locally owned community bank with locations in Prairie du Sac and Sauk City. Rated as one of the strongest banks in Wisconsin, the bank features personal & business banking, commercial lending, mortgages, home equity, agricultural, construction and lot loans, refinancing and a full range of deposit products. This local bank provides general scholarships for qualifying students.

## **BMO HARRIS BANK**

**\$500**

**BMO Harris Bank** provides a broad range of personal banking products and solutions for everyday banking, financing, investing as well as a full suite of integrated commercial and financial advisory services. Our goal is to help our clients simplify finances, make the best choices as it relates to investments and meeting financial goals, and provide guidance along their financial journey. Financial experts, such as BMO Harris Bank's team of talented bankers, change the lives of so many. And with that, it is a great pleasure to give back to our community and provide support to the next generation of financial experts by awarding this scholarship to a graduate pursuing a degree in finance or business.

## **CONSUMERS CO-OP OIL COMPANY**

**3 @ \$500**

**Consumer's Co-op** is the predominant supplier of quality Cenex petroleum products in the Sauk Prairie area. They deliver gasoline, premium diesel fuel; fuel oil and LP gas to more than 2,000 rural customers and operate five Cenex convenience stores in the Sauk Prairie and Plain communities. They also operate two automatic and self-service car washes in Sauk City and Prairie du Sac. Having been in business since 1927, many of you have grown up with Consumers Co-op products heating your homes, powering your cars, trucks and farm equipment. Consumers Co-Op proud to offer three scholarships: two in an agriculture-related field and one in general post-secondary education.

## **CULVER'S FOUNDATION, INC**

**5 @ \$1,000**

At **Culver's**, we firmly believe in the importance of business and education working together. We teach business skills, as well as life skills. It is our pleasure to award five general scholarships.

## **EDGE CONSULTING ENGINEERING**

**\$1,000**

**Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc.** was founded in 2002 and is a full-service engineering consulting firm offering civil, structural, environmental, and telecommunication engineering services to public and private sector clients throughout the upper Midwest. This scholarship is given with preference to an Engineering Major and/or Science Major.

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST****\$500**

**First United Church of Christ** wants to honor educational achievement and encourage continuing education for the young people who are members of their congregation. This scholarship will be given to a senior member of the church.

**FOUR PAWS VETERINARY CLINIC****\$500**

This scholarship from **Four Paws Veterinary Clinic** was created by Kelly Gilligan and Brooke Milde, co-owners of Four Paws Veterinary Clinic as a way to give back to the Sauk Prairie community. This scholarship is being awarded to a graduating senior who has shown an aptitude in the sciences and has expressed the intent to continue their higher education in the biological sciences.

**FRIENDS OF EDUCATION – TOWER ROCK/BLACK HAWK ELEMENTARY****\$500**

The **Friends of Education** is a parent group for Tower Rock Elementary school. The Friends conduct various fundraising programs throughout the year and supply volunteers for special events at school. They recently finished a major fundraising campaign for a baseball diamond and running path.

These scholarships are awarded to students who attended either Black Hawk Elementary and/or Tower Rock Elementary.

**GRADE SCHOOL PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (GSPiE) SCHOLARSHIP****2 @ \$500**

**GSPiE** is comprised of parents and families from Grand Avenue and Bridges Elementary schools. This scholarship is given to students who plan to major in Education, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and preference towards community service, including (but not limited to) a Silver Cord student or a student who has volunteered at Grand and/or Bridges.

**GREEN ACRES****2 @ \$250**

**Green Acres** has the pleasure of working with many exceptional past and present students and serving the Sauk Prairie community. We are proud to award these two scholarships, general in nature, to qualifying high school students aspiring to continue their education.

**HONEY CREEK SNOWMOBILE CLUB****\$1,000**

The **Honey Creek Snowmobile Club** prepares, maintains and grooms the snowmobile trails in the Sauk City, Denzer and Leland areas. This scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in the agricultural field.

**KAYSER CHEVROLET BUICK****\$500**

For over 50 years, **Kaysar Chevrolet Buick** has been proud to donate, sponsor and give time and money. From youth soccer to supporting business expansion and growth, they strive to inspire and make a difference in their communities. Preference for this scholarship will be given to a student majoring in automotive.

**KAYSER CHRYSLER CENTER, INC.****\$500**

**Kaysar Chrysler Center, Inc.** has been serving the automotive needs of area residents since 1925. Kayser makes this scholarship available to a qualifying graduating senior who attends a college, university or technical school. Preference will be given to those students pursuing a career in the automotive industry.

**KRAEMER BROTHERS, INC.****2 @ \$1,000**

**Kraemer Brothers, Inc.** is a general contractor specializing in the commercial and manufacturing building trade. This family-owned business was established in 1948 and has been involved in many local building projects throughout the Sauk Prairie and southwestern Wisconsin area. Kraemer Brothers, Inc. employs many Sauk Prairie natives and this scholarship was developed to attest to their true commitment to quality-continued education for local area students. This scholarship is general in nature and will be awarded to a qualifying student eager to further their education beyond high school.

**MAPLEWOOD OF SAUK PRAIRIE****\$250**

This scholarship will be given to a senior with a preference for someone majoring in the healthcare field. Preference will also be given to an applicant who has a CNA license or feeding assistant certification and who is an employee of Maplewood or child of a Maplewood Employee.

**MERRIMAC EDUCATION FOUNDATION****2 @ \$750**

The **Merrimac Education Foundation** is a 501(c)3 non-profit supporting Merrimac Community Charter School and educational opportunities for the Merrimac area. These annual scholarships will be awarded to a male and female student (if applicable) who attended Merrimac Elementary School and/or Merrimac Community Charter School. Applicants must meet minimum GPA of 3.0.

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**MERRIMAC FIRE & RESCUE, INC. \$500**

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This scholarship is available to a qualified graduating senior who lives in the **Merrimac Fire** District. If no qualifying student applies, then a graduating senior who is entering the fire science field. If still no student qualifies, then a scholarship, general in nature is to be awarded.

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**MERRIMAC LODI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY \$500**

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Merrimac Mutual Insurance Company was established in 1873 and Lodi Mutual Insurance Company in 1877. After more than 130 years, the two companies were merged in 2008 and now operate in Prairie du Sac. With the merger, the **Merrimac Lodi Mutual Insurance Company** hopes to better service their policyholders well into the future. This scholarship will be provided to a graduate seeking further education.

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**MILWAUKEE VALVE COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP 2 @ \$2,500**

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The **Milwaukee Valve Company** was established in Wisconsin in 1901, starting out as a small manufacturer of plumbing and heating valves. Herschel Seder purchased the business in 1959, with his late partner, Max Koenigsberg. Over the years, the company expanded its offering to what now consists of over 5,000 items, used in a very wide range of applications and industries, from very small plumbing valves used in the basement of your home, to large petro chemical valves and nearly every size and style of valve in between.

This scholarship is available to a qualifying graduate entering an engineering field.

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**PETER VAN DER HAGEN SCHOLARSHIP \$200**

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**Peter van der Hagen** started his financial advising practice in 2007 in Sauk Prairie. As his business grew, he created this scholarship to give back to the community. This scholarship will be given to a student pursuing finance and/or business fields of study.

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**PRAIRIE CLINIC, S.C. \$500**

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Prairie Clinic's goal is to provide the best possible care for their patients. The Prairie Clinic staff strives to work together as a team to provide excellent healthcare in a friendly and professional environment. This scholarship will be awarded to a Sauk Prairie high school senior studying for a degree in a medical field.

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**PRAIRIE CLINIC, S.C.: CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY 2 @ \$500**

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**Prairie Clinic** awards this as a general scholarship to two students graduating from Sauk Prairie High School.

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**PRAIRIE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. 2 @ \$500**

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**Prairie Plumbing and Heating**, a small family business established in 1947, continues to offer quality workmanship to their customers in several phases of construction and service needs. Prairie Plumbing and Heating employs 30 full-time staff. These scholarships are available to qualifying students seeking to pursue education beyond high school.

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**QUARTZ – GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE \$250**

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Gundersen Health Plan, Unity Health Insurance and Physicians Plus have joined forces under the Quartz brand name. **Quartz Health Solutions, Inc.**, manages and administers innovative health plans for Southwest Wisconsin and beyond. This scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a career in a health-related field.

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**RAMAKER & ASSOCIATES, INC 2 @ \$1,000**

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**BEN CHRISTIANSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (GIVEN BY RAMAKER & ASSOC)**

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**Ramaker & Associates, Inc.** is a full-service architecture, engineering and environmental services firm, specializing in the commercial and hospitality industries. Our firm has worked on a variety of projects from surveying the roads you drive on, to designing the waterpark or hotel you recently visited, to checking the structural capacity of the cell tower that relayed your last selfie. This employee-owned business was established in 1992 and has been involved in projects throughout the US, Canada, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands, as well as many in the Sauk Prairie area. Ramaker & Associates, Inc. is proud to offer two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. Preference for this scholarship will be for students planning to major in architecture or engineering.

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**RIVER ARTS, INC. FOUNDERS \$250**

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**River Arts, Inc.** established this scholarship in memory and honor of the people that stepped forward to bring our community a facility that is now alive with the artistic talents of community members, our youth and professionals from whom we all can learn. This scholarship will award a student with the following characteristics: active participation in school or community arts including, music, theatre, dance, visual or literary arts, active in the community, and intent to seek further education.

## **SAUK CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**2 @ \$250**

The members of the **Sauk City Volunteer Fire Department** serve as Firefighters to the Sauk Fire District. The District assists 3100 residents of the Village of Sauk City, and 5400 residents of the Townships of Prairie du Sac, Sumpter, Troy and Honey Creek in Sauk County, the Township of West Point in Columbia County and the Township of Roxbury in Dane County.

This January, the firefighters sponsored their annual Toy Show as a fundraiser. The members decided to use a portion of the profits to fund a scholarship for a student pursuing a career in the emergency services (Fire-EMS-Police) or Healthcare field. They appreciate the support received from the community.

This scholarship is given to a student who plans to major in Fire Services, Emergency Services, or Healthcare with preference for student whose parent works for Sauk City Volunteer Fire Department.

## **SAUK PRAIRIE BOW HUNTERS**

**\$250**

**Sauk Prairie Bow Hunters** Archery Club, founded in the early 1970s, is located just outside of Sauk City. Their mission is to promote the sport of archery within the community including educational training for local youth. This scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in conservation, biology or agronomy.

## **SAUK PRAIRIE COMMUNITY CLUB**

**21 @ \$750**

The Sauk Prairie Community Club was formed in 1936 as the Sauk City Men's Club. It is the oldest existing civic organization in the Sauk Prairie area. In 1999 the name was changed to the Sauk Prairie Community Club as women were encouraged to join, and in 2015 it was incorporated and obtained non-profit status. The focus of the group remains the same as originally intended, to encourage the civic welfare of the Sauk Prairie area, invest in the youth of our area, and promote the Sauk Prairie business community.

One of the club's most successful fundraisers over the years has been the scholarship raffle, which has provided thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating seniors of our community. Permanent Community Club scholarships have been established in memory of former members and educators: James McGuine, Carl Simonson, Bill Leahy, and George Blanchard.

The Sauk Prairie Community Club presents a total of 21 - \$750 scholarships this year. Four \$750 scholarships listed below are given in memory of past members with close ties to education. Also, in 2020 one scholarship will be awarded in memory of George Shalabi, a former member of the Community Club who passed away within the last year. The remaining scholarships of \$750 each are presented as general scholarships.

The **James P. McGuine Scholarship** was established for his dedication as a teacher in the local school system as well as the development of programs and projects for the young people of our community.

The **Carl Simonson Scholarship** was established for his many years of teaching in our school system as well as his leadership in the local Boy Scout program. Carl was a spirited worker on community projects, especially in helping to make the scholarship raffle successful.

The **William "Bill" Leahy Scholarship** was established for his dedication to the young people in our community as a teacher, high school principal, and administrator in the school system. He was very involved in the consolidation of the school system as it is known today. Bill was also a charter member of the Sauk City Men's Club.

The **George Blanchard Scholarship** was established for his dedication to the community and our schools. George served as the mayor of Prairie du Sac and as business manager of Sauk Prairie Schools for many years. He was a strong promoter of school activities for all.

### **2020 SCHOLARSHIP - IN MEMORY OF GEORGE KAMEL SHALABI**

George Shalabi, a former member of the Sauk Prairie Community Club, passed away January 31, 2020 from complications due to congestive heart failure. He was born on April 9, 1939 in Haifa, Palestine. He was the oldest of four boys - a position of responsibility, respect, and honor in Arab families. This helped form his personality and guided his interactions with people throughout his entire life. In 1949, his family lived as refugees in a monastery on Mt. Carmel, high above the city of Haifa. His early education was in a school run by French monks. Because of the fluency in French he acquired there, after high school he worked at the French Embassy in Haifa, where a friendship with a US Naval attaché improved his English skills. This friend insisted George apply for college scholarships in the United States, which led to him attending UW-La Crosse. He left Haifa in 1962 with a suitcase of clothes and the equivalent of a couple hundred dollars in his pocket. He graduated from the UW with a chemistry degree. La Crosse is also where he met Peggy Goltz. They married in 1967 and both found jobs in the Sauk Prairie area and moved here to settle and start a family, which they did. George was very proud of his daughters, Samia and Leslie, and had a deep devotion to Peggy, his wife of 52 years.

George worked at the Badger Army Ammunition plant in various environmental and chemical engineering capacities from 1967 until he retired in 2000. Retirement included being an active cyclist, woodcarver, and conqueror of crossword puzzles. He was on the board of St. Vincent de Paul as well as serving there as a volunteer and as a member of other community organizations. George's real life's work was working for peace in the Middle East. He served on the board of the Pilgrims of Ibillin which did fundraising for the Mar Elias School in the Galilee region of Israel. The mission of the school is to create an environment where children of all religions in the area go to school together from a very young age. The idea being, that you could not blindly dislike someone that you grew up with. This mission

resonated closely with George's view of the world - often saying, "We are all more alike than we are different." The Sauk Prairie Community Club is proud to award this scholarship in his memory.

### **SAUK PRAIRIE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS, INC. ENDOWMENT** **VARIOUS**

This endowment fund is possible through many generous donors, including those who have left SPDFS in their planned giving. Each year a small percentage is used from the endowment to provide additional scholarships to seniors.

### **SAUK PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982** **\$100**

This scholarship is given on behalf of the **Class of 1982**. These former Sauk Prairie students feel strongly about their school, being able to give back and give someone an opportunity to further their education.

### **SAUK PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1988** **\$500**

"The Class of 1988 would like to thank the Sauk Prairie community, our former teachers, and fellow classmates for providing the supportive community, education, and friendships that have been the foundation for our lives. We are forever grateful." This is a general scholarship.

### **SAUK PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013** **\$100**

The **Class of 2013** is providing a \$100 scholarship to a graduating senior who is an officer to their class. The total gift amount of \$1300 will be distributed yearly for a total of 13 years.

### **SAUK PRAIRIE LIONS CLUB** **4 @ \$1,000**

These scholarships, general in nature, are available to graduates aspiring to higher education at a technical school.

### **SAUK PRAIRIE OPTIMIST CLUB** **\$500**

**Sauk Prairie Optimists** are members of Optimist International, an association of Optimist Clubs around the world dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." The Sauk Prairie Optimist Club supports several youth programs in the community, including Special Olympics, Badger Boys/Girls State, Ruth Culver Library, High School Student of the Month, Summer School, Safe Community Coalition, Middle Level Leaders, Sauk City Library, Boy/Girl Scouts, Food Pantry, Caring Tree and also the Sauk Prairie Healthcare Mobile Meals.

### **DENMAN KRAMER MEMORIAL (GIVEN BY SAUK PRAIRIE OPTIMISTS)** **\$500**

**Denman Kramer** was a founding member of the Sauk Prairie Optimist Club and its first President. An "eternal optimist," he has been a role model for not only the Club but for the community as well. He loved to create balloon figures for the young at heart of all ages but especially for the children. He is affectionately known as the "Balloon Man." Denman is a proud WWII veteran having served in the South Pacific. He has given much to the Sauk Prairie community and is honored with this scholarship by the Optimist Club.

### **FORREST "WOODY" ZANTOW MEMORIAL (GIVEN BY SAUK PRAIRIE OPTIMISTS)** **\$500**

**Forrest "Woody" Zantow** was born and raised on a farm at the top of the Baraboo Bluffs where he took over his father's milking stool at a young age. After serving as a medic in World War II (American Division), he earned a bachelor's degree in Light Building from UW Madison. Woody worked at Lachmund's Lumber drawing remodeling and building plans until it closed in the late 1960s. He earned his real estate license and sold real estate for over thirty years. He's been active in the community, working on revitalizing businesses and communities, including downtown Prairie du Sac. Woody was one of the founding members of the Sauk Prairie Optimist Club in 1961, serving in many roles, including Club President in 1965, mentoring students and the oratorical contest. Woody has always been generous with his time, volunteering and mentoring wherever he was needed.

### **MILLY ZANTOW MEMORIAL (GIVEN BY SAUK PRAIRIE OPTIMISTS)** **\$500**

The Milly Zantow Scholarship is sponsored by the Sauk Prairie Optimists. We lost Milly in 2014 at age 91. She is a terrific example that "one person really CAN make a difference" in the world. Milly Zantow was the first female Sauk Prairie Optimist member, our first female president and first female Lieutenant Governor of the Optimist Southern Wisconsin District. She was actively volunteering into her 80's with the Optimists, her church, and at school. She helped get the Crane Foundation started in the mid-1970's. Milly is considered the plastics recycling pioneer. Her determination helped to launch the recycling revolution. In 1979, Milly cofounded the first complete recycling service in Sauk County, E-Z Recycling. Milly formulated a simple system to classify plastics with number codes on the bottoms of plastic containers, which everyone knows as the number inside that triangle. So, think of Milly the next time you handle a plastic bottle. This scholarship is awarded to a graduate pursuing further education.

**SAUK PRAIRIE ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA #1391****\$500**

The Sauk Prairie Royal Neighbors of America #1391 was organized on March 25, 1895 and was comprised of both life insurance and social memberships. It has contributed to various organizations in the community throughout its existence. A minimum two-year degree is required.

**SAUK PRAIRIE SUMMER RECREATION BASEBALL****\$500**

Sauk Prairie Youth Baseball, which is part of the Sauk Prairie Summer Recreation family has been a tradition in Sauk Prairie for well over 30 years. Sauk Prairie Summer Recreation provides area youth with an opportunity to grow and learn through their summer program. Their mission is to emphasize the fundamentals of baseball for each division, encourage player participation, sportsmanship, team play and, of course, to have fun! This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior boy who has participated in high school baseball for four years.

**SAUK PRAIRIE SUMMER RECREATION SOFTBALL****\$500**

Sauk Prairie Youth Softball is a division of the Sauk Prairie Summer Recreation family. They provide area youth girls with the opportunity to grow and learn through their summer program. Serving grades 1 through 12, with a mission to emphasize the fundamentals of softball, SPRS encourages player participation, sportsmanship, team play and of course to have fun! In the last 5 years their program has expanded to offer opportunities in competitive leagues for girls age 11 and up and they also started a girls coach pitch league four years ago to provide a girls only option for our 7 and 8 year olds which has resulted in many additional girls playing at the coach pitch level. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior girl who has participated in high school softball for four years.

**SAUK PRAIRIE THEATRE GUILD (SPTG) MERCEDES COX MEMORIAL PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP****2 @ \$500**

Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild began as Riverside Players, established in 1991 by a group of interested citizens for the purpose of offering a theatrical experience for the community's youth. Later the name was changed to the Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild to better represent the Sauk Prairie area community. Sauk Prairie Theatre Guild's mission has expanded to productions for children and adults. Mercedes Cox was an energetic and positive force behind "live" theater in Sauk Prairie and one of the prime movers of the campaign to build the River Arts Center. This scholarship is given to a student who will major in Performing Arts and has four years involvement in drama, music and/or forensics.

**SAUK PRAIRIE YOUTH BASKETBALL****2 @ \$500**

Sauk Prairie Youth Basketball provides boys and girls in grades 3-8 from the Sauk Prairie Community with an opportunity to grow and learn through our program. Our goal is to provide activities that offer both recreational and competitive opportunities, physical development, character development, community involvement and love of the game of basketball for children at all skill levels. Sauk Prairie Youth Basketball encourages and promotes ethical and moral behavior, teamwork, good sportsmanship, community involvement and good citizenship.

We are proud to award this scholarship to two graduating seniors (one male and one female) who have participated in high school basketball for four years, participated in Sauk Prairie Youth Basketball and are seeking a two or four-year degree.

**SAUK PRAIRIE YOUTH FOOTBALL****2 @ \$500**

For 25 years, Sauk Prairie Youth Football has had the privilege of introducing life lessons such as: team above individual, commitment to each other, goal setting, and instilling civic pride all the while providing a stepping stone to our high school program. Our current program is open to any child grades 4 through 8 and averages 150 to 175 participants every fall. The Sauk Prairie Youth Football scholarship has been developed with the intention of recognizing a young man or woman that has been involved in the Sauk Prairie high school football program each of their four years in high school. The recipient of this scholarship is a role model to our youth and someone they can emulate as they approach their high school years in and out of the football program.

**SAUK PRAIRIE YOUTH SOCCER****\$500**

Sauk Prairie Youth Soccer is proud to offer this scholarship. This award is presented to a senior soccer athlete planning to pursue full-time college status.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH****\$500**

This scholarship is awarded to a qualified graduating senior entering a human service field.

**TOM ANDRES AND CLIFF THOMPSON TRIBUTE****\$500**

Tom and Cliff started the morning basketball program in the 1990s, and it has become a great fitness program for any community members who wish to participate. Both men are excellent role models for students to emulate, as those students pursue their educations and careers. Tom and Cliff exemplify positive attitudes, consideration of others, and responsibility and dedication to our community as they themselves pursue and encourage performance excellence in others. This scholarship will be awarded to a student athlete.

**TOOLS OF MARKETING, INC.****2 @ \$200**

**Tools of Marketing** provides these scholarships to support students pursuing an education in marketing or business. This female-owned local business supplies promotional products for businesses, organizations and events.

**VILLAGE FAMILY DENTAL ASSOCIATES, S.C.****2 @ \$500**

**Village Family Dental** was established in 1966, and their primary concern is the dental health of their patients. They are proud to provide the highest quality dental care in a family-based, high-tech practice. These scholarships are available to qualified graduates with first preference for education in the dental field and second preference in the health field.

**WOLLERSHEIM WINERY, INC.****2 @ \$500**

**Wollersheim Winery** is a family business dedicated to agriculture and tourism and wishes to promote the agriculture and hospitality industries. First preference for these scholarships will be given to students entering agriculture, business or pursuing a career in the hospitality industry.

**WIN-WIN – Women IN engineering – Workforce INvestment****\$1,500**

This scholarship donor, a Sauk Prairie High School graduate with a career in engineering and management, firmly believes that education is the true equalizer when it comes to professions and success, and that careers in engineering are a great means for women to expand themselves into the workforce. This scholarship will be for a female majoring in engineering.

**WPPI/VILLAGE OF PRAIRIE DU SAC PUBLIC POWER****\$1,000**

This scholarship is for a Sauk Prairie High School senior residing in Prairie du Sac, with preference to a student majoring in the electrical trade or electrical engineering at a school in Wisconsin, Michigan or Iowa. **WPPI** hopes to increase awareness of public power, to give something back to the community and contribute to educational efforts.

*Congratulations to all scholarship recipients!*