

Newton Dollars for Scholars Scholarships for the Class of 2024

Adam M. Barnett Memorial Music Scholarship

Adam Barnett had many hobbies and interests, but his one true passion was music. He began at a very early age playing the piano but he didn't really get serious about it until 5th grade when he began learning to play the trumpet. Adam's musical talent and interest really began to take off at Newton Senior High School. His trumpet skills continued to progress. He also began to pick up other instruments, most notably the guitar. By the time he graduated from high school in 2001, Adam had been a part of almost every musical group in school: band, choir, show choir, jazz band, and pep band. If it existed, chances are he did it.

After high school Adam continued with music. He attended Southwestern Community College to study music theory. When he was finished, he went on to earn certification as a musical instrument repair technician. Later in life Adam began to really use his amazing guitar skills. He was very active in the local music scene and was the lead guitarist and vocalist for the local group The Green River Band.

Tragically, Adam was lost in 2008 at the age of 25. The Adam M. Barnett Memorial Music Scholarship is intended for a graduating high school senior who plans to pursue a degree in music or music education. It is hoped that this scholarship will assist the recipient in using their musical talents to truly influence and affect others.

Albert and Clara Bollhoefer Memorial Scholarship

Albert and Clara Bollhoefer were longtime Newton residents. They farmed on their land in rural Newton for many years and were proud to have received the 100-year farm award. Their daughter, Shirley Bollhoefer Suckow was a 1947 graduate of Newton High School and a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in teaching. She taught in Iowa and Wisconsin. Their family valued education.

The Bollhofer - Suckow Memorial Scholarship is being awarded to a high school senior who will be attending the University of Northern Iowa.

Archie Ergenbright Scholarship

Today, the Family of Archie Ergenbright would like to offer this endowment to a graduating Newton Cardinal, in his honor.

Archie Ergenbright was a husband, father, and grandfather. Born and raised in Newton, he was always a Newton Cardinal. While in high school at Newton Senior High, Archie proudly lettered in football and track. He graduated with the class of 1959. In 1961, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Janet, and they became the parents of 5 children. Janet, Ed, Lori, Mindy and Amy. It was very important to Archie that his children attend college following high school. That was something he wasn't able to do. All five of his children graduated from college with degrees in Education and are teachers. At one time, all five of his children taught in the Newton Community School District.

As a Newton Cardinal, Archie attended every football game, home and away. He was the announcer and voice of the Newton Cardinal Wrestling team for many years. Archie volunteered with many youth programs in the Newton community. He was a Boy Scout leader, coached youth flag football, little league baseball, girl's softball and along with his son, Ed, established a youth tackle football league in Newton. When Archie wasn't coaching, he was supporting his 16 grandchildren in their many activities and sports. He always encouraged them to do their best, not only academically but in every aspect of their lives.

Archie became a paraprofessional at Newton High School after he retired from owning Archie's Auto Service. His true passion for working with youth shined through in this position. Throughout the years, Archie touched countless Cardinal lives and had a positive impact on many students in our community. The family of Archie Ergenbright is honored to provide a deserving Newton High School student with a scholarship to further their education.

Benesh Family Scholarship

The Benesh Family is grateful for the time spent in Newton, and as a part of the Newton Community School District. Bonnie Benesh served as the school district's Director of Curriculum and Instruction from 1988-1996. During this time the school district flourished through groundbreaking technology implementation and award-winning educational programs. Joseph (1994) and Jared (1997) found their local education to be a launch pad for their successful careers in architecture, strategic thinking, and IT and organizational transformation.

Post-secondary education is an important route to individual advancement. It is hoped that this scholarship helps the recipient obtain a university degree and assists this graduate in reaching his/her career pathway and financial success.

Berg Middle School Student Industries Scholarship

The Student Industries Program was an industrial business program designed and instructed by Bruce M. Trapp from the academic years of 2000-2001 through 2008-2009. Students were presented with the basic concepts of a manufacturing business covering: 1) Product Design/Development; 2) Marketing; 3) Manufacturing; 4) Quality Assurance; 5) Purchasing; 6) Customer Service & Sales; and 7) Individual and Team Recognition.

Early on, money from the sales of products supported: 1) upgrades in equipment for the BMS Industrial Technology Department; 2) the renovation of the elementary and middle school cafeteria court yard; and 3) student/team recognition awards. As the program progressed, product sales increased and, beginning with the academic year of 2006-2007, year-end proceeds were set aside to support scholarship awards for future Newton High School graduates. These set asides continued until the Student Industries program was discontinued, in 2009, due to district budget cuts. The funds are now being administered by the Dollars for Scholars program.

Each and every Berg Middle School Student Industries Scholarship awarded, will be a strong and everlasting statement related to the hard work and success of the Berg Middle School Industrial Technology students.

Betty E. Snook Memorial Scholarship

The Betty E. Snook Memorial Scholarship was established to recognize Betty's many accomplishments and to encourage others to follow in her footsteps as a giver and doer for family and community.

Betty often used her talent with words to bring laughter and joy to her family, her many friends and her community. She was a writer, a poet, and was often called upon to create poems or stories for special events. She loved to entertain and was very well known for planning and creating her mystery dinners. Betty, an avid collector of antiques and glassware, was often invited to speak about antique collecting.

Dedicated to the community, Betty served as a 4-H leader for 25 years including judging at the Jasper County Fair and serving on the County Fair Committee. She held many offices in the Sugar Grove Grange Ladies Club, Questers–Spirit of 76 Club, and taught adult and youth Sunday and bible school, and was a leader of the Friendship Circle at Metz Community Church. Betty's community service did not go unnoticed; in 1999 she was nominated for and inducted into the Iowa Master Home Makers.

Requirements to be considered for this scholarship: a female active in 4-H or FFA with an interest in literature and writing.

Betty Lou Allen Scholarship

Betty Lou Allen, a longtime resident of the Newton, Iowa area, was self employed as an accountant, at Allen Accounting. She also was an accountant for McKlveen Lumber Company in Newton. She devoted her life to her family and friends, and was a past member of the local A.B.W.A., where she held several offices; an active member of the Central Christian Church in Mesa, Arizona, as a choir member, active with the Community Theater in Newton, and a past President of the Toastmistress Club. She enjoyed and taught Line Dancing, and won several awards in National Ballroom competition with Fred Astaire. In 1993, Betty moved to Mesa, Arizona.

Bob Van Arkel Scholarship

The Bob Van Arkel Memorial Scholarship was established to remember Bob's service to his community through his twenty-eight years as a firefighter/paramedic for the Newton Fire Department. He loved mentoring and encouraging others and would have been pleased with this opportunity for Newton High School graduates to pursue their calling to a career in public safety.

Bob was a 1978 graduate of Newton High School. He lived his entire life in Newton and raised his family here. In addition to working for the fire department he owned and operated Van Arkel Construction and used his entrepreneurial spirit to build other passions, such as his pumpkin patch and wood bundle business. He never did any job halfway; anyone who knew him respected and admired his meticulous attention to detail. His passion for everything he did made you believe anything was possible.

Bob was a devoted husband and father and passionately loved and cared for others. The family of Bob Van Arkel is honored to offer this scholarship to a Newton High School senior pursuing a career in public safety and hope that like Bob, they will serve their community with pride and passion.

Chris & Danaca Barton Scholarship

As a lifetime resident of Newton, IA & proud graduate of the Newton school system- Chris and his family would like to give back for all Newton has done for him and his family. They would like to demonstrate their thankfulness by giving a scholarship to a deserving Newton graduate.

Curran and Jane Ann Cotton Scholarship

Curran had a strong interest in young people and engaged in many activities vital to the development of youth. He was involved with Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years and served as a mentor for the Newton School District's SOI program. In 2005 he was the recipient of the Newton Community Education Association's "Friend of Education" award for his work in SOI. Curran's strong interest in First Lego League robotics competition also included several years of volunteering for the Iowa State University Extension Service 4-H teams as well at the Newton School District's FLL

Jane Ann worked for the Newton Community School District for thirteen years and served as the Coordinator of Volunteers and wrote the school district newsletter, "The Notebook". The Cottons' children all graduated from Newton High School and Iowa State University. Three family members are working in the educational field. Because of the strong emphasis on education and to honor Curran's commitment for all youth to reach their potential, we are happy to participate in the scholarship program at Newton High School.

DMACC Newton Campus Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Every year the DMACC Newton Campus receives many generous gifts from individuals, corporations and foundations. These gifts provide annual scholarships to students. These scholarships are awarded through a competitive application process and are based on a combination of financial need and academic achievement.

Donald and Dori Byers Scholarship

The Donald and Dori Byers family are pleased to sponsor a scholarship for a deserving Newton Community High School graduating senior for study in the field of nursing.

Earl & Kevin Tish Memorial Scholarship

The Tish, Korte and Slay families welcome the opportunity to honor a student with a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 in memory of Earl and Kevin Tish.

Earl and Kevin were strong supporters of the Newton Cardinals. Both had strong work ethics, were kind, moral and just individuals who believed in our community and in helping others. Both were thankful their children were able to graduate from universities and prosper from this opportunity.

Therefore, we hope that this scholarship enables a student, in part, to accomplish their goal to further their education.

Ed and Helen Peck Scholarship

The Ed and Helen Peck Endowment was originally started by Helen Peck in memory of her husband, Ed Peck. Ed lived most of his life in Newton, serving the Newton Daily News as their sports editor for 53 years. In 1997 he received the Hayden Fry Distinguished Service Award, given by Hayden Fry and his Iowa Hawkeye staff.

Helen was born and lived her entire life in Newton. She also worked at the Newton Daily News for most of her life. Together they went to most of the high school athletic events in the area so he could cover the stories for the paper. After Ed's passing in 2000, Helen established the Ed Peck Endowment. After the passing of Helen in 2015, their family changed the name to include Helen, the Ed and Helen Peck Endowment.

They were both very "giving" people and knew the importance of our youth and education. This scholarship is given to a Newton graduate that is planning to continue his or her education.

Elizabeth Dickinson Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth (Betty) Dickinson moved to Newton in 1931. She graduated as salutatorian from Newton High School in 1943 and from the University of Iowa in 1948. In 1951, she joined the Maytag Company as Executive Director of the Maytag Company foundation, retiring after 38 years in 1989. She helped many Maytag Scholarship recipients over her career.

Betty served on many community organizations including Newton Dollars for Scholars. She enjoyed playing golf and was winner of nine Country Club Championships. She also enjoyed watching TV broadcasts of the Chicago Cubs and the Iowa Hawkeyes. She remained active in our community until her death in January, 2016.

Betty endowed the Elizabeth J. Dickinson Scholarship Fund at the University of Iowa, making financial aid available to future incoming freshman students. She also provided an endowment fund through Newton Dollars for Scholars for Newton High School graduates.

FNNB Scholarship

FNNB (formerly The First Newton National Bank) originally opened its doors in 1882. In 1920, the bank relocated to its current site. After the bank was forced to close its doors for a short period of time during the banking holiday of the Great Depression, a group of local businessmen reorganized the bank and chartered it as the Newton National Bank. In 1977 the bank was re-titled First Newton National Bank. To this day FNNB continues to be Newton's only locally owned financial institution.

The bank has always been innovative in the use of new ideas and technology. FNNB was the first bank in the community to offer ATM cards and have Automated Teller Machines. In 1997 Bank-by-Phone was added and in early 2000 the Bank began offering Internet Banking to its customers.

FNNB is still a locally owned, "hometown" bank with a long history of providing efficient, courteous service to all its customers.

Frank Stone Memorial Scholarship

The Frank Stone Memorial Scholarship was funded by his wife Kay to honor his memory. Kay Stone resided at Park Centre for several years. She was generous with her support to worthy organizations and projects, often remaining anonymous.

Geisler - Penquite Scholarship

Geisler-Penquite scholarships are endowed by gifts from the Geisler-Penquite Charitable Corporation which was established by the John and Gertrude Geisler Family. This includes their daughter, Cecil Geisler Penquite, her husband Loren Penquite; and their son, Harold Geisler and his wife Mavis Geisler.

Gladys Rucker Scholarship

The Gladys Rucker Endowment Scholarship was set up with funds from her estate by her prior request. Since the Rucker's did not have children of their own, she and her husband, Melvin, supported education and loved the time spent with the youth of their family and the church family.

Gladys graduated from Newton High School in 1933. She worked for the City of Newton for twenty-five years and was named the first female City Clerk. She was a member of the Newton Women's Club and BPW. Gladys accompanied her husband during his years as president of VFW. It was her desire to establish a scholarship for a deserving female student entering a nursing career.

H.A. "Pop" Lynn Memorial Scholarship

The Pop Lynn Memorial Scholarship started from the monies received as memorials to be used for scholarships. Pop Lynn served seventy years in the Newton Community School system. He came to Newton in 1924 and was named high school principal in 1928. He continued in that capacity until his retirement in 1967. He continued to serve in Kellogg and as a substitute teacher throughout Jasper County after retirement.

Pop Lynn was instrumental in the development of Newton High School spirit. He was a friend of education. He supported education and sports with unlimited enthusiasm. He supported the students with encouragement in all areas of their involvement. The alumni association developed into a thriving organization where Pop continued to enjoy generations of students. Pop Lynn's collection of Cardinal memorabilia was unsurpassed.

Harold D. and Leona P. Paschal Memorial Scholarship

Harold and Leona Paschal were 1934 and 1935 graduates of Newton High School who recognized the importance of higher education and the need to support students in achieving their goals. This scholarship is given in their memory to honor the encouragement and support they gave to their daughters.

Helen Diehl Scholarship

The Helen Diehl Scholarship is funded by Helen due to her interest in young people and education. Helen worked for over forty years at the Jasper County Abstract Office. She was married to attorney, John Diehl. Helen was active in civic organizations including Newton Women's Club, Business and Professional Women, American Business Women's association. She continued to serve on the Endowment Committee of the YMCA Board of Trustees and supported worthwhile projects for community betterment until her death in 2018.

Huggins Family Scholarship

The family of Dwight and Jacquie Huggins, with memorial contributions from their friends and family, are pleased to present a graduating senior with a scholarship to assist in furthering his/her education to achieve their goals.

Dwight graduated from Bloomfield High School and then received his B.S. degree in Education from Northwest Missouri St. University. Dwight and Jacquie, who had dated since junior high, were married in 1954.

Dwight served his country in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1954 to 1956. He later received his M.A. in counseling.

Dwight taught and coached in Bloomfield, Corydon, and Mid-Prairie High School. In the mid 1960's they moved to Newton where he began his 28 year career in counseling for the Newton Community School District. Jacquie was a stay at home mom and homemaker until the kids went to school. She then worked for Production Credit Association (PCA) in Newton as an Administration Assistant.

Both of their children and some of their grandchildren are graduates of Newton High School.

Iva Moles Memorial Scholarship

The Iva Moles Memorial was given in her honor by her son, Dr. Moles and his wife Jane. Iva Moles had taught high school English. She also served on the Newton School Board of Education for several years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International and the Newton Women's Club.

Jan and Tom Turk Scholarship

Tom Turk taught in the Business Education department at Newton High School for 34 of the 36 years of his teaching career. He was the department chairperson, yearbook advisor, and student council advisor during these years. He and his wife, Jan, both graduated from the University of Iowa and their four children all graduated from Newton High School and went on to college. Both he and Jan know the value of pursuing a post secondary education. When Tom retired in 1995 from teaching, his family honored him with an endowment to the Newton Dollars for Scholars to perpetuate a yearly scholarship to a graduate of NHS.

Jeanne Birkenholz Memorial Scholarship

Jeanne Birkenholz went to grade school through high school in Newton and graduated in the Class of 1974. She was involved in music, dance and golf. She then went on to Iowa State University where she graduated in three years receiving her bachelor's degree in elementary education and was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. Jeanne headed back to Newton for her first teaching job and taught sixth grade for 11 years before returning to Iowa State University and graduating in 1989 with a master's in elementary guidance counseling. She finished her career with her master's +35 and retired from Aurora Heights Elementary School in 2011. Jeanne also spent many years working part-time for Hy-Vee. After retiring from teaching she worked in marketing for the Hy-Vee in Newton.

Jeanne was a sponsor/coach for the Newton Pacesetters, crafted beautiful gift baskets at Hy-Vee during the holiday season, was active in Dollars for Scholars, Questers and pioneered a program called Kids of Character in the Newton School district.

Jeanne loved serving others and being around people. She enjoyed baking, cooking, golfing, camping, traveling, decorating for the holidays, crafting, wine with girlfriends and spending time with friends and family.

The scholarship is designated for someone to pursue a degree in education or counseling.

Jennie Miller Scholarship

The Jennie Miller Endowment was set up with memorial funds given in her name. Ms. Miller was a teacher in Newton elementary schools and also served as principal of Emerson Hough Elementary School. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International. After her retirement she moved to the Indianola area. She supported a Presbyterian Cemetery in the area with her funds.

Jimmie Stewart Memorial Scholarship

While none of you graduating this year likely knew Jimmie (Jim) Stewart, your parents or grandparents might know him as their high school chemistry teacher. Jim found his way to Newton after growing up in Oklahoma where he skipped a grade to graduate high school at the age of 17. He was the first in his family to go to college and went to Northeastern Oklahoma State. There he discovered a love of chemistry, studied hard, and completed his teaching degree in just three years. He later attained a master's degree in education and often spent free summers attending continuing education through National Science Foundation grants.

Over the years, he declined offers to work in industry and an academic scholarship to become an optometrist because what he enjoyed was teaching. He went on to teach thousands of students throughout his career, mostly in Newton, where he worked from 1965 to 1997. When asked how he managed to teach high school chemistry for 30+ years, 6-7 periods per day, he said it kept him young and it truly did.

Jim was a rare combination of both heart and head. He followed his heart in life and used his head to support his success. This, it seems, was a recipe for a happy life. In giving a scholarship in his name, the hope is to reward and inspire someone with both intelligence and character, helping one deserving student to pursue a meaningful career in science or science education.

Jody Lister Gooch Memorial Scholarship

Jody graduated from Newton High in 1950 and resided her entire 90 years in this community. As a proud Cardinal, she was active on the Newton Community Education Foundation, served as long time editor of the Alumni News Letter and gave countless personal introductions for inductees into the NHS Hall of Fame.

She was a recognizable face in the community, ringing bell for the Salvation Army each winter and manning the Kiwanis food kiosk every Fourth of July. She served as board president for numerous organizations including the Newton Public Library, Jasper County Animal Rescue League, and the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. She received the Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Community Service award in 1998 for all her years of service on multiple boards and committees.

Jody embodied lifelong learning and was an avid proponent for achieving one's full potential through education. Therefore this scholarship, given in her memory, will assist a worthy graduate in this pursuit.

John & Mary Ellan Mellinger Scholarship

The John and Mary Ellan Mellinger Endowment was first funded with monies from John's sketches of homes in the Newton Area. John has contributed his special consultant fees and continues to donate to the fund. This project has been an important part of our funding of scholarships. John served on the Board of Directors of Dollars for Scholars for several years and was involved in the financial aspect of funding of our scholarship program. He continues to draw sketches for our annual Tour of Homes brochure. For many years, John and Mary Ellan interviewed the hosts and compiled the programs for this event. John was awarded the National Honor Roll recognition from the national Dollars for Scholars organization for his time and service provided to the Dollars for Scholars organization.

John retired from Maytag as a Vice-President of Research and Development. John and Mary Ellan continue to support the community as friends of education and community betterment. John serves on Civic Boards including the YMCA Board of Trustees as chair of their Endowment Committee.

John Donovan Cox Memorial Scholarship

John Donovan Cox Memorial Scholarships were established by his sister Yvone Randall in his honor to acknowledge his memory with annual scholarships to be given in his name. Don was a long time employee of Maytag Company where he served as manager of the service department. He worked with companies on orders and with customers. Don served on the Newton School Board of Education for many years. Don and his wife June were active in the community and had a special interest in education.

John Jenkins Memorial Scholarship

The John Jenkins Memorial Scholarship at Newton High School honors the legacy of John David Jenkins, a dedicated educator and coach who devoted his life to serving the community and inspiring generations of students & athletes. Born in Lexington, Missouri, in 1954, John's journey led him to William Penn University in Iowa, where he excelled both academically and athletically. After marrying his wife, Jo, John began his teaching and coaching career in Newton where he became head football coach of the Cardinals from 1986 to 2002. In that time he led the Cardinals to 16 consecutive playoff appearances and coached dozens of All-State players. He was also proud to have coached all three of his sons: Jason, Jake, & James.

John's coaching philosophy centered on building character and instilling values in his players, guiding them to strive for excellence not only on the field but more importantly, in life. He coined the phrase CFLA (Character, First, Last, & Always) and practiced what he preached. His dedication and leadership led to numerous accolades, including his induction into the Iowa High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, the National College Football Hall of Fame, & being named a 1st Team All-American at William Penn University. Beyond the football field, John cherished time spent fishing, mushroom hunting, finding four-leaf clovers, and enjoying simple pleasures like listening to Christmas music year-round.

As a testament to his meticulous nature, John left behind detailed plans and heartfelt messages for his loved ones, emphasizing the importance of family and the promise of eternal life. The John Jenkins Memorial Scholarship celebrates John's enduring commitment to education, athletics, and the well-being of his community, ensuring that his profound influence continues to inspire future generations of students at Newton High School.

John X. and Jean Scott Power Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded in memory of John X. Power, who died in 2003, and Jean Scott Power who died in 2013.

John and Jean grew up in Newton and attended Newton schools, graduating in the early 1930's. John went on to the University of Iowa where he graduated in pharmacy. He returned to Newton to run the Power Rexall Drug Store with his father and other partners. The store carried the Power name for 75 years. He was active in several community activities and helped to found the original Dollars for Scholars scholarship program. His brother, William C. Power, Jr., was one of the first donors to the program.

Jean Scott was born in Newton where her parents had settled after immigrating from Scotland shortly before World War I. Her father owned a plumbing business in Newton. After her graduation from NHS, Jean worked for several local businesses before her marriage to John. She served the community in many volunteer organizations, but most notably as a member of the School Board for over 20 years, many of those years as president of the board. She also served as one of the early mayors of Lamb's Grove.

Both Jean and John gave education a high priority in their philanthropic giving, both to the Newton school district and to the University of Iowa. All three of their children graduated from NHS and graduated from either the University of Iowa or Iowa State University.

Jean and the family request that the scholarship be given to a student graduating from NHS and pursuing a college education in the sciences.

Kirchhoff Family Scholarship

The Kirchhoff Family has a long history with the Newton Community School District. Gary was a 20 year principal of Newton Senior High School retiring in 2004, and Linda, a 20 year kindergarten teacher in Baxter, was a great supporter of the family's Newton activities. Daughters Melissa, Class of 1991, and Michelle, Class of 1994, were both graduates of NHS. Melissa is now teaching at Thomas Jefferson, and her son will graduate from NHS in 2023.

This scholarship is one small way to repay what Newton High School has meant to us.

L.D. Palmer Memorial Scholarship

The L.D. Palmer Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship funded by the generous memorial gifts made in honor of L.D.

L.D. was a lifelong Newton resident and was very proud to be a Cardinal. He was a graduate of the Newton High School Class of 1962. He completed his secondary education at Hiram Scott in Scottsbluff Nebraska after serving in the armed forces during Vietnam. He married his wife, Glenda, in October of 1970 and returned to Newton. They raised their daughter, Lynne, in the Newton School District. She was a Dollars for Scholars recipient for the Class of 1990 which helped fund her finance degree from the University of Iowa. His three grandsons, Tyler, Tanner, and Treyccen Garton, also grew up in Newton. L.D. enjoyed spending time with them and was proud of their accomplishments. He imparted his love of nature and lake life and strong work ethic on them.

L.D. believed in hard work, dedication, and had tremendous pride in the Newton community. His 45 plus years as the General Manager of the Newton Water Department were testament to that. He lived out his love for the community by serving on several boards including the Newton Development Corporation and Newton Booster Club.

L.D. valued excellence in education, hard work, and community involvement. His family requests that the scholarship be given to a Newton High School graduate who exemplifies these qualities.

Lenette Swanson Scholarship

Lenette Swanson spent 27 years educating children in the Newton Community School District. A calm, patient and optimistic teacher, Lenette always worked hard to provide students with a positive, productive experience in the classroom. She created an environment of mutual respect between teacher and student.

Growing up on a farm in Walker, Iowa, with her parents and three brothers, Lenette always wanted to be a teacher. She graduated from North Linn High School in 1975 and went on to earn a degree in elementary education from Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids. In 1996, she earned her master's degree from Drake University.

Lenette taught nine years at Holy Trinity School in Des Moines before spending the majority of her career at Thomas Jefferson Elementary in Newton. Lenette, as well as her husband Doug, and three children, Jessica, Theresa, and Joe all considered TJ home.

Lenette retired from teaching in 2016 while battling cancer. For two years and nine months, she endured 49 chemotherapy treatments without complaint. Just like in the classroom, her greatest concern was always for those around her. After her passing in May of 2017, a scholarship was established to support a Newton High School graduate who plans to major in elementary education, in hopes that they have a positive impact on the lives of students, just as Lenette did.

Lyle L. Blum Memorial Scholarship

Lyle Blum was a mechanic in both the Navy and civilian life for more than 45 years. The last 25 years were as Director of Transportation for the Newton Community School District.

A school district was certainly the employer of his "dreams", but as a teacher rather than as the Director of Transportation. However, that part of the dream would never materialize as Lyle never obtained a high school diploma. In his sophomore year, when his high school dropped the basketball program and coupled with other family needs, Lyle decided to quit school.

He always referred to dropping out of school as the most regrettable decision of his life. Lyle taught various schools for all of the Big Three auto makers and power mechanics instructors from several school districts, including Newton, would ask to spend Saturdays at his shop in Kellogg to watch him work. However, he wasn't "qualified" to be a power mechanics instructor himself because he didn't have a diploma!

Lyle's family established this scholarship as they feel his dream can be fulfilled many times over by helping qualified graduates of Newton Senior High School further their power mechanics education. Who knows how many of them will become a high school / trade school / community college power mechanics instructor!

Mabel Jasper Scholarship

Mabel Jasper Endowment was established by her family to award annual scholarships to deserving seniors. Mable Jasper was a long time member of the Newton School Board of Education. She was an honorary member of the Delta Kappa Gamma. Her husband, Carl owned and operated Jasper Lumber Company and they were strong supporters of Newton and education.

Mabel Woodrow Pickens Scholarship

Mabel Woodrow Pickens Endowment was established by her generous gifts. Mabel lived in Newton over one hundred years. Her husband, Elmer, had a law degree and was an officer for Newton Manufacturing Company. Newton Country Club was a portion of Mabel's father's farm. He was instrumental in the development of Larchwood Court. Mabel was generous in her giving to various organizations and charities, particularly Central College.

Manatt Family Scholarship

Brad and Mary Manatt resided in Newton from 1976 until 2019. Their three children....Andrew ('95), Joseph ('98), and Amanda (2000) were born in Newton and graduated from Newton High School as scholars and athletes. All went on to graduate from college.

Brad was president of Manatt's, Inc. with corporate offices located in Brooklyn, Iowa. The corporation was the impetuous for establishing and constructing the Iowa Speedway in Newton. Mary generously donated time, talent, and treasure to local and state organizations. She believes that one should be a life-long seeker of knowledge.

It makes our family very happy to invest in you, your education and your future. Make room in life for the things that really matter--for family, for friends, love and generosity, fun and joy. But remember, in the future, it is your responsibility to pay it forward to another deserving person.

Marjorie Chollett Memorial Scholarship

Marjorie Chollett Memorial Scholarships were established by funds left in her estate. She was a life time resident of Jasper County. Ms. Chollett taught art in the elementary school system. It was the love of her life to encourage students to express themselves in this medium. Marjorie Chollett was active in many educational organizations and traveled extensively. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International and attended several meetings and conventions. Numerous churches, organizations and educational foundations continue to benefit from Marjorie's generous gifts to award annual scholarships.

Martin W. DeJong Scholarship

Martin DeJong was a life-long farmer, who lived modestly and was very careful with money. He always put a little in savings and he always invested in U.S. Savings Bonds. Over the years, these savings have accumulated into a fund that will benefit the community for generations to come. Newton Dollars for Scholars was one of the beneficiaries of his estate upon his death in 2007.

McCardell / Hershey Scholarship

Our family offers this endowment to assist in the education of students interested in the fields of business, science, or education.

Harry McCardell was born in Newton and graduated in the second graduating class of Newton Senior High School. He was active in starting several businesses in his hometown and was President of the First Newton National Bank. He believed that a good education was the key factor toward success. This belief was handed down to succeeding generations of our family.

After graduating from Newton High School in 1926, his son, Ed McCardell attended the University of Iowa where he was captain of the golf team and excelled in the business school. Ed and his wife Bea moved back to Newton and he founded the Win Power Company where he experienced a successful career. Ed and Bea had two children who both attended Newton Schools and enjoyed all the activities and education that High School offered. Both children attended the University of Iowa. Bud McCardell graduated with a degree in Business, and also excelled on golf. Jeanne McCardell Hershey graduated with a degree in Medical Technology. It was at Iowa that she met her husband Roger, who received an engineering degree and earned his MBA and CPA. As Bud and Jeanne and Roger explored choices and cities to raise their own families, both agreed Newton would be a good fit for their children. Bud's son Mark graduated from Newton in 1973. Jeanne and Roger also believed in education being the foundation for success and were pleased when all four of their children walked across the stage earning their Newton High School diplomas. All four went on to college where they earned advanced degrees in their chosen fields of study.

Education has factored into all of the members of our family having successful careers and a fulfilling life and we wish to encourage others to have the same opportunities.

Meredith Caves Scholarship

The family of Meredith P. Caves would like to offer this endowment to a graduating senior in her honor. This scholarship was made possible from donations of friends and family that wish to honor Meredith's memory.

Meredith lived in the Newton/Kellogg area all of her life. The last nine years she lived in a Progress Industry group home where the other clients became her family. Meredith graduated from Newton High School in 2014.

While in high school she made many friends, was a member of the Unified Dance Team, placed 2nd in Special Olympics bowling, and was even prom queen of her special needs class her senior year.

Meredith loved the simple things in life: Disney movies, Scooby-Doo, french fries, family, and friends. She lived with Rhett's Syndrome with grace and strength.

Her family was affected by the support and friendship that was shown to Meredith during her high school years. Because of this, we would like to honor a graduating senior that is pursuing further education in either a trade school, two year program, or a four year program.

Minnie Miller Educational Scholarship

Norman and Mary Van Zante have established a scholarship fund to provide a scholarship annually in honor of Minnie Miller. Mrs. Miller was Norman's aunt and his kindergarten teacher. After teaching in rural Jasper County schools 16 years, she taught at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School for 26 years. The scholarship is designed to support a Newton High School graduate who plans to major in elementary education and give back to the community in the same way Mrs. Miller did for so many years.

Newton Alumni Association Scholarship

The Newton High School Alumni Association was organized in 1882 with Emerson Hough as the first president. He was a member of the first graduating class in 1875. The Association meets regularly to support NHS alumni relations and activities, the Newton Community Educational Foundation, and the NHS Hall of Fame.

Since 2006, the Newton Alumni Association Scholarship affirms the interest of the Association in its youngest members and to recognize achievement. It is also intended to pay tribute to alumni families by specifying that selected recipients be sons or daughters of at least one NHS graduate.

Newton Dollars for Scholars Board Service Scholarship

This scholarship is given in recognition of recently retired Board Members Mary Lou Van Zee Kredit, Ila Guthrie, Lee Swenson, Carol Jones and Lonnie Barton. Mary Lou had served as Treasurer, Ila and Carol as Secretary, and Lee as President and Vice President. The success of awarding scholarships is in part due to their dedicated service.

Newton Dollars for Scholars Tour of Homes Scholarship

Newton Dollars for Scholars is one of more than 1,200 local chapters of Scholarship America serving students in nearly 4,000 communities across the country. Over the years, Newton Dollars for Scholars has attempted to increase the size of their endowment fund. The earnings from that fund and donations from organizations and individuals, including those who wish to remain anonymous, are passed along in the form of scholarships to students.

The Newton Tour of Homes began in the late 1980's as an annual fund raiser and has been the only project used to fund scholarships. Since that time, more than 135 families have opened their homes for the enjoyment of many Iowa visitors. The following opened their homes in December, 2023 to raise funds for scholarships: Doug and Danielle Brodersen, Lonnie and Jodi Portner, Roy and Julie Kain, Dan and Leesa Nieland, and Colby Lawson & Evan Corey.

Newton Noon Kiwanis Scholarship

Newton Noon Kiwanis is an international service organization of volunteers whose primary goal is dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Newton Noon Kiwanis has been in existence in our community since 1922. They sponsor the Key Club at NHS and the Builders Club at Berg Middle School. Over the years the club has organized many fundraisers which provide funds for helping youth in our community. Each year, Newton Noon Kiwanis has provided Dollars for Scholars scholarships to students at NHS.

Newton Noon Rotary Scholarship

The Newton Noon Rotary Club is an International Service Organization whose purpose is to support both community, national and international activities. The first Newton Rotary meeting took place on Feb. 21, 1921 in the Churchill Hotel. Internationally, we have supported the Polio Plus program working on the eradication of polio world wide. Locally, we have financially supported many causes including the building of the present YMCA, and the Monarch Wing at Skiff Medical Center. In addition, we have provided for water fountains at Maytag Park and the bike trail.

In 1927, the first two high school students were invited as honorary members for the month. Since then, the club has invited one senior boy and one senior girl to be our "Students of the Month" for each of the months from September to April each year. Those 16 students then become eligible for our Rotary Scholarships each year through the Dollars for Scholars program.

NHS Class of 1968 Alumni Scholarship

The graduates of Newton Senior High School Class of 1968 are honored to present this endowed scholarship to a deserving student pursuing any post high school program. We look back fondly on our days as Cardinals at NHS. Our class graduates have gone on to shine in many and varied fields of employment. We now find ourselves mostly retired and nostalgically reflective. It is with an appreciation for all careers from technical to professional, that we collectively make the world a better place. It is our hope that as we pay it forward in appreciation for the start in life that we received from NHS, that one day, the recipients will feel the same desire to encourage future generations.

Our class cheer: "We are Grand, We are Great, We're the Class of '68" has bound us together with pride for our alma mater over the years and now includes all those who join this tribe known as graduates of Newton High School. Go Cards!

NHS Class of 1977 Alumni Scholarship

The NHS Class of 1977 will be celebrating our 45th class reunion this summer. A short time back we began a fundraising effort within our class membership as a way to give back to our community. We are excited to announce our first scholarships to support the continuing education of Newton seniors.

This year we chose to dedicate those scholarships to students who are pursuing careers as health care providers/first responders, teachers/educators, and truck drivers/transportation specialists. We chose these three fields of study due to the overwhelming shortage of employees in those professions at this time.

It is our goal to continue this class legacy by providing additional scholarships in the years to come. Best wishes to all scholarship recipients in your future endeavors.

Nick Fountas Scholarship

Mike and Nicole Gerdin are honored to sponsor a scholarship to a dedicated Newton Community High School graduating senior in memory of Nicole's father, Nick Fountas. Nick was always there for anyone and everyone who needed him. He loved life and put forth a dedicated effort in all that he was involved in including his years in the Navy and National Guard and his career in the Postal System. However, we always knew his priorities were with his family and faith as he was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather.

We also want to acknowledge the courage and determination shown by Nick and others who have faced a battle with cancer or challenging medical condition. We will be forever grateful to the talented and dedicated health professionals who are committed to making a difference for their patients, in their care and and positive outcomes.

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate who plans to pursue a degree in the medical field and use their talents to positively impact others' journeys.

P.E.O. Chapters of Newton Scholarship

The P.E.O. Sisterhood was founded in 1869 by seven women on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. A group of local women wanting to continue the vision of the seven founders organized a Newton Chapter in 1894.

The education of women has always been a high priority for P.E.O. and the Newton Chapter followed suit. In 1926, an Education Loan Fund was established to assist women in paying college tuition. In the end, 97 women received more than \$96,000 in loans for college.

In 2003, the Newton P.E.O. Chapters made the decision to help a local high school senior girl with her college expenses. Thus began P.E.O.'s partnership with the Newton Dollars for Scholars program.

In February of 2007, the last loan payment was received, the Loan Fund books were closed, and the next chapter continues to be written guaranteeing Newton P.E.O.'s commitment to the education of the next generation of Newton women.

Pam Rausch Scholarship

The Pam Rausch Memorial Scholarship is a scholarship funded from the memorial gifts in Pam's name and from her husband, Tom Rausch.

Pam grew up in Charles City, Iowa as one of five children. Pam graduated from high school in 1967. A proud mother of 4 sons, she decided to pursue a degree in elementary education after her oldest son graduated college. While still raising two of her four sons, she attended William Penn University and graduated with a BA in teaching.

Pam taught in the Newton Community School District for 17 years. For most of those years, Pam taught transitional kindergarten at almost every elementary school in Newton. As one can only imagine raising 4 boys, she used a lot of those motherly talents while teaching her students. Pam taught each of her students like they were her own children and always went that extra mile to make sure they would be ready for the next grade. Pam retired from Berg Elementary School in 2013.

The following January Pam was diagnosed with cancer and courageously battled it, but lost that battle in July of 2019. Pam always loved to have a lot of family around her.

The Pam Rausch Memorial Scholarship has been established to help support a Newton High School graduate who is planning to major in elementary education and continue Pam's legacy of passing on a positive impact to future elementary students.

Peter Van Elswyk Memorial Scholarship

Peter Van Elswyk, better known by his friends as Big Pete, was born December 5th, 1966 and grew up on the family farm outside of Newton. The Van Elswyk family owned Oak Ridge and made apple cider from their own trees in the fall. The cider was shared amongst family and friends throughout the community.

Pete would graduate from Newton High School in 1985 and head east on I-80 an hour to the University of Iowa. It is there where he would get a job in the athletics department to help pay his way through school. Pete would graduate in December of 1990 and never leave Iowa City. He would become a full time employee overseeing the upkeep of Kinnick Stadium for nearly 25 years. In the summer months, Pete would hire current athletes to help prepare the stadium for the fall. Little did he realize but Pete became a mentor to them and they would use this wisdom throughout their every day lives.

In the past few years Pete battled health issues and passed away from breast cancer in February, 2024. Friends of Pete knew the best way to honor him would be giving a scholarship to a Newton graduate headed to The University of Iowa or a Newton graduate who grew up on a farm and headed to college. Pete was very proud of Newton and spent many weekends back on the farm or in town. You can take the boy out of Newton but you cannot take Newton out of the boy.

Phoebe Wilcox Memorial Scholarship

The Phoebe Wilcox Memorial Scholarship was established from memorial monies to award scholarships to Newton graduating seniors pursuing secondary education. Phoebe was a Latin and English teacher in junior and senior high school. She was active in Delta Kappa Gamma International and Newton Women's Club. Phoebe was from Malcolm, Iowa, where her grandfather and father were both doctors. She had memories of going on house calls with her father in the horse and buggy. Phoebe left her father's medical instruments and scale to the University of Iowa where they are on display.

PJ's Deli Scholarship

PJ's Deli has served the Newton Community since 1986. Founded by Philip J. Muta, it is now owned and operated by his son and daughter-in-law. Michael and Cara Muta believe in the value of a quality, well-rounded education, and are proud to sponsor a scholarship to a deserving Newton High School student.

Red Pride Scholarship

The generosity of many Newton Dollars for Scholars endowment benefactors has enabled the Newton Dollars for Scholars Board of Directors to establish an additional scholarship for each of our award winners this year. It is the board's hope that all graduates of the Newton Community School district pursue post secondary education and we are pleased to support them in this endeavor.

Beginning with the Class of 2021, an additional Red Pride scholarship will be awarded to each scholarship recipient that continue their post secondary education for a second year.

Col. Avery J. Ladd and Dora H. Ladd Family Scholarship

The Ladd Family Endowment was established by Retired Col. Avery J. Ladd and his wife Dora H. Ladd. Col. Ladd was a 1923 graduate of Newton High School. He attended Iowa State University and went on to a distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force. He retired in 1961 and was inducted into the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame. The Ladd's have been life time supporters of Newton High School. They continue to promote Newton and education, also supporting the Newton Educational Foundation.

Robert and Doris Fisher Memorial Scholarship

The Robert and Doris Fisher Memorial Scholarship was established by their four sons, Doug, Dan, Dave, & Don, to carry on the legacy of Bob and Doris' love for community, education, the Newton Cardinals, and giving. Also to provide students with an opportunity to learn a skilled trade.

Both Bob, class of 1948, and Doris, class of 1947, as well as their sons were graduates of NHS. Doris passed away in 2016 and Bob passed in 2019.

Bob started his own business in 1951 as a custom cabinet maker, Fisher Millwork, Inc. and later started a second business, Fisher's Gallery, with Doris. This business allowed them to work as a team prior to their retirement.

They both loved traveling, dancing, collecting antiques and cheering at local sports activities.

Rod Barnett Memorial Scholarship

The Rod Barnett Memorial scholarship is funded from memorial gifts and his family.

After beginning his teaching career in Missouri, Rod taught 29 years at Newton High School, retiring in 1997. During that time he taught a variety of courses in the Industrial Technology Department, was Department Chair, and for a few years serviced the school system's computers. Rod also, along with Mike Engstrom, owned B&E Construction. After retiring, he built and repaired computers. Rod loved teaching his students lifetime skills and enjoyed visiting with them as adults to learn more about their future successes. His son Ron graduated from Newton High School. In his spare time, Rod enjoyed outdoor activities and traveling.

Roy and Fannie Garrett Scholarship

The Roy and Fannie Garrett Endowment was established by the Garretts because of their love of youth and education. Roy and Fannie owned and operated Garrett Hardware on the north side of the square in Newton for over forty years. Both were active in civic and community affairs. They supported worthwhile causes and projects to make Newton a better place to live during their life time. Progress Industries named a group home in their honor for their generous support during the years. They supported the YMCA Scholarship program and drives annually. The Garrett's provided generously to numerous organizations and projects including the First United Methodist Church.

Ryan Klingensmith Scholarship

Ryan Klingensmith, son of Dennis and Lori Klingensmith, was a graduate of NHS and a proud Newton Cardinal. Ryan was lost in a tragic accident during a trip to Chicago, Illinois in June of 2016. More recently, Ryan was a graduate of the University of Iowa business school. He was employed by West Liberty Foods as an accountant and by all reports a very good one.

Ryan was born a Newton Cardinal on July 19th, 1992. Ryan was always a giver of his time to help others. He was a member of Big Brothers, Big Sisters. He was part of the link crew and a teacher assistant. Ryan was the DECA Vice President, Student Council President, and a member of the National Honor Society. He was also an athlete completing 4 years of football and 4 years of track and field. Ryan had such a bright future but unfortunately it was taken from us all too soon.

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Sam Clark Memorial Scholarship

Sam enjoyed everything about the great outdoors. He was an avid golfer and tennis player, rode his bicycle for transportation, and found peace in the wilderness. When the weather forced Sam indoors he played ping-pong, studied the stock market, and taught himself endless skills by reading. He valued education-- he began a degree in accounting and finance at Northern Arizona University and completed it years later by taking his last two classes here in Newton at DMACC and Upper Iowa University. This scholarship, given in memory by his family, honors his adventurous and hard-working spirit."

Schiller Family Foundation Scholarship

Jerry and Betty Schiller raised their family of seven children in Newton. They instilled strong morals in their children, teaching them that integrity, respect, honesty and hard work will get them far in life. Their children established this scholarship to honor their memory.

Scott and Nancy Bosma Memorial Scholarship

Nancy and Scott Bosma dedicated their lives to education and, more importantly, to their students. They understood the power education can have in a person's life, but they also understood that creating and fostering a love for learning is always the most effective way of guiding a student to that education.

As the oldest of three children, Scott developed a love for teaching early in life. His first job after graduating from Buena Vista College was teaching 5th grade in Sentral of Fenton, IA, before accepting a position in Mingo, IA and moving to Newton with Nancy. During his career, Scott devoted himself to another passion, coaching, and could often be found working with various school athletics. In 2000, Scott accepted a position at Berg Middle School, teaching Literature and Language Arts, and returned to the sport he most loved, taking the helm as Head Coach of the NHS Varsity Boys Basketball Team.

Scott retired from teaching in 2010 as the cancer he had been battling progressed, but he continued to volunteer at the school when he was able. He remained a role model of determination and inextinguishable positivity, to all those around him, right up until his passing in February of 2013.

Nancy's teaching career-path was less direct, but no less impassioned. Whether it was a family gathering, a neighborhood picnic, or being "Mom" to her own two children, she could be found right in the middle of the craziness, organizing the activities for all the children in attendance. This love of young people led her to complete a degree that she had started years earlier at Iowa State University, before her marriage to Scott and the birth of their two children, Jamie and Bradley. Many evenings driving to Buena Vista University in Marshalltown finally brought her dream to reality as she graduated with a degree in elementary education in 1993. She and Scott would go on to complete their Masters degrees together at Viterbo University in 2000.

Nancy's first teaching job was at Kellogg Elementary School. When that facility closed, she moved to Thomas Jefferson Elementary, where she taught 4th grade until her unexpected passing in December of 2009.

Along the way, Nancy & Scott touched countless lives and positively impacted the educational future of literally thousands of students. They truly believed in the unique abilities of each and every one of their students. The scholarship that bears their names is intended to help a deserving student further develop those abilities at the college or university level.

Stephen Elliott Daniels Memorial Scholarship

Stephen Daniels was an amazing young man who had an absolute zest for life! He was a 2008 graduate of Newton High School and was on the boys state qualifying Cardinal swim team, was an accomplished French horn and mellophone player in the Wind Ensemble and Cardinal Regiment, and shared his beautiful tenor voice in the Varsity Chorale. In addition to his swimming

and musical talents, Stephen enjoyed math and science and graduated from the University of Iowa in 2012 with a Bachelor's degree in Physics and Mathematics. In his spare time, he could be found completing long, detailed equations as he loved the challenge of problem solving. Stephen also had a passion for video games and had designed his own gaming computer.

Sadly, Stephen passed away December 7, 2013, at the age of 24. His family established the Stephen Elliott Daniels Memorial Scholarship to assist a graduating high school senior pursue their academic dreams and share their life's passion with others.

The Dr. Paul Ruggle Scholarship

The Newton Clinic is honored to provide a scholarship in the name of Paul Ruggle, MD. Dr. Ruggle diligently served the greater Newton community from 1983 until his retirement in Oct. 2022. He and his wife, Dianne, were blessed with two sons who graduated from Newton Community Schools. Adam ('01) and Brian ('04) are both now practicing physicians.

Dr. Ruggle provided the full range of Family Practice care to all ages and delivered hundreds of babies at our local hospital. He twice served terms as Chief of the Medical Staff at Mercy One-Newton (formerly Skiff Medical Center). He was the President of Newton Clinic for many years as well.

The Newton Clinic provides care across the fields of family practice, obstetrics/gynecology, internal medicine and podiatry. The Newton Clinic has been serving the citizens of Newton and Jasper County since the 1920s.

The award recipient will be pursuing a career in health care and will attend an in-state four-year college.

TruBank Scholarship

TruBank traces its roots to the Farmers & Miners Bank, founded in 1883 in Lucas, IA. A group of investors purchased Farmers & Miners Bank in 1993 and moved the main office to its present location at Orchard Plaza on the north side of Indianola. Since that time the charter was started for our Fort Des Moines TruBank branch in January 1999. The West Roads branch located on the west side of Indianola opened in June 2000. In April 2003 the Norwalk branch was opened. Our Newton branch was opened in June 2007. On December 1, 2016 we added branches in Oskaloosa, What Cheer and West Des Moines.

At TruBank we pride ourselves on being supportive in the community with sponsorships and our staff is very involved in the community as volunteers!

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Wallace Family Funeral Home Scholarship

The Wallace Family Funeral Home has been serving families in the Newton area since 1999. Gary Wallace (1975), Chantelle Lundberg (1995), and Brett Lundberg (1999) are all graduates of Newton Senior High School. We realize the value that a quality education plays in the structure of a solid, well rounded community. The funeral home would like to award a scholarship to a someone going into the healthcare field.