

Maquoketa Valley High School



Senior Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Maquoketa Valley Middle School

Multipurpose Room

Welcome:
Lynn Schwandt

Lynn Schwandt Biography

Lynn Clark Schwandt was born December 23, 1930 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Lynn's father was working as a concrete superintendent.

Lynn started first grade at Minnesota City schools while his dad was working on a dam across the Mississippi River. When the Great Depression affected his father's employment, the family moved to Winona, Minnesota. His mother, a registered nurse, found work at the Winona Hospital. They then moved to Earlville, Iowa when Lynn was in the third grade. This was the final move for the family. Lynn graduated from Earlville High School in 1949 and wanted to go to college. He registered for the draft and moved to Cedar Rapids to live with his mother's sister and her husband. He found employment at a Nabisco warehouse. The prevailing wage at the time was \$.90 per hour with no overtime allowed.

Lynn applied to Coe College in the spring of 1950 but needed financial support. An angel by the name of Robert Armstrong appeared, solving that problem. Lynn received his degree in 1954, having majored in mathematics and physics and being certified to teach. Upon graduation, he had an offer to teach high school. He first checked with the Draft Board and entered the service in September 1954 where he served as a fire direction specialist with the 25th Division in Hawaii. He received an early release for seasonable occupation and started his teaching career at Stanwood, Iowa in the fall of 1956. During the two years at Stanwood, Russia put Sputnik into orbit and the National Science Foundation threw money at math and science education. Lynn applied for grants and rarely ever personally paid another tuition bill.

After two years at Stanwood, Lynn moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa where he taught at College Community High School and Jefferson High School. While at Jefferson, he enrolled in an extension class from the University of Northern Iowa taught by George Immerzeel and Donald Wiederanders. That spring, Don and George knocked on his classroom door during an Advanced Geometry class. They invited him to apply for an open faculty position at the University of Northern Iowa Laboratory School. He accepted, and ultimately retired from teaching in the summer of 1992.

Lynn married Katherine Murphy while still in college. They lived in Hawaii where their daughter Susan was born. Three other children (Peter, Andrew, and David) completed the family. After 40 years of marriage, breast cancer unfortunately took Kathy's life on December 25. Lynn then found a new partner and married Joanne Spaide, whom he shared life and laughter with for 27 years until lung cancer sadly ended her life on December 10, 2022.

Education, community, and family have been and continue to be important pillars of Lynn's life. "My life was so changed by a tuition gift in 1950 that I still feel indebted to society today," said Lynn. "The Lynn and Joanne Schwandt Memorial Scholarship provides me with an opportunity to repay someone of that debt. My hope is that some recipients will respond in a like manner."

Congratulations Graduates!

2023 Graduate	Parents/Guardians	Future Plans
Kansas Berthel	Stacy Vandenburg and the late Michael Berthel	Northeast Iowa Community College
Shea Burcham	Tina and Tom Burcham	Hawkeye Community College
Dannielle Burkle	Sherry and Dennis Burkle	Northeast Iowa Community College
Nia Burnett	Tiffany and Jeremy Nelson	Northeast Iowa Community College
Kody Bush	Christina and Kelly Bush	Kirkwood Community College
Kaela Clemen	Jennifer and Sean Wood	University of Northern Iowa
Anna Deutmeyer	Diane and Chad Deutmeyer	University of Northern Iowa
Trista Elgin	Brenda and Terry Elgin	Hawkeye Community College
Brianna Fischer	Dawne and Bob Fischer	University of Northern Iowa
Landin Frasher	Tiersa and Jeff Frasher	Kirkwood Community College
Kade Freiburger	Angie and Jeff Freiburger	Kirkwood Community College
Jeorjia Harmon	Jessica and Tony Harmon	Kirkwood Community College
Brooke Hogan	Christy and Duane Hogan	Hawkeye Community College
Avery Holtz	Laura Holtz and the late Josh Holtz	Kirkwood Community College
Saige Hunt	Krista and Russell Hunt	Kirkwood Community College
Taylor Jones	Kara Zirtzman and Chris Jones	University of Northern Iowa
Carter Klaren	Crystal Breitbach and Steve Klaren	Kirkwood Community College
Erin Knipper	Becky and Mike Knipper	Kirkwood Community College
Jaxson Kramer	Kristi and Tim Kramer	Hawkeye Community College
Brooklyn Lammers	Samantha and Ryan Lammers	Arizona State University - Tempe AZ
Isabel Landas	Jennifer Johannes and Chad Landas	Kirkwood Community College
Jenavieve LeGassick	Jodi and Jason LeGassick	Brigham Young University

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Sheri Mast	Heather and Michael Mast	Hawkeye Community College
Ella Mensen	Jamie and Mindy Mensen	University of Iowa
Zachary Mineart	Jennifer and Matt Mineart	University of Northern Iowa
Allison Nefzger	Jayne Nefzger and Jeffrey Nefzger	University of Northern Iowa
Autumn Nelson	Tiffany and Jeremy Nelson	Entering the workforce
Lucas Orcutt	Cheri and Mitch Orcutt	Kirkwood Community College
Kayla Otting	Patti and Al Otting	Northeast Iowa Community College
Jamie Pitts	Emily and Keith Pitts	University of Iowa
Travis Polhman	Tara Kampman and Shawn Pohlman	Coe College
Kennedy Rausch	Amy and Darren Rausch	University of Northern Iowa
Grace Rowan	Marcie and Edward Rowan	Northeast Iowa Community College
Dylan Schmuecker	Teri and Tom Schmuecker	University of Iowa
Taylor Schmuecker	Teri and Tom Schmuecker	University of Iowa
Emilee Supple	Kristine Supple and the late Scott Supple	University of Northern Iowa
Macy Thompson	Karla and Corey Thompson	Hawkeye Community College
McKenna Thompson	Emily Tanner and Dustin Destival	Florida Gulf Coast University Ft. Myers
Marley Wagnor	Kathleen Nieman and Chris Kroeger	Ellsworth Community College
Benjamin Weber	Tina and Mike Weber	Kirkwood Community College

Maquoketa Valley Dollars for Scholars Scholarships

Scholarship Name	Description	Amount of Award	Recipient
Lynn & Joanne Schwandt Scholarship	Both Joanne and Lynn had scholarships that aided them to obtain undergraduate degrees. Each of them worked to earn money required for additional expenses while attending college. The combination of aid and earnings allowed each of them to pursue fulfilling and rewarding careers. This endowed scholarship has been established to aid recipients in pursuing higher education that will lead to fulfilling and rewarding careers in their lives.	\$1,600.00	Zachary Mineart
Gustav & Madeline Schwandt Memorial	Neither Gus nor Madeline had the privilege and the benefits of graduating from high school. Gus was in third grade when his father died and he was hired out as a farm hand to help support the rest of the family. Madeline had several illnesses that prevented her from completing high school. However, they both were insistent upon their children graduating high school. They encouraged their children to become self reliant and to provide for their families. This endowed scholarship has been established by their son Lynn to honor their commitment.	\$1,600.00	Kennedy Rausch
Randy Palmersheim Memorial	Randy worked with many farmers in NE Iowa and Wisconsin on livestock nutrition. He was very appreciative of rural community education. He and his wife, Karen, have 3 children. Kathie, Daniel and Andrew all graduated from MV. Randy's family provided this scholarship in his memory, and it is awarded to a student pursuing further education in agricultural studies.	\$500.00	Dannielle Burkle
Harris Family Scholarship	The students at Maquoketa Valley have been near and dear to Kay Harris' heart for many years. On Richard and Kay's 50th Anniversary, their children Mark Harris, Mary Wendt, and Dave Harris, decided the best gift they could give their parents was to establish an endowed scholarship of which the entire family could be proud.	\$530.00	Lucas Orcutt
The Not So Tiny House Scholarship	Jean Lux started the Tiny House Mission Store in Hopkinton more than 40 years ago. After outgrowing several different buildings they have now filled the former grocery store building and grown into The Not So Tiny House. The many local volunteers sell gently used and donated items, using the proceeds to support mission projects in the US, Haiti, Africa and around the world, in addition to local civic projects and scholarships.	\$500.00	Kansas Berthel
Barb Hollinrake Memorial	This memorial was established to honor the memory of Barb Hollinrake who joined the faculty at Maquoketa Valley High School as a guidance counselor in 1983. It was to be her longest and most cherished career. She was also a founding board member of the MV Dollars for Scholars, a role she continued until her unexpected passing in 2022.	\$250.00	Saige Hunt
Betty Krapfl Memorial	Betty and Gene Krapfl raised 8 children who all attended Maquoketa Valley. Betty had a lifelong love of music. She shared her musical talents with many children over 24 years of providing daycare in her home. Betty's family wants to encourage students to pursue your passion and share your talents with others.	\$500.00	Grace Rowan
Kim Krapfl Memorial	Kimberly Krapfl was a strong and inspirational person to everyone she met. She lived with cancer for three years, yet she never allowed herself to get down about it. Kim married Al Krapfl and they have three children, Brett, Clint, and Avery. Her favorite things in life were warm summer days and watching her flowers grow. She loved her friends and family and the simple things in life. Kim always encouraged people to go that "extra mile" and was always happy when she could help someone out. Kim's positivity, kind-hearted spirit, and her smile will never be forgotten.	\$250.00	Ella Mensen
Josh Holtz Memorial	Josh Holtz and his wife Laura have seven children who attend(ed) MV. Josh served as the president of the Maquoketa Valley Athletic Boosters and was founder of the Wildcat Attack Volleyball club. You would find him coaching his children's sporting events, cheering on Maquoketa Valley, boating and taking the kids skiing on Lake Delhi, singing Karaoke, and enjoying live music with his friends.	\$250.00	Jamie Pitts
Nate Dunn "Next Generation of Leaders" Scholarship	Each year as a holiday gift the F&M team members pool their money to create a scholarship in the name of bank president Nate Dunn.	\$500.00	McKenna Thompson
F&M Bank Scholarship	F&M Bank has 7 branches in Iowa and Minnesota, with many clients in the MV community and surrounding areas. F&M values educating our young adults. They have been a staunch supporter of the Maquoketa Valley DFS program since the beginning. Their corroboration with MV DFS has helped grow the program into what you see today. F&M's contributions have been financial, and so much more.	\$1,000.00	Kaela Clemen

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Jenna Reeves Memorial	The Jenna Reeves Memorial Scholarship was set up to honor the young woman who knew what she wanted and worked hard to achieve it. Jenna was taught from an early age that she could achieve whatever she set her mind to. Although she ran into obstacles she achieved her dream of graduating college because of her hard work. As a past recipient of DFS scholarships, she appreciated what it meant to help a young student with their finances. Not only did she work hard for her personal success, she took pride in helping others. She was known to embrace those who may not feel that they can achieve their own success. She encouraged and empowered them to believe in themselves. It is with Jenna's spirit of helping others that this scholarship was created to provide an opportunity for other young people to achieve their dreams.	\$260.00	Sheri Mast
Kenneth & Richard Jurgens Memorial	This scholarship is to honor the memory of Kenneth Jurgens who gave his life in Vietnam at the age of 19, and to honor his brother Richard Jurgens, who farmed in the Hopkinton/Worthington area. This endowment was established by their family members: Richard Jurgens, Rod Jurgens, Kay and Ron Lawrence, and Darlene and Jack Bradt.	\$350.00	Shea Burcham
Aldrich Family Scholarship	Diane and Delbert Aldrich have lived in the Maquoketa Valley School District for over 40 years. Their children, Chris, Shelli, Rusty, and Matt all attended MV. The Aldrich's were very pleased with the education they received. They were all involved in sports such as basketball, football, and dance team. Diane and Delbert's 4 grandchildren also attend school at Maquoketa Valley. Diane was a teacher for 35 years so they value education. This scholarship will benefit many students for years to come.	\$280.00	Emilee Supple
Shelli Gray Memorial	The family of Shelli Gray is proud to award the Shelli Gray Memorial Scholarship. Shelli was born to Delbert and Diane (Fessler) Aldrich, and was raised in the Earlville area. She graduated from Maquoketa Valley in 1998. In November 1999 she married her high school sweetheart, Jamie Gray. Three children were blessed to this union. Emma is an MV graduate, and Clair and Dominic currently attend Maquoketa Valley. At the age of ten Shelli began her lifelong love for flowers, working at her Aunt Karla's flower shop. In 2000 Shelli and Jamie bought that flower shop. They owned and operated Country Floral in Delhi until 2010. She later became the Floral Manager at Hy-Vee in Dubuque. In 2019 she took a job at te Jones County Treasurer's Office in Anamosa to spend more time with family and friends. Shelli also enjoyed traveling. She will always be remembered for her hard work and for leaving beauty wherever she went.	\$500.00	Carter Klaren
Terry Harbach Memorial	Terry graduated from MV and UNI. He and his wife Carol had four children and Terry finished his career at ATI in Delhi. He enjoyed working on cars and engines (especially Ford products), and was known for fixing just about anything. He mostly loved spending time with family and friends.	\$250.00	Brooklyn Lammers
Chesnut Family Scholarship	Lynn & Phyllis' are long-time residents of the area and their 2 children graduated from Maquoketa Valley. Andrea (1991 graduate) and Jeff (1995 graduate), and their 6 grandchildren either attended or are currently attending MV. They are firm believers of the importance of continuing education to establish a solid career foundation and it gives them great pleasure to provide this annual scholarship.	\$500.00	Nia Burnett
Walter Johnson Memorial	Walter "Wally" Johnson was the son of longtime residents of Hopkinton, Iowa: Helen and Walter V. Johnson. Wally was a 1965 graduate of Maquoketa Valley High School, which was the first class to celebrate graduation from the current high school building. Wally continued his education receiving a Business Administration degree from the University of Iowa in 1969, then furthered his academic career graduating in 1972 from Drake University Law School. Wally served the state of Iowa for nearly 30 years as the Deputy Commissioner of Labor – Iowa Workforce Development. The Johnson family were proud members of the Maquoketa Valley School systems and were firm believers in quality educational opportunities.	\$1,000.00	Nia Burnett
Walter Johnson Memorial	*	\$1,000.00	McKenna Thompson
Walter Johnson Memorial	*	\$1,000.00	Isabel Landas
Walter Johnson Memorial	*	\$1,000.00	Macy Thompson

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Scott Crowley Memorial	Scott and Jill Crowley are 1997 graduates of Maquoketa Valley. Their two children, Chantel and Ethan, currently attend MV. Scott fought a hard and courageous battle with cancer for two years. He passed away on July 4th, 2022. The Crowley family presents this scholarship in his memory.	\$500.00	Dylan Schmuecker
Scott Crowley Memorial	*	\$500.00	Jenavieve Legassick
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*Arvin Cooper was born in Delaware, IA. When he was 2 weeks old his mother passed away. He was raised by his aunt and her husband Netta and Merle Dighton. Arvin graduated from Oneida High School and served honorably in the US Navy. He was a Korean War veteran. Cooper farmed and was employed by the Iowa Dept. of Transportation. He did not attend college himself, but believed that education was very important. He was intelligent and never stopped learning throughout his life. Cooper believed that children hold the key to our future and the most important thing we can do is give them an education. His hard work, care and concern for future generations made his gift to MV Dollars for Scholars possible. Cooper's Memorial is awarding \$650.00 to each qualifying 2023 graduate.	\$650.00	Travis Pohlman
Arvin Cooper Memorial		\$650.00	Kansas Berthel
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Brooke Hogan
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Jaxson Kramer
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Marley Wagnor
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Sheri Mast
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Carter Klaren
Deb Wendt Memorial	The Deb Wendt Memorial was established to honor a wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Deb and her husband Dave lived their entire married life within the Maquoketa Valley School community. Deb and Dave's four children, Tiersa (Class of 1996), Natalie (Class of 1999), Emily (Class of 2001), and Ryan (Class of 2011) are also Maquoketa Valley graduates. Deb encouraged each of her children to pursue post-secondary education and would often tell them that "education is how you can invest in yourself and there is no better investment in life than that". Nursing was her professional calling and her family is proud to support future nurses and healthcare workers pursue their dreams in making a difference in the lives of others just as she did.	\$1,180.00	Avery Holtz
Christine Salow Memorial	This scholarship is given by Brent and Kathy Salow in memory of Brent's mom Christine Salow. Chris was a 1970 M.V. graduate and an awesome mom to two sons. Brent graduated from M.V. in 1987 and Shawn in 1989. She is remembered as a beautiful, wonderful, fun, hardworking lady by her friends and family.	\$250.00	Nia Burnett
Maurice Kirkwood Memorial	Maurice and Marilyn farmed together near Hopkinton for 50 years. Combined, they drove school buses for 78 years prior to Maurice's death in 2001. Maurice is fondly remembered by the many students and athletes he delivered safely to school and events. Marilyn created an endowment fund to ensure that each year one of our students will be rewarded with a scholarship in Maurice's honor.	\$260.00	Jeorgia Harmon
Class of 2021 Memorial for Anna Nefzger and Teige Hunt	The Anna Nefzger and Teige Hunt Memorial was organized by the class of 2021 to keep the memories alive for Anna and Teige who left us too early. Anna and Teige will always be remembered by our students, staff, and community as a result of this generous donation by the Class of 2021. Anna Nefzger and Teige Hunt, you are in our hearts always and forever, and will be missed but never forgotten.	\$500.00	Macy Thompson

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Anna Nefzger Memorial	Anna Mae Nefzger was a farm girl at heart. Anna was a tomboy who loved to fish and run combines with the boys. She had a spirit about her that lit up everyone's life that she touched. She was adored by family and friends. Anna was active in volleyball, basketball, track, and served on the Junior High Student Council. Anna passed away in June 2016 at the young age of 13, just before her 8th grade year. In July 2016, her cousins Jamie Nefzger and Emma Ries auctioned off their steers at the Delaware and Linn County fairs to honor Anna's love for farming and animals. The community support was tremendous, as the steers sold multiple times, and these generous acts funded this Memorial for Anna. Anna is the daughter of Danny and Karla Nefzger. Her brother, Curtis, and sister, Kari, are MV graduates.	\$1,400.00	Dannielle Burkle
Anna Nefzger Memorial	*	\$1,390.00	Kade Freiburger
Dr. Zachary Stecklein Scholarship	Dr. Zachary Stecklein was raised on a farm near Oelwein. He received his bachelor's and DDS degree from the University of Iowa and practices dentistry at Dental Associates of Manchester. Dr Stecklein is a dental provider and instructor for the Hawkeye Community College of Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting programs, as well as an associate staff member in Dentistry at Regional Medical Center.	\$500.00	Brianna Fischer
Dental Associates of Manchester Scholarship	Dental Associates of Manchester is committed to bettering our community by supporting and providing medical services to its residents. To further this commitment, they are providing financial support through this scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship will possess a GPA of 3.0 or higher, is active in extra-curricular and/or community involvement and entering a profession in the medical field.	\$500.00	Trista Elgin
Alex Salow Memorial	The Alex Salow Memorial was established to commemorate and celebrate the life and legacy of a family member, friend, and Maquoketa Valley HS Alumni gone too soon. Alex always planned to go to college but circumstances had him put that off for a bit, and unfortunately his life ended all too soon. He was a very giving and caring person. He was always helping people. Even though he didn't get to experience college, we think Alex would be very happy knowing that he helped someone further their education.	\$500.00	Brooke Hogan
Teige Hunt Memorial	This scholarship honors a young man who lived more in his seventeen years than most people do in a lifetime. Teige Hunt lived his life doing what made him happy. He "never let school get in the way of his education" and never turned down a chance to go on an adventure, from snowmobiling in the mountains with his dad to driving his family around on the boat and wakeboarding on Lake Delhi. He dreamt of moving to Florida to attend a community college for a couple of years and starting his own wakeboarding school. Teige lived with no regard for tomorrow, every day he woke up and chose to do something that made his day. Teige has already left his legacy in this world. With this scholarship, we hope you have courage to do the same.	\$280.00	Kennedy Rausch
Matt & Angela Mensen Scholarship	Matt (1996) and Angie Mensen (1998) are both graduates of Maquoketa Valley. Their children, Derek and Reece Mensen also graduated from Maquoketa Valley in 2020 and 2021. They are excited to help support a graduating senior through the MV Dollars for Scholars program.	\$250.00	Allison Nefzger
Kelly & Mae Salow Scholarship	Mae, her husband Kelly, and their children Jenny (Feldmann) McDowell and Kerri (Salow) Hays, were all graduates of Maquoketa Valley. Mae was the kind of person that lit up the room and the one to make everyone smile, laugh, and feel welcome. She was always willing to help others. The family wishes to provide a scholarship in Mae's honor be gifted to help others. They know she would be proud and honored to help the graduates of Maquoketa Valley.	\$250.00	Grace Rowan
Dave & Rosie Salow Family Scholarship	Dave and Rosie Salow were life long residents of Earlville. All eight of their children graduated from Maquoketa Valley. For many years they followed basketball and many other activities of Judy, Joan, Jeff, June, Jim, Joel, Jay and Justin. Dave and Rosie understand the importance of a good education. They are pleased to be able to help other Maquoketa Valley graduates with this endowment.	\$270.00	Grace Rowan
Holly Ann and Eldon J Wilson Memorial	Eldon Wilson graduated in 1942 from Delhi Consolidated high School. He served in the U.S. Army and then married Velva and gained a stepson, Darwin. Together they had 6 children: Ken, Dean, Gary, Larry, Doran, and daughter Holly Ann. Holly graduated from MV High School in 1979. Sadly, Holly was killed in a car accident the following year. The Wilson family is honored to share the legacies of Eldon and Holly Ann through the Dollars for Scholars program.	\$240.00	Sheri Mast

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Marissa and Scott Harbach Memorial	Scholarship is more than an award to attend college. It's a state of mind and discipline of wanting to succeed and obtain knowledge. The majority of Marissa's time was spent at school or surrounding school. She knew the value of education and soaked up everything she learned. Any of her goals could have been achieved because of her diligence. Marissa's dad Scott passed away in January 2019. Scott always lived life to the fullest, and was a natural story teller which kept his audience very entertained. Their family would like the recipient of this award to spend a lifetime learning and growing from every experience.	\$370.00	Erin Knipper
David Kunde Memorial	David was an FFA member and a 9 year 4-H member. He was a dairy farmer south of Manchester and served on many boards in the Dairy industry. David led Milo Livestock 4-H club for 55 years, helped found the 4-H Food Stand in 1979, and has been honored with many awards. His family created this endowment to continue the legacy he started with helping the youth in our community.	\$250.00	Kody Bush
Hopkinton Lions Club Scholarship	Lions Club members are men and women who strive to make a difference in their local community. The Hopkinton Lions Club was the first service organization to fund an endowment for the Maquoketa Valley DFS.	\$270.00	Kansas Berthel
Hopkinton Lions Club Scholarship	*	\$350.00	Travis Pohlman
William & Irene Oehler Memorial	This endowment was established by Tom Oehler in memory of his parents who taught him the value of further education. William served on the Delhi School Board and was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan.	\$1,000.00	Carter Klaren
Hartwick Marina Scholarship	Hartwick Marina has been in business on Lake Delhi since 1932. The Vance family took ownership in June 2020. They are excited to help support a graduating senior with this scholarship.	\$500.00	Dylan Schmuecker
Paul & Liz Heffernen Scholarship	Paul is retired from Fareway in Manchester. Over the years he hired many Maquoketa Valley students. He has seen how our DFS program encourages students to pursue post-secondary education. Paul and Liz live in Manchester and know the importance of a college education.	\$500.00	Marley Wagnor
Manchester Dental Clinic Scholarship	Manchester Dental Clinic is a part of Apple White Dental Partners of Dubuque. Dr. Carrie Borchardt continues a tradition of this office awarding a scholarship to area students entering the dental or health care field in appreciation of their patients.	\$400.00	Trista Elgin
American Legion Riders Post 45 Scholarship	The mission of the American Legion Riders Post 45 is to help families of veterans in any way.	\$500.00	Brooklyn Lammers
Mahlon and Nadine Wilson Memorial	Mahlon and Nadine owned and operated a farm that has been in the Wilson family name for the past 150 years. Mahlon graduated from the Delhi Consolidated School in 1947. All of their children, Paula Timmer, Doug and Mike Wilson, along with all nine of their grandchildren graduated from Maquoketa Valley. This school has been an important part of the Wilson family and will continue to be for the next generation. The Wilson family would like to present this scholarship in memory of Mahlon and Nadine Wilson.	\$250.00	Shea Burcham
Micheal Wilson Memorial	Mike was the kind of person that lit up the room when he walked in. He was a friend to everyone and loved to entertain. He and his wife, Ann, have three children; Drew, Angie and Brooke. It is so refreshing to see him live on through his children whether in looks, personality, sense of humor, or his zest for life. Mike was an MV and Kirkwood graduate and had a passion for farming and mechanics. His family established this endowment in his memory.	\$310.00	Avery Holtz
Citizens State Bank Scholarship	Citizens State Bank believes strongly in giving back to the communities that it serves. By creating an endowment to fund their scholarship, Citizens State Bank has insured their scholarship will continue to be awarded forever as an unending reminder of their dedication to our students.	\$750.00	Kaela Clemen
Robert & Shirley Weber Memorial	Robert & Shirley Weber were the parents of eight children, and all were graduates of Maquoketa Valley. Because they were required to work and help support their families, Bob and Shirley weren't given the opportunity to attend high school. However, they instilled in their children and grandchildren the importance of education. We proudly give this scholarship in our parents' and grandparents' memory as we continue to remember their kindness and willingness to help others. Kerry, Kay, Parker, and Alyssa Sternhagen	\$250.00	Jenavieve Legassick

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Larry & Suzanne Hillers Family Scholarship	Larry and Suzanne (Tucker) Hillers are both graduates of Maquoketa Valley as are their children. Ron is a chiropractor in Bremerton, WA. Cory is an employee of Stanley Black & Decker in Delhi. Chad is a Systems Administrator for AY McDonald in Dubuque. Kristi is a CSR at Delhi Insurance Agency. Larry could go on and on about the experience he's had with MV. His dad was a member of the first school board and Larry helped with the 11 time voting to pass the bond issue on the school. Larry was on the first Football team for MV as a Freshman.	\$300.00	Anna Deutmeyer
Martin & Lillian Hillers Memorial	Martin Hillers Jr. was a member of the first MV School Board when the schools consolidated. He was a strong supporter of the school and an avid MV sports fan. He and his wife, Lillian, raised 5 MV graduates: Larry, Diane, Steve, Randy, and Carolyn. Their grandchildren and great-grandchildren attended MV. The Hillers Families present this scholarship in Martin and Lillian's memory.	\$300.00	Carter Klaren
Mike Seibert Memorial	Mike Seibert, known as Mr. Seibert by many, taught art at Maquoketa Valley for 27 years. He touched many lives with his creativity and talents. He brought smiles to many with his humor and practical jokes. The recipient of the Mike Seibert Memorial is encouraged to be creative and to use his/her talents to touch the lives of others.	\$500.00	Marley Wagnor
Beatrice Herington Elledge Memorial	Beatrice Herington Elledge started her teaching career at the age of 18 at the Hopkinton Independent School District in 1951. She taught students in grades 2nd, 4th, and 6th for 44 years. She finished her career teaching remedial reading when she retired from Maquoketa Valley School District in 1995. Her passion was teaching and she really never did quit teaching. Her fondest memories were the interactions she had with her students and their parents. Her family sponsored this scholarship in her memory.	\$520.00	Emilee Supple
John & Lela Thomas Memorial	John Thomas was Superintendent of Maquoketa Valley School District for 17 years. His wife Lela was one of MV's most loyal sports fans. All four of their children and three of their grandchildren are proud Maquoketa Valley graduates. MV was such a big part of the entire Thomas family and we can think of no better way to honor our parents' memory than having the John and Lela Thomas Memorial Scholarship to help the future graduates of this great school.	\$220.00	Dylan Schmuecker
Winter Family Scholarship	Kevin Winter established this family endowment. His father Mark had been a presenter and a supporter of MV DFS for several years. Mark and Ann are the parents of 6 MV graduates: Kathy Sabers, Kevin Winter, Karla O'Connor, Mike Winter, Julie Freeland, and Joe Winter.	\$950.00	Zachary Mineart
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Robert Wendt Scholarship	Robert Wendt is a life-long resident of Delaware County, graduating from MV in 1967. He earned degrees from ISU in Ag. Business and Ag. Education, 1971 and 1976, respectively. He is a strong proponent for education at all levels and for all ages. He enjoys learning something new each day. As someone once said, "Dreams without goals are merely dreams." He's very pleased to assist MV graduates in achieving their educational goals.	\$500.00	Brooke Hogan

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Delhi Thrift Store Scholarship	Delhi Thrift Store and Food Pantry is a retail store affiliated with United Methodist Church operating on a not for profit basis selling donated items.	\$250.00	Kayla Otting
Russell & Mary Schnittjer Memorial	Russell (DHS '36) and Mary Appleby (DHS '36) were married in 1939. "Our parents were proud to be graduates of Delhi and supported the school system and transition to Maquoketa Valley. Education and serving others was a primary focus in our activities as we grew up. Our family is proud to be able to help others achieve their educational goals through the DFS Program." This endowment was funded in 2003 by the family members: Larry, Dale, Carol Jebens, and Tamara Bigelow.	\$420.00	Avery Holtz
Dave Schnittjer Memorial	Dave Schnittjer wanted only to farm all of his life...and he did just that. He enjoyed each and every day of being a good steward of the land and animals in his care. He completed 12 years of school at Delhi Consolidated Schools. While he chose not to go to college, he felt education was valuable and knew that many occupations needed a formal education, including college. For that reason, he was an enthusiastic supporter of MVDFS.	\$500.00	Isabel Landas
Leonard & Genevieve Gibbs Memorial	Leonard was a happy, energetic and dedicated teacher from Hopkinton for many years. He was the original DFS in our area. Many who graduated from MV in the 70's and 80's will recall receiving a dollar or two with a congratulatory card from Mr. Gibbs. Their daughter, Vicki from California, along with a matching employer, established this endowment in memory of her parents.	\$270.00	Benjamin Weber
Dr. Austin Goldsmith Memorial	Austin was the Valedictorian of the Class of 1995 and he continued his education at Upper Iowa University before attending the University of Iowa College of Medicine from which he graduated in 2003. Austin was active in music, speech, and drama and was known for his running ability throughout high school and college but learning was his ultimate goal.	\$550.00	Ella Mensen
Maynard & Hazel Schnittjer Family Memorial	Maynard and Hazel both continued their education after high school. Maynard went on to graduate from Iowa State University and Hazel attended Lenox College in Hopkinton. Maynard and Hazel passed away in 1989 and 2010, respectively. They were parents of three Delhi Consolidated graduates and one MV graduate.	\$300.00	Trista Elgin
Schnittjer Family Scholarship	Daniel J. Schnittjer attended short courses at Ames in 1908-1909 which caused him to say "I regard farming as a science." He felt his talents lay in diversified farming; dairy, fed steers, raised hogs, rotated crops, and he sought to improve the soil. He wanted all seven of his children to explore a college education. In 1930 he was named a Master Farmer of Iowa.	\$1,220.00	McKenna Thompson
Schnittjer Family Scholarship	*	\$1,000.00	Kayla Otting

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MV Class of 1961 Scholarship	MV 1961 graduating class had 61 students. They have lost 18 classmates, and feel their class reunions are important as they grow in years. They recommend you all keep in touch as you go forward in life.	\$250.00	Isabel Landas
MV Class of 1961 Scholarship	*	\$250.00	Saige Hunt
Hargrafen Family Memorial	Three generations of the Hargrafen family have been educated in the Delhi Consolidated/Maquoketa Valley School system and some have returned to teach in the system. Because education plays a vital role in a successful and rewarding life, the family has established this Endowed Scholarship.	\$640.00	Travis Pohlman
Lawrence & Mildred Kramer Memorial	The Kramer family provided this endowment in memory of their parents, Mildred and Lawrence Kramer. They lived in Hopkinton and raised 12 children who graduated from Maquoketa Valley from 1955 through 1987. Many of their grandchildren also graduated from MV.	\$300.00	Kennedy Rausch
Kevin Kramer Memorial	Kevin was a successful businessman in Hopkinton with his trucking company and was very generous with his volunteer activities including 30 years with the Hopkinton Fire Department. His wife, Sue, and their children, Matt, Brittany, and Courtney, established an endowment in memory of Kevin.	\$280.00	Dannielle Burkle
Keith & Sherry Kramer Scholarship	Keith and Sherry have three sons; Nathan, Jordan, and Luke. All five of them graduated from MV. As one of the original MV DFS Board members, Keith was instrumental in creating our MV Chapter of DFS with the mission of providing scholarships for any students who want to go to college.	\$400.00	Dannielle Burkle
Gary & Vicki Spellerberg Scholarship	Gary is a 1977 graduate of Maquoketa Valley and is retired from John Deere in Dubuque. Vicki taught Business Education courses at MV from 1983-2018. Both Gary and Vicki are excited to provide financial assistance through DFS to MV graduates as they work towards achieving their educational and career goals.	\$500.00	Dylan Schmuecker
Will Roling Memorial	Will Roling was the son of William and Mae Louise (Wuchter) Roling and a graduate of MV. He had two children who also attended Maquoketa Valley High School. Chloe graduated in 2019 and Preston in 2022. Will enjoyed playing pool, cards, golfing, hunting, and cooking. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his children.	\$260.00	Avery Holtz
Clarence, Arlene, & Brian Spellerberg Memorial	Clarence and Arlene Spellerberg farmed near Earlville since 1964. They raised 5 MV graduates and 4 of their 10 grandchildren graduated from MV. Clarence enjoyed people, fishing, was an avid Cubs fan, card player, Hawkeye fan, and he always had a smile. He passed away in 2011. Arlene enjoyed cooking and baking, gardening, and tending to her flowers. She passed away in August 2018. Their son, Brian, married his high school sweetheart. Brian and Tammy had 2 children, Todd and Amy. Brian loved the farm. In 1984 he was killed in a farm accident at the age of 22. Their family presents this scholarship in their memory.	\$520.00	Taylor Schmuecker
Steve & Lisa Dircks Scholarship	Steve and Lisa Dircks are looking forward to seeing another Maquoketa Valley graduate receive their scholarship. Steve and Lisa both graduated from Maquoketa Valley along with their four children. In their spare time they like to ride their bikes and are very involved with their seven grandchildren.	\$1,500.00	Ella Mensen
Gertrude Green Memorial	The Gertrude Green Scholarship is in memory of an exceptional woman who devoted 39 years to the education field as both a full-time teacher and, after retirement, a substitute teacher. She graduated valedictorian from high school and then enrolled at Lenox College while working in homes for tuition money. Her first teaching job was at Viola School, starting before her 18th birthday. Gertrude retired from education while employed at MV Schools where she taught kindergarten, second grade, and Head Start.	\$300.00	Taylor Jones
Marvin and Olga Helle Health Care Scholarship in honor of their daughter Mary Helle Hoeger	Marvin and Olga Helle had 8 children (6 graduating from MV). Their daughter Mary is an RN who contributed to the health care of her parents. Marvin and Olga wanted to provide this scholarship to honor Mary's care and to give back to another MV graduate who is pursuing a career in healthcare.	\$530.00	Jeorjia Harmon

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Maquoketa Valley Fine Arts Boosters Scholarship	The Fine Arts Boosters are presenting scholarships to students who have been active in the fine arts at MV for more than half of their high school years. The students need to be involved in any two instrumental, choral, or speech/drama activities. These scholarships show the appreciation of the community for these activities at Maquoketa Valley and for the entertainment provided by the students during the year.	\$260.00	Kaela Clemen
Maquoketa Valley Fine Arts Boosters Scholarship	*	\$250.00	Zachary Mineart
Michele Maurer Memorial	The Michele Maurer Memorial Endowment was funded by her parents, Dean and Jean Maurer. Michele grew up on her family farm north of Delhi. She was active in cross country, softball, track and band and graduated from Maquoketa Valley.	\$270.00	Brooklyn Lammers
Hoptown Hurricanes 4-H Club Scholarship	This 4-H club wants to give back to the youth in their community. They have seen the benefits of MV DFS from older siblings and this is a great way to meet their goal as every person that applies receives a scholarship. They work hard through many events to raise money to provide this scholarship.	\$300.00	Trista Elgin
Lawrence March Memorial	Lawrence March was always willing to give a helping hand. Even after his untimely death at age 21, Lawrence continued to give through the generous gift of organ and tissue donation. The March family continues to celebrate Lawrence's short life on earth knowing that another Maquoketa Valley graduate will receive a scholarship in his memory.	\$400.00	Lucas Orcutt
Heritage Bank of Delhi - Marion Scholarship	Heritage Bank continues to support DFS in Delhi and Marion. They serve customers in the surrounding Maquoketa Valley area and are pleased to help MV graduates.	\$500.00	Jamie Pitts
Art & Laura Feldmann Memorial	Our parents, Art and Laura Feldmann, raised 9 children (all of whom graduated from MV). Three of them went into the military and on to college. One is a Command Sargent Major, one a Brigadier General, and another went on to get his PhD in plant genetics. One is a school board member. Twenty of their grandchildren graduated from MV. Four great grandchildren are currently MV students. Art and Laura instilled in us all a good work ethic. They did very well at farming with only an eighth grade education. Our mother achieved her GED and CNA at the age of 52, showing their value in a higher education.	\$380.00	McKenna Thompson
Lisa Steger Memorial	Lisa and Doug have three daughters: Jessica, Amy and Krista. Lisa was an avid supporter of Maquoketa Valley and was always at the girls' sporting events and many other activities. Her family funded this scholarship in her memory after she passed away in 2006 after a courageous battle with cancer.	\$500.00	Sheri Mast
Dennis & Donna Pilgrim Pay It Forward Scholarship	This scholarship is a donation from Maquoketa Valley Alumni Dennis and Donna L. Pilgrim in honor of Dennis' father and mother, Robert and Donna M. Pilgrim. Robert and Donna were active supporters of the organization of the Maquoketa Valley School District when it was formed in 1959 and also very active in the several bond issues that were held in the years that followed to construct a new central high school. Just as Bob and Donna paid it forward to their family by providing a better learning environment for students, we as donors now wish to pay that forward by providing a \$500 scholarship to aid a Maquoketa Valley graduate in obtaining a college degree. Our challenge to the recipient of this scholarship is only that they too will pay this forward in 2 steps; first by showing an act of kindness, giving of time, or other charitable contributions to a person or persons in need within the next year, and secondly, that when the recipient attains a station in life where they can afford to do so they will also aid in supporting a student to attain a college education.	\$500.00	Landin Frasher
MV Class of 1972 Scholarship	The MV class of 1972 is awarding two \$435.00 scholarships in honor of their 13 deceased classmates: Tim Britt, Freida (Conrad) Loesche, Harlan Davis, Tony Dunlap, Mary Jo Hargrafen Knutson, Gary Kenny, Steve Kramer, Dennis Kramer, Scott Lux, Joyce Milroy, Gene Richter, Rick Schmidt, and Dave Turnis.	\$430.00	Jenavieve Legassick
MV Class of 1972 Scholarship	*	\$440.00	Kaela Clemen

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Harlan & Thelma Johnston Family Scholarship	Harlan and Thelma Johnston married in 1942 and farmed on the Johnston family farm west of Hopkinton. This farm was settled by Harlan's grandfather, Alexander Johnston in 1856 and continues to be owned by the Johnston family. In 1950, Harlan and Thelma moved to Hopkinton, where they purchased a hardware, plumbing, and heating business. They operated Harl's Hardware until 1965. Thelma Johnston served on the Hopkinton School Board at the time of the reorganization into the Maquoketa Valley School District. Harlan and Thelma's children, Joyce and James (Jim) graduated from Maquoketa Valley in 1963 and 1964, respectfully.	\$520.00	Taylor Schmuecker
Community Savings Bank Scholarship	The Community Savings Bank has provided scholarships for MV graduates every year since the program began. The Community Savings Bank serves locations in and beyond the Maquoketa Valley district.	\$1,200.00	Taylor Schmuecker
Loren & Irene Salow Family Memorial	Loren and Irene Salow were avid members of the Maquoketa Valley school system. They were the most positive people and fully supported Maquoketa Valley values and traditions. They were very giving and caring, especially with children, and wanted to pass down a gift for generations to come. Loren and Irene felt that kids are our future, and always told their kids to "Do your best in life and strive to be happy". We know they are looking down tonight, smiling ear to ear, knowing this memorial will help a student better themselves through their future endeavors.	\$280.00	Travis Pohlman
Virginia & Kenneth Tucker Memorial	Virginia was a teacher's aide at Johnston Elementary in Hopkinton for 20 years, from 1972-1992. She truly loved her job and being with all the children. She and her husband, Kenneth, have four children; Sue, Cindy, Steve, and Marilyn, all MV graduates. Steve established this endowed scholarship in memory of his mother. She taught them to always respect and treat other people fairly.	\$260.00	Avery Holtz
George & Elizabeth Shearer Memorial	George and Elizabeth were long-time Delhi residents who both held the highest regards for "education as the way to get people to help themselves." Elizabeth was a school teacher before marriage and farming. George attended Iowa State University and then returned to the Delhi family farm. George was on the Northeast Iowa Community College Board for 21 years. Both George and Elizabeth were promoters of education, especially on the community college level where a student can afford a chance at a career.	\$500.00	Lucas Orcutt
John & LaRae Koopmann Delhi Machine Shop Scholarship	John and LaRae have operated the Delhi Machine Shop since 1981. Their work includes tractor overhaul, welding, and machining to serve farmers and others in the community. They have three children: Kali, Trevor, and Trent. Knowing the value of further education, they decided to support the community's students by providing a scholarship.	\$250.00	Shea Burcham
Robert & Erma Yackley Memorial	Bob and Erma were married in 1942 right after Bob graduated and Erma finished her junior year. Education was important to both of them, so in the late 1960's Erma received her GED. Bob owned a grocery store while Erma raised their children: Nick, Tom, Ann, Robbie and Mary. They moved to Hopkinton in 1976 and were very active in their community. Family was top priority but they still found time for antiquing, gardening, traveling, and fishing. This endowment was established by their family to honor both of them.	\$340.00	Ella Mensen
Earlville Community Club Scholarship	Earlville Community Club has the support of many city and rural members. They provide several community activities, including the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Lighting with Santa and the 4th of July celebration.	\$500.00	Anna Deutmeyer
William & Therese Gibbs Memorial	The Gibbs family provided this endowment in memory of their parents, William and Therese Gibbs. William passed away on December 13, 2003 and Therese on Jan 2, 2008. Ten of their eleven children graduated from Maquoketa Valley. The Gibbs' enjoyed the activities of many of their grandchildren who were also attending and graduating from MV.	\$370.00	Carter Klaren

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Arvin Cooper Memorial	*Arvin Cooper was born in Delaware, IA. When he was 2 weeks old his mother passed away. He was raised by his aunt and her husband Netta and Merle Dighton. Arvin graduated from Oneida High School and served honorably in the US Navy. He was a Korean War veteran. Cooper farmed and was employed by the Iowa Dept. of Transportation. He did not attend college himself, but believed that education was very important. He was intelligent and never stopped learning throughout his life. Cooper believed that children hold the key to our future and the most important thing we can do is give them an education. His hard work, care and concern for future generations made his gift to MV Dollars for Scholars possible. Cooper's Memorial is awarding \$650.00 to each qualifying 2023 graduate.	\$650.00	Brianna Fischer
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Kennedy Rausch
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Allison Nefzger
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Kody Bush
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Lucas Orcutt
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Kayla Otting
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Grace Rowan
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Zachary Mineart
Bruce & Karen Knipper Family Scholarship	Bruce and Karen farm near Delhi and they have 3 sons: Chad who is deceased, Eric, and Travis. Bruce, Eric, and Travis are MV graduates. Karen has been an MV DFS Board Member since 2008. Bruce and Karen feel fortunate to live in a very generous and supportive community and this is a way for them to give back.	\$260.00	Jenavieve Legassick
Kenny Becker Memorial	The family of Kenny Becker felt this endowment was a great tribute to their husband and father. Kenny lived on the family farm northeast of Hopkinton his entire life. He graduated from Hopkinton High School in 1955 and will always be remembered for putting his family first and his wonderful sense of humor.	\$430.00	Anna Deutmeyer
Steve Maiers Memorial	Steve was active in FFA and cross country while attending Maquoketa Valley. His friends remember his smile and his strong work ethic. Steve's family established this endowment in memory of their son and brother.	\$600.00	Kade Freiburger
Brian White Memorial	After Brian graduated from Maquoketa Valley High School, he owned and operated White Trucking in Earlville. He enjoyed spending time with his son Beau camping, boating, and helping on the farm. They cherished the time they spent together on day trips in the semi-truck.	\$1,100.00	Emilee Supple
KTW Armadillo Ranch Scholarship	KTW Ranch started in 2019 when MV graduates and childhood friends Alex White and Jake Tri decided it was time to take their love for the outdoors and start an armadillo ranch. With the help of their longtime friend and mentor Keith Kramer, they purchased a small plot of land nestled in the rolling hills of west Texas. This scholarship is made possible through fundraising done at the annual KTW Armadillo Rodeo and Tractor Pull and from the generous donations made at the KTW Ranch armadillo and micro pig petting zoo.	\$500.00	Brooke Hogan
Sara and Doug Tuetken Scholarship	Sara and Doug were long standing members of the Maquoketa Valley Community School District family. Sara served in a number of different positions within the district while Doug was fortunate to be the superintendent of schools for 15 years. Sara and Doug wanted to pay it forward and continue to support and encourage Maquoketa Valley students with this scholarship.	\$300.00	Zachary Mineart
Berniece Moulton Memorial	Berniece Moulton spent most of her life involved in the Maquoketa Valley school district. For many years, she was one of the cooks, first in Buck Creek and ending at Delhi High School. Three of her children, Donna, Chari and Greg, were all involved in sports while attending MV. This led her to become one of the founding members of the Athletic Boosters, of which she was a 50 year member. Berniece was an avid supporter of DFS. This scholarship given in her name would make her very proud and we as her children are pleased to honor her in this manner.	\$470.00	Taylor Jones
Deborah Hardin Memorial	Deb Hardin spent her life enjoying her friends and family, and helping others. She was a hard worker in long term health care for many years. While living in Hopkinton, she and her husband, Terry, raised 4 children, all of which are MV grads. She was always partaking in their lives and loved visiting and watching her 7 grandchildren.	\$410.00	Jaxson Kramer

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Vernon & Therese Melchert Memorial	Vernon and Therese Melchert valued a good education. Their 10 children and 6 of their grandchildren graduated from MV. They encouraged all of them to pursue a secondary education after high school.	\$250.00	Allison Nefzger
Marcheta Coeey Lux Memorial	This scholarship is given to a senior who exemplifies the qualities of honesty, good citizenship, and Christian ethics in their lives. This is presented in memory of Archie Coeey, Bill Coeey, and Marcheta Coeey.	\$500.00	Jeorjia Harmon
Delhi Little League Scholarship	The Delhi Little League has a history of awarding a direct scholarship to a graduating senior baseball and softball player. In 2012, an endowment was set up for their scholarships. The Delhi Little League knows the importance of giving back to their players and community.	\$270.00	Avery Holtz
Delhi Little League Scholarship	*	\$250.00	Macy Thompson
Maquoketa Valley Athletic Booster Club Scholarship	The Maquoketa Valley Athletic Booster Club raises money from their annual membership drive, and hosting events such as the Fall Craft Show and the annual Gala. These funds are invested back into all of the athletic programs at MV. Their funding has helped purchase such things as new uniforms, equipment, and enhancements to the facilities, like bleachers/benches and concrete work. Each year the Athletic Boosters fund scholarships to promote success through higher education for our students.	\$1,000.00	Lucas Orcutt
Maquoketa Valley Athletic Booster Club Scholarship	*	\$1,000.00	Erin Knipper
Scott Jasper Scholarship	Scott graduated from MV in 1981 and the University of Iowa in 1985. He and his wife, Susan, live in Sherman, TX where he is an Engineer Manager at Texas Instruments. Scott feels the excellent start in math and science at MV helped him get to where he is today. He established this endowment in recognition of his value in education.	\$600.00	Brianna Fischer
Paul & Bernita Grimm Family Memorial	This endowment from the Paul and Bernita Grimm Family is in memory of their parents. Paul farmed for 30 years and sold insurance for 25 years. Bernita was a Special Reading teacher at MV for 22 years. Paul and Bernita were the parents of 6 MV graduates.	\$410.00	Taylor Jones
Stanley Infrastructure Scholarship	This Delhi manufacturing company supports graduates starting a two year technical program. The company has experienced significant growth and employs many MV High School graduates as well as several Iowa State University and community college graduates who hail from the MV district.	\$530.00	Carter Klaren
Stanley Infrastructure Scholarship	*	\$1,000.00	Landin Frasher
Stanley Infrastructure Scholarship	*	\$1,000.00	Jaxson Kramer
Alice Rees Memorial	Alice (Robinson) Rees graduated from Greeley School in 1918, and Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI) in 1920. She taught in Strawberry Point and Anamosa. After raising her children, she taught in Delhi from 1951 until retirement in 1953. She would be proud to have a scholarship given in her name.	\$590.00	Taylor Schmuecker
William Clark (W.C.) & Esther DeShaw Memorial	This scholarship is given in memory of William Clark and Esther DeShaw. They ran a business in Hopkinton and then moved to a farm to raise their family. Their four children are MV graduates and all attended the University of Iowa. The DeShaws stressed the importance of higher education, which is why their children feel that honoring them with a college scholarship in their memory is appropriate.	\$500.00	Brooke Hogan
Mark Sands & Diane Sands Family Scholarship	Mark Sands and Diane Sands are raising their 5 children near Delhi. They are proud to support MV graduates through the MV Dollars for Scholars program.	\$300.00	Benjamin Weber

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Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Kaela Clemen
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Trista Elgin
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Kade Freiburger
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Anna Deutmeyer
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Erin Knipper
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Jeorjia Harmon
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Avery Holtz
Clifton Family Scholarship	Jim and Connie Clifton, original MV DFS Chapter Board members, have a passion for the purpose of this program. Their two sons graduated from Maquoketa Valley, Phil in 1985 and Curt in 1988, and both are graduates of Iowa State University. The Cliftons are pleased to assist the students of MV in achieving their educational goals.	\$550.00	Brianna Fischer
Herman & Wilma Harbach Memorial	The descendants of Herman and Wilma Harbach felt this endowment was a great tribute to their memory. They farmed west of Delhi, were active in the community, and both served on the Delhi School Board.	\$440.00	Allison Nefzger
Delhi Consolidated School Alumni Scholarship	Delhi Consolidated Schools preceded the combining of schools in the area and the renaming to Maquoketa Valley Community Schools. The last graduates were the Class of 1959.	\$470.00	Jeorjia Harmon
Earlville United Parish Scholarship	The Earlville United Parish provides this scholarship in honor of their graduating seniors.	\$500.00	Emilee Supple
Earlville United Parish Marie Hunt Memorial	The Earlville United Parish wanted to recognize Marie Hunt in appreciation for her generous support to the church. Marie was a graduate of Earlville High School and attended Bayless Business College. She was an Administrative Secretary for Iowa Electric Light and Power for 31 years, retiring in 1979.	\$520.00	Dannielle Burkle
Earlville High School Alumni Association Scholarship	The Earlville Alumni have given a scholarship for many years before DFS was established. They are happy to partner with MV DFS and recognize the value provided to the graduates. They are pleased to provide this award in honor of their past teachers.	\$1,470.00	Anna Deutmeyer

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Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**This scholarship is made possible through the fundraising events and the generous donations of many people remembering loved ones, honoring someone special and supporting an organization that is helping our students further their education.	\$930.00	Benjamin Weber
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$940.00	Kansas Berthel
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$1,000.00	Sheri Mast
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$680.00	Kody Bush
Henry & Ida Hunt Memorial	The Henry and Ida Hunt Family Endowment was started by Alice Hunt in memory of her parents. Henry and Ida both graduated from Earlville High School. They farmed and belonged to the United Methodist Church while raising 6 sons and 1 daughter.	\$270.00	Taylor Schmuecker
Thomas & Gladys O'Connell Memorial	Education was very important to Tom and Gladys O'Connell. Their daughters, Chris and Cindy, established this endowment in memory of their parents. This scholarship will be given each year knowing their parents would be proud to see them helping another student continue his or her education.	\$270.00	Erin Knipper
Maquoketa Valley "Staff Fun Day" Scholarship	A casual day is offered once a month at the MV facilities. The staff members that participate in this event are pleased to donate money to provide this scholarship for one of their graduates.	\$1,260.00	Jenavieve Legassick
Maquoketa Valley Education Association Scholarship	This scholarship is awarded by the Maquoketa Valley Education Association to a senior who is planning to study education. The MVEA members wish all their students the best in their college years and beyond.	\$300.00	Taylor Jones
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**This scholarship is made possible through the fundraising events and the generous donations of many people remembering loved ones, honoring someone special and supporting an organization that is helping our students further their education.	\$750.00	Nia Burnett
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$680.00	Grace Rowan
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$680.00	Jamie Pitts
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$680.00	Brooklyn Lammers
Mary Jane and Don Wolf(e) Memorial	Our Mom and Dad, Don and Mary Jane Wolf, knew the value of a hard day's work and how to enjoy life. Dad worked at John Deere in Dubuque and Mom really loved her work here in the kitchen at MV High School. Our scholarship will honor them by helping someone who knows how important learning and hard work is to a great and successful life.	\$250.00	Landin Frasher
My Favorite Teacher Winona Sutton Scholarship	An anonymous donor endowed \$10,000 to give a scholarship in memory of one of the donor's favorite teachers. Winona Sutton taught 6th grade at Delhi.	\$260.00	Taylor Jones

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Ralph & Maxine Wilson Memorial	Ralph Wilson was born, raised, lived and passed away on the family farm near Buck Creek. Ralph attended Buck Creek school where he played basketball and was valedictorian of his 1937 Buck Creek School class. He loved basketball so much that he and Maxine would often listen to the radio when the Maquoketa Valley girls and boys basketball teams played. Ralph believed education was very important and attended Iowa State University majoring in agriculture. Ralph met his wife Maxine (Maring) Wilson at a dance in Cedar Rapids, IA. March 14, 1954 they were united in marriage at the Buck Creek United Methodist Church. They became life long members there. Ralph milked cows and Maxine raised purebred Arabian horses on their farm. They both loved the farm and enjoyed raising and taking care of their animals. Ralph was a 4-H leader and a seed corn dealer for many years.	\$270.00	Lucas Orcutt
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**This scholarship is made possible through the fundraising events and the generous donations of many people remembering loved ones, honoring someone special and supporting an organization that is helping our students further their education.	\$750.00	Macy Thompson
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$750.00	Isabel Landas
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$750.00	Kayla Otting
Scott & Brenda Wall Scholarship	Scott is a graduate of Maquoketa Valley (1981) and the University of Dubuque. He and his wife Brenda have two sons, Jake and Trey. Scott was formerly the President of X-L Trailers in Manchester. They are sharing their success by providing a scholarship annually.	\$260.00	Kennedy Rausch
Winona Sutton Memorial	This scholarship is from Dick and Betty Sutton in memory of Winona Sutton, a teacher in the district for 39 years. She was fondly remembered by several of the DFS board and many former students in the area.	\$410.00	Saige Hunt
Howard & Marie Rentschler Memorial	Howard and Marie owned and operated the Delhi Locker for many years. Howard served as Delhi mayor and Marie was always smiling. They were laughter loving people and always volunteering to help others. Both were an asset to the community and their family established this scholarship in their memory.	\$500.00	Kody Bush
Jim Harbach & Family Scholarship	Jim Harbach owns and operates J's Auto in Manchester. Jim is a 1980 graduate of Maquoketa Valley. Jim always has fond memories of Maquoketa Valley and has many friends from the Lake Delhi area.	\$260.00	Marley Wagner
John & Ruth Beckman Memorial	John and Ruth Beckman co-owned Hawkeye Foundry, Inc. in Manchester and lived at The Cedars on Lake Delhi. They generously supported the communities in Delaware County and have supported MV graduates since 1990. They were avid Iowa Hawkeye fans.	\$740.00	Marley Wagner
John & Ruth Beckman Memorial	*	\$730.00	Travis Pohlman
E. G. "Bill" & Marion & Rick Schmidt Memorial	This scholarship is presented in memory of E. G. "Bill", Marion, and Rick Schmidt. Bill was school board president when Maquoketa Valley was first consolidated in 1959. His and Marion's 4 children were all graduates of Maquoketa Valley. Their son, Rick, graduated in 1972 and passed away from cancer at the age of 56. Bill, Marion, and Rick were all proud sponsors of the Maquoketa Valley School District and their family is honored to present this scholarship in their memory.	\$1,060.00	Allison Nefzger

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Scholarship Name	Description	Amount of Award	Recipient
Irvin & Vivien Benter Memorial	Vivien graduated from DHS and was associated with Maquoketa Valley for over 40 years. During her career, she obtained her Masters Degree and had teaching and administrative duties until her retirement in 1987.	\$560.00	Erin Knipper
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*Arvin Cooper was born in Delaware, IA. When he was 2 weeks old his mother passed away. He was raised by his aunt and her husband Netta and Merle Dighton. Arvin graduated from Oneida High School and served honorably in the US Navy. He was a Korean War veteran. Cooper farmed and was employed by the Iowa Dept. of Transportation. He did not attend college himself, but believed that education was very important. He was intelligent and never stopped learning throughout his life. Cooper believed that children hold the key to our future and the most important thing we can do is give them an education. His hard work, care and concern for future generations made his gift to MV Dollars for Scholars possible. Cooper's Memorial is awarding \$650.00 to each qualifying 2023 graduate.	\$650.00	McKenna Thompson
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Benjamin Weber
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Taylor Jones
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Ella Mensen
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Taylor Schmuecker
Arvin Cooper Memorial	*	\$650.00	Emilee Supple
Class of 2002 Cory Bonert Memorial	The Class of 2002 raised money to create this endowment and provide scholarships in memory of their classmate, Cory Bonert. Cory was a leader and his classmates looked up to him and went to him for advice. He loved playing football and being with friends.	\$370.00	Shea Burcham
Kevin & Erin Gaul Scholarship	Kevin graduated from MV in 1991 and Iowa State University in 1995. He and his wife Erin have 3 sons and reside in Pella, IA. They have established this endowment in honor of the great educators they have both had over the years. This is a means of "paying back" the scholarships that assisted them in their education.	\$1,050.00	Brianna Fischer
Kris Kramer Memorial	This endowed scholarship is in memory of a beloved person in the MV community. Kris was a gifted performer in many community theater productions and always provided fun and laughs to those around her. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who had many interests including reading, camping, and her work as a professional in massage therapy.	\$260.00	Kennedy Rausch
George & Audrey Wall Memorial	George and Audrey grew up in the Delhi area and their children all graduated from MV. George was an inventor and entrepreneur with various businesses involving agricultural and commercial equipment including X-L Trailers. They wintered in Florida and enjoyed fishing. Audrey passed away in 2014.	\$2,190.00	Saige Hunt
Roman & Rosemary Welter Scholarship	Roman and Rosemary committed to a \$5,000 endowment when our new chapter raised its first \$100,000. In less than 2 years we had accomplished what Roman had asked. Roman and Rosie's children all attended MV before moving to Monticello. Roman has been involved in various volunteer activities in Monticello including the Lions and the Monticello School Foundation.	\$280.00	Dylan Schmuecker
Alvin "Bud" Lahr Memorial	Bud established an endowed scholarship in 2004 because he knew the importance of education for students. Having been raised, schooled, and farmed in the area, Bud had strong ties to Maquoketa Valley. He was an avid Maquoketa Valley fan.	\$270.00	Kody Bush
Ryan Nationals Car Show Scholarship	The funds for this scholarship were created by a donation from the Ryan Nationals Car Club in Ryan, IA. In 2022 our car club was able to donate over \$13,000 to local charities in and around Delaware County along with scholarships at all three high schools in the county. Congratulations on earning this award and best of luck to you in your future studies. Our 2023 car show will be held on Saturday June 24th. We hope you will be able to come and enjoy!	\$500.00	Benjamin Weber
Dawn Burns Scholarship	Dawn Burns '89 is a Maquoketa Valley alumni. She lives in Washington. She has a deep appreciation of education and this scholarship is awarded in honor of two educators she admired: Gary Foster and Mary June McDonald.	\$290.00	Jaxson Kramer
Delhi Lions Club Scholarship	The Delhi Lions Club has given scholarships for many years using funds raised by their club activities in the community. It established an endowment which will provide earnings for a DFS scholarship every year.	\$740.00	Jeorjia Harmon

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Douglas P. Kirby Memorial	Doug Kirby died in a farming accident near Manchester in 2005. A group of his friends host an annual golf outing in Manchester with all of the proceeds used for scholarships in Delaware County. They established an endowment so there will always be a scholarship memorializing Doug Kirby.	\$270.00	Jamie Pitts
Bruce Billings Memorial	Bruce was a 1962 MV graduate. He was active in basketball, baseball, football, track, FFA, and was class president all four years. He would speak to having a hand in selecting the school colors of black and gold as well as the mascot after "North" (Earlville) and "South" (Hopkinton) became Maquoketa Valley High School. He was a hard-working, creative, kind man. He resided on the family farm north of Delhi nearly his whole life. He witnessed the coming and going of many Wildcat activities on that highway. Bruce and his wife, Emily, raised 3 kids (Dana, Deedra, Darin) who are also MV grads. In addition to farming, he worked 46 years at Bradco in Delhi. Though Bruce did not pursue higher education, he encouraged more schooling for better opportunities. He would encourage you graduates, that as you move on to work hard and pursue your dreams, don't forget to "Take time to smell the roses" and remember that "Once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat."	\$250.00	Kade Freiburger
Marty Tumey Memorial	The Marty Tumey Memorial was established to celebrate the legacy of a friend and neighbor who left his imprint in and around the Maquoketa Valley school district. Marty was hard-working and loved the land and community who shaped him. He cared deeply for the welfare of those in his community, and was always willing to lend a helping hand to those who needed it. The recipient of this scholarship reflects the values that Marty demonstrated every day of his life and will carry these values into their promising future.	\$500.00	Erin Knipper
Mildred Gaddie Memorial	Mildred Gaddie taught and lived in Delhi with her family. She moved to Florida and taught before retiring. The children of Mildred (Mary Lou Swinburne, Tom Gaddie, and Wanda Reedy) funded an endowment to memorialize their mother.	\$290.00	Kansas Berthel
My Favorite Teacher Mildred Gaddie Scholarship	An anonymous donor endowed \$10,000 to give a scholarship in memory of one of the donor's favorite teachers. Mildred Gaddie taught 5th grade in Delhi.	\$260.00	Taylor Jones
Paul Smith, Tom Smith and JoAnn Hass Memorial	Dean and Rosella Hass are proud to have created this endowment to provide a scholarship annually in honor of their loved ones. It is their sincere belief that everyone should be given the opportunity to attend college.	\$460.00	Ella Mensen
Sonny Haren Memorial	Sonny was a 1973 MV graduate and served 21 years on the Delhi Volunteer Fire Department. He could always be counted on for service in his community. It has been said, "If you were familiar with Delhi, you either knew Sonny or knew of him." This scholarship was established in his memory as a way to continue Sonny's service to his community.	\$700.00	Emilee Supple
Vittengl Family Scholarship	Robert and Diana Vittengl moved to the Maquoketa Valley district in 1987 when Dr. Vittengl was selected to be the new Superintendent of Schools. During his 14 year tenure as superintendent, their two children graduated from Maquoketa Valley. Daughter Beth is a teacher in the Iowa City school district and a 1995 graduate. Their son, Dr. Jeffrey Vittengl, is a 1991 graduate and a professor of clinical psychology at Truman State University. The whole Vittengl family is extremely grateful for the quality of the educational programs at M.V. and are delighted to be a part of the Dollars for Scholars® program.	\$250.00	Kaela Clemen
William & Steve Besler Memorial	All of William and Joann Besler's children attended Maquoketa Valley. William passed away many years ago and their son, Steve, died in a tragic drowning accident when he was very young.	\$260.00	Kade Freiburger
Donald R. Huber Memorial	Donald "Duck" Huber was one of 16 graduates from Buck Creek in 1952. He was an active member of the community as a banker with Citizen's State Bank since 1965 and spent nearly 25 years on the Regional Medical Center Board of Directors. Duck and Dee have 5 children: Brad, Barry, Beth, Barb and Brian, all MV grads and 4 are married to MV grads. Three grandchildren became MV Alumni too. Duck's family established this endowment in memory of their husband, father, and grandfather.	\$500.00	Kayla Otting

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Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**This scholarship is made possible through the fundraising events and the generous donations of many people remembering loved ones, honoring someone special and supporting an organization that is helping our students further their education.	\$1,280.00	Shea Burcham
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$750.00	Landin Frasher
Maquoketa Valley DFS General Scholarship	**	\$1,000.00	Trista Elgin
Individually listed scholarships		\$95,000.00	
Arvin Cooper scholarships		\$24,050.00	
Grand Total		\$119,050.00	

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The board would like to express appreciation to those that help with fundraising events such as the Soup Supper and community fundraising, and for volunteer work with the fall mailing and the Senior Awards Ceremony. The list of volunteers is long, and we appreciate all of you as the extra help enables successful events.

The Board of Directors of the Maquoketa Valley Dollars for Scholars wishes to extend our appreciation to the people and organizations who have contributed both funds and/or time to the organization. With your support we have been able to increase the number of awards and the amount of dollars given each year, and the Endowment funds continue to grow. The support of the Maquoketa Valley School, the administration, teachers, and staff are gratefully acknowledged.

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