



North Dakota

# Dollars for Scholars®

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## JAMESTOWN DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS COLLECTS SHOES TO RAISE \$2,800

That's not a typo! More than 7,400 pair of new and gently used shoes gathered from Jamestown and surrounding communities raised \$2,800 for scholarships for Jamestown High School students.

Shoes were collected January – May 2019. They came in all sizes and types – athletic shoes, snow boots, dress shoes, tennis shoes, flip flops and cleats to start with. More than 30 schools, churches and businesses in the Jamestown area served as collection sites and during special events like the Blue Jay basketball game, Jamestown Area Childcare Services March Madness Shoe Drive, Jamestown Middle School Primetime Challenge and Jamestown High School's School Day of Service. Residents were involved in a big way, encouraging book club and Bible study members, co-workers, neighbors and friends to donate their shoes that hurt, didn't fit right or they weren't using. The Jamestown Volunteer Center gathered the shoes from the various collection points and RM Stoudt donated storage space.

On June 8, the Jamestown Blue Jay football team loaded all 296 bags of shoes into a semi and the shoes began their journey to third world countries. If you want to learn more about the fund raiser, contact Elaine Hegland at 701.320.4615 or DeAnn Ament at 701.391.1386.



Greetings and welcome to 2020! I want to say thank you to each of you for believing in our state's youth. Your support by sharing talents, time and financial gifts means students can access scholarships for postsecondary education and decrease their student loan debt. It also reminds them that others believe in them and their future, a gift that goes beyond a financial dollar amount.

2019 was the first year that North Dakota Dollars for Scholars scholarships were available to all North Dakota residents, even if they did not have a chapter in their local community. This led to a record number of 3,683 submitted scholarship applications. We distributed \$96,500 to 88 students.

We express our gratitude to board members completing their terms this past year: Judy Harding from Divide County High School and Brian Schumacher from Alerus, and welcomed new board members, Katie Nettell from Lake Region State College and Alison Orgaard from Wyndmere and Lidgerwood High Schools. We celebrated our wonderful volunteers from across the state at the annual conference held in Bismarck in November with 31 chapters represented. Board members learned about volunteer recruitment/board governance, how to effectively market their chapter and how to develop a scholarship management roadmap; they also had several opportunities to network with other chapters.

Bank of North Dakota remains committed to providing administrative services for the North Dakota Dollars for Scholars chapter and creating statewide scholarship opportunities and supporting the local chapters to expand programs to support their own students. The Bank donated \$46,000 in scholarships to local chapters when they met a set of criteria that included completing three community educational opportunities within their community to help educate people about post-secondary education awareness. It's a model that has served the state well for two years!

Best regards,

*Staci Holzheimer*

Staci Holzheimer, NDDFS State Director

# 2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**RULEEN MCMILLAN**  
President

## RULEEN MCMILLAN

Ruleen McMillan, President, has been active in the local Barnes County North Dollars for Scholars for 10 years as a parent and has served as vice president and president. She feels that Dollars for Scholars is a great organization to help students meet their college goals. Ruleen is an administrative assistant at the North Dakota State Hospital in Jamestown where she has been employed for 35 years. Ruleen recently completed her bachelor's degree in university studies from Valley City State University. Ruleen is married and has four grown children and four grandchildren. She and her husband live near Wimbledon, where her husband farms. In her spare time, she likes going on motorcycle trips with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren.



**KATIE NETTELL**  
Vice President

## KATIE NETTELL

Katie Nettel, Vice President and Secretary, is the financial aid director for Lake Region State College in Devils Lake. She is a mother of three adult children, wife, farmer, church elder and grandmother to Jaxon the Chuweenie dog. Katie has been in her current position since 1996. As the director of financial aid her responsibilities include managing the awarding and disbursement of federal financial aid programs and the institutional scholarship program. She is an active member of the regional (RMASFAA) and state (NDASFAA) professional organization for financial aid administrators. She has served as chair of RMASFAA MCI committee, NDASFAA president and secretary, chairperson of the NDUS Diversity Council, RMASFAA board of directors as vice president and North Dakota representative. She has also attended NDASFAA leadership training in Washington DC. She was co-chair of North Dakota College Goal Sunday whose mission was to provide financial aid information to low income, first generation and minority students and families. In the summer of 2013 Katie was able to check an item off her bucket list and taught a neophyte class at RMASFAA Summer Institute.



**SCOTT LINGEN**  
Past President

## SCOTT LINGEN

Scott Lingen, Past President, has worked in financial aid for 15 years. He is currently the director of financial aid at Bismarck State College (BSC) where he has been employed for five years. Prior to BSC, Scott worked at University of Mary and University of Minnesota – Twin Cities. In addition to serving on the North Dakota Dollars for Scholars board, Scott also serves on the board of directors for Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators where he served as president in 2016. Scott lives in Mandan with his wife and two girls.



**JUSTIN GRAMS**  
Treasurer

## JUSTIN GRAMS

Justin Grams, Treasurer, works at Wanzek Construction and is responsible for the coordination of recruiting, training, developing and retaining interns and new college graduate team members. Previously he worked in college admissions for 14 years. Justin attended NDSU where he earned his bachelor's degree in communication and a master's degree in educational leadership. He was involved for several years with the Fargo Area Dollars for Scholars where he held various roles. Justin currently serves as the president elect for the Dakota Association of College Admission Counseling. Originally from Brainerd, MN, he is a veteran of the Army National Guard where he completed a deployment to Iraq. Justin makes his home in Fargo with his wife and children.



**LEIGH NYGAARD**  
Board Member

## LEIGH NYGAARD

Leigh Nygaard, Board Member, was born and raised in Crosby, and is a past recipient of a Dollars for Scholars scholarship as a graduate of Divide County High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of North Dakota. While working in Academic Records and Admissions at Bismarck State College (2010-2014), Leigh developed a better understanding of the importance of scholarships for students continuing their education. Since moving home to Crosby in August 2014, she has been serving as webmaster of the Divide County Area Dollars for Scholars. She is also part of a team that works with ChapterNet and helps the high school seniors and returning college student applicants throughout the application process. Leigh also serves on the Divide County Historical Society and Crosby Kids Daycare boards. Currently, Leigh works as a customer service representative for Farm Credit Services of North Dakota in their Crosby office. When she has spare time, she enjoys quilting, reading books and spending time with friends and family.



**KATE SABE**  
Board Member

## KATE SABE

Kate Sabe, Board Member, grew up on a farm south of Scranton, ND, with her parents and three older sisters where they raised Black Angus cattle. She graduated from Divide County High School in 2017. She was chosen as the first North Dakota Dollars for Scholars student board member in the fall of 2018. Kate graduated from Bismarck State College (BSC) in December 2018 with her Associates in Arts and Associates in Science. In January 2019 she started the Elementary Education program at BSC through Dickinson State University (DSU) and currently attends DSU to continue that program and minor in Agri-Business. Kate's older sister and husband, along with Kate, now raise Red Angus cattle north of Scranton. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, camping, working cattle and spoiling her nephew!



**ALISON ORGAARD**  
Board Member

## ALISON ORGAARD

Alison Orgaard, Board Member, grew up in a family of teachers in Rolette, ND, and graduated from high school in Alexandria, MN. She earned a degree in special education from Minnesota State University Moorhead and worked as a student support specialist at Park Christian School in Moorhead. Alison received her master's degree in school counseling from University of North Dakota. She has served in the Grant County School in Elgin, ND, and Southeast Region Career Tech Center in Wahpeton for the last six years. Alison is currently the counselor in Wyndmere and Lidgerwood, ND, and has served as the president of the ND Career Development Association for the past two years. She coaches junior high girls' basketball and junior high track. Alison's parents live in Bismarck and her brother is a major in the Air Force.



**STACI HOLZHEIMER**  
State Director

## STACI HOLZHEIMER

Staci Holzheimer, State Director, has been in the higher education field in some capacity since 2008. She is currently a university and student development coordinator at Bank of North Dakota (BND). Prior to this role, Staci worked with student loans at BND and was previously in college admissions and advising. She is passionate about higher education and helping students fulfill their dreams of a college degree while encouraging them to be responsible with their financial decisions. Staci has a Bachelor of Science in mass communications from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Along with her role as co-state director for North Dakota Dollars for Scholars and Staci is a co-chair on the North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Awareness Committee. Staci is also a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. In her free time, you can find Staci and her husband chasing after their girls, spending time at the lake and simply enjoying life with their family and friends.



# 2019 DONORS

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Level	Donation
Summa Cum Laude	\$10,000+
Magna Cum Laude	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Cum Laude	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Honors	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Graduate	\$5 - \$999

## Summa Cum Laude

Bank of North Dakota  
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**Adrienne Darling**  
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## North Dakota Association for College Admission Counselors - \$1,000

**Audrey Wilhelmi**  
Mandan High School

**Caitlyn Ell**  
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Lisbon High School

**Zoe Randazzo**  
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## Dr. Fradkin Community Service/Volunteer Scholarship - \$1,000

**Anna Dragseth**  
Watford City High School

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Dickinson High School

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**Allison Lee**  
Fargo North High School

**Brooke Goven**  
Turtle Lake-Mercer High School

**Conrad Pederson**  
Lisbon High School

**Elizabeth Holzwarth**  
New Rockford-Sheyenne High School

**Grace Holzhey**  
Richland #44 High School - Colfax

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**Kailer Riedman**  
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**Mya Steinwehr**  
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Lamoure High School

**Taylor Reinhardt**  
Mandan High School

**Joann Link Hetzel Memorial  
Scholarship - \$1,000**

**Gavin Reinke**  
Lisbon High School

**Mallie Ann Breuer  
Scholarship - \$500**

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Scholarship - \$1,000**

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Scholarship - \$1,000**

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**Returning Student and  
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Scholarship - \$1,000**

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**Tessa Huck**  
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**Victor Gronvold**  
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**Robert and Doris Alin Legacy  
Scholarship - \$2,500**

**Kaylie Haugen**  
Dakota Prairie High School - Petersburg

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**TechND Scholarship - \$1,000**

**Grace Elijah**  
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