# Community Scholarship Award Recipients



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#### **3M National Merit Special Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Heather Wiehe

This scholarship is underwritten by the 3M Corporation and is awarded to students who meet their company's specific special criteria. Winners of special corporate scholarships are chosen on the basis of their academic accomplishments from a pool of candidates who fulfilled the sponsor's criteria, scored high on the PSAT/NMSQT as juniors and have parents employed at 3M or live in a community where 3M has a facility.

#### 916 Education Foundation Scholarship

Recipients: Kortney Bohman Aarya Yang Hayley Abram Angelina Yang Aarya Yang

THE 916 EDUCATION FOUNDATION is a charitable organization that enhances teaching and learning through economic support to the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District.

# Afton Bayport Lakeland Lion's Club Scholarship

Recipients: Violet Agen Evan Jinks

The Afton Bayport Lakeland Lion's Club Scholarship is awarded to a student who lives in Afton, Bayport, or Lakeland, has a cumulative weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher and submits an essay highlighting a personal story of leadership in volunteerism, demonstrating the Lion's motto of "We serve."

#### Arthur and Audrey Berggren Scholarship Awards

Recipients: Heather Wiehe

Elayra Dizon Penelope Corbett Alex Steil Maryam AlNadaf

Shahd Abouhekel Mary Johnson Ian Hanlon Maeve Thomas Sophia Steblay Teresa Campbell Joe Manning

Arthur Berggren graduated from Stillwater in 1925. He had great regard for the educational programs at Stillwater Area High School and the University of Minnesota. In 1985 the Berggrens created scholarships for students enrolling in one of the five University of Minnesota campuses. The categories for the 24 scholarships are "Academic," "Arts," "Beneficent," "Lamplighter," "Math," "Social Studies," "Written and Spoken Word," and "Young Scientist."

#### **Building Trades Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Jack Axtman

To be eligible for this scholarship the student must enroll in an adult apprenticeship program, vocational school or technical college. This scholarship supports students in their endeavor to pursue a career in the construction and building industry. The list of construction trades includes, but is not limited to, the following: Carpenter, Electrician, Mason, Plumber, Sheet Metal Worker or Welder.

#### **Century College Presidential Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Tyrina McCombs

Century College offers this scholarship to a student selected by the Stillwater Area High School counseling department who demonstrates a commitment to leadership and community service as well as academic promise. Century encourages and supports the educational goals of applicants, awarding one Presidential Scholarship to each of the 11 east suburban schools. Recipients must be accepted and plan to attend Century College as a full time student in the fall.

#### **Chuck Anderson Tennis Scholarship**

Recipients: Peter Quinn Allison Benning

This scholarship is awarded to a member of the SAHS Tennis team whose achievements and character indicate that they possess the dedication and competitiveness that Chuck Anderson was known for. Coach Anderson always made sure having fun was a major part of the equation for his players and team. He compiled more than 1,000 victories before passing away in the fall of 2005 at the age of 69.

# Coach Wes Windmiller Scholarship

#### Recipient: Sam Shikenjanksi

A scholarship award presented annually in memory of Wes "Coach" Windmiller. Coach Windmiller led the Ponies from 1948-1959. While at the helm, the Ponies boys basketball team were able to clinch a Conference Championship in 1952. This scholarship was created in his memory by Coach Windmiller's former players and continues to live on today.

## **Community Thread Scholarship**

## Recipient: Karissa Kockelman

The Community Thread Scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Stillwater Area High School senior who has a strong commitment to local volunteerism and demonstrates how volunteerism has made an impact on his or her personal life and community.

#### **Dan Kilkelly Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Allison Benning

Dan Kilkelly was a beloved Social Studies and Humanities Teacher at SHS. His motto. "live life to the fullest" was reflected in his love for life which he passed on to his students. children and community. Dan was active in everything from academics to athletics. He was a teacher who encouraged critical thinking, often sparking discussions around challenging issues. His warm smile and kind heart touched the lives of many. Although Dan died of a heart attack at the young age of 44 years, he truly lived out his belief in living life to the fullest." In 1980 a scholarship was created in his memory for a soccer player who best combines the ability, enthusiasm and dedication to the Pony Soccer Program. The scholarship has been resurrected to support students in following their postsecondary dreams.

#### **Denis Brown Scholarship Award**

## Recipients: Noah Goodland Julie Xiong

Denis Brown, longtime director of the Stillwater Choir, gave so much to the musical life of the Stillwater community. The Denis Brown Scholarship is given each year to an outstanding student musician(s) who consistently contributed musically to the choir at Stillwater Area High School.

#### **DiaSorin Scholarship**

## Recipients: Rubie Ballantyne Abigail Kyllo

The Dia Sorin Scholarship is awarded to two students who intend to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in biology or chemistry. Recipients have taken rigorous high school classes in science and submitted an essay outlining their future goals.

#### **Dr. Greg Seftick Wilderness Scholarship**

#### Recipients: Adam Gaertner Johanna Teegarden

The Dr. Greg Seftick Wilderness Scholarship is awarded to an alpine skier. Greg was a 1998 graduate of Stillwater High School who died in an avalanche in Grand Teton National Park in April, 2011. He competed on the Alpine Ski Teams at Stillwater Area High School and at St. Olaf College. He had a love for the mountains and the wilderness. An essay discussing a wilderness experience or a passion for the mountains was required.

#### **Eagleview Wealth & Health Scholarship**

#### Recipients: Jacob Bloom Mia Lucido

These scholarships are awarded to students who intend to pursue a Bachelor's degree in finance, economics or business. Scholarship selection was based on an essay regarding the applicant's educational plans, how this relates to their career goals, and why they feel financial literacy is important.

#### **Emmett Jean Noland Scholarship**

## Recipients: Nicole Haley Evan Jinks

It's the smallest things that take up the most room in our hearts. Emmett Jean Noland was the courageous son of Patrick and Jessica Noland and adored brother of Oliver. Our focus is providing yearly scholarships for kids to further their education in the fields of Technology, Engineering and/or Science.

#### **Evelyn Elizabeth & Russell Karl Anderson Scholarship**

#### Recipient: George Nakhla

Through the St. Croix Foundation, a scholarship has been established by Evelyn Elizabeth and Russell Karl Anderson. This scholarship is to be awarded to a student graduating from Stillwater Area High School who will be attending a 2 year or vocational/technical school after high school.

## Francis, Eunice & Vicki Petersen Memorial

#### Recipient: Ellie Capra

Francis and Eunice Petersen, along with daughter Vicki Petersen were long-time residents of Stillwater and firm believers in higher education. This scholarship is given in memory of them by their remaining children. All five children were graduates from Stillwater Area High School.

## Friends of the St. Croix Valley

#### Recipient: Esther Steinke

Friends of the St. Croix Valley is offering a scholarship for students who have made a significant contribution to the local community through volunteer service. The scholarship may be used at an accredited university, college, community college, or technical school.

#### **Gary and Mary Malmquist Scholarship**

## Recipient: Nhi Nguyen

This fund was established to assist graduates of Stillwater Area High School to attend a postsecondary Minnesota or Wisconsin state institution of higher education. Institutions include colleges, universities, trade schools, vocational schools or community colleges.

#### **Geri Hamrock Memorial Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Peter Quinn

A scholarship has been established in honor of Geri Hamrock, who had a lifelong love of music, theater, science and nature. Geri would have been a 2014 graduate, but passed away in November of 2012. Recipients of this scholarship have been accepted into a 4 year undergraduate program, have been a member of the Concert Choir and wrote a short essay that demonstrates accomplishments in music along with the meaning that music brings to their life.

# **Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Brynn Wurgler

This scholarship is for a student pursuing a business degree in any field. The recipient must be accepted into a 2 or 4 year postsecondary program and show diverse involvement in the community.

#### James D. Hainlen Orchestra Scholarship Award

#### Recipient: Alex Steil

Renowned orchestra director, James D. Hainlen, was Stillwater Area High School's Orchestra Director from 1978 to 2004. Jim's lifelong dedication to the arts lives on through the thousands of students' lives he has touched. The recipient demonstrates the highest standards of musicianship, character, leadership and service.

# **Jean and John DeCurtins Scholarship** *Recipients: Sara Abraha*

# Sheridan Follis

Jean and John DeCurtins are brothers that graduated from Stillwater Area High School. Their scholarship seeks to support a student that may not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. Applicants must attend a 2 or 4 year post secondary institution and pursue a career field that helps others.

# Jennifer Houle Memorial Scholarship Stillwater Pony Volleyball

## Recipient: Joelle Carpenter

The Jennifer Houle Memorial Scholarship is an award in honor of Jennifer Diane Houle, who was a Pony Volleyball Student Athlete from 2007-08 through 2010-11. Jennifer was an outstanding player and student who achieved high honors in both athletics and academics. She embodied the true spirit of what it means to be a Pony with her passion for the sport and commitment to her team. This scholarship is awarded annually to a senior volleyball player who exhibits these same characteristics to honor the memory of an exceptional young woman.

#### **Jimmy Castillon Memorial Scholarship**

#### Recipients: Sophie Cronk Mira Torzewski

Jimmy Castillon died in a car accident the summer before his senior year at Stillwater Area High School. Jimmy had a strong sense of right and wrong and was very involved in his church youth group. Scholarships have been established in his honor for students active in their youth groups and community who are attending a 2 or 4 year postsecondary institution.

# Jon Francis Foundation Scholarship Recipient: Robert DeGonda

Jon Francis, class of 2000 graduate of Stillwater Area High School, was a three sport athlete in cross country running, track and Nordic skiing. Jon died in a mountain climbing accident in Idaho on July 15, 2006. His parents started the Jon Francis Foundation in honor of Jon's life. Stillwater Area High School Track and Cross Country participants are invited to apply for this scholarship. The applicants are required to respond to the following quote from Jon Francis: "It's not what we gather, but what we scatter, that defines the kind of life you have lived."

#### **Ken Meister Memorial Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Joe Manning

This scholarship is in honor of Kenneth Meister. Ken was a dedicated civil engineer and U of M Institute of Technology Alumni. He was the first in his family to graduate with a Bachelor's degree and stressed the value of good education to his children and grandchildren. The recipient must be attending a U of M Campus majoring in engineering.

#### **Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship**

#### Recipients: Kelsey Anderson Alexiz Ramirez-Torres

The Kopp family awards scholarships to students planning to attend a 2 or 4 year, vocational/technical, art institute, community college. Recipients wrote an essay about a person or event that had a positive influence in their life as they set their goals.

### **Lake Elmo Bank Community Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Bree Sheridan

Lake Elmo Bank has a tradition of community commitment. This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Stillwater Area High School senior wishing to pursue a degree from a 4 year college or a vocational/technical college. Applicant must exemplify a commitment to the community through volunteer efforts or involvement with a local community organization.

#### Lake Elmo V.F.W Irrevocable Trust **Scholarship Fund**

Recipients: Nicole Haley Esther Steinke Cecilia Wallace

The purpose of the scholarship includes promoting and encouraging higher education for those individuals whose achievement and character have indicated that they possess the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education.

# **Lakeview Health Hospital Scholarship**

Recipient: Emma Perpich

The Lakeview Foundation scholarship is awarded to a student who has served as a Lakeview Health volunteer or has participated in the Lakeview Health/Hospital Explorers program.

#### **LoAnn Johnson Memorial Scholarship**

Recipient: Ella Nelson

LoAnn worked at Stillwater Area High School for over 30 years, spending her final years as a Registrar where scholarships were of her utmost priority. LoAnn enjoyed seeking out students and helping them in the process of applying for scholarships and colleges. In addition to helping students with their post secondary plans, she spent countless hours working school events and cheering on Pony athletes. Sadly, her career was cut short due to Alzheimer's Disease. LoAnn will always be a part of the Stillwater Schools family.

## Mark M. Strege Memorial Art **Scholarship Award**

Recipient: Ryan Weiss

The Mark M. Strege Memorial Art Award has been established to acknowledge exceptional achievement and vision in the visual arts. Mark M. Strege, a lifetime resident of Lake Elmo, graduated from Stillwater Area High School in 1995. A winner of the Chaney Art Scholarship, Mark was a gifted artist whose works frequently depicted a spiritual theme. Mark majored in art and art history at the University of Minnesota, Morris, where he was also employed as a graphic artist. In 1997 Mark, age 20, died in a one-car accident. Mark stated, "I welcome composition in the metaphysical, the psychic automatic, the expressive, the introspective, the ambiguous, and the figurative. I am searching for composition without boundary ... It is important to me that art is explored as a function of life, life as a function of art."

#### **Mark Ostertag Community Service Memorial Scholarship & Voc-Tech Memorial Scholarship**

Recipients: Jack Taverna Jack Axtman

Mark Ostertag was a 2000 graduate of Stillwater Area High School. He earned a Carpentry Diploma from MN State College Southeast Technical in Red Wing, MN and a Construction Electricity Diploma from St. Paul College in St. Paul, MN. In addition to working as an electrician, Mark was also very involved in the community. He was a member of the Bayport City Council and Bayport Fire Department. In these roles he was very active in giving back to the community that he so dearly loved. Sadly, Mark died tragically in 2012. This scholarship honors his memory as well as his pride in working in the trades by awarding scholarships to students who have been involved in their community and plan to pursue vocational/technical careers.

#### **Midwest Vending Scholarship**

Recipient: Jack Axtman

This scholarship, offered by Midwest Vending, serves to assist a student in furthering their education at a 2 year, vocational, technical or community college. Students wrote an essay on "Why They Feel a Post-Secondary Education is Important."

## **Minnesota Deer Hunters Association -**St. Croix Valley Chapter Scholarship

Recipient: Alexander Weigel

Applicants for this scholarship have to be active members of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association and maintain a current hunting license in Minnesota. The award is given by the St. Croix Valley chapter of the MDHA. Applicants submitted an essay including the following information: why they would be a good investment for this scholarship, a description of an experience in conservation and preservation and why deer hunting is important to them.

#### Otto G. Bonestroo Scholarship

Recipients: Evin Roddy Spencer Baker

The Bonestroo Scholarship is dedicated to a vision of doing more than just what is required, doing that little extra to help make a better future for all. It is a reward for hard work, honesty, foresight, education and leadership. The recipients intend to study in the field of engineering, technology, science or law.

#### **Palmer-Rathert Medical Scholarship**

Recipients: Charles Maloney Amelia Lehmann

This scholarship was established in 1997 by the David H. Palmer and Laura Rathert family to support an annual award to two graduating seniors at Stillwater Area High School. In addition to high scholastic achievement and commitment during their high school tenure, scholarship recipients must commit to and enroll in a medical related program of study within nine months of high school graduation.

# **Paraprofessional Organization Scholarship**

Recipient: Lucas Polucha

Approximately 250 paraprofessionals are employed by District #834. They work in different capacities in all of the schools as classroom assistants and support staff. This award goes to children or grandchildren of district paraprofessionals. This scholarship is awarded to students who have met the scholarship criteria of academic focus. commitment to school activities, and participation in community service.

#### **Paxton Harvieux Scholarship**

Recipient: Tony Ingram

The Paxton Harvieux Scholarship was established in honor of Paxton Harvieux, a 2011 Stillwater Area High School graduate who passed away in a car crash in 2014. Paxton impacted everyone he came in contact with. He was a young man that dreamed big and accomplished many things that most would dream to achieve in life. He was an extraordinary friend and leader on and off the basketball court. Paxton's family established the scholarship to recognize a Stillwater Ponies boys basketball player who, like Paxton, is a hard working student athlete and whose character makes him a leader.

#### **Perennial Garden Club Scholarship**

Recipient: Joe Manning

Trillium is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota: National Garden Clubs, Inc. Through speakers, field visits, tours and an exchange of information among local gardeners, they promote the love of gardening and the natural world. They support civic and environmental responsibility through the planting and maintenance of a public garden across from the Lowell Inn in Stillwater and other public plantings, education programs for children through the Stillwater Public Library and distribution of books to local schools and libraries. This scholarship is for students majoring in Natural Resources, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Environmental Sciences or related fields. Eligible Applicants: 2020 Graduate of SAHS; Accepted at a 2-yr or 4-yr college or university; Majoring in Forestry, Horticulture, Landscape Design, Environmental Sciences or related fields.

#### **Ponies Touchdown Club Scholarship**

#### Recipient: Ian Hanlon

The Pony Touchdown Club was created in 2012 to support Stillwater Area football at all levels. The scholarships recognize seniors planning to attend 2 and 4 year colleges who demonstrate superior, holistic achievement as student-athletes with special emphasis placed on contributions to the Stillwater Pony football program. The recipients have made a significant impact on the football program while using the experience to become better people.

# Rebecca Ann Leverty Memorial Scholarship

#### Recipient: Ayuna Lamb-Hickson

Rebecca was a paraprofessional in ISD 834 for 21 years and was stricken at age 55 with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) from which she did not survive. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating Stillwater Area High School senior who has been affected by a life threatening disease. The recipient must be accepted to a 2 or 4 year college and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. In addition to this, the recipient was asked to write a 250-500 word essay answering the following question, "How has the impact of a life threatening disease to you or your immediate family member influenced your higher education goals and what will this scholarship mean to vou?"

# Richard N. (Dick) Olsen Memorial Scholarship

#### Recipients: Ian Hanlon Michael Cowley

Dick was a 1953 graduate of Stillwater High School, a three sport all conference athlete in football, basketball and track and a lifelong Stillwater Pony Sports fan. This scholarship is awarded to a Pony football athlete who has accumulated a set number of volunteer hours within the last year and has been involved in a faith community throughout high school. Dick was a man with a golden heart who made "dreams come true" for many in the St. Croix Valley.

# Sandy Gibson Anderson Memorial Scholarship

## Recipient: Anna Lewis

The Sandy Gibson Anderson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who has had a life threatening disease, or has had a sibling or parent with a life threatening disease. Applicants wrote an essay about the effect the life threatening disease had on them.

# St. Croix Education Future Educator Scholarship

#### Recipient: Esther Steinke

The St. Croix Education Association proudly calls the teachers and other certified educators of Stillwater Area Schools its members. In order to honor the field of education and its dedicated members, the SCEA has established a scholarship to recognize a graduating senior of Stillwater Area High School who plans to pursue the field of education. The scholarship shall be awarded in two installments. The selected recipient will receive the first installment during the first year of college. The remaining installment will be paid to the awardee when student teaching begins.

# St. Croix Valley Athletic Association Scholarship

#### Recipients: Madelyn Purdie Jake Ulrich

The St. Croix Valley Athletic Association was organized in 1967 for the purpose of promoting and providing athletic programs for youth who reside in the communities throughout the Saint Croix Valley. The SCVAA is a volunteer organization that sponsors youth athletic programs for children ranging from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

## St. John's Lodge #1 Masonic Lodge Scholarship

#### Recipients: Jake Ulrich Vivian Marchan

The Stillwater Masonic Scholarship is awarded to Stillwater Area High School graduating seniors who have a Masonic affiliation, such as a family member who is a Mason, Shriner or member of the Eastern Star.

# The College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University Educational Fund Scholarship

#### Recipient: Andrew Jurek

This scholarship is awarded to a student who is attending St. John's University or the College of St. Benedict. The donor is a graduate of Stillwater Area High School and experienced exemplary educational opportunities. The recipient must demonstrate strength of character, creativity, and an inquiring mind that is capable of original thought.

## St. Paul Foundation "Challenge" Scholarship

#### Recipients: Olivia March Erik Roettger Logan Schulte

The St. Paul Foundation Challenge Scholarship is sponsored by retired Stillwater teacher, Bill Simpson. This scholarship is awarded to students who have successfully navigated an educational challenge throughout their high school years.

#### St. Paul Lutheran "HCM" Scholarship

#### Recipients: Eli Gruendemann Ekram Ibrahim

This scholarship was created to honor a "special" member of the congregation. A man with a quiet commitment to helping others. The scholarship recipients were chosen on the basis of an essay on the "importance of helping others".

## Stillwater Area Kiwanis Club Scholarship

#### Recipients: Ellie Capra Karissa Kockelman

Stillwater Kiwanis was established in 2012 and is part of the global Kiwanis organization of volunteers. Through their service, Kiwanis members are dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis develops youth as leaders, raises funds for pediatric research and much more. Applicants for this scholarship must be an active member of Key Club who have received the Key Club letter for service.

## Stillwater Chapter EP P.E.O. Scholarship

## Recipient: Penelope Corbett

Award winners have demonstrated evidence of their potential for success. This includes the applicant's personal attributes, relational leadership, abilities and commitment to academics, extracurricular activities, community service and a well-balanced lifestyle. Criteria considered includes cooperation, communication, a kind and caring attitude in their interactions and service to others. Recipients exhibit passion and commitment to life and personal characteristics that indicate a high degree of potential to benefit from educational opportunities.

#### Stillwater Elks Scholarship Fund

#### Recipient: Annika Fredeen

The Stillwater Elks Scholarship was created in memory of Tom Johnson, past Exalted Ruler of the Stillwater Elks and Raymond "Digger" Johnson, Stillwater Elks Member. This scholarship promotes and encourages education for those individuals whose achievement and character have indicated that they possess the qualities necessary to achieve excellence in higher education. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic status, co-curricular achievement and good citizenship. All applicants and recipients must be a child or grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Stillwater Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2017.

#### Stillwater Lions Club Father Tom Phillips Memorial Scholarship

Recipients: Abigail Daum Bree Sheridan

The Stillwater Lions Club awards the Father Tom Phillips Memorial Scholarship as an acknowledgement of his service as their Secretary-Treasurer for 26 years. He loved public service, scholarship and always had a genuine sense of civility. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve" and Father Tom emulated this. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who best exemplifies these qualities.

#### **Stillwater Noon Rotary Club Scholarship**

Recipients: Aidan Lundgren Maddie Purdie Cecilia Wallace Nicole Haley

Rotary International's motto is "Service Above Self". This scholarship is awarded to seniors who demonstrated success in the classroom, in extracurricular activities and through their volunteer efforts in the community.

# Stillwater Sunrise and Lake Elmo Rotary STRIVE Mentorship Scholarship

Recipients: Ekram Ibrahim Shahd Abouhekel Olivia March Alexcia Asiedu Olivia Hovland

STRIVE is a mentoring partnership between Stillwater Area High School, Stillwater Sunrise Rotary Club, Lake Elmo Rotary Club, and Stillwater Noon Rotary Club. The overall goal of the STRIVE program is to provide students with tools for success after high school while assisting them in making connections with their areas of interest. Community members such as business leaders, retired professionals, and caring adults volunteer their time to encourage, inspire and broaden the perspectives of over 40 juniors and seniors each year. The program emphasizes attendance, success in the classroom and service to the community.

#### **Stillwater Veterans Memorial Scholarship**

## Recipient: Regan Leindecker

This scholarship is made available through the St. Croix Valley Foundation and the Stillwater Veterans Memorial, and is provided in honor and memory of long-time Stillwater residents Jim and Joan Ratte by their four sons, all of whom graduated from Stillwater High School and were veterans of the U.S. military, along with their father Jim. The Stillwater Veterans Memorial offers a one-time \$500 cash scholarship to a Stillwater Area High School (SAHS) student who is on track to graduate high school in the spring of 2019, and who has been accepted into military service following high school graduation.

#### The Robert & Diane Hagstrom Nordic Ski Team Award

Recipients: Emma Bourne Max Smitten

The Robert & Diane Hagstrom Nordic Ski Team Award will be given each year to one girl and one boy Nordic Team member upon successful completion of their senior year. Recipients will be selected on the basis of their leadership, character and perseverance on their respective teams. Selection will be made by the Nordi Ski Team coaches.

# The Stippel Advanced Placement Humanities Award

Recipient: Penelope Corbett

Courses that immerse in the in-depth study of the humanities encourage the critical thinking and communication skills that cultivate a more nuanced understanding of ourselves and the world in which we live, allowing for a richness of life otherwise not achieved. The Advanced Placement humanities encourage the development of the soft skills necessary for individuals to maximize success—regardless of the career path they choose. A merit-based scholarship, this award is intended for an exceptional student of the Advanced Placement study of the humanities.

#### **Tozer Foundation Scholarships**

Recipients: Spencer Baker
Eleanor Grace
Adrianna Gregory
Eli Gruendemann
Kya Hodgdon
Ava Hoelzel
Elsa Martin
Anna Nguyen
Esther Steinke
Johanna Teegarden
Noah Woodruff
Brynn Wurgler

David Tozer, a Stillwater lumberman, created The Tozer Foundation in his 1946 Last Will and Testament. He directed the Tozer Foundation to select worthy young people in Pine, Kanabec and Washington Counties. It was his wish to grant young people of character and capacity the assistance to pursue an education. Applicants were judged on his or her character, industry, personality and other qualities which give promise of making them a useful member of society.

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#### **Trinity Lutheran Church Scholarships**

Recipients: Penelope Corbett Ava Nyberg Charlie Olson

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic accomplishments, co-curricular achievement and active involvement in Trinity Lutheran Church. Recipients must have been baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church.

# Women's Business Bridge to Success Scholarship

Recipients: Sandra Liu Lexi Huber

The Women's Business Bridge (WBB) provides women of the St. Croix Valley the opportunity, education and motivation to succeed and grow in business. The WBB leadership board facilitates, coordinates and fosters an environment where women can connect with and learn from others who have similar business objectives in an informal networking atmosphere. The goal for each WBB member is to develop lasting, trusting relationships in order to grow their business.

# Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley Scholarship

Recipients: Jaclyn Kulzer Jake Ulrich Cecilia Wallace

The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley offers scholarships each year to students graduating in the St. Croix Valley area who have been accepted to a 2 or 4 year college and come from a family whose parents or grandparents are active in or Veterans of the U.S. Military. Recipients were required to write a 200 word essay describing their service to others or how a military person has influenced them.

