



# Annual Scholarship Award Celebration

2021-2022 Awards & Recipients

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## 3M MAP Scholarship

3Mgives, in conjunction with the 3M Manufacturing and Academic Partnership program and 3M Plant Engineering Global Excellence wishes to encourage students to pursue fields of study in Plant Engineering and Maintenance. These \$2500 scholarships are awarded annually to students pursuing degrees in Mechatronics, Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, Robotics, or Industrial Maintenance.

### Student Recipients:



Austin Gieseke  
Automation & Robotic Systems Technology



Blake Worthington  
Automation & Robotic Systems Technology



Christopher Garrels  
Automation & Robotic Systems Technology



# Paul J. Aamot Memorial Scholarship

Paul was a long-time English instructor at the College, teaching from 1963-1985. He authored many books on writing and politics. This scholarship in Paul's memory is funded by his family and is awarded to Liberal Arts students pursuing a degree in Education, English, Journalism, or Communications.

## Student Recipient:



Madison Mickels  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# AAUW-American Association of University Women Scholarship

The AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, AAUW has worked as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women. This scholarship is awarded to a Ridgewater student who will be transferring to a 4-year college or university to continue their studies.

## Student Recipients:



Jennifer Elsing  
Early Childhood Education



Haylee Johnson  
Liberal Arts



# Adams Honors Memorial Scholarship

Elaine Adams was a long-time math teacher for Willmar Schools and a former Ridgewater College Foundation Board member prior to her retirement in 1979. The Adams Honors Endowment is in memory of Elaine and her late husband Ray, and these scholarships go to students who exhibit strong academic achievement.

## Student Recipients:



Emily Felling  
Professional Photography



Ryan Wolbeck  
Electrician

# Adams-Siksne Memorial Scholarship

This endowment fund was established to honor Ray Adams and Richard Siksne by their wives, Elaine Adams and Norma Siksne. These scholarship(s) are awarded to Machine Tool students.

## Student Recipients:



Wayne Heller  
CNC Precision Manufacturing  
Technician



Justin Hoff  
Machining Technician



Jacob Ross  
CNC Precision Manufacturing  
Technician



Patrick Rowan  
CNC Precision Manufacturing  
Technician



Eli Sladek  
CNC Precision Manufacturing  
Technician



# Adult Basic Education Scholarship

The Adult Basic Education scholarship recognizes a student who has worked with ABE to earn a GED or to prepare in a career pathway and who is pursuing coursework at Ridgewater College.

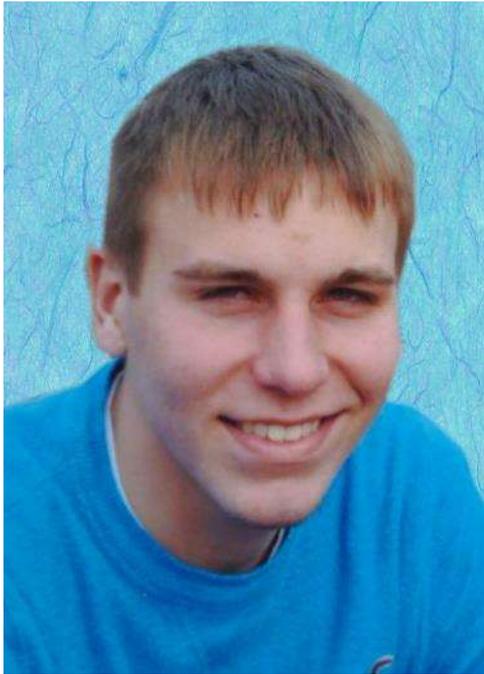
## Student Recipients:



Desiree Stueber  
Pre-Nursing



Caridad Icenhower  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# James Albrecht Memorial Scholarship

James was a student at Ridgewater studying Automotive Technology when he passed away in an automobile accident in 2011. His family and friends established an endowment fund in his memory through an annual “Circle of Friends” golf tournament. The scholarship goes to students from Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop High School.

## Student Recipient:



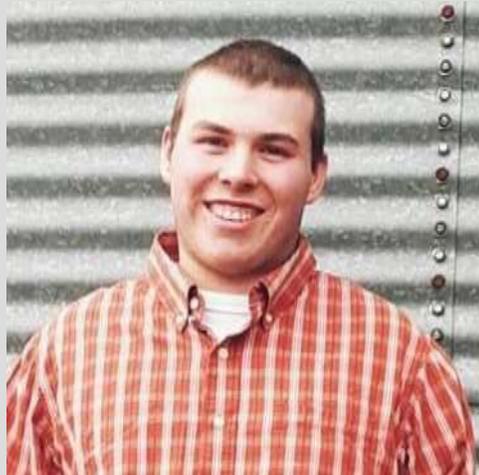
Samantha Dalglish  
Pre-Nursing



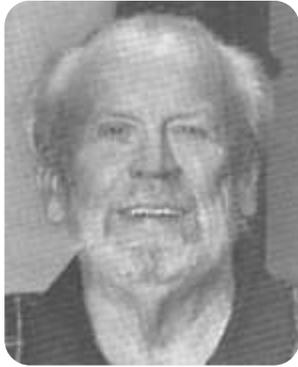
# Alliance Pipeline Scholarship

The Alliance Pipeline company transports natural gas underground from Canada through North Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa to Illinois. The pipeline delivers more than 1.6 billion cubic feet per day of liquids-rich natural gas to the Chicago market. Alliance Pipeline's scholarship endowment fund supports students enrolled in an Agriculture-related program.

## Student Recipient:



Noah Blonigen  
Agri Business, Precision  
Agriculture



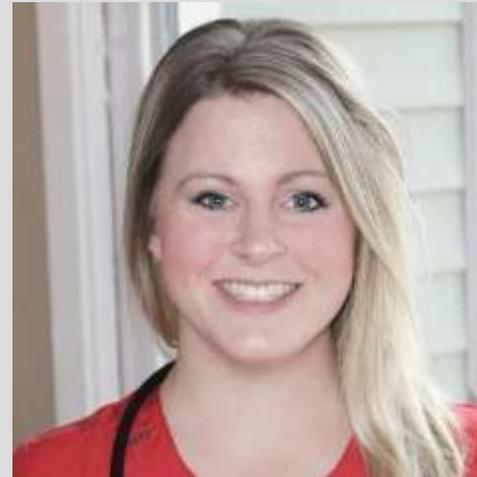
# Patricia & Delbert Allinder Memorial Scholarship

Patricia made a career of counseling and education, serving on Willmar School Board from 1974-1983 and on the State Board of vocational technical education from 1983 until her death in 1991. She was active in the college's Campus Ministry and in her church. Delbert owned and operated West Central Steel from 1972 until his retirement in 2012. He was an active volunteer for the Chamber, Willmar Opportunity Club, Relay for Life, and many other community causes. This scholarship is for non-traditional Nursing students.

## Student Recipients:



Chelsey Goff  
Nursing



Kelsey Platz  
Nursing



# Alumni Scholarship

Though general scholarship donations, this scholarship is awarded to full-time students whose parents are a graduate of Ridgewater College, Willmar Technical College, Willmar Community College or Hutchinson Area Vocational Institute.

## Student Recipients:



Adria Gasser  
Multimedia Design  
Technology



Virginia Larsen  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# American Welding Society Scholarship

AWS was founded in 1919, as a nonprofit organization with a global mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes, including brazing, soldering and thermal spraying. AWS strives to move the industry forward in both thought and action, as well as inspiring new generations to see the exciting career opportunities available today.

## Student Recipients:



Richard Jones  
Welding



Richard Larsen  
Welding



**ANDERSON**  
**CHEMICAL COMPANY**

## Anderson Chemical Company Scholarship

Anderson Chemical Company of Litchfield has provided professional cleaning and sanitation programs to the food processing industry for over a century. Anderson also develops and maintains water management programs for boilers, cooling systems, process water, and wastewater systems. Each year, Anderson Chemical Company awards \$4000 in scholarships to students who graduated from Litchfield High School.

### Student Recipients:



Brianna Cherrington  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Galadriel Heinrichs  
Nursing/Pre-Nursing



# Mary S. Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Mary Anderson was employed as an administrative assistant at Ridgewater College from 1979 to 1989. Mary was a life-long believer in education and while living at Harmony River Living Center, was moved and inspired by her many caregivers who were struggling to juggle work and family while also trying to pursue a higher education. This scholarship goes to an employee of Harmony River who is enrolled at Ridgewater College and pursuing a higher education in any field.

## Student Recipients:



Angelica Garcia  
Health Sciences Broad Field

# Murl E. Anderson Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established in 1999 by the family of Murl E. Anderson. The scholarships go to students enrolled in various technical programs.

## Student Recipients:



Larissa Overlie  
Veterinary Technology



Hallie Redding  
Veterinary Technology



Macy Schenk  
Veterinary Technology



Nathan Schmidt  
Auto Body Collision Technology



# Kristina Baune Memorial Scholarship

Kristina, the daughter of Ginger and Tom Baune, passed away in 1985 at age 10 after an extended illness (Late Infantile Metachromatic Lycrodystrophy). Kristina's dad, Tom, was the department chair for the Auto Body program for many years; this scholarship honors Kristina's memory and goes to students enrolled in Auto Body.

**Student Recipient:**



John Walsh  
Auto Body Collision Technology



# William H. Benson Memorial Scholarship

William (Bill) Benson joined the faculty at Willmar Junior College (Ridgewater College) in 1968. Bill was a physicist and farmer. He enjoyed teaching physics and engineering at Ridgewater College, where he taught until he retired in 2004. He also ran the family farm, producing beef, dairy, and crops. Bill was a loving husband, father, grandpa and friend. His son John Benson is a Chemistry instructor at Ridgewater College. This award goes to a first generation college student in a STEM program with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

## Student Recipient:



Christopher Garrels  
Automation & Robotic Systems Technology

# Corky & Ramona Berg Social Work Scholarship

George “Corky” and Ramona Berg, both long-time residents of Willmar, established this scholarship in 2019 to support students pursuing careers in the area of Social Work. Corky and Ramona believe in giving back to their community, and this scholarship is a way for them to help others through education

## Student Recipients:



Teresa Jaeger  
Chemical Dependency Counselor  
& Liberal Arts & Sciences



Caridad Icenhower  
Liberal Arts and Sciences

# Bergh's Fabricating, Inc. Scholarship



Bergh's Fabricating was established in 1976 and specializes in all types and sizes of steel fabricating projects. Each year, Bergh's gives scholarships to students enrolled in the Welding program.

## Student Recipients:



John Daniels  
Welding



Jonas Habben  
Welding

# Elaine & D.J. Black Memorial



Elaine was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker who also worked for a time as a nurse. She was active in her community church and a member of the PTA, AFS Committee, American Legion Post 96 Auxiliary, General Federated Women's Club (GFWC), and McLeod County Republican Committee. Elaine was an election judge on the Hutchinson Health Hospital Board and Burns Manor Nursing Home Board of Directors in Hutchinson. When Elaine passed away in 2013, her family established this scholarship for nursing students to honor both Elaine and her late husband D.J.

## Student Recipients:



Alycia Keenan  
Nursing



Brittney Richter  
Nursing

# James Black Memorial Scholarship

James was a Ridgewater College counselor on the Hutchinson campus for many years. Jim passed away in a tractor accident shortly after his retirement. The scholarship was established by his family and friends and is for a Hutchinson Campus student.

## Student Recipient:



Emma Becker  
Electrician



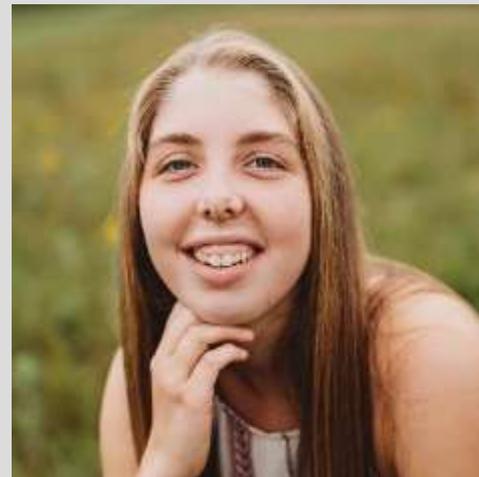
# Blue Pearl Veterinary Partners Scholarship

Blue Pearl has provided urgent, emergency, and critical care services in support of referring veterinary hospitals and their surrounding communities since 1979. Owned and operated by practicing veterinarians of the local community, Blue Pearl functions as an extended resource by providing high quality care and outstanding customer service for dogs, cats and small mammals.

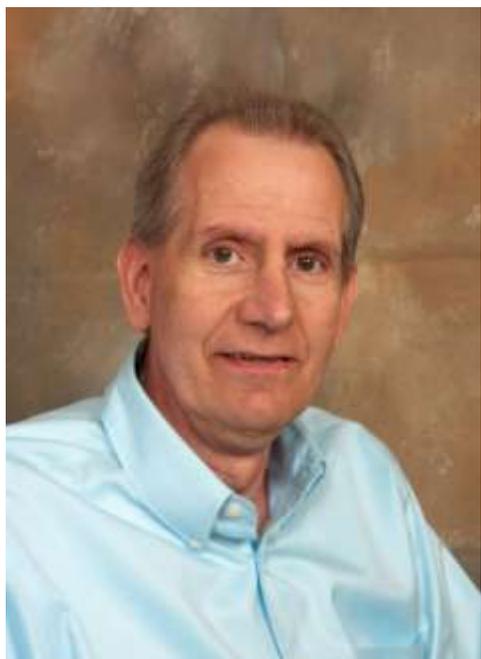
## Student Recipients:



Amanda Anderson  
Veterinary Technology



Ashley Hommerding  
Veterinary Technology



# Dr. Brian Bonte Memorial Scholarship

The Dr. Brian Bonte scholarship fund has been established to assist students pursuing a CNA or EMT certification on the Hutchinson Campus. Dr. Bonte was one of the first EMT's in Iowa at the age of 17. He also worked as a nurses aide/orderly at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines for four years.

Both of these positions laid the foundation for Dr. Bonte's interest in serving humanity through medical practice. He understood the importance of the immediate and individual medical care both EMT's and CNA's bring to patients and was on the receiving end of both professions at the end of life.

The family of Dr Bonte wishes to encourage men and women to serve their communities through these valuable and compassionate occupations.

## Student Recipients:



Spencer Lade  
Certified Nursing Assistant



Marisa Uecker  
Certified Nursing Assistant



Gracie Mallak  
Certified Nursing Assistant



Alex Maiers  
Certified Nursing Assistant



Laurie McDowell  
Certified Nursing Assistant



# Dr. Brian Bonte Memorial Scholarship *(continued)*

## Student Recipients:



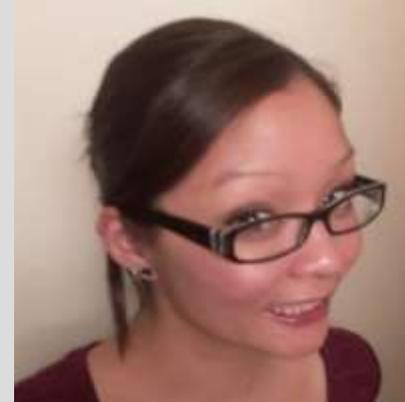
Feleica Parker  
Certified Nursing Assistant



Sara Juma  
Certified Nursing Assistant



Kiza Olson  
Certified Nursing Assistant



Dana Guindon  
Certified Nursing Assistant



# Carris Health - Rice Hospital Medical Staff

The Carris Health – Rice Hospital Medical Staff Scholarship is funded by the doctors from Carris Health - Rice Memorial Hospital. This funding provides an annual scholarship to a Ridgewater student pursuing a career in health care.

## Student Recipients:



Maranda Wieber  
Nursing



# CHS Scholars First Year Scholarship

The CHS Foundation is the major giving entity of CHS Inc., the nation's leading farmer-owned cooperative and a global energy, grains and foods company. As a part of the CHS stewardship focus, the CHS Foundation supports education and leadership programs that invest in the future of agriculture, cooperative business, and rural America. CHS scholarships are awarded to Agriculture students.

## Student Recipients:



Jenna Caughey  
Dairy Management



Emma Johnson  
Agri Business



Mitchel Klockmann  
Dairy Management



Isaac Starke  
Agri Business



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## Student Recipients:



Emma Friauf  
Agri Business



Leah Mohs  
Agri Business



William Pell  
Farm Operation and Management



Grace Zeidler  
Dairy Management



# Communication Studies Scholarship

This award goes to a student enrolled in the program.

## Student Recipients:



Elias Kangai  
Communication Studies  
Transfer Pathway



# Compeer Financial Scholarship

Compeer Financial is a member-owned, Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities. Based in the upper Midwest, Compeer Financial exists to champion the hopes and dreams of rural America. Compeer Financial regularly collaborates with others who are also dedicated to agriculture and rural America. This scholarship is awarded to full-time students in agriculture programs.

## Student Recipients:



Leah Mohs  
Agri Business



William Pell  
Farm Operation and  
Management



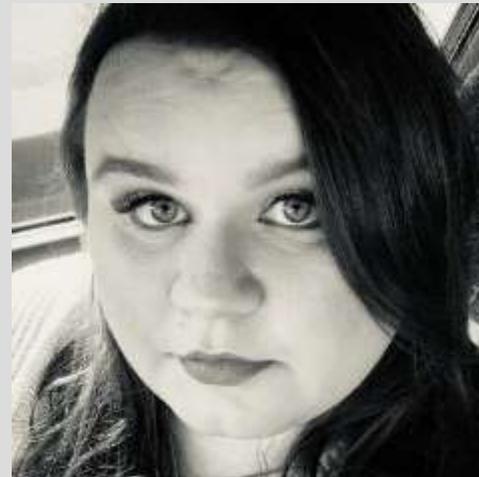
# Computer Aided Drafting and Design Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to full-time or part-time students in the computer aided drafting and design technology program. The student must have a 3.0 minimum GPA.

## Student Recipients:



Isaac Perry  
Computer Aided Drafting  
and Design



Reed Towne  
Computer Aided Drafting  
& Design



## Custom Products of Litchfield Scholarship

Custom Products was founded in 1959 in response to local building construction contractors that required reliable metal fabricators. The first product produced by the company was rafter sockets. Shortly after opening, founder Arvid Reinke was approached by a local farmer with an idea for a cab enclosure for his tractor. The core product of the business immediately changed to cab products, and ever since, Custom Products has been focused on cabs and structures that protect equipment operators from nature's elements and on-the-job hazards. The scholarships go to students enrolled in the Welding program.

### Student Recipients:



John Daniels  
Welding



Michael Mohr  
Welding

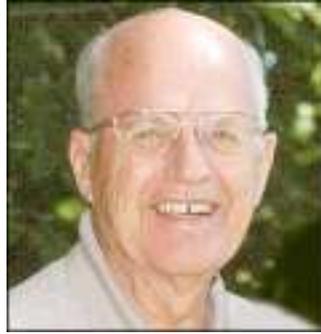
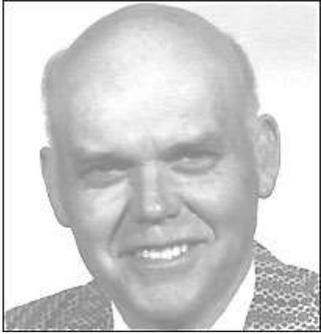
# Jan Dahl Memorial Scholarship

Jan received her Cosmetology license from Willmar Technical College in 1975; she later became an instructor in the program and also worked for Peterson Brothers Funeral Home as a cosmetologist. Jan loved being with family and friends and enjoyed gardening, decorating, reading, cooking, and lake activities. She passed away from cancer in 2007 at the age of 51. This scholarship, for Cosmetology students, honors Jan and is funded by current Cosmetology instructors.

## Student Recipient:



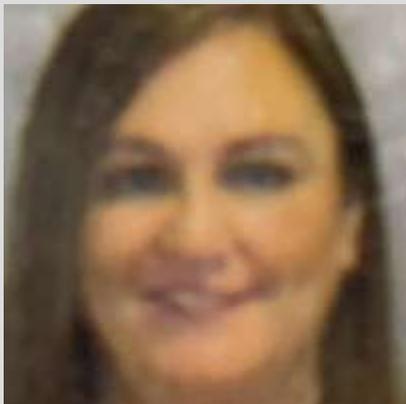
Heidi Imker  
Cosmetology



# Danielson Nursing Scholarship

This fund was established in 1991, through a series of gifts from brothers Leonard and Willard Danielson. The brothers were so impressed by the nursing care they received over the years, the Danielsons were moved to help others pursue education and training in nursing. This endowment provides over \$20,000 in nursing scholarships annually.

## Student Recipients:



Kari Artmann  
Nursing



Jade Bierwerth  
Nursing



Autumn Buseman  
Nursing



Dalton Fette  
Nursing



Heidi Jo Fisher  
Nursing

# Danielson Nursing Scholarship (cont.)

## Student Recipients:



Mikayla Fitzpatrick  
Nursing



Mikaylin Goetze  
Nursing



Samantha Harmon  
Nursing



Jamie Kaiser  
Nursing



Alyssa Knodel  
Nursing



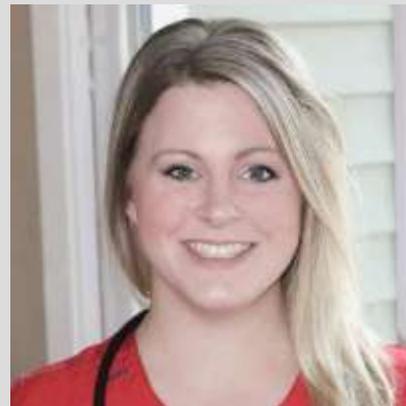
Christopher Kraemer  
Nursing



Jessica Meierhofer  
Nursing



Macy Muehlberg  
Nursing



Kelsey Platz  
Nursing



Shaula Reyes  
Nursing

# Danielson Nursing Scholarship (cont.)

## Student Recipients:



Brittney Richter  
Nursing



Brady Ridler  
Nursing



Hannah Schaust  
Nursing



Kera Sluka  
Nursing



Abbey Tiemann  
Nursing



Kayla Ver Steeg  
Nursing



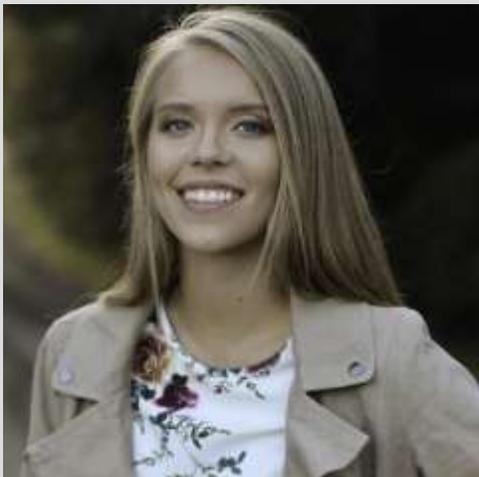
Maranda Wieber  
Nursing



# Marilyn & John Docksey Memorial Scholarship

This fund was originally established in memory of Marilyn, a long time Willmar resident and RN, by her husband Dr. John Docksey in 2007. When John passed away in 2009, the family renamed and fund to honor both parents. John received his medical degree from Marquette University in 1950, the same year the two were married. He completed his internship in medicine and surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Philadelphia in 1951 and his residency in general surgery at the Veteran's Hospital in Milwaukee in 1955. He joined the Willmar Clinic in 1956 and practiced medicine and surgery until retiring in 1989. This scholarship fund honors both Marilyn and John and is given to Nursing students.

## Student Recipients:



Cassandra Butcher  
Nursing



Abi Gasca  
Pre-Nursing



# Down with Diabetes Alliance Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by the Down with Diabetes Alliance, an organization based in Hutchinson, MN focused on spreading awareness, educating people on diabetes, and creating a community of support for diabetics and the people who care for them. This award goes to a student pursuing a health care degree, who may encounter diabetic patients during their career.

## Student Recipient:



Stee Na Moo  
Medical Assistant

# Early Childhood Education Scholarship

Thanks to a community fundraising effort in the summer of 2019, this scholarship was established to help address the critical shortage of childcare workers in Kandiyohi County. This scholarship is funded by Ridgewater instructors for students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education Program.

## Student Recipients:



Baylor Kardell  
Early Childhood Education



Josie Knutson  
Early Childhood Education



Lizbeth Medina Lizarraga  
Early Childhood Education



Sarah Nelson  
Early Childhood Education



# Education & English Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by Ridgewater instructors for students enrolled in a Liberal Arts program on the Hutchinson campus with an intent to transfer to a 4-year degree in Education or English.

## Student Recipients:



Brianna Cherrington  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Theresa Siers  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Erika Johnson  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Electrician Staff Scholarship

The Electrician Staff scholarship is funded by donations from Ridgewater electrician instructors and goes to an outstanding second year electrician student at Ridgewater College.

**Student Recipient:**



Reece Schwirtz  
Electrician



# Mabel Erickson Memorial Scholarship

This endowment was established by a bequest from Mabel Erickson's will to the Willmar Technical Institute in 1992. Mabel was a member of United Methodist Church and was active in many women's groups. She passed away at the age of 95 and was preceded in death by her husband, Victor, and sons, Dale and James. This scholarship helps students enrolled in a variety of technical programs.

## Student Recipients:



Devin Compton  
Automation & Robotic Systems Technology



Easton Davis  
Computer Support Technician



William Hucker  
Computer Support Technician



Rebecca LLOYD-McDonald  
Computer Support Technician



# Mabel Erickson Memorial Scholarship *(continued)*

## Student Recipients:



Emily Madrid

Multimedia Design Technology, Web Developer



Isaac Perry

Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Jason Rannow

Network Administration and Security,  
Network Systems Administration



Reed Towne

Computer Aided Drafting and Design



# Robert Erickson Memorial Scholarship

Robert was a rural mail carrier and partner in Erickson Plumbing & Heating and Erickson Hardware for 34 years. He was on both the Blomkest and Willmar School Boards, was active at the Blomkest Baptist Church, and a member of the Blomkest Fire Department. Robert passed away in a car accident in 1989 at the age of 56. This scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in select technical programs.

## Student Recipient:



Reed Towne  
Computer Aided Drafting  
and Design



# Alice Feichtinger Nursing Scholarship

Alice Feichtinger is a former Ridgewater College nursing instructor. Alice served as a nurse for many years before starting her career at Ridgewater as a college lab assistant. She later moved into teaching and worked with students for 25 years. Alice's goal in teaching was to cultivate well-rounded nurses who not only understood the technical skills of nursing, but the art of the work as well. She said, "People will always remember how you made them feel... as nurses, it's our mission is to leave them feeling better." She practiced the same principles as an instructor and left her students feeling confident, empowered, and inspired.

This scholarship has been established in Alice's name by her former student, Shannon Larson. Shannon, now a Nurse Practitioner, is grateful for the support and encouragement Alice provided her during her time at Ridgewater College and beyond. The award goes to a non-traditional nursing student on the Willmar campus.

## Student Recipient:



Stephanie Dean  
Practical Nursing



# Ron Flannigan Memorial Scholarship

Ron was the Mobile Sim Lab Coordinator at Ridgewater when he passed away in 2013 after a long battle with cancer. Ron was instrumental in creating and launching a new Code Blue training curriculum at that time. This scholarship honors Ron's passion and desire to help others, and seeks a student in a health care program who has strong family values, a strong work ethic, and a passion for their studies.

## Student Recipient:



Alycia Keenan  
Nursing

# Matthew L. Flaschenriem Memorial Scholarship

Matt Flaschenriem graduated from Ridgewater in 2001 with a degree in Dairy Management; Matt passed away in a farm accident in 2005. This scholarship honors Matt and goes to a Dairy Management student.

**Student Recipient:**



Grace Zeidler  
Dairy Management



# *Rice Memorial Hospital*

## Foot Lake Four Health Care Scholarship

The Foot Lake Four Walk / Run is one of the premier events that takes place during Willmar Fests. It is designed to provide fun for all age groups and levels of participation. From 1996-2006, Rice Health Foundation donated a portion of funds raised from the event to establish an endowed scholarship fund for Ridgewater students. It is awarded to students pursuing a health care degree.

### Student Recipients:



Adrian Anderson  
Paramedic



Jessica Gilbert  
Medical Assistant



# Clayton Fossum Memorial - Auto Body Scholarship

Clayton was a beloved member of the Willmar community for 70+ years. He co-owned and operated the West Central Wheel and Body shop in Willmar for more than 40 years before retiring in 1988. Customers fondly recall a welcoming atmosphere, great service, a cup of coffee, and a laugh or two with Clayton, Buzz and their employees. Clayton was an active member of the Willmar community in many ways and a volunteer fireman for 21 years. His compassion for his family, friends, neighbors, and pets was evident. This kind and gentle man's presence was usually known before you could see him by his melodic whistle. This scholarship goes to an Auto Body student.

## Student Recipient:



Tanner Friesen  
Auto Body Collision Technology



# Freshman Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by general scholarship donations and is awarded to incoming first year Liberal Arts students, who are full time status, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Student must have graduated from high school within past 18 months. No single student can receive the Freshman Scholarship more than once.

## Student Recipient:



Emily Jarl  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Christopher Stephen Gabbert Nursing Scholarship

The Christopher Stephen Gabbert Nursing Scholarship, established by Greg and Susan Gabbert, is named after Greg's brother who died as an infant. It was created to honor all the dedicated nurses who helped Susan survive cancer, Greg survive a heart attack, and who served so heroically during COVID-19. Susan was a Registered Nurse for 39 years. Greg and Susan's son, Michael, is an RN as well. The Gabbert's know that nurses are special people who don't always get the support and gratitude they deserve. This scholarship was created to help another special person become a nurse.

## Student Recipients:



Chelsey Goff  
Nursing



Hannah Schaust  
Nursing



# Ed & Clara Gesch Memorial Scholarship

In 1996, Edward and Clara Gesch of Willmar established an endowed scholarship fund to support Ridgewater College students. Eligible students can be enrolled in any program on the Willmar Campus.

## Student Recipient:



Taylor Whitney  
Professional Photography Technology



# Lyle Goeddertz Memorial Scholarship

Lyle (Bud) joined the Willmar Police Department in 1953 as a patrolman and later was appointed Juvenile Officer. In 1961, at age 31, he became the Chief of Police for Willmar – and the youngest police chief in the entire state of Minnesota. Bud and a colleague started the “Intro to Law Enforcement” program at the college and he taught there for 12 years. Bud also started the “ride along” program for students interested in law enforcement and a prisoner work program in which inmates helped with recycling for the city. When Bud passed away in 2001, his family, friends, and colleagues created this scholarship for Law Enforcement students.

## Student Recipient:



Ashley Jones  
Peace Officer



# Gene Haas Machine Tool Scholarship

The Gene Haas Foundation is a private foundation committed to manufacturing education and providing support for local communities; the Foundation offers scholarships to high schools, community colleges, and special educational programs that help build skills within the machining industry, and has granted over \$52,000 to Ridgewater College over the past 4 years.

## Student Recipients:



Wayne Heller

CNC Precision Manufacturing Technician



Justin Hoff

Machining Technician



Jacob Ross

CNC Precision Manufacturing Technician



Patrick Rowan

CNC Precision Manufacturing Technician



Eli Sladek

CNC Precision Manufacturing Technician

# Hutchinson Health Foundation Scholarship

Founded in 1984, the Hutchinson Health Foundation has been dedicated to facilitating community support and financial donations for high quality health care programs and services in Hutchinson and the surrounding area. This scholarship is awarded to Ridgewater students enrolled in a Health Care program.

## Student Recipient:



Shay Goette  
Nursing

# Health Information Tech/ Medical Coding Specialist (HIT/MCS) Scholarship

This scholarship was established by faculty and is given to a student enrolled in the HIT/MCS program each year.

**Student Recipient:**



Cassidy Skaro  
Health Information  
Technician



# Heritage Bank N.A. Scholarship

Heritage Bank started over 45 years ago with a few tiny banks in Minnesota and Iowa. With its strong commitment to local communities, Heritage Bank has grown to \$400 million in assets. One way Heritage Bank gives back to its community is through scholarships, which are awarded to one graduating senior from each of these area high schools: Willmar, NL-S, KMS, and Maccray. Students may attend Ridgewater or any other college to be eligible.

## Student Recipients:



Halie Nichols  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Taw Wah  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Bernard Hoidal Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by close family friends of Bernie, who passed away in 2013, and goes to one Agriculture student and one Automotive student. Bernie farmed for several years and then built and operated a garage and gas station in Holloway for 10 years. After selling the station he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for local road construction crews. He was a proud member of the 49ers union and received numerous awards and recognitions for his dedicated union affiliation. He and his wife Helen also owned and managed Hoidal's Trailer Court in Montevideo for 20 years. Bernie enjoyed traveling, camping, and summertime adventures. Bernie was a celebrated race car drivers and loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.

## Student Recipients:



William Pell  
Farm Operation and  
Management



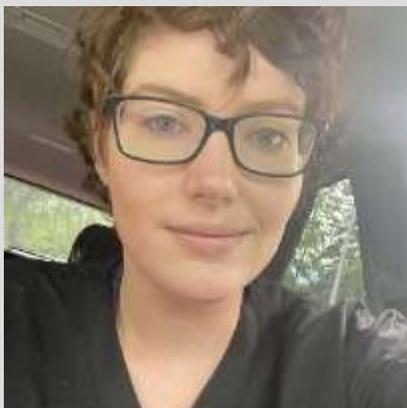
Jacob Raak  
Auto Body Collision  
Technology



# Helen Hoidal Memorial Scholarship

Helen (Bernie's wife), helped run the family businesses while raising four children. Helen played a huge role in encouraging her kids to pursue their educational dreams: two are teachers, one a nurse, and one a chemist. When Bernie's scholarship was created, the family also created one in Helen's honor and name to support Nursing students.

## Student Recipients:



Jessica Meierhofer  
Nursing



Brittney Richter  
Nursing



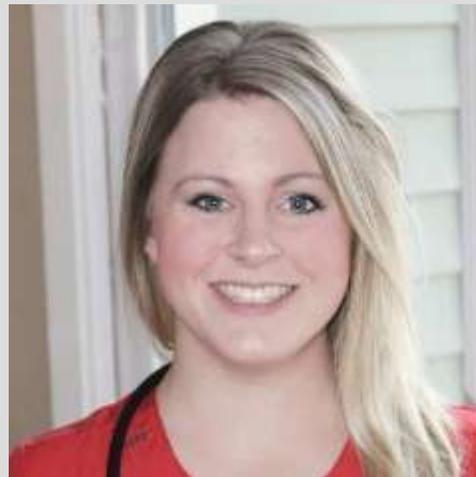
Kayla Ver Steeg  
Nursing



# Claire Houchens Memorial Scholarship

Claire passed away in 2010 at the age of 59, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Inspired by the care provided to Claire during her illness, Claire's children, Sarah and Michael, completed the nursing program at Ridgewater and became nurses. This scholarship is meant to help others and goes to Nursing students.

**Student Recipient:**



Kelsey Platz  
Nursing



# Hutchinson Liberal Arts Scholarship

Funded by donations from Liberal Arts faculty, this scholarship goes to students enrolled in the Liberal Arts program seeking an AA degree and who intend to transfer to a 4-year college or university.

## Student Recipients:



Brianna Cherrington  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Emily Jarl  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Briita Schwab  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



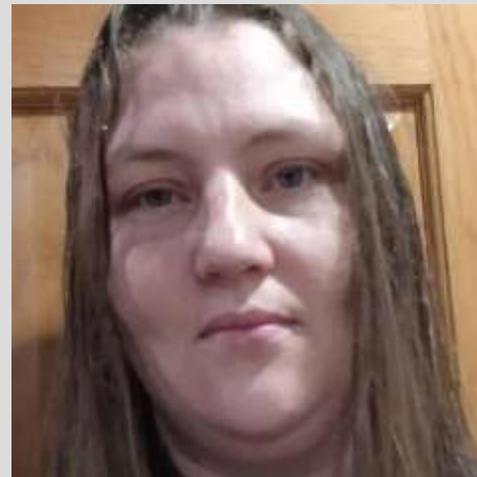
# Hutchinson Veterans of Foreign Wars of United States -VFW Post # 906

The VFW traces its roots back to when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service: many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed what would become known as the VFW. Their voice had been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI Bill for the 20th century, the development of the national cemetery system, the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange, and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. This scholarship is for students who are veterans themselves or who have parent who are veterans.

## Student Recipients:



Melissa Rosenow  
Pre-Nursing



Desiree Stueber  
Pre-Nursing

# Estelle Kettner Memorial - Accounting Scholarship

Estelle was an instructor at Willmar Tech College from 1961 until her retirement in 1990, at which time she provided a savings certificate to the Foundation with earnings to be used for student activities and scholarships. This scholarship is for students enrolled in an Accounting program.

## Student Recipient:



Emma Raddatz  
Accountant



## Kleespie Tank Scholarship

Kleespie Tank & Petroleum (now known as WestMor Industries) is a manufacturer of petroleum and liquid handling equipment and services including propane, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen tank trailers. The company operates facilities in Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, California, and Michigan. In 1993, the Kleespie family established an endowment at Ridgewater which supports one annual scholarship to a Welding student.

### Student Recipient:



John Daniels  
Welding



# Alana Carrigan Krick Memorial Scholarship

Alana Krick was a born nurse, focused on healing the body and the soul. She had a rich laugh and an ever present sense of humor; her smile and eyes lit up the room any time she was present and there was no bad day that wasn't happier when she was around. Although she had a tough start and was abandoned as a small child, it was Alana who taught her family not to take themselves and their lives too seriously. She lived a lot in her 19 years. She, like her father, worked very hard and chased every dream with an inspiring drive and passion. She was a student at Ridgewater when she died. It is our hope that this scholarship will help this nursing student learn to nurse the soul as well as the body with humor as well as science.

## Student Recipient:



Marwa Mohamed  
Nursing



## Joe Krick Memorial Scholarship

Joe was an Agriculture instructor at Ridgewater College and farmed near Spicer. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, served on the church council, and played in the Praise Band. He was a member of Ag Sales and Minnesota Corn Growers Association. This scholarship was established by Joe's family and friends and is awarded to a second year student enrolled in an Agriculture program.

### Student Recipient:



Leah Mohs  
Agri Business

# James W. Leyk Nursing Scholarship

Jim Leyk was definitely a people person! He was truck driver and everyone knew him and loved him! When he became afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease at age 58, he lost the ability to remember people and events and he withdrew into himself. He was able to live at home with his spouse for 10 years – Jim's family believed he did well for so long because he kept his mind and body active, working puzzles and walking for miles every day. In his last year of life he needed to be moved to a long term care facility. Jim's daughter-in-law, Mary, worked for 16 years in long term care and knows how difficult it is for loved ones of those afflicted with this disease. It is also difficult for staff to care for these residents that have literally lost everything when they have lost their memories and their abilities to be who they are. With this award Jim's family honors the memory of a man whom they loved, and the people that care for all of the residents that can no longer live out their days in their own homes.

## Student Recipient:



Dieula Thomas  
Practical Nursing



# Liberal Arts Faculty Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by donations from Liberal Arts Faculty members on the Willmar campus. Students must be enrolled in the Liberal Arts track, seeking an AA degree, with intent to transfer to a 4-year college or university.

## Student Recipients:



Parker Cook  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Haylee Johnson  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Anthony Maher  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Life-Science Innovations Scholarship

Life-Science Innovations is the umbrella company for a family of innovative affiliated companies which unite agriculture, engineering and the biosciences. LSI has never believed in the status quo for agriculture practices, and for nearly 70 years, has fostered an environment of discovery, invention, innovation and collaboration. LSI has provided scholarships to dependents of its employees dating back to 1990.

## Student Recipients:



Cora Honken  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Dylan Larson  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Hanna Vanderpol  
Medical Assistant

# Don Lindgren Memorial Scholarship

Don was a former college employee who worked for the Maintenance Department. This scholarship was established by co-workers, friends and family in his honor, and goes to students employed by the college's Maintenance Department through the work study program.

## Student Recipients:



Maddie Froelich  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Atlanta Hanson  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Juan Ruiz  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Marketing Scholarship

Funded by faculty and community donations, each campus offers a scholarship to students enrolled in a Marketing program each year.

**Student Recipient:**



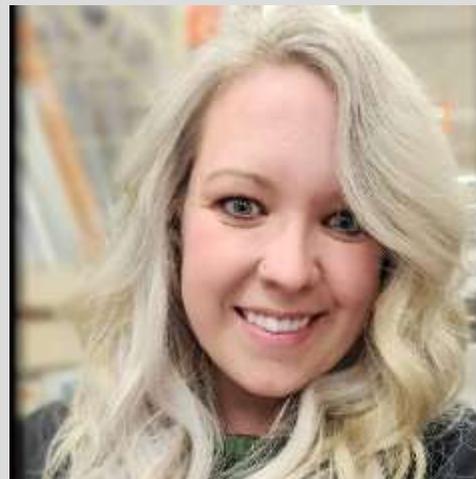
Mitchell Bertram  
Marketing and Sales Management



# Carol McGarvie Memorial Scholarship

Carol worked as a Financial Aid Assistant for 15 years at Ridgewater and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She passed away in 1956 at age 50 from cancer. This scholarship was established by co-workers, family and friends in her memory and is awarded to a non-traditional student.

**Student Recipient:**



Jessica Gatewood  
Paramedic



# McLeod Cooperative Power

McLeod Cooperative Power is a member-owned cooperative that provides electricity to more than 6,000 residents, businesses and industries in central Minnesota primarily in McLeod, Renville, Sibley and Carver Counties. Over the past 25 years, McLeod Cooperative Power Association has provided more than \$75,000 in scholarships to Ridgewater College's students.

## Student Recipients:



Jayda Sletten  
Psychology Transfer  
Pathway



Marisa Uecker  
Pre-Nursing



# Medical Assistant Scholarship

Funded by an endowment established many years ago, this scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in the Medical Assistant program.

**Student Recipient:**



Stee Na Moo  
Medical Assistant



# Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, Inc. (MITGI) Scholarship

MITGI manufactures and markets standard and custom carbide cutting tools. Combining innovation with quality and repeatability, MITGI tools has become the product of choice in many R&D departments and manufacturing facilities that serve the medical, automotive, computer, and aerospace industries. Located in Hutchinson, MITGI is proud to be an award-winning manufacturer and employer. MITGI awards scholarships to Machine Tool and Computer-Aided Drafting & Design students.

## Student Recipients:



Joseph Byerley  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Jerry Hill  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Kasten Lindemann  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Dylan Larson  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



**MILLS**

AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

# Mills Automotive Group Scholarship

Each year, the Mills Automotive Group, on behalf of the Willmar Mills Ford Chrysler and Mills Auto Center dealerships, provides significant funding to support program and equipment needs as well as scholarships to students enrolled in the Auto Body Collision and Automotive Service Technology program.

## Student Recipients:



Tanner Friesen  
Auto Body Collision Technology



Joshua Hastings  
Automotive Service Technology



Kaw Klay  
Automotive Service Technology



Levi Lundgren  
Automotive Service Technology



# Mills Automotive Group Scholarship *(continued)*

## Student Recipients:



Ethann Newport  
Auto Body Collision Technology



Jacob Raak  
Auto Body Collision Technology



John Walsh  
Auto Body Collision Technology



# Minnesota Elks Scholarship

Each year, the Central District of the Minnesota Elks Association allocates funding for scholarships at Ridgewater College. This scholarship is open to students enrolled in a technical program.

**Student Recipient:**



Jayda Sletten  
Psychology Transfer Pathway



# Minnesota Section of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing Scholarship

The MNASNT scholarship was created to provide a Ridgewater Nondestructive Testing student with financial assistance to help with college coursework and obtain a degree. The scholarship awards \$500 during the Spring semester to eligible students pursuing either the Diploma or Associates degree in Nondestructive Testing Technology.

## Student Recipient:



Luke Mattson  
Nondestructive Testing  
Technology



# Minnesota Veterinary Medical Foundation Scholarship

Affiliated with the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association which promotes professional excellence in veterinary medicine, the MVMF has been providing scholarships to Veterinary Technician students at Ridgewater since 1997.

## Student Recipients:



Grace Garoutte  
Veterinary Technology



Coral Mattison  
Veterinary Technology



Hannah Smith  
Veterinary Technology



# MinnWest Technology Scholarship

The MinnWest Technology Campus is a business community located in Willmar. MTC is currently home to 31 companies, hosting a rich network of talent and expertise in the areas of agribusiness, bioscience, and technology. MTC generously supports scholarships for students enrolled in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields at Ridgewater.

## Student Recipients:



Joseph Byerley  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



William Hucker  
Computer Support Technician



Jason Rannow  
Network Systems Administration

# Steve Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Steve Nelson was a member of the Willmar Area Emergency Radio Club in 1984 when he passed away from injuries sustained in an explosion at the Lake Lillian Elevator. His friends, family, and club members established this scholarship in his memory. It is given to second year students enrolled in automation, robotics or electronics courses.

**Student Recipient:**



Austin Gieseke  
Automation & Robotic  
Systems Technology



# Occupational Skills Scholarship

The Occupational Skills scholarship goes to students enrolled in the program.

**Student Recipient:**



Cameron Miner  
Occupational Skills



# Renee Oliver Memorial Scholarship

Created in memory of Renee, this scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in the Cosmetology program.

**Student Recipient:**



Lucee Olson  
Cosmetology

# Margaret Osteraas Memorial Scholarship

Established by Margaret's daughters to honor their mother who was a registered nurse, the scholarship is for a student pursuing a career in nursing.

**Student Recipient:**



Abi Gasca  
Pre-Nursing



# People Helping People - Juul Family Scholarship

Established in 2007, this scholarship is funded by the Juul Family Endowment Fund through Southwest Initiative Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to long-term care nursing assistants who are pursuing training to become a licensed nurse. Applicants who are employed by Burns Manor are given first priority.

## Student Recipients:



Desiree Stueber  
Pre-Nursing



Shayla Thomson  
Pre-Nursing



# George Pherigo Memorial Scholarship

George Pherigo – the founder of Ridgewater’s NDT program -- was honored during a ceremony that attracted former students, faculty and NDT industry officials from across the country. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a plaque honoring the Litchfield native who died in North Carolina in 2009, was unveiled and friends and colleagues introduced an initiative to endow a scholarship fund in George’s memory, to provide scholarships to future generations of NDT students.

## Student Recipient:



Jackson Grant  
Nondestructive Testing  
Technology



# Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Hutchinson Scholarship

The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) is the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs, whose mission is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders. This scholarship is awarded to a Hutchinson student with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 and who exhibits leadership, service, fellowship and community involvement.

## Student Recipient:



Drew Kallhoff  
Multimedia Design Technology



PHI THETA KAPPA  
HONOR SOCIETY

## Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Bookstore

The Willmar Phi Theta Kappa organization, in partnership with the Ridgewater Bookstore, collects outdated/obsolete textbooks to be sold to agencies that market the books to other countries. The profits from these book sales support scholarships for students who are Bookstore work study students or who are active members of PTK.

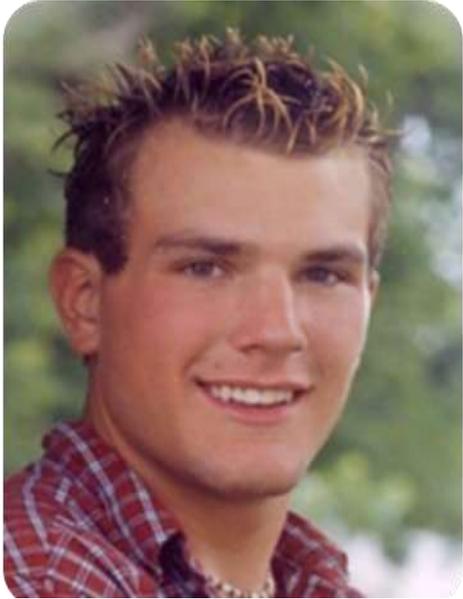
### Student Recipients:



Haylee Johnson  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Kellie Wilts  
Agri Business



# Shane Piehl Memorial Scholarship

Shane received his Welding degree from Ridgewater in 2005. He was an active outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, and riding his Harley. He was very good at fixing things and loved lending a helping hand to those in need. When Shane passed away unexpectedly in 2010 at the age of 25, his final act of kindness was to be an organ donor to give others a chance for a better quality of life. This scholarship is awarded to a Welding student.

## Student Recipient:



Andrew Adema  
Welding



# Presidential Scholarship

Named in honor of the college's past presidents and to recognize academic excellence, the Presidential Scholarship (along with the Adams Honors Scholarship) is our most prestigious award. The scholarship gives \$2,000.00 per semester for up to 4 semesters to students who have demonstrated exemplary academic achievement in high school; as a Presidential Scholar, students must main a 3.50 GPA at Ridgewater to maintain the scholarship.

## Student Recipients:



Coral Mattison  
Veterinary Technology



Isaac Perry  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Alayna Price  
Cosmetology



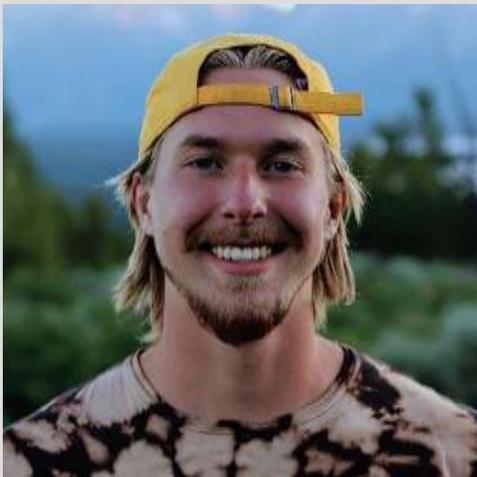
Hallie Redding  
Veterinary Technology



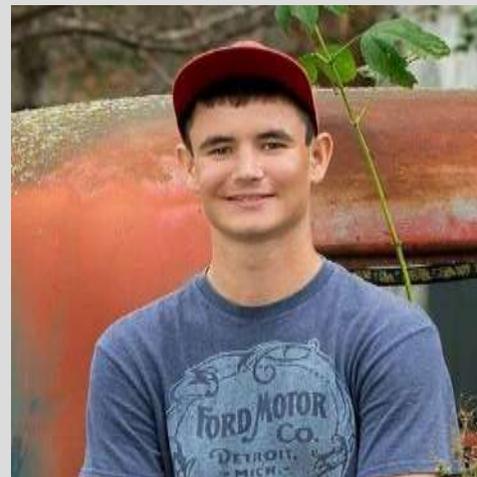
# Brad Preslicka Memorial Scholarship

Brad started “Double B Repair & Manufacturing” in 1990 when he converted a machine shed on the farm into his repair shop. He had a high school degree and taught himself the welding trade. He was a successful businessman, taking time to visit with and listen to his customers. He enjoyed sharing stories and telling jokes. Brad was devoted to his customers, often opening the shop after hours to help farmers during harvest. Brad enjoyed doing welding repairs and also manufacturing some of his own ideas. Brad enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards, and flying his powered parachute plane. Brad passed away unexpectedly on March 15, 2014 at age 59. This scholarship in Brad’s name is awarded to Welding students.

## Student Recipients:



Jonas Habben  
Welding



Jaden Niemeyer  
Welding



## E.J. Quinn Memorial Scholarship

Established in honor of former Photography instructor; is awarded to a student enrolled in the Professional Photography program.

**Student Recipient:**



Si Koch Koch  
Photography and Design

# Kari Reilly Achievement Award

This award is given in memory of Kari, who was a graduate of the Ridgewater College In-Home Care program in 1987, and who passed away in 1988. Though handicapped, Kari applied herself to all that she did. She was both an achiever and a giver. This scholarship was established by Kari's family to provide a scholarship to students enrolled in the Activity Director or Activity Assistant programs.

## Student Recipient:



Amber Jaeger  
Activity Director



# Ridgewater Cares Scholarship

Unrestricted funding allows the Foundation to allocate funding which supports students in gap areas that are not financially supported with designated funds or have a high number of applicants with limited number of funds available. This is one of those areas.

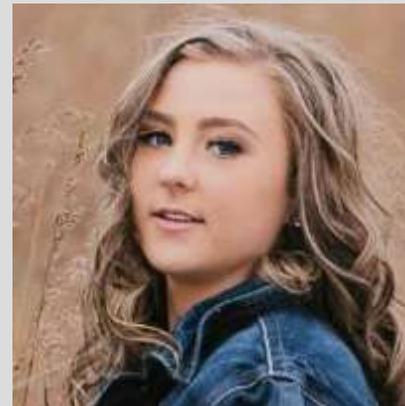
## Student Recipients:



Corin Gauer  
Multimedia Design Technology



Jodi Hummel  
Massage Therapy



Mya Lyrek  
Cosmetology



# Ridgewater Cares Business Pathway Scholarship

The Ridgewater Cares Business Pathway scholarship is supported through unrestricted (Ridgewater Cares) donations from community members, alumni, and Ridgewater employees. The award goes to students in one of the following programs: Accounting, Administrative Assistant, Business, Healthcare Admin Assistant, Legal Assistant, Marketing & Design, Marketing & Sales Mgmt., Multimedia Design, Photo & Design, Professional Photography.

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## Student Recipients:



Emily Felling  
Professional Photography



Courtney Kennedy  
Administrative Assistant

# Ridgewater Cares Equity & Inclusion Scholarship

The Ridgewater Cares Equity & Inclusion scholarship is supported through unrestricted (Ridgewater Cares) donations from community members, alumni, and Ridgewater employees. Preference is given to students in underrepresented populations, are not pell-eligible, or are not eligible for traditional Financial Aid.

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## Student Recipients:



David Cairns  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Bethany Croucher  
Nursing/Pre-Nursing



Paulaine Jean Louis  
Nursing/Pre-Nursing



Si Koch Koch  
Photography and Design

# RidgeWater Cares Equity & Inclusion Scholarship (continued)

*\*Unrestricted funding allows the Foundation to allocate funding which supports students in gap areas that are not financially supported with designated funds or have a high number of applicants with limited number of funds available. This is one of those areas.*

## Student Recipients:



Khin Nweh  
Peace Officer



David Reyes  
Health Sciences Broad Field



Alexis Sanchez  
Marketing and Design



Maxwell Whitney  
Business Transfer Pathway



# Ridgewater Cares Liberal Arts Scholarship

The Ridgewater Cares Liberal Arts scholarship is supported through unrestricted (Ridgewater Cares) donations from community members, alumni, and Ridgewater employees.

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## Student Recipients:



Parker Cook  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Juan Espinosa Hernandez  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Johanna Ruhland  
Liberal Arts and Sciences, Veterinary Technology

# Pre-Nursing Scholarship

The Pre-Nursing scholarship is supported through general nursing donations from community members, alumni, and Ridgewater employees. “Pre-Nursing” students are those pursuing their general education courses in preparation for formal admittance into a nursing program (either LPN or RN/BSN).

## Student Recipients:



Kiara Eischens-Larson  
Pre-Nursing



Kady Ohm  
Pre-Nursing



Shayla Thomson  
Pre-Nursing



Marisa Uecker  
Pre-Nursing



# Don Rinke Scholarship

Don was a former counselor at the college and upon his retirement, he established this scholarship. Students must exhibit initiative and enthusiasm in meeting their academic goals. This award alternates each year between Liberal Arts and technical students.

## Student Recipient:



Allen Paulson  
Paramedic



# Calvin S. Robnik Memorial Scholarship

Calvin Spencer Robnik lived and worked in the Willmar, MN area from the time he was seven years old. Calvin was severely dyslexic but graduated from Willmar High School with a B average though no one knew he could not understand written/printed material beyond a third grade level. Although physically handicapped with exertional asthma, he played wide receiver on the football team and ran the high hurdles in track. Upon graduation he took an entry level job selling cars at a dealership and through hard work advanced to managing the service department. In 2002, along with two partners, he founded "Willmar Auto, Sales and Service." Because of his love for cars and people, coupled with his outgoing personality and desire to help anyone in need, his business thrived. Calvin then began losing his vision from an eye disease (keratoconus), but fortunately his vision was restored by corneal transplants. He overcame adversity, always seeing the positive side of any situation. His persistence in life was no match for a large, speeding SUV with a distracted driver who ran through a stop sign, broadsiding his car and killing him instantly on Dec 26, 2016. The world lost a very special person on that day.

## Student Recipient:



Say Htoo  
Automotive Service  
Technology



# Rural Computer Consultants Kat Nelson Scholarship

RCC established this scholarship in memory of one of their former employees, Kat Nelson. She was a bright light in their development department and in the whole company. They want to remember her fondly and honor the spark that she had. RCC's hope is that this is awarded to a student similar to Kat, that has a zest for life and a thirst for knowledge.

## Student Recipient:



Emily Madrid  
Multimedia Design  
Technology, Web  
Developer



# Ben Sanden Memorial Scholarship

Ben graduated from the NonDestructive Testing (NDT) program at Ridgewater in 1990. Following graduation, he worked for GE, BGE, and SGS PfinDE, providing NDT services for petroleum pipeline industries. Ben enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, bowling, and working on his farm. Throughout his life and career, Ben displayed the utmost professionalism and integrity, as well as, great work ethic and skill. This scholarship was established by one of Ben's closest colleagues and is awarded to a NDT student.

## Student Recipient:



Andrew Flolo  
Nondestructive Testing  
Technology



# Saturday Night Cruisers Car Club Scholarship

Established in 1999, the Saturday Night Cruisers of Hutchinson has funded scholarships for Ridgewater students since 2004. Originally set up to provide scholarships for students enrolled in an automotive program, it is now available to any Hutchinson campus student residing in McLeod County. The club promotes fellowship among the community and with fellow car enthusiasts. SNC has two car shows per year, one during Water Carnival at the Hutchinson City Airport and one during St. Anastasia Fall Festival next to the church. They also volunteer to roadside clean up twice a year on a stretch of Highway 7 on the outskirts of Hutchinson.

## Student Recipients:



Luke Mattson  
Nondestructive Testing  
Technology



Marisa Uecker  
Pre-Nursing



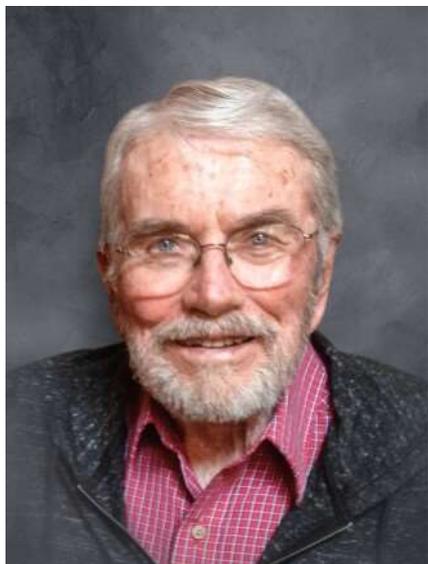
# Ken Schmiesing Memorial Scholarship

Ken was a 1969 graduate of the Marketing program and served on the Advisory Board for that program for many years; he was honored in 1988 as a Distinguished Alumni. In 1976, Ken opened Ken's Casuals in Willmar, a men's wear store, and was active on the Downtown Council and Willmar Area Chamber for many years. This scholarship is awarded to a Marketing student.

## Student Recipient:



Jaden Uecker  
Marketing and Sales  
Management



# Arlen M. Sjerven Memorial Scholarship

Arlen Sjerven was counselor and Director of Admissions at Ridgewater from 1970-1998. Arlen's joy was helping students set and meet their career and life goals. An avid golfer, Arlen served as golf coach at the college and as a gifted public speaker was emcee at many college events and announcer for basketball and football games. Arlen served his community in leadership positions in his church, Kiwanis, United Way, and the Barn Theater Board.

## Student Recipients:



Elliot Hagen  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Cora Honken  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Skills Fest Scholarship

Skills Fest is an annual hands-on competition hosted on the Willmar Campus of Ridgewater College each year, with high school students competing in various skills competitions in the areas of agriculture, welding, cosmetology, auto body, photography, information technology, and more! First place winners from each competition are given a scholarship voucher worth \$1000 to use if they enroll at Ridgewater College following graduation from high school. The scholarships are distributed in \$250 increments over 4 semesters. Funding for Skills Fest scholarships comes from faculty, staff and community contributions to our general scholarships fund.

## Student Recipients:



Anna Euerle  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Kasten Lindemann  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



# Staff Technical Scholarship

Established over 30 years ago by staff who worked at the technical college at the time, this fund supports scholarships provided to students enrolled in technical programs at the college.

## Student Recipients:



Zachary Cordes  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Emma Johnson  
Agri Business



# Stearns Electric Association Trust Scholarship

Stearns Electric Association is a member-owned electric cooperative. Since 1937, Stearns Electric Association has provided electricity and related products and services to nearly 25,000 members in six central Minnesota counties including Stearns, Todd, Morrison, Kandiyohi, Pope, and Douglas. Through its Operation Round Up grants, Stearns Electric gives back to the community. This scholarship is awarded to a Ridgewater Electrician student.

## Student Recipient:



Christine Bowles  
Electrician



# Success Part Time Scholarship

Funded by general scholarship donations, the Success scholarship is awarded to students on both campuses who are enrolled in any program, who maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, and who have successfully completed at least one semester of credits at Ridgewater College.

## Student Recipients:



Charlotte Alonso  
Nursing/Pre-Nursing



Nicole Anderson  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Duke Thiele Memorial Scholarship

Duke owned and operated Thiele Studio in Glencoe until 1971, when he moved to Willmar and established the Photography program at Willmar Vo Tech. He served as chair of the department until his retirement in 1991. He received craftsman and master's degrees in Photography from the National Photographers Ass'n and instructed Photography at the National School of Photography. Duke passed away in 2000; this scholarship honors his memory and is given by his family to a dedicated and talented photography student.

## Student Recipient:



Si Koch Koch  
Photography and Design



# Robert L. Thurston Scholarship

Robert graduated from Willmar Vo-Tech in 1969 with a degree in Agriculture. In 1980, he started with a small group of regional customers and a vision and built what is now Thurston Inc., a leading hybrid seed corn brokerage firm in the United States. Its customer base extends nationally, as well as internationally. Bob also built the Thurston Genetics company and was a long time Foundation Board Member This scholarship goes to a Agriculture student.

## Student Recipient:



Jamie Adams  
Dairy Management

# TIGERPATH

ACADEMIES

## TigerPath Scholarship

As part of the \$600,000 Tiger Path grant awarded by 3M to Hutchinson High School and Ridgewater College, a scholarship fund was established at Ridgewater to assist Hutchinson High School students who enroll in manufacturing-related programs. A Tiger Path scholarship covers full tuition and fees for up to 4 semesters for each student.

### Student Recipients:



Justin Hoff  
Machining Technician



Eli Sladek  
CNC Precision  
Manufacturing Technician



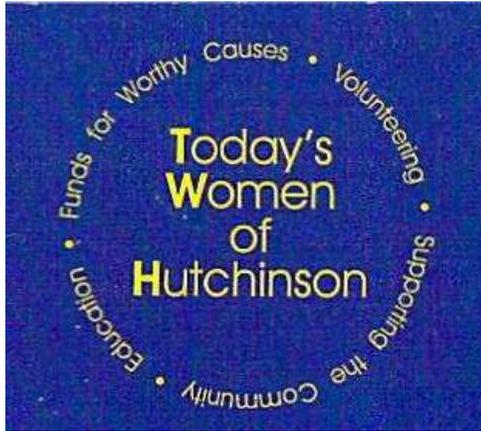
# Peter Tintes Scholarship

Peter was an ordained priest serving parishes in the Willmar area before developing an interdenominational Life Center at Ridgewater College. In 1968, he began teaching college courses in philosophy, sociology and psychology while pursuing his Master's degree from Loyola University. During the latter part of his career, Pete directed the Chemical Dependency program at Ridgewater College before retiring in 1997. He passed away in a car accident in 2004. This scholarship is awarded to students studying psychology or sociology, or who are involved in organic farming.

## Student Recipient:



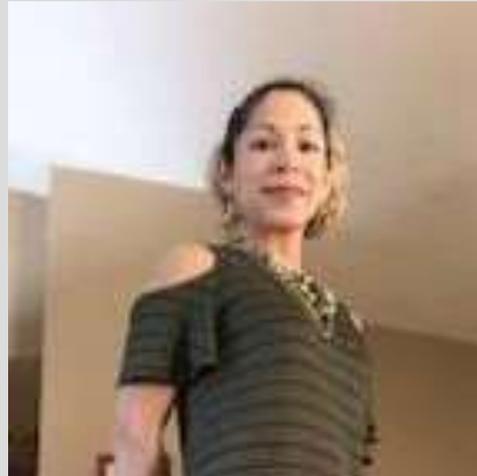
Teresa Jaeger  
Chemical Dependency Counselor,  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Today's Women of Hutchinson Scholarship

Today's Women of Hutchinson is a non-profit women's organization seeking to support the community. The group is made up of 25+ members who volunteer and support many worthy causes including scholarships at Hutchinson High School and Ridgewater College.

## Student Recipient:



Miriam Castillo

Marketing and Sales  
Management

# John Torgelson - Presidential Scholarship

John was a former President at the college; this scholarship was established in his honor and is awarded to a student who demonstrates strong academic achievement.

**Student Recipient:**



Hayden Saulsbury  
Legal Assistant

# Torgerson Charitable Trust Scholarship

The Torgerson Charitable Trust Scholarship was established by the children of Tom and Suzie Torgerson of Willmar. The scholarship provides a first generation, low income or otherwise disadvantaged student with financial assistance of \$1500.00, to be disbursed in equal installments over 3 semesters, to help the student successfully complete his/her college coursework and obtain a degree.



## Student Recipients:



Jaime Olmeda  
Computer Aided Drafting  
and Design



Gissel Robles Ibarra  
Nursing/Pre-Nursing



# Trustee Full Time Scholarship

The Trustee scholarship is awarded in recognition of academic excellence and success among students who have never had the opportunity to pursue a higher education or who have been away from college 6 years or more.

## Student Recipients:



Bronte Carpenter  
Nondestructive Testing Technology



Jaimie Fairbanks  
Pre-Nursing



Jessica Gatewood  
Paramedic



# Trustee Part Time Scholarship

The Trustee scholarship is awarded in recognition of academic excellence and success among students who have never had the opportunity to pursue a higher education or who have been away from college 6 years or more.

## Student Recipients:



Charlotte Alonso  
Pre-Nursing



Shawna Stuber  
Medical Coding Specialist



# Veterinary Technology Scholarship

Funded by faculty, staff and other community donations, the Veterinary Technology scholarships support outstanding students enrolled in this program.

## Student Recipients:



Coral Mattison  
Veterinary Technology



Kaylee Towne  
Veterinary Technology



Angie Weller  
Veterinary Technology



# Steve Walter Memorial Scholarship

Steve served as the Maintenance Supervisor for Affiliated Community Medical Center (now Carris Health) for 20+ years and for Central Sheet Metal for 22 years prior to that retiring from ACMC in 2007. This scholarship was established by his wife, Marlys, after his death in 2008 from malignant mesothelioma; it is awarded annually to a student pursuing a career in health care and who resides in a Carris Health community.

## Student Recipient:



Chelsey Goff  
Nursing



# Mark Welter World Citizen Award

Mark Welter is a retired history teacher whose overwhelming purpose now is to teach commonalities, not differences. He says "We are all interdependent. We need world citizens because no one nation can solve world problems, whether they be global warming, terrorism or pandemics." His scholarship is to provide tribute to a Minnesota State student who most exemplifies the thoughts, words, and actions demanded by a 21st century world citizen. Students must have graduated from high school prior to attending Ridgewater and be in good academic standing.

## Student Recipient:



Charlotte Alonso  
Pre-Nursing



# Larry Wepplo Memorial Scholarship

Larry was an integral part of the Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing firm for 23 years. He began his career with CDS in 1988, after graduating from the Accounting program at Ridgewater. In 1992 he became a Certified Public Accountant and in 2001 he was admitted as Partner. Larry was a leader in the firm; he was excellent at training staff and served as an informal mentor to many. Larry was dedicated to his clients, staff, and partners and his professionalism was an example for those who were fortunate to work with him. Larry was also committed to the community and was generous with his time and talents. He served as the treasurer for Main Street Willmar, the Willmar Area Community Foundation and E-quip Africa. Larry was a member of the Willmar Noon Kiwanis and was on the Sacramental Life Committee at St. Mary's Church in Willmar. Larry's family, friends, and the CDS firm provide funding for this scholarship which goes to students pursuing an Accounting degree.

## Student Recipient:



Itzel Montes  
Accountant



# Willmar Car Club Scholarship

The Willmar Car Club provides scholarships to students enrolled in an automotive program at Ridgewater College through proceeds from their Car Show in May each year.

**Student Recipient:**



Tanner Friesen  
Auto Body Collision  
Technology



**WILLMAR ELECTRIC SERVICE**  
DESIGN ✦ BUILD ✦ BEYOND

# Willmar Electric Service Scholarship

In 1920, S.B. Chapin founded Willmar Electric Service upon three principles: make quality electrical installations, offer a fair and reasonable price for those services, and treat everyone – clients and employees – with integrity and respect. Four generations later, the Chapin name is still on the door and those same principles remain intact. Since 1999, Willmar Electric Services has been providing scholarships to Electrician students.

## Student Recipient:



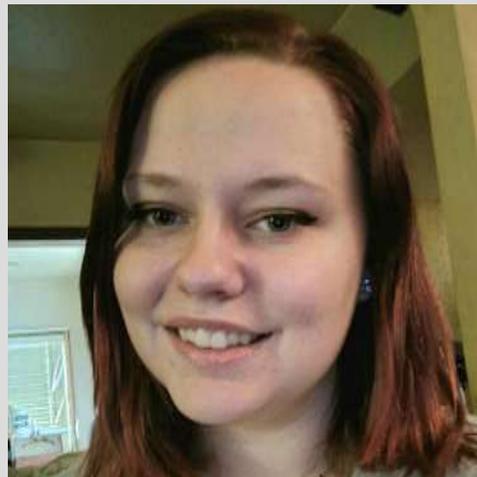
Austen Piotter  
Electrician



# Willmar Fraternal Order of Eagles Scholarship

Since 1898, the F.O.E. has played a key role in the creation of Mother's Day, Social Security, Medicare and more thanks to a dedicated membership base working daily throughout the United States and Canada to help friends and neighbors in need. Everyday, in their more than 1,600 locations throughout North America, Eagles are hard at work raising nearly \$10 million annually. This scholarship goes to a Willmar Campus student enrolled in any program.

## Student Recipient:



Cheyenne Dotson  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Willmar Lakes Area Chamber Agri Business

The Agriculture Committee of the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce provides scholarships to Agriculture students who have been involved in 4-H or FFA.

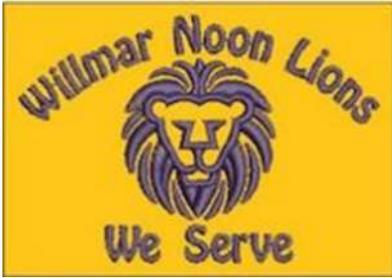
## Student Recipients:



Kayla Grundhoefer  
Agri Business



William Pell  
Farm Operation and Management



# Willmar Noon Lions Scholarship

The Willmar Noon Lions Club was chartered on September 13, 1940 and is one of 45,000+ Lions Clubs in over 202 countries doing volunteer work, helping, leading, planning and supporting. It serves the community in many ways, including: sign programs, health programs, youth volunteer opportunities, and numerous other community and environmental programs. This scholarship is for graduating Willmar High School students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and community service.

## Student Recipients:



Kiara Eischens-Larson  
Pre-Nursing



Samantha Kuznik  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



Taw Wah  
Liberal Arts and Sciences



# WIN Women Inspiring and Networking Scholarship

WIN- Women Inspiring and Networking (formerly BPW) is a non-profit women's organization. The group develops the professional, business and leadership potential of women on all levels through advocacy, mentoring, networking, skill building and economic empowerment programs and projects around the world. The Willmar chapter provides this scholarship to a non-traditional student enrolled in any program.

## Student Recipient:



Nadia Aouza  
Healthcare Administrative Assistant



MINNESOTA STATE

# Workforce Development Scholarships

As an incentive to encourage students to enroll in one of six high demand industry areas, the Minnesota State Legislature has provided Ridgewater College and other Minnesota State institutions with significant annual funding since 2017 to provide scholarship awards of \$2500 each to eligible students. The six high demand areas include advanced manufacturing, agriculture, early childhood education, healthcare, information technology, and transportation. Students must be Minnesota residents enrolled in at least 9 credits per semester with a 2.0 GPA to be considered. For academic year 2020-21, over \$170,000 in Workforce Development Scholarships was awarded to Ridgewater students.

## Student Recipients:



Jamie Adams  
Dairy Management



Ethan Albrecht  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Adrian Anderson  
Paramedic



Nadia Aouza  
Healthcare Administrative  
Assistant



Kari Artmann  
Nursing



Emmanuel Atuke  
Nursing



Makayla Breth  
Agri Business, Precision Agriculture

# Workforce Development(cont.)

## Student Recipients:



Autumn Buseman  
Nursing



Devin Compton  
Automation & Robotic Systems



John Daniels  
Welding



Stephanie Dean  
Practical Nursing



Michael Dietz  
Nondestructive Testing Technology



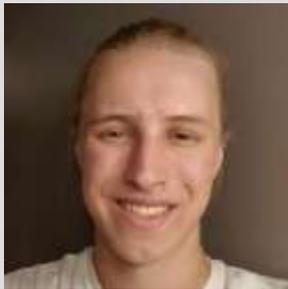
Preston Enevoldsen  
Agri Business



Heidi Jo Fisher  
Nursing



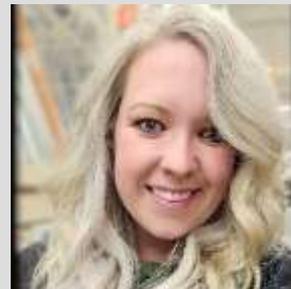
Katrina Freese  
Activity Director



Tanner Friesen  
Auto Body Collision Technology



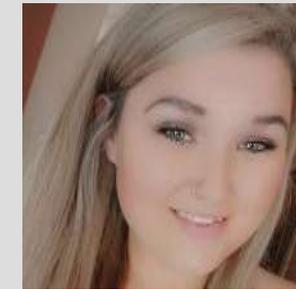
Christopher Garrels  
Automation & Robotic Systems



Jessica Gatewood  
Paramedic



Austin Gieseke  
Automation & Robotic Systems



Jessica Gilbert  
Medical Assistant



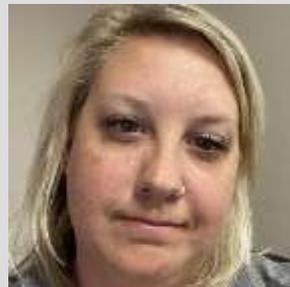
Samantha Gilbert  
Nursing



Jackson Grant  
Nondestructive Testing Technology



Kayla Grundhoefer  
Agri Business



Melinda Hagen  
Paramedic



Jody Hansen  
Massage Therapy



Samantha Harmon  
Nursing



Say Htoo  
Automotive Service Technology



Jodi Hummel  
Massage Therapy

# Workforce Development(cont.)

## Student Recipients:



Amber Jaeger  
Activity Director



Amina Jama  
Medical Assistant



Hayden Jensen  
Agri Business



Bethany Johnson  
Medical Assistant



Emma Johnson  
Agri Business



Kaw Klay  
Automotive Service Technology



Christopher Kraemer  
Nursing



Kimberley Kuenzel  
Health Information Technician



Dylan Larson  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design



Heather Lillejord  
Massage Therapy



Rebecca LLOYD-McDonald  
Computer Support Technician



Levi Lundgren  
Automotive Service Technology



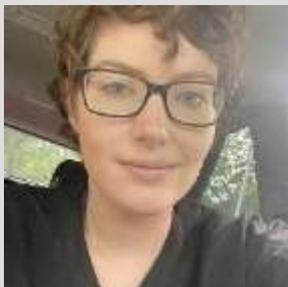
Alec Maher  
Nondestructive Testing Technology



Luke Mattson  
Nondestructive Testing Technology



Ciara McKee  
Activity Director



Jessica Meierhofer  
Nursing



Micah Meyer  
Agri Business



Michael Mohr  
Welding



Leah Mohs  
Agri Business



Stee Na Moo  
Medical Assistant



Amber Nelson  
Medical Assistant

# Workforce Development(cont.)

## Student Recipients:



Jaden Niemeyer  
Welding



Kady Ohm  
Nursing



Allen Paulson  
Paramedic



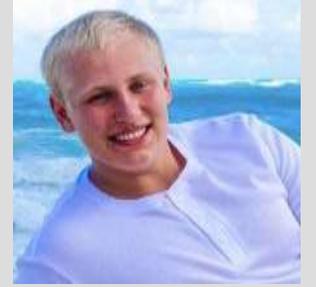
William Pell  
Farm Operation and Management



Morgan Pherson  
Agronomy Technology



Jacob Raak  
Auto Body Collision Technology



Brady Ridler  
Nursing



Madison Rothwell  
Auto Body Collision Technology



Patrick Rowan  
CNC Precision Manufacturing



Grace Rudlong  
Nondestructive Testing  
Technology



Roxanna Sanchez  
Computer Aided Drafting and  
Design



Nikki Schlueter  
Agri Business



Nathan Schmidt  
Auto Body Collision Technology



Clayton Schreifels  
Agri Business,



Benjamin Shumaker  
Automotive Service Technology



Cassidy Skaro  
Health Information Technician



Kera Sluka  
Nursing



Brady Stovern  
Nondestructive Testing Technology



Dieula Thomas  
Practical Nursing



Abbey Tiemann  
Nursing



Hunter Trnka  
Computer Aided Drafting and Design

# Workforce Development(cont.)

## Student Recipients:



Rebecca Vossen-Mathies  
Medical Assistant



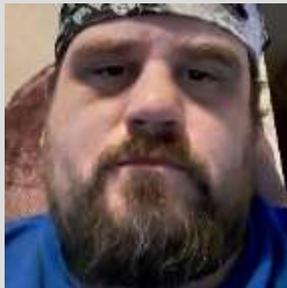
Marie Wiener  
Massage Therapy



Kellie Wilts  
Agri Business



Whitney Wordes  
Agri Business



Blake Worthington  
Automation & Robotic Systems  
Technology



Tamara Wuollet  
Health Information Technician



Eythan Yungk  
Nondestructive Testing  
Technology



Congratulations to all  
Ridgewater College  
Scholarship recipients!