From the Chair of the Scholarship Committee...

Congratulations to all 2019 Graduates! We were overwhelmed by the quality of this year’s applicants. We are very proud of our Phelps County area students and how hard they have worked throughout their high school and post-secondary careers. In addition to keeping up with their school work, they found time to be involved in a wide variety of school sponsored activities while also giving back to their communities through volunteer work. What a great group of future leaders who established their high quality work ethic right here in central Nebraska!

PCCF was very fortunate this year to award 101 scholarships to Phelps County area students.

PCCF cannot thank the generous donors enough for investing in the futures of our central Nebraska youth. These donor’s contributions will pay big dividends as we know all of our local scholars are going to go on to do amazing things! Whether they are attending a two year tech school, plan to continue into a four year bachelor’s degree or push through to a Masters or beyond, know that we are proud of each and every one of you and are grateful to play a part in your educational journey!

The Phelps County Community Foundation partners with donors to create scholarship funds that not only achieve their charitable goals, but also help students attain their educational goals. It is because of these thoughtful donors’ planning that students in our area are set on a path for their future careers.
Phelps County Community Foundation HIGH SCHOOL Scholarship Recipients 2019

Matthew Anderson
Garden High School
Son of: Kyle & Christie Anderson
Recipient of: HDCF Scholarship

Alexa Berven
Holdrege High School
Daughter of: James & Ashley Berven
Recipient of: AARW Scholarship

Tyler Bialas
Holdrege High School
Son of: Randy & Linda Bialas
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship – Holdrege

Kaylin Brown
Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Jim & Gina Brown
Recipient of: TeamMates Scholarship

Tylar Callahan
Bertrand High School
Daughter of: John & Steve Callahan
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship – Bertrand

Meredith Christensen
Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Steve & Jody Christensen
Recipient of: TeamMates Scholarship

Aaron Dow
Laurens High School
Son of: Kim & Todd Dow
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Randy Drain
Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Mike & Loretta Drain
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Aron Drews
Holdrege High School
Son of: Bob & Christy Drews
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Estefania Gonzalez Guerendo
Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Cecilia & Jesus Guerendo
Recipient of: Humpert Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Graywell
Wilcox-Middle High School
Daughter of: Craig & Sonja Graywell
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Alea High
Bertrand High School
Daughter of: Mark & Kim High
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship – Bertrand

Austin Johnson
Holdrege High School
Son of: Brad & Brenda Johnson
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Jenna Karm
Holdrege High School
Daughter of: John & June Karm
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Spencer Knuth
Holdrege High School
Son of: Mike & Robyn Knuth
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Levi Landin
Holdrege High School
Son of: Mike & Crystal Landin
Recipient of: TeamMates Scholarship

Matthew Martell
Holdrege High School
Son of: Jeff & Lisa Martell
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Ryan Ruyle
Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Tim & Karen Ruyle
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Michael Schuster
Holdrege High School
Son of: Scott & Michelle Schuster
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

SETH CONNELL
Holdrege High School
Son of: Allen & Joanne Connell
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Aidan Smith
Holdrege High School
Son of: Scott & Lisa Smith
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Jessey Swanson
Holdrege High School
Son of: Jeff & Mary Swanson
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Jordan Waller
Holdrege High School
Son of: Mike & Sarah Waller
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Landon Wilson
Holdrege High School
Son of: Jeff & Stacy Wilson
Recipient of: PCCF Scholarship

Phelps County High Demand Scholarships

McDowell Scholarship - Hildreth High School

Verner and Mildred Vinzant Memorial Scholarship

Public Awareness Scholarship

Arnold and Olive Wallander Memorial Scholarship
Phelps County Community Foundation HIGH SCHOOL Scholarship Recipients 2019

ALEX LOMIT
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Adam Harrah Memorial Scholarship
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

CHRISTIANA MANCY
Loomis High School
Recipient of:
•Robert Hardee Memorial Scholarship

MORGAN MARQUARDT
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Braden Badertscher Memorial Scholarship

MCKAYLA MEYER
Loomis High School
Recipient of:
•Roger D. Olson Agricultural Scholarship
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

ALMA NELSON
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Holdrege Rotary Scholarship

DYLAN NELSON
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

CASSIDY NEWTH
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson Memorial Scholarship
•Willard & Margaret Richards Scholarship

CHLOE OBERMEYER
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Patrick Family Scholarship

OLMA O’CLAIR
Loomis High School
Recipient of:
•Mary Jean Anderson Memorial Scholarship
•Vernon & Helen Morrow Memorial Leadership Scholarship
•PCCF Scholarship - Loomis
•Walter & Elise Stark Memorial Scholarship

JESSICA PEARSON
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•TeamMates Scholarship

RYAN SALisbury
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson Memorial Scholarship
•Linda Lum Memorial Scholarship
•MJ Nelson Science Scholarship

JEREMY SCHREIPLER
Wilton-Mid Breitbart High School
Recipient of:
•Humphert Memorial Scholarship

SHELBY SCHMIDT
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•TeamMates Scholarship

LINDSAY SCHUTZ
Bertrand High School
Recipient of:
•Harvey E. & Margaret Sanderson McWeth Scholarship
•Emily Swenson Memorial Scholarship
•Vernon and Mildred Veazan Scholarship
•Arnold and Olive Walkaura Memorial Scholarship

AMANDA TAYLOR
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Public Awareness Scholarship
•George R. Mitchell VFW Post #1365 Agriculture Scholarship
•Youth Golf Scholarship

JULY URBOM
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Becton Dickman Technical Education Scholarship
•Delaun Rupkalvis Memorial Scholarship

WILLA WEAVER
Franklin High School
Recipient of:
•Humphert Memorial Scholarship

CHLOE WIDERMER
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Patrick Family Scholarship

ROSEMARY WIEDERHOP
Bertrand High School
Recipient of:
•Humphert Memorial Scholarship

ALEX ISRAEL
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Amelia Ewing Memorial Scholarship

ALLAN WILKES
Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Catherine E. & Frederick W. Wilkins Scholarship
•Shirley and David T. Shaw Scholarship

JAMES HUNTER THOMAS BRENIN
2012 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

COLLEGE Scholarship Recipients 2019

CHRISTINA BUTLER
1999 Graduate of: Loomis High School
Recipient of:
•AVWI - Holdrege Branch American Association of University Women
•Phelps Memorial Health Center Service League Scholarship

CATLIN DAIL
2018 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Joan Tins Swan and Jane Walker Titan Memorial Scholarship

ISAAC HOPKIN
2015 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Joan Tins Swan and Jane Walker Titan Memorial Scholarship

MACKENZIE JOHNSON
2013 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship
•Brent and Edith Youngsmark Scholarship

MALCOLM KELLEY
2011 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship
•Catherine E. & Frederick W. Wilkins Scholarship

MEGAN KERR
2016 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

KENNETH KIRK
2017 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

TAYLOR KUHN
2019 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

MORGAN LANG
2019 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

ALEX LOMIT
2020 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

KEVIN MACK
2018 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

SHELBY SCHMIDT
2020 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

OBERT SALisbury
2020 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

JOSIE WALTZ
2020 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

XANDER WILLIAMS
2020 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Recipient of:
•Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

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Phelps County Community Foundation COLLEGE Scholarship Recipients 2019

GREYSON LUDERKE
2015 Graduate of: Lincoln High School
Son of: Ryan Ludere
Recipient of: *Melena Community Club Scholarship

TAYN PATTERSON
2018 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Suzan & Shea Patterson
Recipient of: *Melena Community Club Scholarship

SARAH PELTON
2018 Graduate of: Bertrand High School
Daughter of: Nye & Christy Pelton
Recipient of: *Phelps County High Demand Jobs Scholarship

BRIANNA SMITH
2016 Graduate of: Bertrand High School
Daughter of: Anthony & Jacquelyn Smith
Recipient of: *Phelps Memorial Health Center Service League Scholarship

SARAH YONASKE
2014 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Mary & Tommy Yonaske
Recipient of: *Bruce Hillabrek Memorial Scholarship

LINDSAY WARNING
2015 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Jude & Tiffany Warning
Recipient of: *Mary & Ivan D. Voorhees Memorial Scholarship

SAULLT WILKINS
2015 Graduate of: Holdrege High School
Daughter of: Eric & Kathy Wilkins
Recipient of: *Marion and Dorothy Marshall Scholarship

Five New Scholarship Funds Opened at PCCF

The Phelps County Community Foundation continues to grow the number of scholarships offered to our area students, and in 2018 the following scholarship funds were established. It is through the generosity of donors that students can help offset the continuing rising costs of a secondary education and achieve their educational goals.

The Curly Geer Scholarship Fund was established in memory of long-time Holdrege business owner, Carrol “Curly” Geer. Mr. Geer was a 1945 graduate of Holdrege High School, and a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He owned and operated Rite Way Milk Transfer from 1948 until his retirement in 1998. This scholarship is available to graduates of Holdrege High School attending a technical or trade school full-time.

To honor the legacy of two very impactful mentors, the Holdrege TeamMates Chapter created the Holdrege TeamMates Ron Uribe Memorial Scholarship and the Holdrege TeamMates Ray Ruybalid Memorial Scholarship. Ron Uribe was a lifelong educator, teaching at Holdrege High School for 34 years. Incredibly active in school activities and the community, Mr. Uribe truly was passionate about education and mentorship. Ray Ruybalid was the face of the Holdrege tennis program since he accepted the coaching position in 1992. He touched the lives of not only his tennis players, but any student who came to know him. Both of these scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors or graduates of Holdrege High School that were actively involved in the TeamMates program. Students must be enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in any college, technical, or trade school.

The Joan Titus Swan and Jane Waller Titus Memorial Scholarship was established by the Swan Family to provide financial support for students going into medical or health care related field. Jane Waller Titus held a nursing degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and was working on her Masters degree when she passed away. Joan Titus Swan was raised in Holdrege and graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in home economics and textiles. After working in Kansas City after graduation, she returned to Nebraska in 1950 and married Norris Swan in 1952. She was a tireless community volunteer, active in her church, and had a passion for libraries, education, reading, and the arts. This scholarship is for graduates of any Phelps County high school who have completed their first year of post-secondary education and are working toward a degree in any medical or healthcare related field. Preference is given to students wishing to return to Phelps County after graduating.

Through an estate gift of nearly $805,000 the Clifford, Marian, and Michael Barnes Memorial Scholarship was created for graduates of either Holdrege High School or Central Valley High School (Greeley, NE) who have completed two years of college and are majoring in either the fine arts or architecture. This scholarship will begin to be offered beginning in the 2021 scholarship cycle. Clifford Barnes graduated from North Loup High School in 1941 and enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in WWII. His wife, Marian, was a graduate of Holdrege High School and after living in Colorado for several years their family relocated to Holdrege in 1975. Their son, Michael, was a 1971 graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder with a degree in fine arts and obtained his Masters degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in architecture in 1974. He was a designer in New York City before moving to Los Angeles in 1988 where he continued his design work. Michael was also an expert in Chinese art and co-authored a book on the subject.

The Phelps County Community Foundation is honored to assist in continuing the legacy of all of these individuals. If you are interested in learning more about establishing a scholarship fund at PCCF or including one in your estate planning, please call our office at 308-995-6847.