Scholarship Award Recipients

7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 15, 2017

Stillwater Area High School Auditorium
Stillwater, Minnesota
3M National Merit Scholarship
Recipient: Marta Markowicz
3M National Merit Scholars have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. These scholarships are based on the very highest SAT exam and PSAT test scores. Colleges and universities take great pride in their National Merit Scholarship winners. The recipients are children of 3M employees, residents of the community the corporation serves or who plan to pursue college majors or careers the sponsor wishes to encourage.

916 Education Foundation Scholarship
Recipients: Sara Jorgenson - Design & Digital Media
              Eric Longnecker - Computer Hardware
              Mitchell McGhee - Construction Occupations
THE 916 EDUCATION FOUNDATION is a charitable organization that enhances teaching and learning through economic support to the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District.

Army ROTC Scholarship
Recipient: Evan Johnson
Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corp) is awarding a four year scholarship which will provide full college tuition and mandatory educational fees, along with an allowance for textbooks, school supplies, and required equipment. ROTC is a demanding and challenging complement to traditional college courses. The standards for admission into this program are quite high - as the individuals who complete this training are ultimately entrusted with the lives of American soldiers.

U.S. Air Force Academy
Recipient: Ethan Auleciems
An appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO is equivalent to being offered a 4-year scholarship to a top tier college with all expenses paid to include tuition, housing, food, books, medical, and dental benefits as well as a monthly living stipend. Appointments to the Air Force Academy are very competitive and most successful applicants are in the top 20% of the country's high school students.

Chuck Anderson Tennis Scholarship
Recipient: Emma Germundson
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.

Andersen Corporation Children of Employees Award
Recipients: Nicole Buchman
              Madeline Meissner
              Claire Patterson
To be eligible for this scholarship applicants must be a child of an Andersen employee. The applicant must attend an accredited two- or four - year college or university or vocational school.

Evelyn Elizabeth & Russell Karl Anderson Scholarship
Recipient: Diana Martinez
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.

Reuben W. Anderson Scholarship
Recipients: Jordan Wallace
              Nicholas Carlson
This scholarship was established in 1983 in memory of Reuben W. Anderson, a Stillwater Area High School graduate. These two awards are selected on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular activities and educational goals.

Arthur and Audrey Berggren Scholarship Awards
Recipients: Emera Balok
              Kyra Anderson
              Lucas Braun
              Maia Coleman
              Jordan Carter
              Madison Zoller
              Ava Coleman
              Governess Simpson
              Madison Fry
              Felicia Faust
              Kai Knudson
              Nathan Novotny
              Bennett Sell
              Matthew Dietrich
              Sam Payne
              Brian Tregilgas
              Gabriel Holzmer
              Kendra Anderson
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.”
Afton Bayport Lakeland Lion’s Club Scholarship  
Recipient: Anna Scheel  
The Afton Bayport Lakeland Lions 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.”

Otto G. Bonestroo Scholarship  
Recipients: Bailey Vold  
Diana Martinez  
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.

Denis Brown Scholarship Award  
Recipient: Nicole Buchman  
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.

Marylou Buberl Kendrick Memorial Scholarship  
Recipient: Ava Coleman  
Marylou, a long time paraprofessional at Stonebridge Elementary School, believed in making a difference in the lives of children in the Stillwater Area School District. A natural teacher and caregiver, Marylou did not wait for those who needed assistance; she found and embraced them herself. This scholarship is awarded to the child or grandchild of a retired paraprofessional of District 834 who will be attending a 2 or 4 year college/university or a vocational school.

Jimmy Castillon Memorial Scholarship  
Recipients: Jacob Lagus  
Alex Pavlicin  
Grace Stewart  
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.

Century College Presidential Scholarship  
Recipient: Madeline Gilbert  
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.

Community Thread Scholarship  
Recipient: Ava Coleman  
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.

DiaSorin Scholarship  
Recipients: Alex Oberg  
Jordan Wallace  
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.

Jon Francis Foundation Scholarship  
Recipient: Hannah Anderson  
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.”

Friends of the St. Croix Valley  
Recipient: Anna Scheel  
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.
Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Recipient: Emera Balok
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: Olive Weston
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.

Jennifer Houle Memorial Scholarship Stillwater Pony Volleyball
Recipient: Taylor Scalia
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.

Geri Hamrock Memorial Scholarship
Recipient: Maia Carter
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.

Hulings Scholarship of HRK Foundation
Recipients: Anna Scheel
Noah Sova
Scholarships are awarded to two seniors who attended Andersen Elementary School in Bayport or who now live in the attendance area served by Andersen Elementary School. Additional criteria considered includes scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship and extracurricular accomplishments.

Dr. Steven D. Johnson Scholarship
Recipient: Jacob Lagus
Established in 2001, recipients of this scholarship are judged on an essay about a person or an event that positively influenced them and the educational/personal goals they have set for themselves. This scholarship also requires more than 100 hours of community service.

Stillwater Area Kiwanis Club Scholarship
Recipients: Jordan Wallace
Olivia Weirtz
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.

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship
Recipients: Cailey Boisvert
Kate Snyder
Bailey Vold
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: Devyn Sullivan
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. Scholarship  
**Recipients: Governess Simpson  
Brian Tregilgas**  
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 Scholarship  
**Recipient: Alex Oberg**  
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.

Rebecca Ann Leverty Memorial Scholarship  
**Recipient: Madison Fry**  
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 you?”

Gary and Mary Malmquist Scholarship  
**Recipient: Diana Martinez**  
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.

Minnesota Deer Hunters Association - St. Croix Valley Chapter Scholarship  
**Recipients: Grace Donner  
Julia Kobilka**  
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.

Minnesota Masonic Charities Heritage Scholarship  
**Recipient: Lucas Olson**  
The heritage scholarship is awarded to only twenty students each year from a large pool of highly competitive, extremely competent candidates. Heritage scholarships are presented annually to Minnesota high school students with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Richard N. (Dick) Olsen Memorial Scholarship  
**Recipient: Jackson Dunleap**  
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.

Palmer-Rathert Medical Scholarship  
**Recipients: Paige Johnson  
Jordan Wallace**  
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.

The Oral Surgery Center Scholarship  
**Recipient: Madeline Hafner**  
The Oral Surgery Center awards scholarships to area graduating seniors. Applicants wrote an essay on the following topic: “If you could become any superhero and have supernatural powers, who would you be and why?”

Mark Ostertag Community Service Memorial Scholarship  
**Recipient: Anna Scheel**  
Mark Ostertag was a 2000 graduate of Stillwater Area High School. He earned a Carpentry Diploma from MN State College Southeast Technical and a Construction Electricity Diploma from St. Paul College. 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 hard work by awarding scholarships to students who have been involved in their community.
Paraprofessional Organization Scholarship
Recipient: Claire Patterson
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.

Francis & Eunice Petersen Memorial
Recipients: Caleb Meyer
             Catherine Meyer
Francis (Frank) and Eunice Petersen were lifetime residents of Stillwater and firm believers in higher education. This scholarship is given in memory of them by their five children, all of whom graduated from Stillwater Area High School. Student must be attending a 4 year college/university.

Pony Touchdown Club Scholarship
Recipient: Ben Peterson
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.

St. John's University/College of St. Benedict Scholarship
Recipient: Anna Scheel
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: Sara Jorgenson
             Katie Lagoon
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.

Sandy Gibson Anderson Memorial Scholarship
Recipient: Kleio Vrohidis
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.

Stillwater Sunrise Rotary STRIVE Mentorship Scholarship
Recipients: Sydney Spreeman
             Carson Humphrey
             Tyler Banks
             Mitchell Banken
             Jackson Dunleap
             Jared Taylor
             Diana Martinez
STRIVE is a mentoring program coordinated in a 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—business leaders, retired professionals, 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.

Scandia Marine Lions Club Scholarship
Recipients: Claire Patterson
             Grace Donner
             Timothy Kromer
             Duncan MacLeslie
The Scandia-Marine Lions Club Scholarship is awarded to students who attended Scandia or Marine Elementary Schools or currently live in the Scandia or Marine School communities. An essay detailing involvement in community, church, social groups and volunteer activities was required. Grades are also a factor in determining the winners.
Dr. Greg Seftick Wilderness Scholarship
Recipient: Patrick Allan
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.

Speaks Family Scholarship
Recipient: Caroline Allessi
This scholarship has been established through the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation. The award is given to a graduating senior who has been actively involved in drama and theater at Stillwater Area High School and who will be attending a 4 year college or university.

Dr. Donna J. Stenberg Scholarship
Recipient: Rebecca Franke
This scholarship is to develop and support women interested in a career in science or math including the health sciences and teaching sciences and math. High school curricula should show classes in science and math. Application included a short essay on goals and a letter of acceptance to a college or university.

Stillwater Masonic Scholarship
Recipients: Madelyn Drompp
Lily Marchan
Lucas Olson
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.

Stillwater Noon Rotary Club Scholarship
Recipients: Camryn Davis
Jordan Wallace
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.

Tozer Foundation Scholarships
Recipients: Kendra Anderson
Kyra Anderson
Cali Carper
Stephanie Doe
Julia Ek
Lainey Hanson
Molly Hurley
Kai Knudson
Julia Kobilka
Adam Markowicz
Marta Markowicz
Nathaniel Musser
Claire Patterson.

Trinity Lutheran Church Scholarships
Recipients: Kai Knudson
Claire Patterson
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: Anna Scheel
Claire Patterson
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: Cassidy Scanlan
Nina Thueson
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.