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95 scholarships from:

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Providing Post-Secondary Scholarships for Local Students

St. Louis Park's Class of 2020 awarded 95 scholarships

On June 2, 2020 a special virtual (due to the coronavirus) program celebrated graduating seniors and their families. **95 SLP High School students were awarded Dollars for Scholars scholarships totaling \$112,500 dollars to help them pursue their college educations and future dreams.**



Student Will Gednalske discusses fundraising efforts for a scholarship with a potential contributor

Student fundraises to award scholarship to classmate

Current SLP student Will Gednalske (class of 2022) sold fresh-squeezed lemonade and performed other fundraising to provide a Dollars for Scholars scholarship to Raphaela Slager of the class of 2020. Raphaela wrote "I am so incredibly grateful for the college money" and that she hopes to **"inspire other people to be better and do better."** Will plans to engage classmates in efforts to provide another scholarship with the goal of establishing an annual **"Oriole Scholarship"** where current and future classes creatively fundraise to provide scholarships to classmates. **Will asks classmates to let him know if interested in participating and that donors can specify if they would like their funds to go for this purpose (i.e., the "Oriole Scholarship") when contributing to SLP Dollars for Scholars.**

Thank you notes written by 2020 scholarship recipients to donors

"I would like to thank you for the scholarship, you have no idea what it means to me. Despite these hard times we are all going through you still find a place in your heart to give and make my dreams come true." Parker

"St. Louis Park has always been a loving, caring, and connected community. I am grateful to have been a part of it, for the last 13 years." Quinn

"Words cannot express the amount of joy I feel for being lucky to have been granted this scholarship. It is because of this, I am more financially prepared for college than I was before. This is all possible because of you." Shalom

"I want you to know how much I appreciate this scholarship, it means the world to me." Madeline

"Thank you again for your generosity I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals like you have helped me." Sharda

"I know that college won't be a breeze for me either, so the fact that I was given this scholarship has helped me feel like someone out there believes in me and my ability to do well." Gabriella

"I was always told as a child that knowledge was power and I kept that message with me for many years but, as I grew I started to realize that financial barriers really have the power to make or break someone's academic dreams." "Thank you once again for all that you have done to help me reach my dream of attending college." Amaya

"I hope to have my own business one day and give back to those who are in need like you did. Thank you again." Sofia

Please donate today online or by mail

Help a SLP graduate achieve his or her college dreams, improve that person's life and the community at large. **Donate at the SLP DFS website** at <http://www.stlouispark.dollarsforscholars.org> where you can find the latest DFS information at local and national levels. **Wish to give by mail? Please send your check to SLP DFS at P.O. Box 16403, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.** Questions? Email slp.dollarsforscholars@gmail.com or ask a board member.

Our DFS Board: Tammy McCanna, chair; Barb Nelson, St. Louis Park High School liaison; Allan Coleman, Dan Feder, Mark Fredrickson, Steve Gednalske, Ellen Staib, Diane Vig, and Kelsey Vatsaas.