

2018 Scholarship Recipients

The Mandel & Laretta Abrahamer Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Anthony Duvendack and Kelsie Wren

Laretta Abrahamer established the Mandel & Laretta Abrahamer Scholarship in memory of her husband, Mandel. She believed that “there is a real need for people in the medical field.” Mandel and Laretta Abrahamer both served in the Army and each had medical backgrounds. Mandel served as a hospital administrator and Laretta a nurse.

The Angola Rotary Club Scholarship Fund

2018 Recipients: Emma Gaff, Jessie Johnson, Kylie Worden, Erinn Weiss

The Angola Rotary Club Scholarship was established in 2015 to support students or alumni from any Steuben County High School. The Club’s goal is to help a student with an average GPA needing financial assistance to pursue a secondary education.

Tara Lynne Arnold Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Anthony Duvendack

The scholarship was established in 2006 in memory of Tara Lynne Arnold by family and friends to provide scholarship support to a graduating senior of Angola High School.

The Verna Curry Boyer Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Regan Pepler

Verna Curry Boyer was a teacher in Perrysburg, Ohio for 11 years. In 1987 she moved to Hamilton, Indiana—a place she had never heard of. She worked with others to organize the Steuben County Literacy Coalition, became Director at the Adult Learning Center, Continuing Education Department at Tri-State University, and started tutoring in Angola, Hamilton, and Auburn.

The Cheryl Anstett Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Emma Gaff, Andrea Ledgerwood

Cheryl Anstett is a long time resident of Steuben County and was a non-traditional student who served as a public school teacher. This scholarship provides support to a non-traditional student seeking to further their education through post-secondary education and training in Indiana.



The Circle of Friends Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Sarah Brandt, Thayne Camp, Elizabeth German, Karlie Hutchins, Regan Pepler

The Steuben County Community Foundation awards the Circle of Friends Scholarship to students who are outstanding young people. They are active in their school and community and give their time and talents to help others.

“Life’s a Stage” Drama Scholarship in Memory of Michelle Grabill Everidge

2018 Recipient: Kane Elkins

Michelle was a 1988 graduate of Prairie Heights High School, and later studied teaching at IPFW. She was active in theatre from a young age, and she served as the drama assistant manager, make-up trainer, production assistant, performer, etc. at Prairie Heights. The scholarship recipient must have been active in drama or theatre arts.

Diana Kay Smith Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Abby Hayes

The family of Diana Kay Smith established this scholarship in celebration of her life and as a living memorial. Diana was born in June 1954 and passed away in May 1969 of leukemia. Diana was a quiet young lady who loved horses and horseback riding, while also being active in 4-H and Girl Scouts. To honor Diana’s love of singing and music, the Diana Kay Smith Memorial Scholarship provides assistance to a Fremont High School girl who has been involved in band, music, or vocal performance.

John Fiandt Scholarship Fund

2018 Recipient: Regan Pepler

John Fiandt was a life-long educator who taught History and Government for over 50 years. He spent 32 years at Angola High School and 20 years at Trine University. He enjoyed making his students think, motivated the quieter student, and was a champion of the mainstream student. John was always walking or riding his bike to get to class and around town. He was a shy, quirky individual who was very genuine and not one to follow the masses. This scholarship provides support to a student pursuing a degree in Political Science or Education.

Fouever Friends 2011 Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Nathaneal Gard, Elizabeth German, Andrea Ledgerwood, Kylie Worden

This scholarship was established as an ongoing memorial to four Angola High School students who tragically lost their lives on March 26, 2011 in an automobile accident returning from Florida.



Through the generosity of donors in and around Steuben County, this scholarship fund enables future students to realize the dream of a college education. Alexx Bauer excelled at football and hoped to become a teacher. Riley Zimmer was a gridiron favorite and an animal lover. Matt Roe was an avid soccer player and was fluent in Spanish. Evan Weaver was an all-around athlete and had a passion for music and music production. All four boys were friends. Their unrealized potential is longing, their kindnesses forever giving, their spirits forever lasting.

Don & Eileen Fulton Nursing Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Lindsey Dornte

As proud parents of 8 daughters who all attained college degrees, Don and Eileen Fulton wished to extend that advantage to other young people. Don was an Angola graduate, and he was instrumental in acquiring the National Guard armory for Angola. The scholarship provides assistance to students studying nursing, a tribute to Eileen's lifetime of service to Angola as a nurse.

"Joy of Music" Gwen Baker Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Nathaneal Gard

The scholarship fund was established in honor of Gwen Baker. Each year, the recipient is a Fremont graduate who was involved in band or choir.

The Alfred R. and Joyce E. Gutstein Scholarship for Nursing

2018 Recipient: Anthony Duvendack, Kelsie Wren

Established in 2011, the Alfred R. and Joyce E. Gutstein Nursing Scholarship was established as a bequest of the late Mr. Gutstein and as a memorial to him by his wife Joyce. Alfred was a prominent attorney in Angola and practiced for over 50 years. He was very active in the community and was involved in many activities> Activities that included: being an attorney for the Welfare Department for over 40 years, past president and board member of Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for over 25 years, and an active Rotarian for 47 years. Joyce, who was a r registered nurse, was a major organizer of the Well Child Clinic in Angola and served as nurse coordinator for 22 years. She was instrumental in starting Santa's Helpers, served as chairman and volunteered for 30 years. She currently volunteers at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.

The Ed Haas Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Regan Pepler

Family and friends established this scholarship in memory of Ed Haas, who taught at various Steuben County elementary schools for many years. This is awarded to an Angola graduate pursuing a degree in education, humanities, or the arts.



The H. Pauline Hand Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Sarah Brandt, Andrea Ledgerwood

Pauline Hand was originally from the Edon, Ohio area, but lived most of her life near Metz where she and her husband Kenneth farmed until his death in 1980. She was described as friendly, neighborly, and fond of helping others. Mrs. Hand was an avid piano player and enjoyed needlework. She requested that the recipients of the award be selected based upon academic performance, leadership skills, and character.

Harry W. and Shirley L. Kelley Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Regan Peppler

Harold and Helen Stevens were both interested in the education of young people. Very early in their lives, they both were teachers. Harold taught at Flint School, and Helen began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Steuben County. Throughout their lives together she supported her husband's continued interest in education. Harold founded Lakeland Electronics in Angola, and for 16 years he served as a board member on the Metropolitan School District (MSD) of Steuben County. He remained a vocal activist of the MSD school district until his death in 1992. Helen was a homemaker and mother of three daughters. She was active in her church until her death in 2001. In memory of their parents, daughters Beverly Laird, Donna Hays and Nancy Riley established the Harold H. and Helen E. Stevens Memorial Scholarship to provide support to students.

The M.G. "Doc" Headley Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Maggie Ingledue

Dr. M. G. "Doc" Headley was a popular Steuben County civic leader who amused thousands over the years with his calliope, organs and antique farm equipment. Doc was a well-known veterinarian in the community and in the early 1980s, established the Grandview Veterinary Clinic in Angola. He was known for never turning away an animal in need of treatment, despite an owner's inability to pay. Many recognized Doc because of his appearances in local parades and for bringing Santa Claus to town in his fire-truck with a mounted calliope.

"Heart of the Arts" Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Karli Forte

The scholarship was established by SCCF Humanities Committee in 2011 to provide educational scholarships for students. This scholarship is named for Humanities, Enjoyment, and the ARTs. Recipients are students who are pursuing a bachelor's in the humanities, performing arts, visual arts, creative writing, or culinary arts.



The Giles F. and Rose A. Heroy Scholarship for Teaching

2018 Recipient: Regan Pepler

Giles and Rose Heroy, were the founders of Angola Wire Products, Inc. in Angola. Rose exhibited a life-long interest in the reading habits and education of young people that reflected her own love of reading. She was an enthusiastic partner in the education of her children, a “magnet” for younger children in the neighborhood, and a supporter of higher education and good teachers at every level.

Harold H. and Helen E. Stevens Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Regan Pepler

Established in 2011 by the wife and children of Harry W. Kelley. Harry was a successful coach, teacher, athletic director and administrator in Steuben County for almost 40 years. Mr. Kelley always put the best interests of his students and athletes first and was a mentor to many. This scholarship is a living memorial to him as a way to continue to support young people in Steuben County.

Michael David Holcomb II Memorial IT Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Bryan Sears

Established by the parents and twin brother of Michael D. Holcomb, II, this scholarship seeks to provide support to a graduating senior who is pursuing a degree in Information Technology. His family felt that establishing a scholarship would be a wonderful legacy for Michael’s life-long passion for learning.

The Dale Hughes, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: John Claudy

This scholarship was established in memory of Dale Hughes, Jr. by his wife, Emilyn. Dale was extremely proud that their five children all have college educations. This scholarship is a fitting memorial for a man who believed in the importance of education. His father was a principal, and his mother a teacher. Dale was a farmer and a Steuben County Commissioner for 18 years. He served on the Prairie Heights School board for eight years and was a Salem Township precinct committeeman.

The Leon Huss 4- H Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Alexandra Cranston, Paige Smith

Established by the family and friends of Leon Huss as a living memorial. As a youngster, Leon was a member of 4-H for 10 years. Leon and Sharon were strong supporters of the 4-H auction with donations and buying animals. For over 25 years they owned Oliver Sales Company in Angola.



The Sylvia E. Jackson Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Regan Pepler

After graduating from Angola High School, Sylvia continued her education at Michigan State University. While there she received a Rotary Foundation Fellow Scholarship and went to Paris, France, to study for one year. After earning her masters degree at the University of Wisconsin, she went on to work for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). After completing her training, she was sent to work in Morocco where she stayed until she became ill and returned to the United States.

The Gene E. Kalb Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Melissa Beer

Gene Kalb was a cultured, fun-loving man who is described by his friends as entertaining. He loved Steuben County, especially Pokagon State Park, and spent many of his 81 years here. Mr. Kalb was the owner of a shoe store called "Fashion Shoe Store" that was located on Monument Circle in Angola. Upon his retirement, he moved to the Ruskin, Florida area, but returned to his favored lake community in 2001 to live out his years with his beloved dogs; Fitz II and Tiger

Kylee Anne Simons Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Regan Pepler

The Kylee Anne Simons Scholarship was established as a tribute to Kylee by her parents, Nate and Aimee. Kylee is a young lady who wants to help provide the education for teachers that are pursuing a degree, or who have an interest in special education.

The John W. Kelley Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Clayton Greenamyre

This scholarship was established as a memorial to John Kelly, who passed away in May, 2003, by his friend and local businessman, Frank Baade. John was a Vietnam veteran and a member of the Steuben County Sheriff Department Merit Board. This scholarship provides assistance to those pursuing a career in Law Enforcement.

Lakeland Marine Retailers Association Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Brady Vail, Andrea Ledgerwood

The scholarship was established in 1997 in support of Lakeland Marine Retailers Association's efforts to provide quality, skilled employees in the field of marine technology. By providing this assistance, the marine retailers hope to perpetuate the recruitment of educated, motivated individuals for business growth.



Mary Jane Kruse Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Caitlin Lanning

Established by Mary Jane Kruse through her estate in 2007, this scholarship provides support to students who will be majoring in English at an accredited college or university of their choice. Mary Jane began her career teaching English for one year in Defiance, Ohio, and then for six years English at the Fremont Community Schools. In 1974 she began working for MSD where she taught English at Angola High School for 26 years.

Not Your Ordinary Student Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Joshua Flaughter

This scholarship was established by the Steuben County Community Foundation Board of Directors in 2007 to provide scholarship assistance to non-traditional students.

Oaken Bucket IU-PU Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Jada Hall, Nathaneal Gard

Established in 2008 by the Steuben County Community Foundation, this scholarship helps students in Steuben County who wish to obtain a 2 or 4 year degree at any Purdue University or Indiana University campus location.

Susie Poor Memorial Teaching Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Regan Pepler

The Susie Poor Memorial Teaching Scholarship was established by family, friends and colleagues in loving memory of Susie Poor. Susie lived her life teaching, nurturing and positively impacting the lives of the young people of the MSD of Steuben County. The scholarship was created to aid a young person in fulfilling a dream of making a positive difference for elementary students of all ages and abilities. This was the life-time commitment of Susie and a passion she would love to see carried forward in her memory.

Dr. J. Glenn Radcliff Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Chloe Manahan

Dr. J. Glen Radcliffe's love of Tri-State University (now known as Trine University) is being honored with the establishment of this scholarship. Known as Mr. Tri-State, Dr. Radcliffe was connected with TSU for 73 years. He was selected as the university's first chaplain. But his concern and commitment extended well past Tri-State's doors and into the community. This was recognized with Dr. Radcliffe's receipt of The Sagamore of the Wabash award from the state of Indiana.



The Doris and Kermit Rensch 4-H Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Trevor Craig, Emma Gaff, Paige Smith

Family and friends established the Doris and Kermit Rensch 4-H Scholarship in their memory in 1996. Kermit was a long-time supporter of the Steuben County 4-H program and was a key community leader in the construction of the buildings currently on the fairgrounds. The current livestock show arena, known as Rensch Hall was named in his honor.

Loretta C. and Mary S. Sanders Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Anthony Duvendack, Kelsie Wren

Established in 2010 through their estate, the Loretta C. and Mary S. Sanders Scholarship will provide two scholarships: one to a graduating senior who is pursuing a degree in Business Administration, and one to a student pursuing a degree in Nursing.

The Gerald J and Waunetta B. Seagly Scholarship- MSD

2018 Recipients: Danielle Keresztes, Eric Nofziger

Gerald J. Seagly was a lifelong resident of Steuben County, a successful businessman and a person dedicated to helping the youth in the area. He served as chairman of the Student Loan Program for the local Rotary Club. Mr. Seagly made provisions in his will for the gift of scholarship money to graduating seniors of Angola High School.

The Gerald J and Waunetta B. Seagly Scholarship- Hamilton

2018 Recipients: Maggie Ingledue, Chloe Manahan

Gerald J. Seagly was a lifelong resident of Steuben County, a successful businessman and a person dedicated to helping the youth in the area. He served as chairman of the Student Loan Program for the local Rotary Club. Mr. Seagly made provisions in his will for the gift of scholarship money to graduating seniors of Hamilton high school.

The Gerald J and Waunetta B. Seagly Scholarship- Prairie Heights

2018 Recipients: Elizabeth German, Ashton Reed

Gerald J. Seagly was a lifelong resident of Steuben County, a successful businessman and a person dedicated to helping the youth in the area. He served as chairman of the Student Loan Program for the local Rotary Club. Mr. Seagly made provisions in his will for the gift of scholarship money to graduating seniors of Prairie Heights High school.

The Glenn, Vera and Estel G. Sewell Memorial Nursing Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Anthony Duvendack, Kelsie Wren

The Glenn, Vera and Estel G. Sewell Memorial Nursing Scholarship was established by Estel Sewell as a memorial to her parents, Glen and Vera Sewell. Estel was concerned about the education of future



generations, she chose for her scholarship to be used in the field of nursing, which she felt would benefit a good many people.

The Nettie and Edward Shelah Scholarship

2018 Recipients: Chloe Manahan, Maggie Ingledue

Adele Shelah Whitfield established the Shelah Scholarship with the Hamilton Community Schools in memory of her parents, Nettie and Edward Shelah. It is said that Nettie loved her hometown and spoke with pride of the achievements of the students from Hamilton. It is with that thought in mind that Adele established the scholarship.

The Steven “Chad” Shively Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Paige Smith

Steven and Deniese Shively, in memory of their son and as a living memorial, established the Steven “Chad” Shively Memorial Scholarship. Chad, at age 22, had a great start in his career as a farmer until June, 2001 when a hay-baling accident cut his life tragically short. Chad, a 1996 Fremont High School graduate, was a 10-year 4-H member and owner of the C&J Club Calves in Fremont, a ranch with about 30 head of cattle.

The Snyder Ivy Tech State College Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Abigail Hottell

Ned and Jane Snyder are retired residents of Steuben County who are giving back to their community. Ned and his late wife were the owners of Snyder Culligan Water for over 40 years. They established this scholarship in 1998 to provide support for a student attending Ivy Tech State College. Ned has served on the board of directors of the college since 1970 and has served as vice-chair of Region 03, in Northeast Indiana.

The Gene Wenzel Memorial Scholarship

2018 Recipient: Danielle Keresztes

Tom Wenzel established the Gene Wenzel Memorial Scholarship as a tribute and in memory of his father. Gene was a self-made successful man. His family felt that this was a fitting memorial, as he believed in the value of an education and in hard work.