

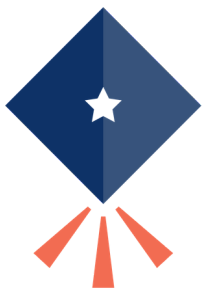
Southeast Polk

**Dollars for
Scholars®**

2020

**SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020



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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SCHOLARSHIP!

To obtain your scholarship funds, you must do the following by September 15, 2020:

1. Accept your scholarship online. You must let us know that you accept the scholarship and intend to use the funds.
 - Login to your profile at southeastpolk.dollarsforscholars.org
 - Access the "My Scholarships" section of your dashboard page.
 - At the bottom the screen you will see "Awarded Scholarships". The scholarship(s) you have been awarded will appear in a list here. Click on "Accept Scholarship" next to scholarship name.
 - Enter the information of the school you are attending and also please be sure to update your contact information.
 - Agree to the Terms & Conditions and save.
2. Provide a class schedule. A schedule of classes for the upcoming semester must be provided to us before we will send money to your school. Be sure that the schedule indicates in some way:
 - Your name and the name of the school you are attending
 - Your student ID at the school you are attending
 - The number of college credits for each course
 - Agree to the Terms & Conditions and save.
3. Write and mail a thank you note to the donor of your scholarship(s). A business, organization or individual donated money to make this scholarship possible for you. Please show your appreciation by writing them a thank you note. If you received more than one scholarship, you must write a thank you note for each scholarship.
 - The mailing address for your required thank you note is noted in the email you received about your scholarship.
 - Since we were not able to have an in-person event this year, please include a photo of yourself in your thank you note. It means a lot to many of our donors to have a photo of who they awarded.
4. Send us a copy of your thank you note. Thank you notes are an incredibly important part of this process and we want proof that you provided the proper thank you to the donor of your scholarship(s). You must send us a copy of the thank you note for each scholarship you receive.

You may provide us with your class schedule and the copy of your thank you note(s) via mail or e-mail at sepdollarsforscholars@gmail.com or P.O. Box 203, Altoona, Iowa, 50009.

These steps must be completed by September 15, 2020.

If you do not complete these steps, or provide the necessary information with each step, your scholarship will be forfeited.

Once this information is received, funds are sent directly to the college you have indicated in your online acceptance of your scholarship. We ask schools to split funds between the first and second semester.

For questions, please email sepdollarsforscholars@gmail.com.

Southeast Polk Class of 2020 receives \$260,000 in scholarships!

On May 13, 2020, Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars awarded \$260,000 in scholarships to Southeast Polk High School's Class of 2020. A total of 202 graduating seniors received scholarships.

In addition – for the first time ever – a scholarship has been awarded to every student that completed an application.

The Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars Foundation, as well as hundreds of businesses, individuals and organizations in the Southeast Polk area make these scholarships possible each year. In addition, the organization holds community fundraisers throughout the year, with its primary fundraiser being the Black & Gold Gala in October. This year's scholarships would not have been possible without the support of our community or the Black & Gold Presenting Sponsors – Prairie Meadows, Polk County and Facebook.

About Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars

Since 2001, Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars has been awarding scholarships to graduating seniors through an annual even. The organization's mission is to provide financial scholarships to Southeast Polk High School graduates who wish to further their education. Whether their goal is to attend a trade school, junior college, business education, university, or join an apprenticeship program, the Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars Foundation, supported by a strong endowment fund, will help these young people in pursuing their educational objectives.

Board Members:

President Joanne Moeller	Director Kevin Bennett	Director Belinda Rinehart
Vice-President Julie Stewart	Director Brett Handy	Director Lois Skinner
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Treasurer Sandy Pedersen	Director Adam McRoberts	Director Tracy Smith
Director Angie Ault	Director Lisa Moody-Tunks	Director Beth VanRyswyk
	Director Robin Norris	

Scholarships are listed on the following pages in this order:

- Dollars for Scholars Named Scholarships
- Carter, Burnett, Keays and Southeast Polk scholarships
- Business-sponsored scholarships
- Individual-sponsored scholarships
- Organization-sponsored scholarships

THE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS STORY



Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars is the local chapter of a national organization, Scholarship America, which was started in 1959.

Southeast Polk's chapter was formed in 2001, and is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers from the Southeast Polk School District area.

The goal is to give every qualifying senior at least one \$500 scholarship for their postsecondary education, whether that is a four year college or university, community college, certificate program or apprenticeship. The scholarships are awarded every spring on Scholarship Night, with proud school staff, families and friends in attendance.

The biggest barrier to education after high school is financial. These scholarships not only help defray the high costs of college or other programs, but also show our Southeast Polk students that their community values education and supports making postsecondary schooling or training possible for all. A postsecondary education provides work-related skills and knowledge, allows students to grow personally and intellectually, and results in higher wages.

Dollars for Scholars scholarships are funded in two primary ways: interest from the DFS endowment fund, and pass-through scholarships funded by local businesses and individual donors. The scholarships funded by businesses and individuals are listed in this book, and often are given to students meeting certain criteria or pursuing a particular career.

The students receiving these scholarships from businesses or individuals are in many cases chosen by the donor. This results in some students receiving more than one scholarship.

The scholarships funded by interest from the DFS endowment fund are chosen by a DFS committee once the individual and business scholarships are awarded. A portion of monetary donations to Dollars for Scholars goes into the endowment fund, and the remainder is awarded to students each spring.

Please contact any Dollars for Scholars board member for more information about how to donate or set up a business or individual scholarship. Congratulations to all our students receiving scholarships!

ANNUAL DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS!

SOUTHEAST POLK EMPLOYEES

Employees have the opportunity to mail donations to P. O. Box 203, Altoona and indicate on the memo line that they are SEP employees. Collectively this group has donated more to Dollars for Scholars than any other group or individual when they passed the \$85,000 mark.

DFS SPONSORS FLOAT IN SEP HOMECOMING PARADE

Every fall DFS decorates a float for the Homecoming parade. Elementary students, along with DFS directors, pass out treats and thanks to the crowd for their support for SEP DFS.

ALTOONA HY-VEE 3% of RECEIPTS ALL WEEKEND

In 2004, Altoona Hy-Vee started an annual fundraiser on a weekend in April. Customers present their receipts at the cash register and the amount is noted. At the end of the two days, Hy-Vee calculates the total and donates 3% to Dollars for Scholars up to \$2000.

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Rams Classic - Supporting Dollars for Scholars & SEP Education Foundation Outing
SEP Football Alumni Golf Tournament

SEP ELEMENTARY HAT DAY

SEP DFS sponsors the annual fun spring "Hat Day" for SEP elementary students. DFS directors appreciate the cooperation from SEP administration and staff in helping make this a success.

SOUTHEAST POLK BLACK AND GOLD GALA

The 2019 event had over 540 guests in attendance and raised nearly \$157,712.00! This was the first year the Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars and Southeast Polk Education Foundation joined forces on the premier fundraising event. Guests enjoyed dinner, silent auction, live auction, games, and an after-party.

For more information about, or to donate to any scholarship or endowment fund, contact us at sepdollarsforscholars@gmail.com.



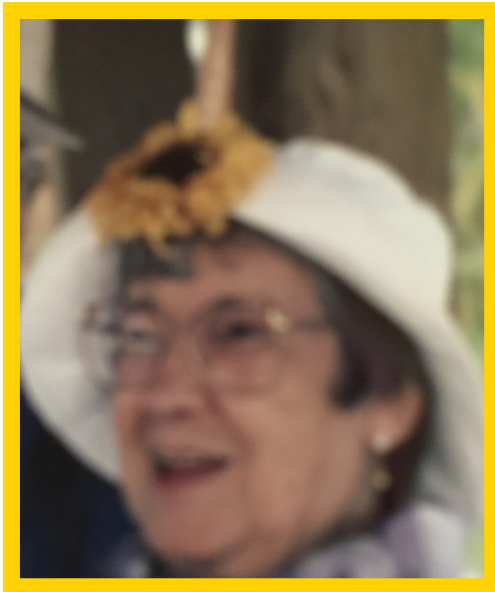
The Southeast Polk Education Foundation and Dollars for Scholars hosted the SEP Black and Gold Gala in 2019. The event was a huge success, in large part due to our generous presenting sponsors: Facebook, Polk County Board of Supervisors and Prairie Meadows.

The event raised \$58,742,95 for Dollars for Scholars. These three organizations will be providing three \$1,000 scholarships to three individuals part of the sponsorship of the Gala. Thank you to our primer sponsors for their dedication to Southeast Polk Students!

Dollars for Scholars donated a “NAME A SCHOLARSHIP” bid item at the 2019 SEP Black and Gold Gala last fall. The successful bidder was Sharon Townsend. Sharon, we thank you for your continued support of Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars!

Sharon is honoring her mother, Evelyn Winifred Johnson with this scholarship.

EVELYN WINIFRED JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP



Freddy Payne was a self-made woman, and she was breaking glass ceilings long before the term was coined in 1978. She was born Evelyn Winifred Johnson in 1913 in Saskatchewan, Canada. Freddy only attended school up until 8th Grade, but she was always very proud of her education. In her remarkable life she worked hard, gave her best, was always on time and expected the same level of excellence from others.

Her career path was as unexpected and colorful as the purple suits she favored wearing. She was a Vaudeville showgirl and magician's assistant, a secretary to an Iowa legislator, owner of a direct mail business, office manager and Vice-President of Townsend Industries in Altoona.

During her years spanning the late 1950's through the 1990's at Townsend Industries, Freddy became somewhat of a celebrity in her field as she was often the only woman at conventions, much less part of upper management and a business owner. Freddy was known for her quick-wit, love of fishing, honesty and prodigious card playing—it is family legend that she was kicked out of a Vegas casino for counting cards. She was also the most sought-after boat companion on company fishing trips as she was very skilled and the guides and employees adored her.

She was a wife, mother, grandmother, boss and friend and her legacy of independence and gumption now spans five generations of strong women. She would be very pleased to have this scholarship in her honor; and she would insist it go to a dynamic young woman whose leadership, intellect, and work-ethic show the promise of a bright future that continues to blaze the trail for the women who come after her.

JOHN AND MARIE CARTER SCHOLARSHIP 1981



John and Marie Carter started their careers working for the Iowa State Training School for Boys at Eldora. John became the assistant superintendent and Marie taught English. World War II sent John into the service, and Marie was asked by the State of Iowa to be superintendent of the Mitchellville Training School for Girls. At the time she was 24 years old. Her dedication to being “on call” 24 hours a day was genuine. When John returned from the service, he became an attorney and practiced in Mitchellville. John served as the attorney for SEP for a period of time. He never turned in a bill for his services.

John and Marie devoted much of their lives to the young people of Iowa. Their dedication lives on through the Marie L. Carter and John L. Carter Trust Fund. Southeast Polk student scholarships are the sole beneficiary of their estate. Each year 60% of the trust’s income is awarded for scholarships while 40% goes back into the trust. Since its inception, the trust has awarded 133 graduates \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year) scholarships for a total of \$431,600.

PENNY BURNETT SCHOLARSHIP 1982



Penny Burnett served her entire teaching career at Southeast Polk Senior High. She made the transition from teaching high school social studies to counselor and was highly respected in both. Her dignified battle with cancer ended her career abruptly in 1982. Because she was instrumental in its formation in 1965, the SEP National Honor Society is the Penny Burnett Chapter 12834 in her honor. As a graduate of Dallas Center High School in 1960 and Drake University in 1964, Penny exhibited many qualities associated with active and talented students. She excelled in the areas of academics, music, speech, drama, writing, and leadership. She was called a “friend with a winning smile.”

Penny and her parents were very community minded. When both of her parents preceded her in death, they determined the bulk of their estate be left to their community of Dallas Center. Penny’s will honored their wishes. Those benefited included Dallas Center scholarships, the First Presbyterian Church, the Spurgeon Manor Nursing/Retirement Home in Dallas Center, and the City of Dallas Center for their library and youth recreation programs, and for people wanting to start businesses there. Last but not least, she left a share of her estate for scholarships for students in the district to which she had devoted 15 years, SEP. Since its inception, the Penny Burnett Charitable Trust has awarded \$758,000 to 143 SEP graduates at \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year) each.

BUD KEAYS AGRICULTURE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP 1991

Bud Keays was a farmer who lived in the SEP community. He left his farm near Runnells to the SEP FFA. He was a person of value with his gift to the future of FFA and FFA students. In later years, the Federal Government purchased the majority of the farm for the Red Rock project. The Bud Keays Fund sponsors a scholarship for a sophomore to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. The Bud Keays Agriculture Education Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors of the Southeast Polk High School FFA to reward achievement in Agriculture Education, FFA, and The Supervised Agricultural Experience Program. Recipients must pursue agriculture-related, post-secondary education. Since its inception in 1991, this fund has awarded \$4,000 (\$1,000 each year) scholarships to 46 scholars for a total of \$184,000.

SOUTHEAST POLK SCHOLARSHIP FUND SCHOLARSHIPS 1982



In 1982, The Southeast Polk Board of Directors passed a resolution to create a fund for receiving donations and bequests intended to benefit students and their future educational endeavors. Their intent was to promote an ever- expanding fund and to use the interest to provide scholarships for students. Pictured are three individuals who donated \$10,000 each to jump-start this fund and provide for scholarships in those early years. Through the efforts of Ed Skinner, Len Sheldon and Bob Townsend for the Fund, other individuals followed with additional donations. Only the interest is used for scholarships. Since its inception, 169 students have benefited from \$174,000 in scholarships.

SEP SCHOLARSHIP FUND – MARJORIE VIRGINIA KAUFFMAN SCHOLARSHIP 2005



Marjorie Virginia Kauffman's life was an example of how one person can have an influence on others. She was not rich or famous but her life touched many. She was born in 1921, she graduated from Des Moines East High and joined the Navy during WWII. Then she graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in English. After her husband died, Marge moved to Runnells. Employed until age 70, she continued to volunteer until her death at age 82.

Her gift was designated to the SEP Scholarship Fund for two \$1,000 scholarships for graduates interested in Fine Arts.

ALTOONA SMILES FAMILY AND COSMETIC DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIP 2018



Altoona Smiles Family and Cosmetic Dentistry opened in 2011 with a conviction to impact and support the greater community through spreading Smiles. To that end, co-owners Dr. Nicole Brummel DDS and Dr. Eric Forsberg DDS have greatly benefited from additional classroom and life-long learning activities. Wanting to reach beyond our walls and into our future neighborhoods, this \$2,500 scholarship represents a belief in our future leaders and caretakers. We are grateful to be able to pay forward the gift of education!

ALTOONA VETERINARY HOSPITAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Altoona Veterinary Hospital has been serving the SEP community for over 25 years. Owners Sheri Morrissey and Bill Williams believe strongly in the importance of the relationship between pets and their people. Together, with their associates and highly trained staff, they work to provide high quality medical, surgical, behavioral, dental and preventive/wellness care to their patients using standards set but the American Animal Hospital Association. They are excited to give this \$1,500 award to a member of the SEP graduating class.

BAKERIS ROOFING SCHOLARSHIP 2008



In operation since 1990, Bakeris Roofing is located two miles east of SEP High School on Hwy 163. Jeff Bakeris has strived through the years to continue the high customer service standards he set from original formation of the company. Jeff and Carol and the rest of the Bakeris team are active in the community through sponsorships, donations, a customer appreciation event, No Roof Left Behind Program and Pedal for the House Bike ride.

BANK IOWA SCHOLARSHIP 2006



Bank Iowa, Altoona, has had the pleasure of being involved in the Altoona business community since August, 1994. Bank Iowa believes very strongly that as a community bank, we need to financially support valuable and significant community programs. The SEP Dollars for Scholars program is one which unquestionably deserves our backing. For this reason, we have established a scholarship to be awarded to a graduating Southeast Polk senior who wishes to pursue his/her education in the fields of either finance or business. Presenting this scholarship to this outstanding senior recipient is just one way we can contribute to that individual's personal success.

SPRIT OF CHANDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Chandy was a successful businesswoman, a competitive athlete, a talented pilot and most of all, a beloved mother to two sons, Harrison and Drew. She was a joy to be around and touched the lives of many. Her energy and pursuit of excellence and love of life were contagious. As the daughter of aviators, flying was in her blood. Her father, Bank Iowa's co-founder Harry Barr, taught Chandy how to fly. She won multiple international competitions, performed for thousands of spectators over the years and served as a three-time member of the United States Unlimited Aerobatic Team. Giving back to her community was another of Chandy's passions. She was a mentor to future aviators, a volunteer at her boys' school and a missionary pilot for the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. She was also a frequent guest speaker at churches, discussing her career and the impact her faith had on her success. Chandy died doing what she loved. On July 10, 2009, at age 36, Chandy was piloting her Zivko Edge 540 aerobatic plane during a training flight near Tarkio, Missouri, when she crashed into a bean field. Bank Iowa welcomes the opportunity to give to others as we honor her memory with the Bank Iowa Spirit of Chandy Scholarship.

BANKERS TRUST SCHOLARSHIP 2008



Bankers Trust believes the best investment is one that benefits the community. Our tradition is one of strength, progress, local ownership, and support for individuals and the community – this is a tradition we pledge to maintain. Since 1917, Bankers Trust has proudly served this community. Through our commitment to diversity, personal service, leadership and stability, customers can feel confident in our ability to meet their needs, and our promise to help this community grow. Bankers Trust values education and has proudly supported scholarships for SEP graduates.

COMMUNITY STATE BANK SCHOLARSHIP – ALTOONA & PLEASANT HILL 2005



Community State Bank is pleased to be a part of the Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars program. At Community State Bank, we are Redefining Simple. It's not just our slogan, it's our promise. Since we opened our doors, our goal has been the same – to make our customers' lives easier. Having served metro Iowa for more than 100 years, we recognize the importance of being involved in each of the six communities we serve. We work with our neighbors to make Central Iowa a great place to work and play, and we salute this scholarship recipient.

DUER AND SONS REMODELING SCHOLARSHIP 2012



Duer and Sons Remodeling was founded in 1982. It is a small, family owned, full service remodeling firm that prides itself on customer service. The remodeling projects include window and door replacements, kitchen and bathroom remodels, basement finishing, decks, room additions, roofing, and siding. They are members of the Des Moines Home Builders Assn. and the Remodeler's Council. They are actively involved with the Des Moines Habitat for Humanity and also build with the Blitz Home Builders who partner with HFH to build two to five houses annually in an accelerated ten-day build.

FIRESIDE GRILLE SCHOLARSHIP 2006



Fireside Grille was established in March of 2000. The Fireside provides fine dining and a fun-filled atmosphere for people of all ages. It is dedicated to serving its community. The Fireside Grille is a supporter of SEP and its many activities and events. Their scholarships are designed to help inspire students to become entrepreneurs. Fireside Grille provides scholarships to graduates who have been employed with them. Owners are Brett McAllister and Nolan Neuroth.

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY LOYALTY SCHOLARSHIP 2011



To honor the strong relationship between Grand View University and Southeast Polk, the university awards one \$1,000 Loyalty Scholarship (matching grant included) to an incoming full-time freshman. This scholarship is offered to students at SEP in gratitude for the large number of graduates who have chosen Grand View. Grand View, located in Des Moines and affiliated with the ELCA, engages, equips and empowers students to fulfill their ambitions and serve society, striving to make a private education available to all qualified students regardless of financial standing.

GREAT WESTERN BANK SCHOLARSHIP 2004



Great Western Bank is a family owned bank originating in 1971. There are currently 32 offices located in southern Iowa and northern Missouri. Great Western Bank corporation is also affiliated with Great Western Bank in Watertown, SD, and Great Western Bank in Omaha. The Altoona office has been in existence since November 2003. Great Western Bank provides its customers with all the services of a large bank, but with a hometown touch. It is committed to serving the needs of the local area by providing the necessary products and services its customers ask for and need.

HAIR FX HAIR SALON AND SPA SCHOLARSHIP 2013



Established in 1998, Hair FX has become Altoona's Premier Salon and Spa serving the greater metro area. Our professional Hair Design sets us apart from other salons. Led by Master Stylist and Owner Anita Long, we have established learning opportunities for all of our team members. Our spa services include Massage Therapy, Microdermabrasion, Body Wraps, Facials and Spray Tanning.

HY-VEE – ALTOONA SCHOLARSHIP 2005



Altoona HyVee is proud to support Dollars for Scholars. Our annual venture of collecting grocery receipts proved to be very successful again. Generous customers and supporters of the SEP school district shopped the designated weekend in April – many added items to their shopping lists just to increase the total donated to the scholarship program – HyVee contributed 3% of the total receipts collected to DFS up to \$2000. The scholarships are presented to a graduating senior(s) employed at Altoona HyVee.

KEYSTONE SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP 2009



Keystone has served the Southeast Polk area for several years in our Pleasant Hill location. Established in 1935 in Keystone, IA, they have made many efforts to give back to the communities in which they provide our banking services. Friendly and professional staff provide consumer and business accounts, consumer, mortgage, and commercial loans, convenient ATM's, and online banking with mobile deposit.

LEGACY BANK SCHOLARSHIP 1987



For Legacy Bank, the more things change, the more they stay the same. We have found success through the years by providing personal service and hometown advantages. We have been in business since 1904 and have four locations: Altoona, Bondurant, Clive and Mitchellville. Individuals and small businesses account for most of our business. We are your locally-owned, hometown bank. Since 1987, Legacy has awarded scholarships to scholars in the Southeast Polk and Bondurant-Farrar school districts.

METRO WASTE AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP 2002



Metro Waste Authority (MWA) is an independent regional government agency comprised of 16 member communities, one county and six planning members. It owns and operates the largest public landfill in Iowa, and the income it generates from landfill services pays for recycling and waste reduction programs available to businesses and residents in Central Iowa. The agency formed in 1969. MWA manages the Metro Park East Landfill, Metro Compost Center, Metro Recycling Center, Metro Transfer Station, and the Regional Collection Center for Household Hazardous Materials. MWA is the leader in environmental stewardship and cost-effective waste management. Since the landfill sits in two school districts, MWA has established a voluntary program to fund science programs and foster environmental education in both districts.

Each year, MWA gives Prairie City/Monroe and SEP school districts \$.10 per ton of the total tonnage received at the landfill, which is a little over \$66,000. This voluntary program began in 1997 and so far, MWA has given SEP more than \$600,000. The Metro Waste Authority Scholarship for SEP is awarded from these funds. The scholarship was established in 2002 and recipients receive a \$2,000 scholarship for attendance at an Iowa college or university majoring in a science or agricultural field.

POULOS' SUGAR SHACK 2017



Sugar Shack opened their doors in 1986 in Altoona. Mark Poulos is the third and current owner. Stop in for breakfast, lunch or dinner 7 days a week. They have a large variety of food made from scratch daily. Sugar Shack is known for their amazing tenderloin. They also offer catering for your special event. In a hurry? – call ahead and place your order.

Sugar Shack hosts an annual car show the first weekend of May each year, and Cruise Nights every Tuesday from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. to the first week of November. Stop in with the family for a great meal. We are now newly located at 550 36th Ave SW, Altoona, in the Pine Tree Plaza just west of Walmart.

PRAIRIE VISTA VILLAGE 2019



Prairie Vista Village opened up in July of 2014 as the first continuing care retirement community offering independent, assisted living, and healthcare services to the Eastern Polk area. Prairie Vista Village is a strong supporter of the SEP CNA Nursing Program. We are proud to host the clinical setting for the students who enroll in the CNA program. The \$500 scholarship will be given to a student who demonstrates a 3.5 GPA and is passionate about becoming a nurse.

SHERRYLYNN PHOTOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIP 2006



Since 1993, SHERRYLYNN has been the studio providing quality photography with a personal touch in the SEP area. She takes pictures for weddings, graduations, families, all types of special events and has a picture package available for your personal needs. The Runnells area, rural studio offers a creative atmosphere for both inside and outside shots. SHERRYLYNN is the photographer on the scene for all types of school events.

Tonight SHERRY LYNN PHOTOGRAPHY will take pictures of the recipient graduate and the individuals connected with donating each scholarship after each presentation. Thank you!

SIMPSON COLLEGE 2017



Founded in 1860, Simpson has prepared generations of students for successful careers, graduate schools or service work. Our beautiful campus sits on 75 acres in Indianola, Iowa and offers the best of both worlds: a nurturing academic environment that's close to the career, internship and entertainment options available in Iowa's capital city. Simpson College is a private liberal arts college located in Indianola, Iowa, with satellite campuses in West Des Moines & Ankeny.

STUTZMAN BUILDERS/TRADES 2018



This scholarship is for any student who is furthering their education in trade/vocational school, trade courses or apprenticeships in the areas of carpentry, welding, automotive, electrical, plumbing, or heating and cooling.

THERMO KING SALES AND SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for a Southeast Polk student that wishes to enter the technical maintenance area of the transportation industry (i.e. truck or diesel related field).

WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC. SCHOLARSHIP 2012



WASTE CONNECTIONS, INC.

Waste Connections is an integrated solid waste services company that provides solid waste collection, transfer, disposal and recycling services in mostly secondary markets in the Western and Southern U.S. The company serves more than two million residential, commercial and industrial customers across 29 states. The company believes the solid waste service business is a local business managed by professionals living and working in the communities they serve. They strive to provide excellent and dedicated service to the customers they put first. Because of Waste Connections' long-term partnership with SEP, a scholarship program was established in 2012 for SEP graduates continuing their education at a college or an approved occupational trade school.

WINK, INC. – AJ BETTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2016



Wink Ink, Inc. is an insurance market research firm located in Pleasant Hill, Iowa. Wink is sponsoring a memorial scholarship in honor of AJ Betts -- Alexander M. Betts, Jr. (better known as "AJ") was born January 24, 1997. AJ was known as silly, friendly, giving, kind, fun, helpful, caring and responsible. He enjoyed riding his bike and roller blading, green was his favorite color; and rainbows, shopping and music made him smile. AJ loved spending time with his family and his puppy, Pepperwinkle. Free time was filled with watching cartoons, playing video games, drawing anime, playing baseball and participating in tae kwon do. AJ always seemed to be counting down to a date or an event that was important to him. He was smart, handsome, talented, happy and made others feel better in every way he could. Others observed how important it was to him to defend others and to stand up for his beliefs, no matter how unpopular.

AJ was special and extraordinary. In high school, AJ was involved in band, drum line, speech club and art; drama and show choir were his favorites. AJ enjoyed wearing his hair dyed blue, as well as wearing bow ties, funny socks and silly glasses. He dressed up for school every day. He was independent, ultimately working for Menards; he drove his two sisters around Des Moines in his VW Bug to go shopping. He was excited to graduate, go to college for art, and to eventually star on Broadway. But AJ was reunited with his Heavenly Father due to a tragic passing on the 27th of July, 2013. He had committed his short life to loving and helping others. Even in death, AJ continued to give: as an organ donor he was able to save numerous lives as a result of his decision. This scholarship is given in his memory to help support a SEP graduate, with a performing arts degree, in pursuing their future goals.

MARY RUTH (GEBHART) ACKERMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2014



Mary Ruth Ackerman was born May 6, 1945, to James W. and Clara M. Gebhart. She was the youngest of ten children. Mary attended Norwoodville Elementary, and Saydel Junior and Senior High School. On Dec. 31, 1963, she married Thomas E. Ackerman. This union lasted 44 years until Tom's death in Nov. 2007. Mary and Tom lived in Des Moines and Bondurant before moving to Altoona in Sept. 1989. In Dec. 2012, Mary moved to Pleasant Hill to be closer to family. For many years Mary worked at Younkers in the Security Department; then was hired as a Security Guard at Prairie Meadows when it opened. She retired from Prairie Meadows in 2010.

Mary had a loving, generous heart; she was genuinely a good friend to all, and never met a stranger. She made the world a better place for all who were blessed to have known her. Although she herself did not graduate high school, Mary placed great emphasis on education. She was a nurturer and mentor to young people. She believed in hard work and self-reliance. This scholarship reflects Mary's desire to give young people educational opportunities she never had.

BETHINE AND EVERETT ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2008



Bethine, born in Peru, IA on July 17, 1911, was nine when she and her parents, Lee/Jennie Lorimor, moved to Des Moines. A 1929 North High graduate, she lived in Des Moines until 1944 when her parents purchased an acreage near Altoona. At 17, she started work at Banker's Life where she worked for 45 years. Everett was born in Des Moines on January 23, 1911 to Oscar & Ellen Anderson. He graduated in 1929 from East High and started farming. Everett had a bulk milk transport for an AE Dairy in northeast Des Moines for 44 years. He farmed full-time until a heart attack in 1974 forced him to slow down and farm with his brother Wayne.

Everett and Bethine were married on February 28, 1953, and purchased a farmstead west of Altoona in 1966 where a fiberglass replica of a Holstein cow's head guarded the entry of their pole barn. Both were active in the Prize of Iowa Credit Union. Bethine enjoyed playing the piano/organ and was active in Eastern Star, Rainbow, and church activities. Everett was active with the Farmers Elevator, Masons, and ZaGaZig Shriners. Not having children of their own, they took special interest in extended family members' lives. They enjoyed travel to every state in the U.S. including Alaska and Hawaii, plus Australia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland and others. Both were antique collectors – Everett with farm related cast iron seats, tractors, tools, toys, etc., and Bethine with Broken Column glassware, miniature pianos, Louisa Depression glass, china, stoneware, etc. After Everett passed away, Bethine wanted to help youth in east Polk County. She provided \$30,000 for SEP / \$30,000 for Bondurant-Farrar from her trust. One scholarship is agriculture-related studies and one in music or Christian studies.

WAYNE ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2011



Wayne Anderson, lifelong resident of rural Altoona, was born and raised on the farm. In 1953, he married Barbara Butler. In addition to farming all his life, Wayne hauled milk in the 50's/ 60's and worked at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the 70's/80's. Since 1966, they lived on their farm east of Altoona. Wayne served on the Altoona-Bondurant Farmers Elevator Board of Directors and was a member of Altoona Masons. He enjoyed auctions and collecting antiques. In the 80's/90's, he helped Barbara set up at flea markets. Family was important to him; he loved to visit with family and friends. Wayne's four children are SEP alumni – Cindy Peecher, 1972; Linda Phillips (deceased) 1974; Karl Anderson, 1978; and Nancy Curry, 1984. Four of Wayne's eight grandchildren have graduated or are currently attending SEP.

ANONYMOUS

The recipient of this scholarship is a student who has taken four years of math or three years of math/AP courses.

KEVIN BENNETT FAMILY VOLUNTEERISM SCHOLARSHIP 2012

Volunteering in the community is a way to give for everyone, but can be especially rewarding for our youth. The Bennett family has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America Troop 63, Jesus Freak Puppet Troupe at Altoona United Methodist Church and with the Southeast Polk Band Boosters. These scholarships will recognize a youth who participates in the Fine Arts at Southeast Polk while volunteering to serve our community.

FRANK AND CHRISTINE CANFIELD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2004



Frank Canfield's grandparents came by covered wagon to homestead near Ivy before the Civil War. Christine's parents came to the U.S. from the Netherlands. Frank and Christine's families were interested in family, community, education and church. After the birth of their daughters, Marilyn and Verna, they were active with 4-H, school and church.

Frank had an idea the schools in southeast Polk County could be consolidated and create stronger education opportunities in trades/tech, agriculture and preparation for higher education. There can be no calculation made on the hours, days and months spent by both of them from the middle 1940's into 1961 on this consolidation idea for Southeast Polk Schools. While the Canfield girls had graduated by the time SEP was approved, all seven of the Canfield's grandchildren were SEP graduates and their 19 great-grandchildren live in the SEP area.

JERRY CARR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Jerry Carr is a long-time member of the Southeast Polk community. He was an avid sports fan. He and his wife, Marla, received the Southeast Polk Super Fan award in 1989 and again he received the outstanding fan award at the Iowa Girls' State Basketball Tournament in 2018. In addition to the running the clock for boys and girls basketball games, Jerry also spent several years running the chains at football games. If you didn't catch him at a Southeast Polk sports event, you may have known him through the Altoona United Methodist Church, where he was a member for 38 years. He was also active in the Altoona Lions Club -- he and his family spent many hours manning the Spin Art Booth at the Iowa State Fair and other locations. Jerry is survived by his loving wife and partner of 43 years, Marla Carr. They were high school sweethearts that were blessed by their sons Bryan and Eric.

JM SKIP CONKLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2017



Skip Conkling was Mayor of the City of Altoona from 2012 to 2017. Prior to this, he served on the Altoona City Council for 16 years. He was a commissioner on the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Commission, as well as a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Metropolitan Advisory Council, 2030 Transportation Task Force and the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. Previously, he had been a member and EMS training officer of the Altoona Fire Department, and served on the Care Review Committee of the Homestead. He was active in seminars and training for elected officials for Homeland Security and Emergency Management. In his professional life, Skip was a licensed Master Plumber, Master Mechanic and Master Electrician, and the owner of Conkling Services for 42 years. He was a tireless supporter of the City of Altoona, the SEP school district, DFS, and his ten wonderful grandchildren.

JAMES RICHARD CRAIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2016



James (Jim) Richard Craig, born in Des Moines, son of Ed and Alyce Craig, grew up on the family farm north of Mitchellville. He attended Mitchellville School, graduating as Valedictorian of his class. He played basketball and was the quarterback for the football team. He sang in school musical groups and was a soloist for weddings of family and friends. Jim attended Central College in Pella where he continued to play football. He graduated with a B.A. from Drake University in 1966; then graduated from Iowa State Graduate School earning an M.S. in 1968, and a Ph.D in 1969 (both in Psychology).

Upon graduation, Jim began teaching at Western Kentucky University (WKU) in Bowling Green. During his 31 years at WKU, he served on the faculty in the Psychology Department, participated in and directed many research programs for the WKU and mentored many graduate assistants. He led the team that developed the Kentucky Teacher Career Ladder, a precursor to the Kentucky Education Reform Act. He served as assistant dean in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. He co-authored a textbook during his tenure at WKU, "Methods of Psychological Research." Jim then became a senior researcher at Appalachia Education Laboratory in Charleston, WV, where he conducted research and evaluation. In 2006, Jim returned to the classroom at Virginia Tech (VT) in Blacksburg, teaching in the Educational Leadership graduate program. He was a mentor to many students and chaired many dissertations during his tenure at VT.



Jim was a musician, playing with Bowling Green friends in a band, writing and recording many songs, including several originals. He lived life to the fullest and was a teacher to the end. Carrying on the legacy of his father, Jim believed one should "Leave a place better than you found it." He frequently reminded his students and others to do the same. Always a cowboy at heart, he began riding as a child and continued as long as he was able. He often shared pictures of his horses with students and ended each class with the cowboy favorite

"Happy trails to you until we meet again."

STEVEN CULLINAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The quest for scientific knowledge and then applying it were the main goals for Steven Cullinan as an educator. Steven always put his students first and made his classroom a fun and hands-on learning environment. Countless students have pursued a degree in the science field, medical field, and scientific research, under the guidance of Steven Cullinan. Steven dedicated 23 years of his teaching career to Southeast Polk where he taught physics, anatomy, chemistry, and biology. The Steven Cullinan Memorial Scholarship is geared to a student seeking a career in the science field.

TERRY DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2015



Altoona resident Terry Davis began his humble beginning on the Davis Century Farm in southwest Iowa. He and his sweetheart graduated from Bridgewater-Fontanelle Senior High in 1959, married, and moved to Altoona in 1961.

After moving to the area, Terry became a licensed journeyman and master plumber. From 1968 to 1976, he was a part-time member of the Altoona Police Department and chaired the Altoona Planning and Zoning Commission. He was active in the Altoona Jaycees and received the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award. In addition, he was recognized on numerous occasions for his support of many activities and programs at SEP.

Terry served as a member of the local and national Home Builders Assn., the Better Business Bureau, was a Bank Altoona director, and served on the Prairie Meadows board for 9 years. In 1976, Terry became the founder and co-owner of R & D Plumbing. Terry and Beth have been active in the community. Family has always been important and includes daughters Lori (SEP 1981), Stacie (SEP 1986) and their families. The Davis' have 6 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In June, 2001, Terry retired and sold his interest in R & D Plumbing.

Terry's family chose to give a scholarship to someone who will be training in the trades area. Terry would have given a helping hand and it is important for them to continue by donating this scholarship.

JAMES DEARDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2019



Jim was an avid supporter of all Southeast Polk activities. He enjoyed watching his daughters and granddaughters perform in RhythAMetteS. He also enjoyed watching his grandson play football and track and his granddaughter play basketball, run track and play soccer.

His desire was to go to church every Sunday and be involved with his church family. His hobbies were woodworking, traveling and spending time with his family. It is an honor to give back to students at Southeast Polk in his honor. -The James Dearden Family

JENA DEGEEST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2018



Jena DeGeest was born on March 30, 1999. She was born a happy, healthy girl, but was later diagnosed with Rett Syndrome, a debilitating neurological condition. Although Jena was limited in her abilities, it did not stop her from loving unconditionally. Though she could not communicate with words, Jena communicated with her eyes. One look and you knew what she was trying to say. Jena enjoyed all of her friends, as well as the staff that helped her.

She always watched the RhythAMetteS dance team intently. She was a Special Olympic participant for many years while attending Southeast Polk School. Jena will be forever missed by everyone who knew and loved her. She left her mark on this world and in our hearts. This scholarship has been set up by Jena's family in her loving memory.

BRYCE DRAISEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2011



Born June 15, 1996. Bryce was a happy, healthy eleven year old in fifth grade at Willowbrook when he was diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy in 2008. He waited in the hospital for 5½ months for a transplant. With his gift of forgetting and forgiving, Bryce made it through that stay. He had a heart transplant July 16, 2008 and got back to life as normally as he could, then had rejections and LVAD surgery. He and his family said their good-byes May 3, 2010. During his illness Bryce became a celebrity as a champion to organ donor awareness. He recorded a video for Iowa Donor Network (www.iowadonornetwork.org) to make drivers' education students aware of their right to be organ donors. He set a goal of 10,000 hits on that video which was reached Christmastime 2010.

Bryce's family moved to Altoona when he was in kindergarten. The SEP area became home and the support became almost overwhelming when the community learned of Bryce's illness. On April 14, 2010, the Jr. High held a surprise gathering to show their support. It brought tears to his eyes to know how much all those kids cared about him. Bryce was a role model patient. His courage to face each day as a new day, willing to forget yesterday and not willing to dwell on what might come is something that continues to inspire his family and many others. The Junior High Builders Club sponsored a fundraiser to sponsor the first scholarship in Bryce's memory. Bryce's Warriors, Inc. was founded in 2013 by the Draisey family.

The foundation has many purposes: to spread Bryce's story, to pay it forward by providing assistance to families of children who are awaiting heart transplants, to supply scholarships to SEP students through the Bryce Draisey Memorial Scholarship Fund through Dollars for Scholars, and to give back to Children's Miracle Network and other foundations which helped Bryce and his family through so many rough times while he was sick. Bryce's Warriors, Inc. is donating these scholarships.

CHRISTINE EDWARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2014



This scholarship is in honor of our daughter-in-law Christine Edwards. Christine passed away Feb. 4, 2014 after a valiant battle with cancer. Christine, her husband Gregg and their daughters Caitlin (SEP 2014) and Hannah (SEP 2016) moved to Altoona in 2002 specifically so their daughters would be a part of the SEP District. Christine was born in 1969 in Des Moines. She grew up in Van Meter and graduated in 1970.

Christine was very active in many activities including sports, cheerleading and music. After graduation she attended DMACC and received a degree in Business Administration. She worked in the business world for a number of years; then accepted a position in the SEP school district at Centennial Elementary in the special education area. When a position became available in the office at the Junior High, Christine found her "niche!" Education was important to Christine. She saw education as a stepping stone to a brighter and more successful future for each individual.

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CHRISTINE EDWARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUED

Christine always showed attention to the smallest of details no matter the task. She was always willing to take an active role in any project. Each day was a new challenge and she was determined to make each day a success.

Christine's family and home was "the love of her life." She enjoyed everything about being a "MOM" and wife. The Edwards home was always open and welcoming. Christine always had a beautiful smile for everyone. She was honest, trustworthy, sincere, hardworking, dependable, soft-hearted and a model of kindness. She was a true friend!

The Edwards Family would like this scholarship to be received by a student, male or female, furthering their education by college or trades.

FREDONNA ELTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2008



Fredonna Elton was hired by Dr. Charles Varner in 1964 to be the school nurse at the new SEP Jr- Sr High School. She was a graduate of the University of MN & the Research Hospital School of Nursing in Kansas City, Missouri. Fredonna served as a First Lieutenant in World War II in MASH units in Australia and New Guinea. The Eltons lived in the SEP area; children, Robin and Jeff, graduated from SEP. As the school nurse, she helped hundreds of students and their families. She took her public health nursing skills into many homes in the district needing medical and social services. Her office was open to students and teachers alike where they found a gracious listener and kind words to get them through their day. Her nonjudgmental demeanor, willingness to listen, & gentle understanding of students and colleagues needs, emulate the standards of the nursing profession.

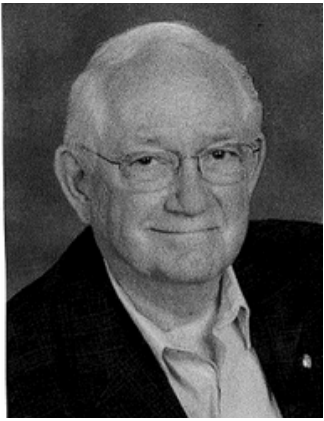
Her loving legacy of tolerance, compassion and humor lives on through those who knew her. Her children and grandchildren strive to be like her. This scholarship helps a senior enter the nursing profession.

TED ENGLISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2015



Born August 8, 1952, Ted was a lifelong resident of Rising Sun. After he graduated from SEP (1970), Ted served an apprenticeship and 42 years as a dedicated member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 33. Ted enjoyed Corvettes, fishing and hunting. He enjoyed the big outdoors (had always wanted to be a farmer) and as a way to become close to farming activities, his daily walks had gotten longer and longer in the rural Four Mile community. He is most remembered for his respect and honesty with others (plus a small amount of fun tossed in with those two qualities). His grandchildren will remember these things because Ted enjoyed & spent time with them. This memorial scholarship will be special for a graduate headed into trades.

LEIGH FLEMING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2017



A then current SEP student at Mr. Fleming's retirement ceremony aptly and succinctly described the master teacher, "Mr. Fleming did not just teach us the music, he taught us life."

Mr. Fleming tirelessly developed and led the Music & Fine Arts Department at SEP High School for over 25 years before his retirement in 1993. He passed away in 2016. Mr. Fleming conducted both choir & band. Additionally, he taught Humanities, Music Theory, Music Appreciation & directed school musicals & plays. He loved classical music and was a virtuoso on the piano. The depth and breadth of his knowledge of music was unmatched. His passion for music and the arts was contagious. He was a master teacher and had an ability to inspire his students to excel in order to reach his high expectations of them. The music he selected for his choirs and bands was often extraordinarily difficult and contest judges could not wait to hear what Mr. Fleming would conduct next. He drilled into his students that a job worth doing was worth doing to perfection. His students achieved because he coached them up to believe in themselves and their abilities and achieve they did. Mr. Fleming taught that silent notes (rests) were just as important if not more so than the notes and that music should modulate in volume and intensity to convey the emotion of the work. One former student recalls at a state choir contest concluding an extremely difficult choral piece ending on a single note fading to silence when eventually the note became so soft, as directed by Mr. Fleming, that you could hear a pin drop when the choir concluded that piece and a chill went up everyone's spine; audience, judges and singers alike as Mr. Fleming slowly set his baton down grinning at his choir for a job well done. The ultimate goal for Mr. Fleming was far more than just getting the notes right. It was about conveying the emotion of the piece to the listener. By the time his students were done with a song he made sure he and they had put every bit of their souls into it and the audience knew it. Mr. Fleming's Humanities class, taught with his colleague, Joyce Tremble, was a treasured class for second semester seniors soon graduating. He helped seniors explore the complexities of culture, society and the larger world upon which they were soon to embark as young adults. The class covered the meaning of humanity through many different perspectives including art, philosophy, religions, literature and the performing arts. He was SEP's own Leonard Bernstein, whom he resembled, * Mr. Holland, of the Opus movie fame, rolled into one. This perpetual scholarship in Mr. Fleming's name has been funded by & through the efforts of many students & friends who admired him. The scholarship shall be awarded to a SEP senior pursuing a four-year degree in Music, Music Education, Music Performance or Humanities. Preference will be given to students attending Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA where Mr. Fleming attended & often regaled students with stories of his time there studying his life's passion – music.

EDWIN AND CAROL (BOBBY) FOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2015



Education was a lifelong love and commitment for Ed and Carol (Bobby) Fox. They met at Grinnell College, and they were forever grateful for the educational opportunities they received.

One of Ed's proudest achievements was the work he and other committed community members did to bring the Southeast Polk School District into being. For more than a decade these dedicated volunteers organized citizen committees to promote the opportunities for a consolidated school district. When the district was finally formed, Ed served as the first school board chairman of the SEP district.

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EDWIN AND CAROL (BOBBY) FOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUED

Ed's other passion was agriculture. He ran his father's feed company for many years. Later he was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to serve as AID Director in Indonesia and the Philippines. He subsequently worked on many agricultural projects in other developing nations.

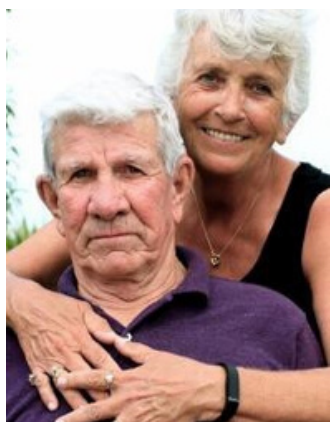
To explain their motivation, Bobby supplied the following quote from American author and theologian, D. Elton Trueblood. "A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows full well he will never sit."

Ed and Bobby Fox planted trees of development all over the world, including the Southeast Polk community.

LARRY AND SUSAN GENALO SCHOLARSHIP 2016

Larry and Susan Genalo appreciate the education and values their stepchildren and grandchildren have received at SEP. They believe strongly in the importance of an advanced education and understand the financial challenges that go with it. They are donating this \$1,000 scholarship to go to a young man or woman from SEP with financial needs who is planning on acquiring a degree in engineering at Iowa State University, where Dr. Genalo (now retired) was the University Professor and Associate Chair of the Material Science and Engineering department.

DONALD & ANNABELLE GLASER FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2015



When Donald Arthur Glaser was growing up in Algona, his family included Arthur and Violet Glaser (mom and dad) plus sisters Mary Kaye, Darlene and Peggy plus brother Dan.

After graduation from St. Cecelia's High School, Don joined the Air Force and later worked for Northwestern Bell. Don and Annabelle married in 1964 and their family included Madonna (Jeff Coates), Scott (Tanja) and Neil (Theresa). They felt truly blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Don's hobbies included golf, card games and cribbage. He completed training and a solo airplane flight.

Don was involved at several levels with churches in Altoona and Texas. He served at fundraiser breakfasts, Friday night fish fries and sold tootsie rolls for the disabled. Don was always willing to lend a hand, offer advice, read a book, and share precious moments with his family. He and Annie enjoyed their lake home on Lost Island Lake in Ruthven, Iowa and left earlier every year to get to their winter home in Mission, Texas. His final weeks included traveling to Minnesota to watch football, celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, and fight his tough battle. Always an advocate for education, the family decided to honor Don's memory with a Dollars for Scholars Scholarship.

MIKE AND RUTH HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP



Between Mike and Ruth Hamilton there is over 70 years of service to public education. Mike was a school business manager/CFO for 40 years, serving his last 13 years with the SE Polk Community School District. His wife Ruth was a teacher of Family Consumer Science for 30 years. Both Mike and Ruth feel that a public school education is the key to success for any student who graduates and seeks a better future.

HARRIS COE SCHOLARSHIP 2007



This scholarship honors Maurine Harris Coe who was an active volunteer at both West Independent & Delaware Elementary. She was a SEP school board member for 14 years.

Floyd Coe was the support system for all family members and their various activities. The children, Craig Harris, Linda Harris, and Vicki Harris Neilson, are all graduates of SEP.

HORSTMANN ACTIVITIES SCHOLARSHIP 2016



Kent and Mary Horstmann started the Horstmann Activities Scholarship in 2016. The scholarship is intended to go to a graduating senior who has participated in activities at SEP. The Horstmans spent over 20 years in the SEP School District. Kent was a teacher, coach, and administrator. He spent his last eight years as the Activities Director.

Mary was very involved in the school volunteering many hours helping daughters Chelsay (2004) and Heather (2008). Kent was an active member of the SEP DFS Board of Directors for over 10 years.

The Horstmann family understands the value of education and are proud to sponsor this scholarship.

WILLIS "B. J." ISEMINGER WRESTLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2008



Willis "B.J." Iseminger III was a varsity wrestler for all four years of his SEP career, qualifying for the state wrestling tournament each year and placing sixth as a senior. He was also skilled in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling and was a member of the 1997 Iowa Junior National Team. In addition to the countless awards, tournament titles, and 111 career victories, what was remarkable about Willis as a wrestler was his fierce loyalty to his friends, teammates, and SEP. He truly loved his teammates as brothers and would willingly give anything of himself for their benefit, a trait he took into his adult life in the U.S. Army and Des Moines Fire Dept. The loyalty he had to the men he worked with as a wrestler, soldier, and fireman cemented friendships that lasted a lifetime. This scholarship is for the wrestlers of SEP who, had they met Willis, would have been friends of his as well. Loyalty, duty, and friendship were important to Willis. The recipient of this scholarship must be a wrestler who is headed for college and works hard, is proud of where he came from, and is beyond all things a great and loyal friend.

KYLE JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2010



Kyle Douglas Johnson was born on New Years' Day, 1990. The son of Doug and Lisa Johnson, Kyle later became the older brother to Julianne and a loving member to his immediate and extended family. He attended Four Mile Elementary; then SEP junior and senior high. As a good student, he tried to help others. He excelled in baseball, basketball, football and track. As a quiet leader, Kyle was a dedicated worker and diligent team member who gave everything he had to whatever he was currently involved in. He was proud to be on the 2003 State AAU Championship team in baseball. He was an important part of the 2006 football team that played for the state title, honored to be CIML All Conference defensive back in 2006, was captain of the football team his senior year, and Academic All-State Football. Kyle was a state qualifier in '06, '07 and '08 for the Drake Relays and was Academic All-State Track. He especially enjoyed working at the Campus with the youth basketball and umpiring with his dad.

STEVEN KALDENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2019

Thank you to the Steven Kaldenberg family for their support of Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars.

GRETCHEN R. LARGEY SCHOLARSHIP 1998

Gretchen Largey was a true example of a life-long learner who believed in helping others to achieve their dreams. She considered the field of education to be an essential element of a quality society. She monetarily made it possible for former junior high special education teacher, Dee Martinson, to return to graduate school. Dee established the Gretchen R. Largey Scholarships for students displaying commitment to exceptional academic achievement and exemplary character.

SHERRY MADDOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP — SERVING CHILDREN WITH CHARACTER

The 'Serving Children with Character Scholarship' honors the legacy of Sherry Glawe Maddox, a 1990 graduate of Southeast Polk High School. While at Southeast Polk, Sherry was a great student athlete who played basketball and softball as well as running track and cross country. After graduation, Sherry earned a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Northern Iowa and taught at elementary schools in Texas, Oklahoma, and California. She married a US Air Force officer and moved 12 times across the country while dedicating her free time to caring for other military families. Along the way, she raised three children of her own, Grace, Jackson and Cole. Throughout her life, Sherry devoted her personal and professional time to the needs of others, but her primary passion was for teaching and serving children. She was a person of extraordinary character and understood the importance of integrity in all aspects of her life. Sherry lost her six year battle with breast cancer in 2018, but her legacy lives on -- not only in her own children, but also in all of the children she served in and out of the classroom. Southeast Polk laid the foundation for her to pursue her passion, so she would be thrilled to assist a fellow Southeast Polk graduate follow their own passion into a teaching career.

This scholarship is awarded to a student that embodies Sherry's commitment to educating children while demonstrating the highest standards of character and integrity.

MAHNKE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP 2011



Roger and Helen Mahnke were career educators. Helen spent 30+ years teaching in elementary grades. Roger had 36 years in education, the last 28 as an administrator at Southeast Polk. Their children included Susan Powell (SEP 1976), Cheryl Cardin (SEP 1977) and Steve Mahnke (SEP 1980). Their scholarship is for a student who wants to become an elementary teacher.

JERRY McKEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2013



Because Jerry was an avid Southeast Polk supporter, a scholarship to a SEP student would mean so much to him. Jerry passed away on October 17, 2009 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. One of Jerry's favorite things to do was to visit his wife, Beth's, first grade class at Centennial. He was employed by John Deere as an experimental mechanic. He retired after thirty-eight years of testing cotton pickers in the United States and Australia. Jerry had an in-depth knowledge of the Iowa Hawkeyes and enjoyed traveling to all of the bowl games. The highlight of Jerry's retired years was spending winters in Arizona and making friends from all over the United States and Canada. His wife, Beth, remains an SEP and Dollars for Scholars supporter.

KELSEY MICHELSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2014



Kelsey Michelsen was born Feb. 7, 1997 to Steve and Tammy, and was a little sister to Grant, Kyle and Kane. She attended Delaware, Jr. High & SEP Sr. High until her sophomore year when she passed away after an 18-month battle with a brain tumor. Dance was her passion; she took dance lessons from the age of three. She was a member of the SEP RhythMetteS. The week before she was diagnosed, she danced in 24 dances over two days in her annual dance recital. When she returned from Mayo after three months of treatments, Kelsey was greeted by a group of over 200 people all wearing "Team Kelsey" shirts. "Team Kelsey" shirts and sweatshirts are in every SEP crowd. After graduation she was planning on attending the University of Iowa to become a pediatric nurse. Her family started a foundation in her memory to help other families who are going through what they did. Learn more by visiting www.teamkelseyfoundation.org.

MIKLUS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Miklus Family Scholarship was established in honor of Garry Miklus who passed away on March 4, 2019. We wanted to assist a student that had gone through difficult times because of some family health issues. We understand how difficult these times may be and wanted to try and provide financial assistance for a student so they can further their education.

MORGAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP 2019

The Morgan family is offering this scholarship to a student pursuing a career in the health care field or as a first responder. Tim, a 1990 SEP graduate, is a former Des Moines police officer. Jenny, a 1992 SEP graduate, is a physician assistant and graduated from Des Moines University. Their son, Mason, graduated in 2018, and Lila will graduate in 2021.

TOM MURPHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2012



Thomas Murphy was born in Melrose, Iowa in 1933 where he attended school until his senior year when he moved to Melcher, Iowa while living with his uncle, Martin B. Murphy. Tom was a great athlete in football and basketball under the direction of his principal and coach Keith Hopkins. He began working as a tire builder at Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in Des Moines the night he graduated from high school. He was drafted into the U.S. Army for two years; he returned to Firestone until his stroke caused him to retire in May 1982. Tom and his wife, Phyllis, were married for 55 plus years. Their daughter Kathy Abbott, daughter Cindy Fick, son-in-law Mike Fick, grandchildren Evan Fick and Carrie Fick are all graduates of SEP. Tom was in the honor guard when the SEP High School was dedicated in 1965. In earlier years, Tom was very active in the community serving on the Polk County Grand Jury for one year, was Commander of the Altoona American Legion, a member of the Lutheran Church of the Cross, loved farm work, making wooden crafts, enjoyed wintering in Arizona, and loved eating and playing cards with his many friends. With his many stays in the hospital, Tom received great care from all the nurses he encountered; always wanted to know where they were from and why they wanted to be a nurse.

CURT NAEVE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors the legacy of Curt by continuing to give back to the kids and community. He may have grown up an Urbandale J-Hawk but his heart was all Ram after moving to our awesome side of town. He was a man of many talents and had a passion for hard work and the outdoors. He fancied himself a farmer without ever farming, and a tradesman without ever being in a trade. In that spirit, his scholarship will reward students with that same passion for working with their hands, loving the outdoors, not being afraid to get dirty, and enjoying the sweat from some hard work. Congratulations to the men and women who step up and make the decision to help build our future with their hands, you are smart and strong and we are proud of you!

NORRIS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP 2010



Bob Norris was born in Indianola in 1929, graduated from Indianola High in 1947 and from Simpson College in 1951, where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1974. He earned a master's degree in administration from NE Missouri State University. Gwen, Bob's wife, was supportive of his career and life goals for 54+ years. His children all graduated from SEP and have been successful in their chosen careers. During Bob's career at SEP, he served as assistant principal and principal for 25 years.

*As you move forward
from graduation,
remember this quote by
John Wesley that guided
Bob's life:*

*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can, In
all the places you can, At
all the times you can, To
all the people you can, As
long as ever you can.*

Bob was honored as an administrator of the year by the Board of Control, Iowa High School Athletic Union in 1988. He was a member of Lions, Blue Cross Blue Shield board, Simpson's Hall of Fame selection committee, and elected to Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity. Bob was an active member of the Altoona UMC. These activities and programs were initiated by Bob and the faculty during his principal tenure: National Honor Society, Honors Breakfast with featured speakers; and the All Sports/Activities Banquet with featured speakers.

Bob started the graduate row of trees in front of the current junior high, Powder Puff football and holiday decorations on top of the senior high for the joy of students and passing travelers on Hwy 163. Bob found a home at SEP for the first state volleyball and dance competitions. During that time, the student absentee rate per pupil went down while the academic grade point average increased and a greater number of students sought higher education opportunities. Bob managed the Bud Keays farmland; the property was sold and provides scholarships for agricultural-bound students. Bob had a deep loyalty for family, community, & SEP.

His family chose DFS as a living memorial which could continue his legacy and loyalty to the SEP community.

RICH "RED" OWENS SCHOLARSHIP 2005

In 1964, Red Owens started the SEP wrestling program and served as head coach for 30 seasons. During that time, he coached 61 CIC/CIML champions, 91 state qualifiers, 39 state place winners and two state champions while amassing over 200 dual meet victories. At the conclusion of the 1982/83 season, he was named Iowa Class 3A Coach of the Year and became a member of SEP's Hall of Champions. Coach Owens was inducted into the East High Hall of Fame (1988), Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame (1994), National Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame (1997) and East High Athletics Hall of Fame (2009). In 2003, the SEP Holiday Invitational wrestling tournament was re-named in his honor. Red was a member of the SEP community for the vast majority of his life, living in the Runnells area for over 50 years. He gave the SEP community its passion for wrestling and devoted much of his life to the district as a physical education teacher and counselor before serving as a school board member for two terms during his retirement. His two sons, Pat and Jason, are SEP grads & live in the area.

KYLEE PEDERSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Kylee attended Mitchellville Elementary and graduated from SEP in 1998. She graduated in May 2002 from the University of Northern Iowa, majoring in Elementary Education. Kylee will always be remembered for her infectious smile, which could light up a room. Family was very important to her. She was often seen at SEP activities as her sister Kerri and brother Kody's number one fan. Kylee did not qualify for many scholarships awarded when she was a senior, but that was okay. All she wanted was a chance to prove her abilities. She proved hard work, plus desire and a love for life, can make a difference. Kylee had the privilege to teach second grade for one semester at Runnells Elementary. Students, parents and grandparents attest she made a difference. By utilizing the DFS program with this \$1,000 scholarship, other students can prove they, too, can make a difference.

PERSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP 2013



The Person Family has a long history of involvement and activity in the Southeastern Polk County Community. Dean was born near Runnells, lived there his entire life and served on the Runnells Consolidated School Board. Dean married Phyllis (a Carlisle graduate) and they farmed what is now a Century Farm just east of Runnells for over 60 years. Phyllis was the librarian at Runnells Elementary for a number of years. Both of them were active in school, community and church activities. They had 1 son, Dave who, along with his wife, Judy, both graduated from Runnells during the time the SEP District was being formed. (Both of Judy's parents were graduates of Runnells High School also.)

In addition to their community and church involvement, Dave served 3 terms on the SEP School Board. They have 2 children, Jeni & Ryan, both of whom are SEP graduates. Ryan married Jody Fortner (also a SEP grad) and for several years they have involved in teaching and coaching in the SEP School District. They have 4 children – Nate, Ben, Emily and Zach. Ben died of SIDS when he was 3 months old and would have graduated in Class of 2016. Nate, Emily & Zach all graduated from SEP - Nate in 2014, Emily in 2017 & Zach in 2019. This is the eighth year of the Person Family Scholarship and this year 3-\$1,000 scholarships are being given in memory of Dean, Phyllis and Ben.

SANDER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP 2013

Members of the Sander family include Bill, Marge and Connie. Bill graduated from Manning HS, Marjorie from Everly HS and Connie from SEP in 1969. At Drake University, Bill played in the Mens' Marching Band and Concert Band. He graduated in 1952, earned his MSE from Drake in 1963, and later a Superintendent's Endorsement from ISU. Bill was a teacher/coach at Granger, Liberty Center, SE Warren (coached the 1961 State Softball Championship team) and West Marshall. In 1963, he joined SEP as the Delaware Elementary principal and in 1970 became a district office administrator. After retiring in 1986, Bill enjoys spending winters in Texas, golfing, gardening and community activities. Marge attended IBM. Her careers included homemaking, keypunch operator and audiometrist. While working for the AEA, Marge gave hearing tests to thousands of students in the surrounding districts. After 20 years, she retired to read, play golf, make teddy bears and spend winters with Bill in south Texas. Connie was very active at SEP in athletics, band and student government. She earned varsity letters in basketball, softball and track. Connie graduated from UNI and earned her MSE from Viterbo University. For 34 years, Connie was a classroom teacher/media specialist. After retiring, Connie is active helping promote athletic programs at UNI. Connie's three sons are Josh, Nick and Neal (deceased). She is married to Dennis Peters and they live in Cedar Falls.

SYDNEY SCHWIENEbart MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2013



Sydney Schwienebart was born to Gina Engel and Chris Schwienebart in Des Moines and moved to Altoona in 2006. She was a protective, loving sibling to Morgan, Heather and Camden. Sydney was in an automobile accident Aug. 29, 2011, one day after her 17th birthday. Sydney liked her days at SEP. Her passion for art and music was obvious to all who knew her. Her love of music brought her many hours of strength while she was struggling with a chronic kidney disease. She received a kidney transplant in December 2009; her kidney donor was her Uncle Todd Engel. Sydney missed a lot of school time while dealing with her health condition but never missed turning an artwork assignment in on time. Some of her proudest moments were when her artwork was on display. Sydney's goal after high school was to become a history teacher. She had over 2000 pictures of friends, family, pets and herself. While her health kept her in and out of hospitals, she still had time for friends. She was so passionate about life and lived every moment. Sydney enjoyed reading to little kids with her Grandma and niece in classrooms, playing an elf at Christmas and playing card games with family. These scholarships are funded by the Sydney Schwienebart family, the Fraternal Order of Eagles #109 (DSM), and Sydney's Wish Benefit Fun Run.

EDWIN (ED) SKINNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2016



Ed felt education should be first and foremost for our youth and was interested in doing what was necessary to further their education, as they are our future. Ed served on the SEP Community School Board of Directors for 9 years. His family has a long time history of service to the school. Throughout his life he was active in many civic, school and community projects. Once committed to a project he did whatever he needed to see that it came to fruition. He encouraged his children and grandchildren to continue this support and participation for the betterment of their community. Ed was born in 1936. He lived his lifetime in the Runnells, Altoona and Pleasant Hill communities. After graduating from Runnells Consolidated High School in 1954 he attended and graduated from Drake University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He received his law degree from Drake University Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1963. In 1968 he received his Juris Doctorate from Drake University Law School. Ed practiced law for 52 years in Altoona. Ed enjoyed his law work, he enjoyed every project in which he was involved and was selfless in giving for the betterment of others.

THE SMITH FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP 2014



This scholarship is made available as a result of the volunteer work of Tracy Smith and sponsored financially by her employer, Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield. As an employee of Wellmark, Tracy earns money based on how many hours she volunteers. Wellmark makes monetary contributions to the employee's choice of non-profit organization(s) based on those volunteer hours. Tracy's volunteer funds have been contributed to Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars to fund this scholarship. As a result, this scholarship will be awarded to a student who regularly volunteers and does community service.

SPENCER STRONG SCHOLARSHIP



Tyler Spencer is a 2005 graduate of Southeast Polk High School. He continued his education at Grand View University where he was a member of baseball team, graduating in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Tyler was the life of the party and was known for his humor and making sure everyone was having a good time. He was passionate with his St. Louis Cardinals, Miami Dolphins and loved spending time on the golf course with his family and friends. Outside of sports, he loved spending time with his family enjoying camping, going to the lake, swimming and grilling out at his parent's pool, bike riding with his children, and pretty much anything that involved being surrounded by people.

ROBERT AND SHARON TOWNSEND FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP 2011



As mentioned earlier in this book, Bob Townsend helped jump start the SEP Scholarship Fund. Not only did he help start it, he continued donating to the program each year. Even after his death, funds from his trust continue to be donated to the SEP Scholarship fund. The family now has provided funds to establish an annual "Robert and Sharon Townsend Family Scholarship." Most people in the SEP community have no idea what this man and his family have contributed for various projects within the SEP area. Over the years, they were strong supporters to SEP schools, including donating printing equipment and funds for other projects. The Townsend family, with Robert at the helm, have donated to the Altoona Public Library, Altoona Fire Department, Altoona Campus, and the area Food Bank.

EDWIN AND HELEN WARREN SCHOLARSHIP 2004



Edwin Warren, born in Altoona, graduated from Altoona High School in 1937. His first “good” job was tending brick-layers on the school gym for \$.75 an hour. He moved to California and worked for Lockheed Aircraft for three years before joining the U.S. Air Corps. Ed became a bomber pilot and flew B-17s, flying many missions during WWII while stationed in England. After the war, he returned to Altoona to marry Helen Anderson and start a family. Their three children, Mike, Terry and Jill, all graduated from SEP. In the mid 40s, Ed bought Warren Hatchery from his father. After nearly 20 years, Edwin and Helen founded Warren Frozen Food in 1966. It was started with Helen’s simple homemade recipe for Egg Noodles. Warren Frozen Food, Inc., with help from their children, grew into a business with 140 employees who made and shipped pasta all over the U.S. and to Canada. Ed enjoyed traveling and playing as much golf as possible. He was a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, and Chamber of Commerce. Helen was revered in the community as a very compassionate woman with a ready smile and a dedicated worker with her family for their church (Altoona United Methodist) and the SEP community.

HAROLD AND HELLEN WHEELER MEMORIAL 1998



Harold and Hellen Wheeler were honest people with loving hearts and helping hands, embodying strong will, strength of character, and generosity. They were longtime supporters of Southeast Polk and devoted fans of its athletics. Although they never had the opportunity to attend college, Harold and Hellen understood the importance of a quality education and the value of hard work. In their memory and honor, the family created the Harold E. and Hellen L. Wheeler Memorial Scholarship to provide Southeast Polk students with an opportunity they did not receive – the chance to attend college. While most scholarships are excellent at rewarding intelligence, persistence and perseverance are too often unrecognized. Therefore, the recipient of the Harold E. and Hellen L. Wheeler Memorial Scholarship may not be first in the class, or have a 4.0 grade average. Rather, the student will embrace diligence, dedication, and determination and will receive this scholarship.

AUSTIN WONDERLICH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2014



Austin William Wonderlich died tragically on October 3, 2013. He was born August 22, 1990 to Bill and Jane Wonderlich. Austin graduated from SEP in 2009. After completing his associate’s degree at DMACC, Austin transferred to Iowa State University where he was a senior in agricultural studies. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowboarding, and spending time outdoors. Austin liked being with family and friends, hanging out at home around the swimming pool or sitting around a bonfire. He was a member of Cross Point United Methodist Church in Bondurant.

ALTOONA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP 2006



The Altoona Area Chamber of Commerce is a working partnership of business people who know the wisdom of coordinating their efforts under effective leadership for the advancement and development of Altoona. They seek to unite about 400 business members, plus civic interests for the purpose of developing and promoting Altoona as a center for a broad range of business and educational activities, which promotes the welfare of the area as a whole. The AACCC helps students further their education to prepare them for the business world with this \$1,000 scholarship.

ALTOONA CAMPUS KIDS KLUB 2015



Kids Klub, a program of the Altoona Campus, is in its 25th year of service to the SEP community. Kids Klub offers before and after school programming for students attending SEP elementary schools (currently Altoona, Centennial, Clay, Delaware, Four Mile Mitchellville and Willowbrook). They also offer summer enrichment camps, open to students from any district, for students entering grades 1 through 6. Kids Klub students, families and staff learn the value of service to community by engaging actively in service as a part of the program. Kids Klub gives back to students who have attended as elementary students and/or were members of the Kids Klub staff as a high school student by donating scholarships. The funds to provide these scholarships were raised by elementary students currently enrolled in Kids Klub. Scholarships support students as they continue their education beyond high school and encourage them to give back to their communities as they learned to do while in Kids Klub.

ALTOONA KIDS CAFE 2017



Altoona Kids Café is a non-profit organization collaborating with the community to support, encourage and provide for the basic needs of local children. The mission of Altoona Kids Café is "to inspire and guide young people to reach their full potential. With a focus on healthy living, academic achievement, community service and life skills, we are feeding the future."

During the summer months, Kids Café operates an official USDA Summerfood Service Program that provides learning opportunities, enrichment and a healthy lunch to all children 18 and under, at no cost to them. Operating year round, partnering with SEP, local businesses and volunteers, students in need of assistance are provided with back packs and school supplies, coats, boots and other essentials. Kids Café is helping children with basic needs so they might have a brighter future – impacting young lives and strengthening our community.

ALTOONA PALOOZA SCHOLARSHIP 2012



Altoona Palooza was formed by a group of community citizens who wanted to create a city-wide event the entire family could enjoy, right in the heart of Altoona. With hundreds of hours spent planning, the first Altoona Palooza was held in August 2010. One of the goals for the committee was to give back to the community and help our local youth with their higher education. Altoona Palooza is proud to support SEP and DFS.

ALTOONA POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP 2005



The sworn members of the Altoona Police Department formed a nonprofit organization in 1998 with the purpose of helping the community. The association receives funds through donations and then redistributes those funds to various community organizations and projects. Those who have benefited include Altoona Girls Softball, Altoona Little League, MDA, The Heart Connection, local elementary schools, Altoona Jaycees, Hospice of Central Iowa, the Shriners' Hospital, SEP Dollars for Scholars dinner/auction and the City of Altoona. Beginning in 2005, Altoona Police Officers have sponsored scholarships to SEP senior high and Harbor Alternative graduates. Preference will be given to those students interested in city government (police, fire, city clerk, street/park services, administration, etc.).

ALTOONA SOCCER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Altoona Soccer Club was originally established in 1974. We are committed to fostering a love of soccer and providing opportunities for soccer players of all abilities and ages. As the second largest nonprofit organization in the eastern Des Moines area, we are honored to give back to some of the exemplary students in our community.

ALTOONA UNITED METHODIST MEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP 2013

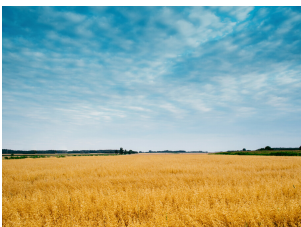


We are men serving our families, our church, and our community through projects for feeding body, mind and spirit. Projects have included Christmas cards to all college students, fundraisers with our preschool for playground equipment, outdoor shelter for church use, donations to local food pantry, Heifer International donations, Odyssey of the Mind sponsor, donor to church Youth Group, donor to summer camp scholarships and supporter of the Boy Scout Troop.

BUILDING TRADES SCHOLARSHIPS 2006

Statistics show that students with a post-secondary education have a better lifestyle, earn more income and contribute more to their communities as good citizens. Believing this, five area developers, Steve Gulling, Chris Harvey, Tim Prohaska, Mark Detrick and Dave Henry, formed a steering committee to search out funds. Several businesses and individuals have been involved in the past years; several made a five-year commitment to provide scholarship funds. From the beginning to this current year, this group has raised more than \$45,000 to provide scholarships. All monies in the Building Trades Scholarship Fund will provide students an opportunity to continue their education, whether to attend college, a trade school, or purchase tools for a given trade.

CROPS FOR SCHOLARS 2011



Southeast Polk Community School District was consolidated in the heart of the agriculture community of southeastern Polk County. Area crop farmers are uniting to establish scholarships for SEP graduates. They are donating bushels of grain through delivery of the grain to their elevators. The Landus Cooperative at Altoona and Bondurant or Heartland Coop at Mitchellville and Prairie City are handling the sales and bookkeeping duties for DFS and the farmers. If you are interested in contributing to these scholarships, contact the individual elevator where you will be making the delivery.

KING DAVID LODGE SCHOLARSHIP 2003



On August 13, 1880, thirteen Masons met in the office of Dr. English to determine where they could make a home for a lodge in Altoona. By June 1881, the lodge was named King David, a charter had been issued, and there were 20 members. The current membership is involved with many community projects. In May, they recognize law enforcement in the Southeast Polk area. The Lodge is proud of the DeMolay program for young men 12 to 18 years of age who join this organization that teaches leadership and the value of morals. The Lodge provides scholarships for B-F and SEP students. Seniors must apply directly to King David Lodge for this scholarship.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13109 SCHOLARSHIP 2006



Father Dan Clarke Council 13109 Knights of Columbus (K of C) was organized in 2002 at the SS John and Paul Church in Altoona. The K of C is a fraternal organization of Catholic men that internationally has 1.7 million members in 12,000 councils. The council holds several events each year including Lenten fish fries and the annual Tootsie Roll drive. The council has provided funds and assistance to numerous entities inside and outside of the church parish. The Tootsie Roll drive has provided thousands of dollars for the Autism Society of Iowa, The Homestead and Special Olympics of Iowa. The council has provided funds for tuition assistance for Seminarians in the Des Moines Diocese. The scholarships are for graduating seniors from SS John and Paul Church regardless of what high school they attend. These scholarships are awarded based on participation in church and community service activities.

LIONS CLUBS -- ALTOONA SCHOLARSHIP



The Lions Club has made schools and education one of their priorities. When there is a project or some manpower needed, SEP has asked the Lions to help. For many years, the Lions have taken the lead to provide lunch for the graduates on senior skip (volunteer work) day. The students are ready to work in the morning – at noon between 350 /400 students are ready to eat and then have fun. The Lions believe strongly in education and are proud to support DFS. Their annual donation is a \$1000 scholarship.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND 2004



Inaugurated in 2004, the Trust Fund has committed to giving several \$500 scholarships for our area schools for post secondary education in any field. We believe that God calls each of us to serve Him in a great variety of fields and that faithful people are needed in every area of service. We support our young people as they set their hearts and minds on that which is excellent.

OAKWOOD PARABLE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP 2009



Oakwood United Methodist Church entered the Pleasant Hill community with a gathering of members at Doane's Park Shelter in 1989 and have grown with the community. Oakwood's "Parable Project" emphasized that seed (blessings) can land on productive land or can be hidden under a rock. Members were given \$100 to plant into a project coming from their heart. Cindy Anderson accepted the seed (\$100); her goal was to help a SEP senior student with future education finances. Cindy and the Oakwood congregation increased her seed into three scholarships the first year and started a fund for future years. They are pleased to offer more scholarships each year. All seniors are eligible with an attached essay to their application.

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST POLK COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP 2003



The Rotary Club of East Polk County held its first meeting in May of 1980. The current membership hails from Altoona, Bondurant, Des Moines, Mitchellville, Pleasant Hill, Runnells, Urbandale and Waukee. Rotary is a business and professional civic organization that exists to encourage and foster the ideal of community service, high ethical standards in business and professions, and the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations. East Polk Rotary supports Rotary International Polio Plus program, public libraries, Medicine for Mali, and the Iowa Special Olympics. Members volunteer at elementary schools and sponsor students at statewide Rotary Youth Leadership Conference.

The Rotary Club sponsors the SEP Interact Club at the Senior High. The Rotary Club is the primary sponsor of the annual Iowa Industrial Technology Expo hosted each year by Southeast Polk. The club awards up to three scholarships to deserving students who produce an outstanding Expo project, and club members serve as project judges.

Again this year, the Rotary Club of East Polk County is pleased to present a \$500 scholarship with Dollars for Scholars. The Rotary is also donating \$500 scholarships for two Interact Club members.

WEGIVEARAM SCHOLARSHIP 2019 - JOSH AND MICHELLE HANSON



One fun idea has turned into a community buzzing with excitement. Thank you to the SEP community for being so AMAZING! We had originally partnered with Raygun to have some fun with the crowds in the stands and throw out our We Give A Ram t-shirts but the SEP Community spoke LOUD and PROUD. That was the great foreshadowing of what was to come - the demand began and we continued to do reorder upon reorder! We love academics along with activities/athletics so wanted to be sure we had a good mix so with each shirt sold, we contributed \$5 of the \$20 back towards a scholarship fund.

We are entrepreneurs and want to empower others to ignite their passion whether it be in real estate or any of the trades. Our four children are in SEP school system and we are very passionate about our community - just as passionate in the level of service we deliver to our real estate clients. You can learn more about us and our work here:

www.DesMoinesAreaHomes.com Thank you for Giving a Ram!

SEP CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS



This year, these alumni classes have come together to raise money and award scholarships to graduating seniors.

Class of 1965

Class of 1966

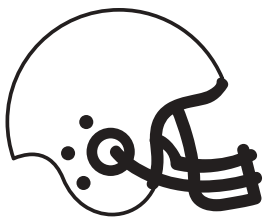
SOUTHEAST POLK AREA YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP 2013



The Southeast Polk Youth Tackle Football League was founded in 2006 to teach the game of football to players in third through seventh grades living within the SEP district boundaries. The board is excited to have the opportunity to offer the scholarship to our former players. On behalf of the volunteer board members and many coaches we wish the graduating class the best in their future endeavors.

ROBERT "BEEF" ANDERSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SPONSORED BY SOUTH EAST POLK YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL



This scholarship is given in honor of Robert "Beef" Andersen. Rob was a key member of the SEP Youth Tackle Football board for many years. Rob gave freely of his time and talent to support the organization in any way possible. His wit and wisdom helped shape the league and made a positive difference in the lives of those who knew him. In that spirit, this scholarship is awarded to a player who participated in the SEP Youth Football League, volunteered time to help the league as a senior/junior coach and is a positive role model to younger players in our league.

SOUTHEAST POLK 1999 MEMORIAL FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP 2009



FOOTBALL

Players, coaches, family and friends of the 1999 Southeast Polk football team established a memorial scholarship fund in 2008 as a way to remember teammates and coaches who have passed away. The scholarship funds are raised through an annual golf outing at Toad Valley Golf Course and private donations. The memorial is in honor of Owen Tibe, Matt Witmer, Kip Williams, Bradley Kiester, Cody Mikesell, and Coach Todd Vogel. The 1999 Memorial Football Scholarship will present scholarships to senior football participants.

SOUTHEAST POLK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (SEPEA) 2000



The Southeast Polk Education Association (SEPEA) is proud to represent education professionals in the district. We are committed to promoting a quality education for ALL students at Southeast Polk. It is our mission to put students at the center of everything we do while advocating and providing a united voice for education professionals.

SOUTHEAST POLK EDUCATION FOUNDATION (SEPEF) 2016



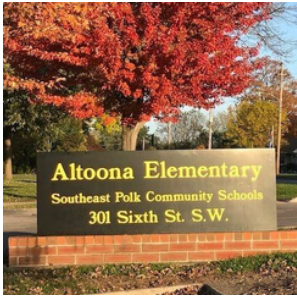
The Southeast Polk Education Foundation (SEPEF) is a nonprofit foundation that will raise funds for curricular enrichment, programs, scholarships, and projects outside the usual funding stream of the district, thus providing enrichment opportunities that would otherwise not be available. The foundation began awarding grants in the 2014-15 school year. SEP currently educates about 6,800 students across all grade levels, with a teaching staff of 450. SEPEF differs from existing programs because it will benefit primarily academic ventures and will enrich the district. Donations benefit all students, grades PK through 12.

SOUTHEAST POLK PRINCIPALS' SCHOLARSHIP 2009



The Southeast Polk Principals' team includes people with a wide variety of experiences in education and a wealth of experience in years. Each principal treasures the time spent in the field of education. Each would tell any student with the passion and desire to develop young minds that a career in education can be very rewarding. The Principals' team is proud to sponsor scholarships to students seeking a degree in education. It is our hope the scholarships will assist students desiring to become part of education.

SOUTHEAST POLK – ALTOONA ELEMENTARY STAFF & PTA SCHOLARSHIP 2002



Dollars for Scholars connects young people with caring and supportive adults to produce the high expectations and strong motivation that all students need to succeed in school and in life. The staff and PTA at Altoona Elementary are united in encouraging local students to reach for and achieve their educational goals. To help promote their success, the Altoona Elementary PTA and staff have supported Dollars for Scholars through generous scholarship donations for students who attended Altoona Elementary.

SOUTHEAST POLK – CENTENNIAL ELEMENTARY STAFF & PTA SCHOLARSHIP 2005



The Centennial Elementary PTA endeavors to provide teachers and students with many opportunities while attending Centennial. They are pleased to continue providing this opportunity with the presentation of a scholarship to a student who attended Centennial Elementary. It continues to be the desire and hopes of the staff at Centennial that students will be life-long learners. They will become contributors as citizens and role models to the many people they will encounter.

SOUTHEAST POLK – CLAY ELEMENTARY STAFF & PTA SCHOLARSHIP 2007



At the beginning of the 2007-08 school year, Clay Elementary opened its doors for their first year. The newest elementary, designed with "wings" adjoining a central rotunda, has the capacity to house four sections of each grade level K-6, plus two sections of preschool. The gym is full-sized. There are lots of windows to brighten the environment. The large playground has special attention to create a fun, safe area available for handicapped and preschool youngsters. One scholarship is presented by Clay staff.

SOUTHEAST POLK – DELAWARE ELEMENTARY STAFF & PTA SCHOLARSHIP 2004



Delaware Elementary staff and PTA recognize the value of quality education. While helping students establish a solid learning foundation at the elementary level, we also want to continue that support at the secondary level. For that reason, the Delaware PTA is active with their support by offering two separate \$1,000 scholarships to be given to students who attended Delaware Elementary.

SOUTHEAST POLK – FOUR MILE ELEMENTARY STAFF & PTA SCHOLARSHIP 2004



Four Mile Elementary Staff and PTA join together with a mission to provide our students with experiences that help them meet the challenges of both the present and future. Both the PTA and the staff are pleased to support Dollars for Scholars in their effort to help Southeast Polk youth who attended Four Mile Elementary pursue their educational objectives.

SOUTHEAST POLK – MITCHELLVILLE ELEMENTARY STAFF & PTA SCHOLARSHIP 2004



Mitchellville PTA has been a valuable partner with the school system to educate thousands of students. With this partnership, our students have experienced many valuable activities that help define "elementary" years. The PTA/school partnership has helped students see the world as a bigger place than our school or the borders of our community. By joining the DFS program, the PTA is also acknowledging the importance of helping graduates.

SOUTHEAST POLK – RUNNELLS ELEMENTARY ELEMENTARY STAFF & PTA SCHOLARSHIP 2004



Runnells Elementary staff and PTA work together to provide quality learning experiences to empower students for their futures. The staff supports Dollars for Scholars through payroll deductions offered by the district as well as through donations and fundraisers. The PTA is supporting Dollars for Scholars by providing \$500 scholarships to students who attended Runnells Elementary.

SOUTHEAST POLK - WILLOWBROOK ELEMENTARY STAFF & PTA SCHOLARSHIP 2003



At Willowbrook Elementary, both students and staff are encouraged to “Be The Stars They Are.” Much effort each day goes toward making students successful academically, physically, emotionally and socially. The PTA plays an active role in meeting the needs of the school. They provide volunteers to classrooms, diversity programs for students and support through extra funding to classroom teachers and playground equipment. They are awarding four scholarships to former Willowbrook Elementary students.

SOUTHEAST POLK – SPRING CREEK 6TH GRADE -- SCIPT 2011



Scholarship programs offer a future to our children. Opportunities are available that might not happen if it weren't for the hard work and dedication of so many. One never knows what the future might bring. We do know that if we do not nurture and nourish our children, their future may be rather bleak.

SOUTHEAST POLK – JUNIOR HIGH 2004



SEP Junior High scholarships are awarded to seniors who attended the Junior High for two years. Funding for this scholarship is provided by Junior High faculty and staff through periodic fundraising activities and personal donations. One of the Junior High scholarships is in memory of Christine Edwards who mentored junior high students and staff with the challenge to make each day a success.

SOUTHEAST POLK SENIOR HIGH BAND BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP 2007



The Band Boosters serve to help the SEPHS Instrumental Music Department by providing support, volunteer assistance and financial assistance. They see that many projects are completed on behalf of the students and the directors, including but not limited to the annual Band Banquet each May. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who is currently a member of the SEPHS Instrumental Music Department pursuing Music Education or Instrumental Music Performance as a major or a minor in a 4-year college.

SOUTHEAST POLK – SENIOR HIGH CHEER COACHES SCHOLARSHIP 2018



This scholarship goes to a cheerleader who was active in cheerleading, including senior year. The recipient is a proven leader in the classroom and within the cheer program. This cheerleader represents Southeast Polk High School and the cheer program in a positive manner.

SOUTHEAST POLK SENIOR HIGH COOKS SCHOLARSHIP 2006



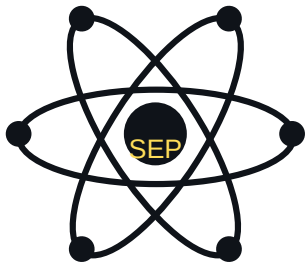
Known for their positive attitudes while preparing and serving food, the Senior High cooks have been responsible for several community service projects. For several years, the Senior High cooks adopted a family at Christmas. The cooks involved all the staff when they collected hats for the cancer center. The cooks support the senior high students by raising money for instructional causes and have entered floats in Homecoming Parades. They worked extra hours at extra things to finance scholarships.

SOUTHEAST POLK GRIDIRON CLUB SCHOLARSHIP



The Gridiron Club is giving a scholarship to a student who participated in all four years of high school football, holds a 3.25 cumulative grade point average, and has participated in other sports and/or activities.

SOUTHEAST POLK SENIOR HIGH SOCIAL SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP 2013



The teachers of the high school social sciences department are a group of passionate, dedicated and hardworking professionals who value life-long learning. They recognize the role of social sciences in developing well-rounded and responsible citizens. They created a \$600 scholarship to recognize one senior student who shares that passion for the social sciences and dreams of pursuing a college degree in that area.

SOUTHEAST POLK SENIOR HIGH SPIRIT PARENT ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIP 2016



The SEP SPIRIT Parent Organization was established in 2013. The main objective of SPIRIT is to support the cheerleaders and coaches by providing opportunities for them to come together as a team through outside activities, volunteerism, and recognition. In 2015, the group made the decision to offer a scholarship to recognize and honor a SEP cheerleader who exemplifies school spirit and pride while succeeding in the classroom, serving as a leader among their peers, and acting as a role model to others.

SOUTHEAST POLK SENIOR HIGH STAFF SCHOLARSHIP 2005



SEP Senior High Staff members strive together with the students to successfully meet current challenges and those in the future. We are proud to present this scholarship from contributions made by staff members through "jeans day" to graduates who exemplify the spirit of being "in the arena" through their leadership, extra-curricular participation, attendance, work ethic, and community contributions.

SOUTHEAST POLK – SENIOR HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP 2005



The SEP Student Council has had an active involvement with the student body since its inception. The student council has approximately 40 members with four officers and nine representatives from each class. The student council strives to address issues that arise within the student body while balancing a positive relationship with the administration. Through efforts in fundraising, they provide scholarships.

SOUTHEAST POLK SENIOR HIGH VOCAL MUSIC BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP 2004



The Vocal Music Boosters serve to help the SEPHS Vocal Music Department by providing support, volunteer assistance and financial assistance. They see to it that many projects are completed on behalf of the students and the directors, including but not limited to the annual SEP Show Choir Invitational and the spring Dinner Theater.

A current member of the SEPHS Vocal Music Department pursuing Vocal Music Performance, Vocal Music Education, and/or Vocal Music Theatre as a major in a 4-year college will receive this \$750 scholarship.

SOUTHEAST POLK VOLLEYBALL SCHOLARSHIP



The Southeast Polk (SEP) Volleyball Family (coaches and alumni) created this scholarship based on promoting a family environment of giving back to the program and enabling others to enjoy this lifelong experience as we have. We wish to recognize a senior SEP volleyball player pursuing post high school education (2 or 4 years) who has been committed to giving their time and talents to the future of SEP volleyball and has left the program in a better place. Activities could include assisting at volleyball camps, training sessions, coaching, management, administrative tasks, etc. To qualify a candidate must have completed at least 2 years of high school volleyball at SEP including their senior year and have given their time and talents towards improving various aspects of the SEP Volleyball program.

SOUTHEAST POLK BLACK AND GOLD WRESTLING AWARD SCHOLARSHIP 2001



Southeast Polk has a long tradition of a successful and respected senior high wrestling program. Pride in this tradition has prompted an anonymous donor to contribute funds for this scholarship.

VETERANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2005



A Veterans Memorial scholarship has been established to honor SEP graduates who have served in the Armed Forces. These brave men and women have fought for our freedom, some making the ultimate sacrifice with their life. Since the inception of SEP back in the early sixties, we know Ronald Emary Clark from the Class of 1966, Vance Martin Evans from the Class of 1967, William Martin Clark from the Class of 1969 and Charles Everett Merritt from the Class of 1969 did make the ultimate sacrifice. This scholarship was funded anonymously to award \$500 scholarships.

SOUTHEAST POLK DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIPS 2001

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The final scholarships to be presented this evening are the Dollars for Scholars Scholarships. Students receiving these scholarships will be called forward, receive their certificate, and remain on stage for a group picture.