



Sauk Prairie

Dollars for Scholars®

Welcome to the 2024 Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars awards night. The support of our community allows us to provide 221 scholarships worth over \$200,000, to 93 graduating seniors tonight. We could not do this without the support of our community. Thank you to each of you that has made tonight possible.

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Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars Inc.
Statement of Financial Position - Cash Basis
As of April 30, 2024

Assets

Checking/Savings	
SP Dollars for Scholars-Checking	\$46,640.00
SP Dollars for Scholars-Money Market	\$109,737.00
SP Dollars for Scholars-CD	<u>\$86,808.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>\$243,185.00</u>
Trust Point Account	\$1,703,711.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,946,896.00</u>

Liabilities & Equity

Scholarships Payable	\$84,780.00 *
Federal Taxes	\$136.00
Equity	<u>\$1,861,982.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$1,946,898.00</u>

* Includes scholarships awarded in last 4 years that have yet to be claimed

Sauk Prairie Dollars for Scholars, Inc.
Statement of Activity - Cash Basis
January - April 2024

INCOME

Donations – Current Year Scholarships	\$81,065.00
Donations – Business	\$18,750.00
Donations – Comm Orgs	\$30,500.00
Donations – Memorials	<u>\$3,572.00</u>
Total Donations-CY Scholarships	\$133,887.00

EXPENSE

Payroll	\$1,435.00
Administrative Expense	\$722.00
Finance Expenses	<u>\$1,219.00</u>
Total Expense	\$3,376.00

INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

Interest/Dividends	\$12,893.00
Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	-\$11,964.00
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	<u>\$46,857.00</u>
Total Other Revenue	\$47,786.00
Investment Fees	<u>\$3,370.00</u>
Net Other Revenue	\$44,416.00

NET INCOME

\$174,927.00

Frequently Asked Questions

How are scholarships set up?

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

**This rule was established in 2019. Many scholarships were grandfathered in with criteria under \$1,000.*

What if I change my major after graduation?

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

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

How are scholarships awarded?

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

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

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

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

Students have up to four years following graduation to claim their scholarship funds.

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

No. Students can claim partial distribution of their scholarships.

What happens to unclaimed scholarship money?

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

For more information about Dollars for Scholars, please visit our website:

www.SaukPrairie.DollarsForScholars.com

New Scholarships in 2024

BASKEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

3 @ \$2,000

In honor of the incredible teachers who have poured into our children we would like to pay it forward to recognize students who are following a similar college path as our kids with scholarships for those pursuing education in computer science, engineering, or music. Thank a teacher, today!

BETTY KOEHL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2 @ \$2,500

(Given by the Dreps Family)

Betty Koehl was born and raised in Sauk Prairie, graduating from SPSHS in 1973. Betty taught social studies at the high school for nearly 35 years, retiring in 2012. She was especially passionate about her AP European History classes, and in all her classes she challenged students to meet high expectations and cultivated an environment where learning was celebrated and valued. These scholarships honor Betty's lifelong commitment to education and the Sauk Prairie community. One will be awarded to a senior pursuing a career in education, with a preference for attendance at Betty's beloved UW-Madison. Her family would like the other scholarship to help a senior with financial need who will be a first-generation college student.

CARROLL ERLANDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000

Carroll Erlandson's artistic development was based on two years study at Ringling School of Art, Sarasota Florida, and one year at UW-Stevens Point; also, on study of old and modern masters at museums throughout England, Europe, and North America. He worked as a real estate broker and developer until the 1990s, and he painted well into his 70s. Carroll was a long-time resident of Antigo, Wisconsin, and an Antigo High School graduate, but he spent the last 20 years of his life in Prairie du Sac.

Carroll's landscapes are almost exclusively Wisconsin terrain, including Antigo, Aniwa, Baraboo, Bayfield, Eland, Lodi, Mattoon, Mazomanie, Prairie du Sac, Sauk City, Superior, as well as Iowa, Langlade, Lincoln, Sauk, and Waupaca Counties. His artwork can be viewed at carrollerlandson.com

This scholarship is given to a student who plans to study art after high school.

DAVE TREMBLE & BETTY KOEHL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000

(Given by Indivisible Sauk Prairie)

Betty Koehl and Dave Tremble were Sauk Prairie residents who, along with their spouses, organized Indivisible Sauk Prairie, a progressive grassroots community organization in 2017. They were drawn to establish a local organization to address the political and social justice issues that mattered most to them.

Betty Koehl was a dedicated teacher at SPSHS for nearly 35 years. As a leader of Indivisible Sauk Prairie, she was valued as the tireless organizer of dozens of bridge rallies and the person who kept the group's goals in focus. Her ideas inspired Indivisible Sauk Prairie members to engage in actions promoting issues which would create a better Wisconsin and a better America. Her passions were fair maps, voting rights, healthcare for all, and women's rights. Before her passing in 2023, Betty devoted many hours to furthering those causes and more.

Dave Tremble spent the first part of his career as a high school teacher. While living in Sauk Prairie, he worked as a land protection specialist and planner for Sauk County. He devoted many hours to his work in the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, even serving as president. He was an artist, a poet, and a musician. Dave was a life-long activist with a keen sense of social justice. He is remembered by Indivisible Sauk Prairie members as a wise and kind soul who led with quiet strength. Shortly before he passed away in 2020, he expressed his wish that he could have taught his grandchildren "what a beautiful world we live in and that whatever ugliness *faces* us doesn't have to be *inside* us."

Betty and Dave lived their values and devoted their time, energy, and their leadership to building an inclusive democracy that works for all of its citizens. In honor of Betty and Dave, the members of Indivisible Sauk Prairie are pleased to offer this scholarship to a student planning to major in a field of public or community service.

DREW BEAR'S WRESTLING LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000

Drew Fjoser was a caring, loving, affectionate, free spirit that had a lot of life left in him. He loved hiking at Devils Lake, he loved hiking anywhere really. He also enjoyed golf, disc golf, and pretty much doing anything outside (even building snowmen). His story was not done. We have created this scholarship in his name to keep his memory alive. When you think of Drew for years to come, remember his kindness and share it. Remember his hugs and affection and pass that on. Remember his blue eyes and smile.

Drew touched so many lives in his 23 years on earth. Drew graduated from Sauk Prairie High School in 2017. Some of you may know him from wrestling, his name is on several of the boards in the wrestling room. He had a gift for wrestling most of us only dream of. Whether you watched him once or all 150+ HS wins, I bet you remember his funky style. He often made coach Smith crazy during matches. Sauk Prairie Wrestling is a family and community our family will forever be grateful for.

Drew's death is a result of something that could have been prevented. He was a passenger in a car of a drunk driver that went the wrong way on a highway and hit another car head on. Please, please, make smart choices. Don't drink and drive. Don't get into a car with someone that has been drinking. There is always someone willing to give you a safe ride home. Use those people!!

Give your loved ones an extra long hug today. Tell them you love them. Make time for them. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. Be sure the loved ones in your life know how much you love them. Drew knew.

EVERETT NILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP **\$500**

One scholarship has been established in memory of **Everett E. Niles**, founder of Everett's Body Shop, which started in 1971 in Sauk City offering Auto Body service. Later, he moved the business to its current location at 847 15th Street Prairie du Sac and added the towing service. His son Bryan E. Niles worked alongside with his dad, Everett, from 1980s until 1994, when Everett and Bryan became half owners of Everett's Body Shop & Towing, Inc. In 2019, Bryan became full owner of Everett's Body Shop & Towing, Inc. Everett Niles passed February 2023. In his legacy, this scholarship is to honor a student who will be attending an auto body tech college with great interest in the auto industry trade.

JIM W. JACKSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP **2 @ \$500**

Jim Jackson prided himself in never missing a day of teaching school in 33 1/2 years. He also was proud to always remember the names of his 5000+ students he taught.

He started his career teaching industrial arts, now known as technology education. He then moved to Sauk Prairie where he continued teaching industrial arts as well as Driver's Education. Jim believed in using humor to teach students how to drive. Mr. J believed you can't take away someone's education.

Jim's family wants to honor him by establishing two scholarships at \$1,000 each; one going towards someone entering the trades and the other to someone going into teaching.

SAUK PRAIRIE EDWARD JONES SCHOLARSHIP **\$500**

Edward Jones has served the Sauk Prairie area since 1994. Our purpose is to partner for positive impact to improve the lives of our clients and colleagues, and together, better our communities and society. This is why we are proud to support the next generation of Sauk Prairie students.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF SAUK-PRAIRIE/ROXBURY, INC. **\$2,000**

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Sauk-Prairie/Roxbury, Inc. offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. Proceeds from our thrift store, donations and bequests received support our outreach efforts. We do not ask that you belong to any certain faith community or that you participate in any religious activity in order to receive assistance; we serve all people.

WISCONSIN RIVER BANK SCHOLARSHIP **\$300**

Wisconsin River Bank is an independent community bank providing premium quality service with enhanced relationships which meet the financial needs of our clients in a responsive, efficient and positive environment. We offer a complete line of personal and business banking services to meet your financial needs at our Sauk City, Lodi and Janesville locations. This is a general scholarship to be awarded to a student that is furthering their education.

Memorials and Trusts

AARON J. FROSCH MEMORIAL **\$2,500**

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

ALEX KOHLMAN GULLICKSON MEMORIAL **\$300**

Alex Kohlman Gullickson was a 2008 graduate of Sauk Prairie High School. He was pursuing a two-year degree at Madison Area Technical College with plans to transfer into the UW system. Alex was a kind, outgoing, talented, and creative person who was loved by his family and many friends. Alex enjoyed art, music, movies, his pets and many sports. In Middle School he discovered Skateboarding and loved it. From then on, he worked hard to excel in that sport. He was killed in a traffic accident at age 19 on his way to school on January 13, 2009. This scholarship is given in loving memory of Alex.

ALLAN CRAMER MEMORIAL **\$2,700**

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

BEN CHRISTIANSON MEMORIAL **\$1,000** **(GIVEN BY RAMAKER & ASSOCIATES)**

Ramaker & Associates, Inc. is a full-service architecture, engineering, and environmental services firm, specializing in the commercial and hospitality industries. Our firm has worked on a variety of projects from surveying the roads you drive on, to designing the waterpark or hotel you recently visited, to checking the structural capacity of the cell tower that relayed your last selfie. This employee-owned business was established in 1992 and has been involved in projects throughout the US, Canada, Puerto Rico, and US Virgin Islands, as well as many in the Sauk Prairie area.

Ramaker & Associates, Inc. is proud to offer one scholarship in memory of one of Ramaker's first employees, Ben Christianson. Ben was a licensed Professional Geologist and Professional Hydrologist and worked as an Environmental Specialist at Ramaker & Associates. He was hired in 1993 and remained a dedicated employee until his untimely passing in 2019.

BILL AND RYAN KNICKMEYER MEMORIAL **\$2,000**

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

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

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

BOB WOLLERSHEIM MEMORIAL **\$500**

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

CHARLES J. PLOETZ FAMILY FOUNDATION **4 @ \$1,500**

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

CHRIS RAMSEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP **\$500**

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

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

CLAIRE RICHARDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP **\$500**

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

DEBORAH CARLSON MEMORIAL **\$700**

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

DIANE SLANEY MEMORIAL **\$250**

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

EDWARD & MINNIE ACCOLA TRUST **\$250**

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

FRUEHLING FAMILY MEMORIAL **\$1,000**

The Fruehling family moved to Sauk-Prairie in 1957. The children all received their kindergarten through High School education at Sauk-Prairie and each went on to complete higher education degrees. This scholarship is available for a graduating senior who plans to pursue a degree in Social Work or related field.

HAROLD E. MUELLER MEMORIAL **3 @ \$2,500**

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

HARRY & GISELLE EICHMANN MEMORIAL

(GIVEN BY UNIVERAL DIE & STAMPINGS) \$500

Harry & Giselle Eichmann worked hard at and achieved the American Dream. They emigrated from Germany with a handful of quarters and didn't speak the language. Through hard work and education they excelled at creating, nurturing and growing their manufacturing business. They always taught the value of hands-on skills and lifelong learning.

This general scholarship is provided in their memory for a student with motivation to enter a vocational field for a one or two year degree.

JAMIE CARLSON TRUST \$1,500

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

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

JEFFREY DANIEL SCHOEPP MEMORIAL \$500

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

JEFF FROSCH MEMORIAL \$500

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

JERRY AND ALICE KINDSCHI MEMORIAL 2 @ \$500

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

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

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

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

JON J. GRUBER MEMORIAL \$3,400

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

LAVERNE AND JEANNE STUCKEY TRUST \$1,000

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

LEROY & DOROTHY FUCHS MEMORIAL 2 @ \$500

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

LESLIE & LILAH SPRECHER TRUST

\$300

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

LILYAN & ALFRED NESS MEMORIAL

\$1,250

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

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

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

Lilyan remained active as a substitute teacher until 1967, when she returned to full-time teaching following Alfred's death. She also taught a wide range of subjects from biology to Latin and English, but her favorite was English. She promoted respect for the language and love of literature in her classroom and worked with many students in drama and forensics. She retired in 1975 but remained active in the community and worked to maintain the standards and accreditation of the school system. She never relaxed her standards and insisted on correct English from her friends and family in the years of her retirement until her death in 2001.

LINDA SCHOEPP MEMORIAL

\$250

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

LORIN K. SCHOEPHOERSTER TRUST

\$4,000

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

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

MAIER FAMILY MEMORIAL

3 @ \$500

This scholarship is named in honor of **LaVerne and Betty Maier** and their family.

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

The Maiers and Dorf Haus Supper Club have always been happy to support the community and would like to present this in the spirit of LaVerne and Betty Maier.

MARIAN VAN LOENEN MEMORIAL

\$800

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

MARIE B. & CLIFFORD PULVERMACHER MEMORIAL

5 @ \$1,000

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

MARY ANN BYE MEMORIAL

\$350

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

MARY FELTZ MEMORIAL

\$600

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

MELVIN AND LORETTA BICKFORD MEMORIAL

2 @ \$500

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

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

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

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

MERCEDES COX MEMORIAL - SAUK PRAIRIE THEATRE GUILD (SPTG) PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

2 @ \$750

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

MINNIE (FITCH) SZOPINSKI MEMORIAL

\$540

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

Minnie was a 1982 graduate of Sauk Prairie High School and was just 49 years old when she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away 22 months later on December 24, 2015. She was a registered nurse, daughter, wife, mother of 3 kids, sister and friend. She touched countless lives with her positive spirit. Her specialty as a nurse was in the Neuro ICU and the Emergency Room. In her work she was highly-respected and it was common knowledge that all the doctors and nurses wanted to work with her. One example of her 'giving'

spirit was volunteering in 1991 to travel to India with others in the medical field through the Virginia Children's Connection to perform surgeries on children born with cleft lips and palates. Minnie was a mentor and example to many, and if you knew Minnie you often heard her say, "Life is for living," and "Strive to be your best." We sincerely hope this scholarship will help another person do both of those things.

MUELLER & LITTEL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

\$600

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

PAUL REUBEN SCHNELLER MEMORIAL

\$1,000

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

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

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

ROELKE BROTHERS

3 @ \$1,000

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

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

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

ROGER MOE MEMORIAL

\$250

Known to many in the Sauk Prairie community as Mr. Moe or Coach Moe, Roger taught at Sauk Prairie High School from 1964 until he retired in 1999. He played a part in many students' lives as a social studies teacher, head football coach and assistant baseball/basketball coach. As head football coach, Roger led the Sauk Prairie Eagles to an undefeated season and the conference championship in 1969. He also inspired students to be lifelong learners and help others in their community by being an adviser for the student group People's Incorporated. Roger represented the very best of all things good at school and in the community. His family is pleased to contribute to this scholarship because Roger highly valued education and the mentoring of youth.

RON HART MEMORIAL

\$1,000

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

SANDY O'NEIL MEMORIAL

2 @ \$250

Sandy O'Neil graduated from Sauk Prairie High School. She earned her Certified Nursing degree then received her Nursing Home Administrator's license. She cared for patients at Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital and then the Nursing Home of Crivitz, Wisconsin. Sandy had a caring heart and generous spirit. She lived her life full of joy, caring for and helping others.

SAUK PRAIRIE OPTIMIST CLUB

\$1,000

Sauk Prairie Optimists are members of Optimist International, an association of Optimist Clubs around the world. By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities and ourselves. The Sauk Prairie Optimist Club supports several youth programs in the community, including Special Olympics, Badger Boys/Girls State, Ruth Culver Library, High School Student of the Month, Summer School, Safe Community Coalition, Middle Level Leaders, Sauk City Library, Food Pantry, Cash for Kids, also the Sauk Prairie Healthcare Mobile Meals.

DENMAN KRAMER MEMORIAL (GIVEN BY SAUK PRAIRIE OPTIMISTS)

\$1,000

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

FORREST "WOODY" ZANTOW MEMORIAL

(GIVEN BY SAUK PRAIRIE OPTIMISTS)

\$1,000

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

MILLY ZANTOW MEMORIAL (GIVEN BY SAUK PRAIRIE OPTIMISTS)

\$1,000

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

SCHAFFER MEMORIAL

\$1,000

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

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

Author Unknown

SCHWARZ FAMILY MEMORIAL

4 @ \$1,000

A general scholarship fund has been established in memory of **Ray (R.J.) Schwarz, Don Schwarz (1993-2007), Robert (Bob) Schwarz (1936-2021), Brian Schwarz (1956-2016) and LuAnn Welsch (1957-2023)**. R.J. was the founder of Schwarz Insurance Agency, which

started in 1923 and operated from his home in Prairie du Sac. Ray's sons entered the insurance business and successfully expanded their business throughout southcentral Wisconsin. Don succeeded his father as President of the Agency after graduation from Prairie du Sac High School and Marquette University. Bob joined his father & brother in 1958 and he and Don worked together for the next 36 years. While under Don & Bob's guidance, the agency expanded to four locations. Brian succeeded his father as President of the agency in 2007. LuAnn Welsch was a 40 year employee of the agency working under the direction of Don & Bob for many years. LuAnn played an integral role in the success of Schwarz Insurance and was well respected by all.

TERRY MASCHMAN MEMORIAL

\$700

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

THEODORE SAVIDES MEMORIAL

\$1,000

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

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

TIM ADANK MEMORIAL

\$1,000

Tim Adank was a sophomore at Sauk Prairie High School at the time of his death due to a tragic accidental drowning in the high school pool. He was an honor student, a member of the swim team and played tenor sax in the band. Tim was the much-loved son of Bob and Eileen Adank and brother to Terry Adank, Kelly Adank Klockziem and Kari Adank Haselwander. His wonderful sense of humor and playful antics entertained all who knew him. This is a general scholarship.

W.J. "SHIMMEL" COENEN MEMORIAL

\$1,000

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

WAYNE WHEELER MEMORIAL

\$100

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

WILBUR AND NATALIE BEACH MEMORIAL

\$500

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

WILLIAM AND ROSE MORROW TRUST

\$500

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

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

Business, Organization and Association Scholarships

BADGER STATE DELEGATES **4 @ \$100**

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

BALLWEG FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS **3 @ \$8,000**

It was 1956 when Daniel P Ballweg and Darlene A. Treinen married and decided to make rural Sauk City their home. They purchased a farm southwest of Sauk City on River Road. Daniel farmed and Darlene taught fourth grade at Grand Avenue Elementary School. Together Daniel and Darlene raised four children, all graduates of Sauk Prairie High School.

The Ballweg family would like to assist Sauk Prairie High School graduates in seeking their dreams of continued education, especially when their own financial means make this a difficult journey.

The Ballweg Family Scholarships consist of three \$16,000 scholarships over the course of 2 years; \$8,000 for the first year and an additional \$8,000 for the second year upon proof of student enrollment.

The Ballweg family would like to dedicate these scholarships in memory of Daniel P Ballweg, Dennis D Ballweg (graduate of SPHS 1976) and Dale J Ballweg (graduate of SPHS 1980).

BANK OF PRAIRIE DU SAC **5 @ \$1,000**

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

BRIGHTER FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP **\$1,000**

Given anonymously, this scholarship is to support a student planning to seek further education through a technical school program.

CONSUMERS CO-OP OIL COMPANY **3 @ \$500**

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

CULVER'S FOUNDATION, INC **10 @ \$1,000**

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

DEVIL'S LAKE CONCESSIONS **\$1,000**

Devil's Lake State Park is Wisconsin's largest and busiest state park. Since 1949 all concession operations at the park have been run by the Devil's Lake Concession Corporation. The corporation was founded to provide goods and services to park visitors with the proceeds benefitting the park. Since its creation, the corporation has returned over \$2 million to the park and the State of Wisconsin. Recipient should be a student intending to major in natural resources.

EDGE CONSULTING ENGINEERING **2 @ \$1,000**

Edge Consulting Engineers, Inc. was founded in 2002 and is a full-service engineering consulting firm offering civil, structural, environmental, and telecommunication engineering services to public and private sector clients throughout the upper Midwest. This

scholarship is given with preference to an Engineering Major and/or Science Major.

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

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

FOUR PAWS VETERINARY CLINIC **\$500**

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

FRIENDS OF EDUCATION – TOWER ROCK ELEMENTARY **2 @ \$750**

The **Friends of Education** is a parent group for Tower Rock Elementary school. The Friends conduct various fundraising programs throughout the year and supply volunteers for special events at school. These scholarships are awarded to students who attended either Black Hawk Elementary and/or Tower Rock Elementary.

GENE HAAS FOUNDATION **2 @ \$2,500**

The Gene Haas Foundation was established in 1999, by Gene Haas, founder and owner of Haas Automation, Inc., to support the needs of the local community, through grants to such local charities as the Boys and Girls Clubs, Food Share, Rescue Mission, and others.

Seeing a growing need for skilled manufacturing employees industry wide, the Foundation expanded its mission to include support for manufacturing training programs throughout North America and beyond. By providing scholarship grants, sponsoring individual and team CNC competitions, and partnering with the very best CNC training programs in the world, the Foundation helps expand the availability of high-quality manufacturing technology training worldwide.

These scholarships are awarded to two students planning to major in engineering.

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

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

GREEN ACRES **2 @ \$1,000**

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

KAYSER CHEVROLET **\$500**

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

KRAEMER BROTHERS, INC. **2 @ \$3,000**

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

MAPLEWOOD OF SAUK PRAIRIE **\$250**

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

MERRIMAC HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION **2 @ \$750**

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

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

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

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

The **Milwaukee Valve Company** was established in Wisconsin in 1901, starting out as a small manufacturer of plumbing and heating valves. In the mid-80's, Milwaukee Valve Company bought the property on Water Street in Prairie du Sac and built a state-of-the-art foundry which they continually update with the latest technology in machinery. Over the years, the company expanded its offering to what now consists of over 5,000 items, used in a very wide range of applications and industries, from very small plumbing valves used in the basement of your home, to large petro-chemical valves and nearly every size and style of valve in between. This scholarship is available to a qualifying graduate entering an engineering field and/or planning to major in manufacturing, machining, tool die or CNC.

NANCY, THE DORF HAUS WAITRESS WITH LIGHTS **3 @ \$1,000**

Nancy, Mitch and Courtney Crawford worked at the Dorf Haus and made friends, learned about the value of teamwork and the importance of exceeding the customer's expectations. Mitch and Courtney worked at the Dorf Haus during high school and Nancy still works there and will mark 24 years as a waitress in August 2023. Nancy may be remembered for her flashing rings that she shared with customers and her holiday-themed necklaces with blinking lights.

During the years Nancy met hundreds of wonderful young people often starting their first job. Bussing tables, washing dishes, making salads and preparing to-go orders may not be the most glamorous job but those tasks are very important and essential to providing a positive dining experience. The young people who work at the Dorf Haus more than just a few months, gain some invaluable skills and become more confident and competent. "I want to encourage more young people to work in the restaurant business. For me personally, it's been a rewarding and rich career that's given me many great friendships."

PETER VAN DER HAGEN SCHOLARSHIP **\$250**

In appreciation of the Sauk Prairie community he serves, Peter van der Hagen created his scholarship to help those Sauk Prairie graduates who are going into the fields of finances and or business.

PRAIRIE CLINIC, S.C. **\$1,000**

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

PRAIRIE CLINIC, S.C.: CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY **\$1,000**

Prairie Clinic awards this as a general scholarship to a student graduating from Sauk Prairie High School.

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

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

REJUVENATION CLINIC OF SAUK PRAIRIE **3 @ \$500**

Rejuvenation Clinic of Sauk Prairie is proud to offer three scholarships. The clinic is woman-owned and operated by two former Sauk Prairie High School 1991 graduates, Michelle Niesen (Physician Assistant) and Angie Mack (Registered Nurse). It was established in 2011 and provides aesthetic skin care laser and injectable treatments to treat conditions such as sun damage, acne, rosacea and much more. Two scholarships are awarded to women who are pursuing education in the medical field, and the third scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing their education in music. Congratulations to the graduates!

RIVER ARTS, INC. FOUNDERS **\$500**

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

SAUK CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT **\$500**

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

The members decided to use a portion of their fundraising profits to fund a scholarship for a student pursuing a career in the emergency services (Fire-EMS-Police) or Healthcare field. They appreciate the support received from the community.

SAUK PRAIRIE COMMUNITY CLUB 26 @ \$750

The Sauk Prairie Community Club presents a total of (26) \$750.00 scholarships this year. Four of the (26) \$750.00 scholarships are given in memory of past members with close ties to education. The remaining scholarships of \$750.00 each are presented as general scholarships.

SAUK PRAIRIE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS, INC. ENDOWMENT VARIOUS

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

SAUK PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966 2 @ \$500

Preference for students planning to attend a technical college.

SAUK PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1982 \$100

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

SAUK PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1988 \$500

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

SAUK PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2013 \$100

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

SAUK PRAIRIE LIONS FOUNDATION 5 @ \$1,000

These scholarships, general in nature, are available to graduates aspiring to higher education.

SAUK PRAIRIE YOUTH SUMMER BASEBALL \$500

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

SAUK PRAIRIE YOUTH SUMMER SOFTBALL \$500

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

SAUK PRAIRIE YOUTH BASKETBALL 2 @ \$500

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

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

SAUK PRAIRIE YOUTH FOOTBALL 2 @ \$500

For 25 years, **Sauk Prairie Youth Football** has had the privilege of introducing life lessons such as: team above individual, commitment to each other, goal setting, and instilling civic pride all the while providing a stepping stone to our high school program. Our current

program is open to any child grades 4 through 8 and averages 150 to 175 participants every fall. The Sauk Prairie Youth Football scholarship has been developed with the intention of recognizing a young man or woman that has been involved in the Sauk Prairie high school football program each of their four years in high school. The recipient of this scholarship is a role model to our youth and someone they can emulate as they approach their high school years in and out of the football program.

SAUK PRAIRIE YOUTH SOCCER **2 @ \$250**

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

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

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

TERESA KREUTZMANN SCIENCE AWARD **2 @ \$500**

Teresa Kreutzmann mentored many during her career at Sauk Prairie until health forced her into retirement. She taught at both middle and high school and in multiple disciplines including physical, Earth, and biological sciences, special education and IT. Teresa connected many students with science outside of the classroom with various conservation projects such as Sauk City and Prairie du Sac being designated as a "Bird City."

This scholarship will be awarded to students who have connected with science outside of the classroom through our Summer Research Institute, or some other equivalent experience, and plan to pursue a degree in the sciences.

TOM ANDRES AND CLIFF THOMPSON TRIBUTE **\$700**

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

TOOLS OF MARKETING, INC. **2 @ \$250**

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

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

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

WIN-WIN – Women In eNginEering – Workforce INvestment **\$1,500**

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

WISCONSIN RIVER MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY **\$750**

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

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

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

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

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