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LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

AND RECIPIENTS

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Local Scholarship Award Program

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Welcome & Introduction Zack Sedgwick, Superintendent
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Presentation of Awards MSHS and MAHS Staff

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Holly and Rod Aldrich
2025 RECIPIENT • Abe Kentala

In 2025 the Holly and Rodney Aldrich Family Scholarship Fund was established to support a MAPS graduating senior to continue their education.

E.W. Anderson Memorial Trust Scholarships
2025 RECIPIENTS

Claire Anderson	Roenak Ghiardi	Max Lackey	Dixon Poggi	Addy Terwilliger
James Bennett	Naomi Griffin	Caleb LaCosse	Aria Polkinghorne	Jake Toyras
Allison Brassard	Aden Hamalainen	Alex Larkin	Aaliyah Posvech	Adalyn Trapani
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Recipients of the E.W. Anderson Trust Scholarships are chosen based on objective standards which include each individual's academic performance and achievement, aptitude test performance and recommendations from instructors.

Faye “Madame” Amo Memorial Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENTS • Tatum Larson - Mack Schlicht

Family, friends, students and colleagues make this scholarship possible by celebrating the life of Faye M. Amo who entered eternal life July 13, 2011.

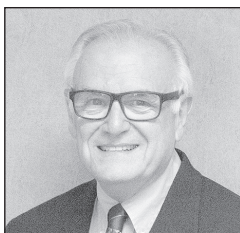
From her days in grade school, Faye held the desire to become a teacher. She obtained a double master's degree in English and French at Northern and later studied at the University of the Sorbonne in Paris where she earned highest honors in French.

Affectionately known as Madame Amo, she had an exceptional 31 year career at Marquette Senior High School.

She truly cared about her students and was dedicated to their education and well-being. Throughout her life, Faye maintained an untiring interest in the students at MSHS, often asking parents about their children, even though the children may never have been her students and she kept in regular contact with students who were living adult lives, with families of their own. Faye was considered a consummate professional with a passion for teaching French.

To be considered eligible for this scholarship students:

- Must demonstrate sincere effort in achieving academically
- Should display a passion for cultural awareness
- Should lead by example showing what it means to “fight the good fight” and “never give up”
- Should act as their authentic self and use out-side the box thinking



Thomas L. Baldini Memorial Scholarship

**2025 RECIPIENTS • Jazmine Chouinard - Eliza Lund - Luke McKnight
Chloe Miller - Natalie Neher - Parker Saunders - Ava Stern**

The Thomas L. Baldini Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who will be attending a Michigan State College or university and planning on pursuing a career in either education or political science.

During his lifetime Tom had two passions... teaching and public service. Graduating from Northern Michigan University, Tom taught economics and political science at Marquette Senior High School and Northern Michigan University. In the early 1980's Tom left teaching to pursue his other passion, public service. Tom served on Governor James Blanchard's staff, was named the U.S. Chair of International Joint Commission for Canada and the United States by President Bill Clinton, and served as the district director for Congressman Bart Stupak. He stepped away from the political arena when Congressman Stupak retired, and eventually returned to teaching on a part-time basis. His commitment to public service continued, running for a seat on the Marquette City Commission and eventually being selected as mayor of Marquette, a seat he held at the time of his passing. Tom was a leader and mentor to many former students, aspiring politicians, colleagues and friends. His kind heart and giving personality was experienced by almost everyone he knew or came into contact with.



Ben Brow Memorial Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Roenak Ghiardi

Ben Brow, Marquette Native, touched the lives of many throughout his 28 years. Ben was a 2010 graduate of Marquette Senior High School and went on to graduate from Alma College in 2015 with his degree in education.

As a youth, Ben discovered his love of music, singing and performing. He began in theater at age 11 with the City of Marquette youth theater

continuing to perform into high school. Ben started singing with the choir in middle school and continued through high school as a member of the Marquette Senior High School Chorale excitedly traveling to New York City to perform at Carnegie Hall and to Hawaii. Ben was a founding member and motivating force of the high school eight-member men's choir group, Octomen. He went on to perform with the Alma College choir where he had the opportunity to sing with Josh Groban and travel to Ireland on tour with the choir.

Ben began his teaching career in middle school and high school math. He had a great passion for teaching and loved his students, referring to them as his "kiddos". Ben encouraged his students to perform their best and to pursue what made them happy.

Ben was a kind, compassionate soul with a contagious enthusiasm for life and all that it offered.



Frances "Buzz" Brumm Music Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • James Uchtyl

The first annual Frances "Buzz" Brumm Music Scholarship will be distributed in 2025. The scholarship was set up to celebrate Frances's passion for music and successful career both as a performer and a teacher. Frances was a talented musician, trained classically in both piano and voice. She graduated from Crystal Falls High School and received the Iron County Music Scholarship upon graduation. She attended the University of Michigan as a Music Major. After moving to Marquette in the 1950's Frances sang for many years with the Methodist church

Mrs. Brumm additionally taught numerous Marquette students how to sing, play the piano or organ from her home. All six of her own children participated in Marquette Senior High School choral and or band music groups. Continuing with her love of music, Frances sang into her seventies with the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus. Prior to her death in 2022, Mrs. Brumm and her children agreed that establishing a music scholarship in her name would be a wonderful way to honor her and her long career as a teacher and performer.



Leonard "Oakie" Brumm/Marquette Iron Ranger Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Cole Kelly - Neva Voogd

This scholarship was set up in 2006 by family and friends to celebrate Mr. Brumm's ice hockey career and share his passion for the sport. The funds will be awarded to recipients who exhibits those characteristics that endeared Oakie to his family and friends. Mr Brumm was one of Marquette's greatest ambassadors of the game of hockey.

Mr. Brumm was a three letter athlete graduating from Graveraet High School in 1944. He served in the army before attending the University of Michigan, where he played on the first NCAA national hockey championship team. He went on to become a coach, athletic-recreation director at Marquette State Prison, and a semi professional player/coach on the Marquette Sentinels. He was actively involved with the Marquette Iron Rangers, coaching many championship teams during the 1960's and 1970's. In 1997, while coaching in Wisconsin, he earned the distinction as the oldest high school hockey coach in the nation. Mr. Brumm died in 2006, but his family and friends will always remember his spirit and passion for the game of hockey.

The award is presented to a graduating senior hockey player who attends Marquette Senior High School and is enrolled in a post secondary college or university. The recipient will demonstrate academic achievement and possess the following personal characteristics:

- Ability to be coached
- Team player qualities
- Outstanding record of no "stupid" penalties



Dr. Bob and Mary Bucklin Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Indigo Catalano

Dr. Bob and Mary Bucklin place great value in post high school education. Bob, a 1954 graduate of Graveraet High School, and Mary have noted over the years the value of vocational-technical education and the opportunities available to those with certificates or associate degrees. This scholarship was created to support a student who wishes to pursue education and training in vocational-technical fields.

Recipients of this scholarship must:

- Demonstrate academic strength in the area of career choice.
- Show commitment as evidenced by class participation, work ethic and other factors related to success in the field of choice.
- Attend an accredited Michigan educational institution.
- Be used for an Associate or certificate program.



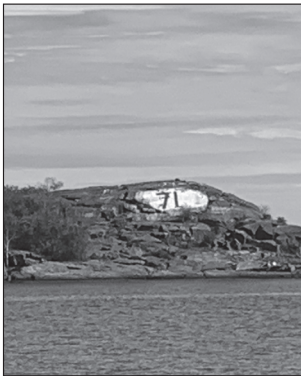
Michele Butler and Dr. Jeff Butler

2025 RECIPIENT • Mia Spitz

Michele and Jeff Butler, siblings, graduated from MSHS. Michele in 1973 while Jeff graduated one year later in the Class of 1974. Both were honor students that have gone on to establish solid careers in Business and Medicine. Michele is co-owner of Vango's Pizza here in Marquette and continues to support our local Community. She believes that supporting the Community that supports you is very important. Michele is a Marquette Area Public Schools Pendill Wall of

Excellence Honoree. Jeff is an Orthopedic Surgeon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Jeff is very active in his practice and supports his Community.

Both Jeff and Michele believe that the student receiving this scholarship has already achieved success. He or she has chosen a career in Business or Medicine and will go on to be contributors to their Communities. This recipient will have high academic achievement, good citizenship and leadership skills, and is positive with all.



Class of 1971 Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Sawyer Johnson

In 1970, the 1971 MSHS classmates and the 1971 Bishop Baraga High School classmates merged when the Catholic school closed. Together, we are known for working hard, civic mindedness and going with the flow! To commemorate the 50th class reunion in 2021, we established a scholarship for the benefit of the Marquette Area Public Schools ROCK UP 1971! This monetary gift will be awarded to a student who shows due diligence in their studies, is interested in studying at a trade/vocational school or wants to attend a 2-year associate program in a higher education university or community college. This student should demonstrate a hard work ethic, most importantly, considered an unsung hero who is a good citizen, involved in school-based activities and is of good character.



Class of 1999 Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Sophia Armstrong - Ben Edwards

The 1999 Senior Class of Marquette Senior High School established a scholarship in honor of the memory of Shaun MacDevitt, Nicholas Hoganson, Nicholas Krause and Andrew McNamee. The scholarship is awarded to a senior from Marquette Area Public Schools who is seeking to enter post-secondary education.

The scholarship recipient represents the following qualities:

- A good citizen involved in school, community and faith-based activities
- A personable, lively-spirited student who has an appreciation for music and sports
- A student who excels because of hard work, but most importantly is considered an “unsung hero”

Class of 2000 Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Tessa Bruns

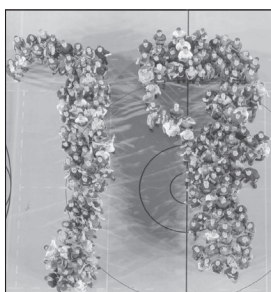
The Marquette Senior High School Graduating class of 2000 established this scholarship award as a legacy for their fellow graduates. This scholarship is based on work ethic and will go to a graduating senior that has worked hard through their High School years and may not have received the credit they deserve.

The following criteria are used to determine each recipient:

- Graduating Senior from Marquette Area Public School System
- Strong work ethic
- Good character
- Excels because of hard work

Class of 2014 Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Colin Morrison

The class of 2014 is providing this scholarship to any graduating male or female who embodies the spirit of the class of 2014, someone who their classmates would consider a friend to everyone, someone who encourages others and brings joy and laughter to those around them. This scholarship honors the memory of those in the class of 2014 who did just that.



Class of 2019 Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Olivia Murvich

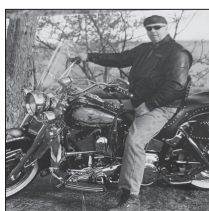
The Marquette Senior High School Graduating class of 2019 established this scholarship award as a legacy for their fellow graduates. This scholarship is established for a student who is a good citizen. A student who is kind and works hard. The following criteria are used to determine a recipient:

- Good work ethic
- Spreads joy
- does good deeds

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Class of 2021 Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Jaylee Dellies

This scholarship was created by the class of 2021 to recognize the students in the class that have held a leadership position at one time during their high school career at MAPS. This may include Student Council, Student Government or any other leadership role as determined by the scholarship selection committee.



Michael B. Chaput Memorial Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Allison Simon

Michael B. Chaput entered eternal life on August 8, 2022 after a determined and courageous battle fighting his illness to metastatic cancer. Mike was a graduate of White Pine High School in 1963, and then enlisted in the United States Navy from 1963-1967, where he proudly served our country in Vietnam. He possessed the kindest heart and always wanted the best for his family and all that he knew. He was especially proud of his children and most importantly his grandchildren.

The Michael B. Chaput Memorial Scholarship is made possible through the generous donations of his family and friends, whom he held near and dear to his heart. It is an honor to present this scholarship to a graduating senior of Marquette Area Public Schools with the following qualities:

Makes others feel important through courtesy and respect

- Is friendly, kind, and possesses a positive attitude with “willingness to help others”
- And any one of the following:
- A student entering the Navy
- A student entering a Trade Apprenticeship Program
- A student in the Middle College Program (MARESA)

Bob Crandall Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Corbin Grout - Joslyn Leuzzo

Robert Crandall, affectionately known as “Mr. Bob”, was a custodian at Whitman Elementary School for 25 years beginning in 1954. Upon retirement he established a fund to continue his favorite activities after his departure. The fund now provides a scholarship to a graduating senior.

The recipient of this award demonstrates the following criteria:

- High academic achievement
- Good moral character
- Responsibility to school and community
- Good attendance



Barb Crill Memorial Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Isabella Brunswick

Barb Crill dreamed big. Not just for herself, but for her students and athletes too. She dreamed of starting new programs, winning state championships, and bringing out the best in each and every student. With Barb’s dedication, leadership, and passion, those dreams came true.

Coach Crill was a visionary and pioneer in developing many athletic programs at Marquette Senior high School. She is best known for leading the 1976 Redette basketball team to a Michigan Class A State Basketball Championship,

achieving the first Class A championship in any sport (boys or girls) from the Upper Peninsula.

She didn’t stop at basketball though - she also started programs for boys & girls track and field, girls and boys swimming and diving, girls tennis, and girls golf. Her legacy of commitment, dedication, and success was evident both on and off the court. She took the time to mentor students, giving each student the opportunity to succeed and achieve their maximum potential. When students were struggling, she had a unique ability, a gift, for helping them find their individual strengths.

Barb inspired countless students far beyond athletics and made a tremendous impact on the direction of many lives over the course of her ten years at MSHS. The lessons she taught on the court and in the classroom were simple: do the right thing for the right reasons, treat everyone with respect and stay the course. She held all her students and athletes to very high standards and believed that these lessons would last long after the final shot, the last whistle, or the clock running out. Barb molded students into successful athletes, but also into kind, caring, compassionate adults.

If Barb hadn’t dreamed, many accomplishments for Marquette Senior High School sports would not have come true. Thanks to her tenacious resolve and caring spirit, she left a mark on her community, her students, her athletes, and all those who were fortunate enough to have known Barb.

To be considered eligible for this scholarship a student:

- must be a female student athlete
- exhibits leadership skills
- demonstrates academic perseverance



Jordan DeMay #IGOTYOU Education Scholarship

**2025 RECIPIENTS • Evan Balko - Payton Bullock - Samantha Hewitt
Jaxon Jurmu - Payton Pleaugh - Connor Stade - Noah Wautier**

The Jordan DeMay #IGOTYOU Education Scholarship was created in 2022 from funds contributed by Jordan's family and friends. The award is presented annually to a recipient who exhibits the characteristics that endeared Jordan to those who knew him. The recipient is a student-athlete who is a team player who demonstrates leadership and positive moral character.

Jordan was a member of the Marquette Senior High School Class of 2024. Known for his infectious smile, Jordan was a compassionate, mature, and team-oriented student-athlete whose goal was to be the best he could be as a person on and off the field.

The scholarship recipient:

- Student-Athlete • Demonstrates Leadership
- Team Player • Demonstrates Positive Moral Character



Shawn Michael Dollar Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Gibson Jezewski - Julia Moyle

The Shawn Michael Dollar Memorial Scholarships were established in memory of Shawn Michael Dollar.

Shawn's life was defined by his love of family, his love for his friends and his love of sports. It is the sincere hope of his family that these scholarships benefit students that share his passion in these areas.

His personality was such that he went out of his way to ensure that everyone felt as though they belonged, were included, and, most importantly, had fun. This trait enabled Shawn to be a leader both in athletics and in his personal life. His selflessness and dedication endeared people to him, and enabled him to form lasting and loving relationships with his many dear friends and family. It is through the generosity of the many people whose lives were touched by Shawn, that these scholarships are offered.

Shawn, a 1996 graduate of Marquette Senior High School, developed a passion for sports and athletics at an early age. He enjoyed playing soccer, baseball, hockey, football and basketball. Shawn had the wonderful combination of athletic ability and sportsmanship that made him a pleasure to play with, or against.

This scholarship is awarded to one male and one female graduate of Marquette School who demonstrates:

- A commitment to academics as reflected in a minimum grade point average
- A love and passion for athletics and sportsmanship as reflected by 2-3 years high school sports participation and possible collegiate competition
- Leadership as exemplified by sportsmanship and welcoming all other athletes equally
- Friendship and acceptance of all other students regardless of social circle or grade level



Joe and Elaine Drobny Art Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Sarah Conklin - Syri DePetro - Seamus Waite

The scholarship is being established by Joe and Elaine Drobny. Joe Drobny, a 1944 Graveraet High School graduate, and Elaine Drobny was a 1943 graduate of Baraga High School. They are the parents of three children all Marquette High School Graduates.

Elaine worked at Michigan Bell telephone for 33 years. Joe has been a prolific artist throughout his life. He has been a member of the Lake Superior Art Association and Art on The Rocks from their inception, and has garnered many awards and provided many artistic contributions which enhance Marquette. Joe and Elaine were born in Marquette and have lived here their entire lives because they love the lake. Strong supporters of Marquette, Joe and Elaine continued to give of their time for the betterment of our community. This scholarship will be awarded to a student that is interested in visual arts and design.

Meggan Eiben Memorial Scholarship **2025 RECIPIENT • North Miller**

The Meggan Eiben Memorial Scholarship was established in 1993 in memory of Meggan Eiben. Meggan was a special student in the Marquette Area Public Schools who touched the hearts of many students.

Meggan had multiple physical problems, but was a fighter and full of life despite her serious medical needs. She entered Parkview Elementary School where she flourished.

The Eibens have designated this scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior desiring to become a teacher. Their hope is that the recipient of this scholarship can someday continue the tradition of compassionate and dedicated teaching exemplified by Meggan's teachers in the Marquette Area Public School District.

The recipients of this award should:

- Be interested in the field of education
- Demonstrate good citizenship, attendance and work ethic
- Demonstrate good academic performance
- Have participated in extra-curricular activities



Marianne Mazzuchi Evans Memorial Scholarship

**2025 RECIPIENTS • Aubree Blackburn - Matthew Brady - Seppi Camilli
Ben Faber - Ida Larsen - Matthew Schlemm - Liam Thompson**

The Marianne Mazzuchi Evans Memorial Scholarship is made possible through the generous donations of her family and friends.

Marianne graduated from Marquette Senior High School in 1981 and received a degree in Elementary Education from Northern Michigan University. She began teaching in the Marquette Area Public Schools in 1995, first at Graveraet Middle School and then at Bothwell Middle School. In 2002-03, she deservedly was named Marquette Area Public Schools "Teacher of the Year."

Mrs. Evans' students were very precious to her and she reached out to all students. Many of her past students still remember Mrs. Evans' motto "You don't have to, you get to." She treated them as individuals and helped them strive to be the very best. Her goal was to make each and every student successful in her classroom. "I have very high expectations", Mrs. Evans said. "I celebrate their (her students) successes and encourage them to be the best individual persons they can be."

Marianne was lovingly devoted to her girls, Grace, Rachael and Sarah, and spent much of her life dedicated to their care. She also loved the beautiful Upper Peninsula and enjoyed outdoor activities, such as hiking and bird watching with her husband, John.

This award is presented to a graduating senior seeking to enroll in a two or four year post secondary college or university or apprenticeship program. The student receiving this award should demonstrate the following personal characteristics:

- A desire to learn and improve throughout high school career
- Show an interest in environmental issues

Frazier Fund Scholarships

2025 RECIPIENTS • Phoenix Allen - Haylie Marietta - Taylor Meister - Anna Melka

The Frazier Fund is a private foundation established by Lincoln and Ann Frazier many years ago. The Foundation gives charitably to organizations within the state of Michigan and generally in the Upper Peninsula. The Frazier Fund Scholarships were established in 2014 to celebrate annually four graduating seniors of Marquette Area Public Schools. The chosen recipients are selected based on their future education endeavors and to recognize publicly their past personal efforts.



Terry Gill and Pamela Gill Duffey Memorial Scholarships

2025 RECIPIENTS • Kasjmir Dunn-Henderson - Amira Ruiz

The Terry Gill and Pamela Gill Duffey Memorial Scholarships have been made possible by a gift from Mr. Thomas Gill, former Marquette Area Public Schools Superintendent.

Terry was the oldest of Mr. Gill's five children and only son. At the age of nineteen, Terry was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. By the time he graduated from Western Michigan University he was confined to a wheelchair

Terry died in 1980 at the age of thirty. He was a fine young man and Mr. Gill feels it is appropriate to honor Terry's name on a scholarship.

Pamela was Terry's sister and Mr. Gill's middle child. After the birth of her first child, Pam was diagnosed with leukemia. Scotty, Mr. Gill's first grandchild, was two years old when his mother passed away in 1979. This scholarship is a living gift to help a Marquette Area Public Schools student go to college and make a contribution to society

These scholarships are a way for Mr. Gill to honor two children who died too young, and to say "thank you" to Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education for showing their confidence in him from 1987-1991. A favorite quotation of Mr. Gill's is: "If you treat an individual as he could be and ought to be, he will become what he could be and ought to be." Goethe

These two scholarships are presented to one male and one female senior graduating from Marquette Area Public Schools who desire to further their education in a two or four year post secondary college or university, trade or apprenticeship program.

The following characteristics are considered when possible for awarding these scholarships:

- Students who have overcome some type of difficulty
- Students who have worked to meet school and family objectives
- Students who participated in extra-curricular activities
- Students who have a goal to serve society in some type of human service

Go Blue for Diabetes Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Justin Burbey

The U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network (UPDON) is proud to present the "Go Blue for Diabetes" scholarship to a student-athlete who is living with Type 1 Diabetes. Being a student-athlete is hard enough but living with Type 1 Diabetes adds an extra layer of difficulty. Keeping blood sugars in range while studying and playing sports takes a lot of discipline and dedication and the "Go Blue for Diabetes" scholarship is a way to honor and acknowledge this. UPDON is a small non-profit organization whose mission is to: To promote innovative partnerships to strengthen the prevention, detection and management of diabetes across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

To be considered eligible for this scholarship a student:

- must be a female student athlete
- exhibits leadership skills
- demonstrates academic perseverance



Catherine M. and Sarah L. Hawes

**2025 RECIPIENTS • James Barch - Carmen Bruce - Elisa Malherbe
Cambry Marquardson - Allison Simon**

The Catherine M. Hawes English/Speech/Drama Scholarship is given through the Marquette Area Public Schools Education Foundation. Catherine Hawes started teaching at Graveraet High School in 1940. She taught English, radio, television, drama and forensics. She was also a counselor at Marquette Senior High School where she retired in 1970.

This scholarship was initiated by Sarah Hawes, in memory of her sister Catherine. The award is given to a graduating senior who shows interest and accomplishment in English, speech or drama, and demonstrates:

- Academic achievement
- Promising professional potential
- Has been a student at Marquette Senior High School for a minimum of five full semesters

Education Foundation Heritage Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Natalie Schetter - Emma Peterson

The Education Foundation Heritage Scholarships for graduating High School Seniors were established in 2016. The Scholarships are named for Marquette Senior High School, Graveraet, Bishop Baraga Central and John D. Pierce. Opening in 1965, Marquette Senior High School has been graduating local students for over 50 years. In honoring that milestone with this scholarship, we feel tribute must be paid to the three local high schools that preceded MSHS. Graveraet, Bishop Baraga Central and John D. Pierce graduates have also contributed to the fabric of the Marquette Community and its growth and success through the years. Although two of the school buildings no longer grace our city, they were an integral part of who we are and where we came from. Please consider making a donation to one of these scholarships in honor of a loved one or your own graduating class.



Ray and Peg Hirvonen Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Lillianna Johnson

The Ray and Peg Hirvonen Foundation is a charitable organization which supports the quality of life in the Upper Peninsula and on the Treasure Coast of Florida. Both Ray and Peg are natives of Marquette and graduated from Graveraet High school then all three of their children graduated from MSHS then went on to attend NMU. The Hirvonen Family has strong, deep rooted ties to the UP and has a love for our community; they want to encourage our best & brightest students to stay in the UP for college and beyond.

To be eligible for this scholarship, students should be:

- Enrolling in any U.P. college
- Demonstrate community values by participating in extracurricular activities beyond athletics and/or volunteer in the community
- Academically successful

Impact-A-Life Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Tristan McCabe

Created by the Education Foundation for Marquette Public Schools, the Impact-A-Life scholarship recipient is awarded annually. The award is given upon high school graduation. It is the Foundation's hope that the scholarship will impact a student who will know there is money available to pursue their dreams when they graduate.



Peter Karampelas Memorial Wrestling Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Talon Smith

Peter Karampelas came to the United States from Greece at age 14. He was immediately drawn to wrestling and has participated in the sport as a competitor, a coach, a referee and a benefactor. Peter wrestled in high school and college, at both the University of Nebraska and Northern Michigan University. After college, Peter began teaching history at Marquette High School, along with coaching the varsity wrestling team. He led the team to an Upper Peninsula Championship in 1975. After leaving the U.P., Peter obtained his MBA and became a successful business owner, running the company E-Z Spuds, Inc. His love of wrestling persisted and, years later, Peter became a referee and officiated high school and college meets across the Midwest, including the NCAA's Midlands Wrestling Tournament. This scholarship is awarded to a wrestler who embodies the values of hard work, perseverance and love for the sport of wrestling.



Duane Kramer Memorial Scholarship
2025 RECIPIENT • Larson Marquardt

Duane Kramer first discovered the Upper Peninsula while on a motorcycle trip following service with the U.S. Army in Korea. He then called Marquette his home and found great joy in Lake Superior and the outdoors – camping, biking, skiing and sailing.

Mr. Kramer had a sense of adventure, including riding Harleys, living on a sailboat, and taking several trips to Italy. He was a great supporter of Marquette Area Public Schools. The Duane Kramer Memorial Scholarship seeks to acknowledge environmental awareness, activism and conservation. The scholarship should be awarded to the student best exemplifying environmental awareness and concern, whether through a strong record of service or a commitment to environmental studies in the future. The chosen student should be a good steward of the environment through his/her lifestyle, speech and studies.

The following should be considered when selecting the award recipient:

- Marquette Area Public Schools graduating senior
- A person who has shown maturity and caught the eye of a teacher or coach
- All GPA's considered



Lawrence Family Scholarships

**2025 RECIPIENTS • Elliott Ferguson - Maya Griffin - Halle Haynes
Lucy Stern - Ruth Tippet**

The Lawrence Family Scholarships were made possible by a generous gift from the estate of Earl and Frances Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence was raised on the north side of Marquette and graduated from Graveraet High School in 1935. Mr. Lawrence left the area to work in Texas at an envelope manufacturing business. He later moved to California where he established his own successful envelope business, Western States Envelope Company. Funds donated to the Marquette Area Public Schools Education Foundation by the Lawrence family will support these scholarships and many other endeavors for years to come.

These scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors from Marquette Area Public Schools seeking to enter post secondary education. The students will demonstrate the following personal substantial characteristics:

- Adhere to all qualities of a good citizen
- Consistently strive to do their personal best
- Display a positive attitude
- Show themselves to be dependable and responsible
- Exhibit an interest in the well-being of others
- Demonstrate consistent school attendance
- Indicate an interest in business or vocational education



Lowell A. Larson Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Drew Bradley

Lowell and his wife, Pearl, have established the Lowell A. Scholarship Fund because they "envision this scholarship will encourage the recipient to continue in the trades and answer the call for qualified tradespeople, so needed in today's world." Lowell is a lifelong resident of Marquette and a retired industrial arts teacher and high school assistant principal from Marquette Area Public Schools. This scholarship will be awarded annually to Marquette Seniors who are pursuing post-secondary education in trades who exhibit high standards of work ethic.



"LIVStrong" Olivia Jean LeMoine Memorial Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Kyler Sager

Olivia Jean LeMoine entered eternal life at the tender age of eighteen, in her senior year of high school. While attending Marquette Senior High School, Olivia carried a job and was active in athletics, school politics and various programs. In her spare time she loved reading, fishing, fashion, shopping, going to the beach, enjoying concerts and country music.

Olivia was loyal, strong willed, loving, and caring beyond belief. She was a friend to everyone, and was never afraid to speak her mind to stand up for what she felt was right- Olivia would always remind people that there are two sides to every story, and not to judge people before you know the real story.

The “LIVStrong” Olivia Jean LeMoine Memorial Scholarship is made possible by the support of Olivia’s family, friends, peers and community at large it is an honor to present this scholarship to a graduating senior of Marquette Area Public Schools with the following qualities:

- very motivated and hardworking- goal orientated
- a leader in and out of school
- makes others feel value, loved and important



Kelsey Leigh Lindberg Memorial Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Mason Bocklund

The first annual Kelsey Leigh Lindberg Memorial Scholarship was presented in 2009 to an individual in Kelsey’s graduating class. The funds that made this award possible were contributed by Kelsey’s family, many friends and others who loved her dearly. Her family is very proud and extremely honored to give this gift in memory of their beautiful daughter, Kelsey Leigh.

Kelsey was a very unique person who BELIEVED not only in herself, but in others, too. She had a keen awareness about her, knowing when someone was in need of a friend, even those she did not know. It was very important to stand up for the “under dog” and, as Kelsey would say, “Everyone has a voice.” She cherished and valued her many friends and loved being with them, they were an important part of her life as was her family. Kelsey was an outstanding athlete and well known for her quick and aggressive left defense skills in soccer, a game she loved to play. Kelsey was a very good runner participating in track and cross country. Music was also something that Kelsey loved; she was thrilled at introducing “country music” to all her friends.

Kelsey had a BEAUTIFUL, contagious smile, and loving spirit, generous heart and bubbly personality. She will never be forgotten. Kelsey Leigh Lindberg was called to Heaven on June 9, 2007 at the young age of sixteen.

This award is presented to a male or female graduate of Marquette Senior High School or Alternative High School who has a desire to further his/her education via college, trade school and /or apprenticeship program, and who is:

- An open and caring individual
- A participant of a soccer program, high school, travel or recreational program
- All GPA’s considered



Mary B. Lorsbach Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Hunter Peacock

The Mary Beth Lorsbach Scholarship Fund was established in 2018, not only to honor Mary Beth, but also to recognize and reward students who have excelled academically in high school.

After graduating from high school in a small rural town with a population of 2,600, she attended St. Louis University. Subsequently she taught in a St. Louis public high school. In 1976, she and her husband and two young children moved to Marquette, where she resumed teaching in 1983. Mary Beth was a teacher in the English Department at Marquette Senior High School, where she taught primarily American Literature. After undergoing treatment for breast cancer, she retired in 2002.

Her enthusiasm for teaching never diminished. She loved the interaction with her students. Somewhat humorously she would often challenge her students to “dazzle me”, when they were given assignments, and so very often she was dazzled. Mary Beth believed teaching was such a fulfilling profession: “You feel as though maybe you’ve made a small difference”. Several former students kept in touch with her for many years, and she cherished those reunions.

The student receiving this scholarship has already achieved a level of success, and this scholarship is recognition of that student’s excellence. He or she choose a teaching career or maybe not. However, wherever a higher education leads, the future is definitely bright. Preference may be given to students who plan to become educators or who major in English, Social Studies or the Arts.



Roger P. Magnuson Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • James Barch

Roger attended Froebel Elementary, Howard Junior High, and Graveraet High School, graduating in 1949. In 1954, he graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Liberal Arts. He returned to the University of Michigan and acquired a teaching certificate and began a two-year stint as a social studies teacher at Albion High School in Albion, Michigan. At the same time, he did graduate work in a joint program of history and education, which lead to a Ph.D. in 1963. In 1961, he accepted a summer teaching assignment at Montreal's McGill University: Working his way up the academic ladder, he was promoted to full professor in 1971. At first specializing in the history of Western Civilization, he shifted his interests to that of

Quebec cultural history from the seventeenth century to the present. "Quebec," he said, "offered many opportunities to researchers because it is a French society that successfully resisted cultural assimilation in English-speaking North America." By the 1990s, he had published four books, including *Education in New France*, not to mention numerous scholarly articles. Among Roger's hobbies were brook trout fishing, hiking, and watercolor painting. He was a member of the Lake Superior Art Association and a regular participant in its May exhibition. "Marquette," he once said, "is blessed with a fine symphony, two libraries, and a stunning natural environment for year-round sports." This scholarship is provided to a student who is planning to attend the University of Michigan.



Dr. Mary Jo Mulligan-Kehoe Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Violet Papin

The Dr. Mary Jo Mulligan-Kehoe scholarship is to be awarded to a Marquette Senior High School senior who has shown academic excellence and a genuine desire to pursue a post-secondary education in the field of biological sciences either at the college level or at a technical training school. Since the biological field encompasses aspects of chemistry, physics, engineering, and mathematics,

the awardee can use the scholarship to pursue post-secondary education in one of these fields. The scholarship must not be awarded to a student pursuing computer science and programming. Marquette Area Public Schools Foundation will be responsible for sending the sum of \$2500 directly to the recipient's school of higher education upon proof of matriculation.



Education Foundation for Marquette Public Schools Scholarships

**2025 RECIPIENTS • Malachi Dronet - Geena Erdmann-Lipp - James Headman
Jazmine Junak - Jacob MacPhee - Jocelyn Mead**

The mission of the Marquette Area Public Schools Education Foundation is to acquire and distribute financial and other resources to the Marquette Area Public School District for unique programs and activities. These funds will supplement and enhance the quality of education and provide students and staff with extended learning opportunities, including scholarships. The foundation expects to achieve its mission by promoting student development, encouraging excellence among MAPS staff, and encouraging school and community partnerships.

The recipients of this award were chosen based on the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Community service
- Good citizenship
- Maintains positive relationships with others



Marquette Lions Club Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Claire Maskart

Lions Club International is a service organization with over 1.35 million members and over 46,000 clubs worldwide. Each club enjoys serving its own community needs while upholding our International Foundation's four main areas of focus:

1. Work with the visually and/or hearing impaired and especially work with the blind. This came from a request from Helen Keller in 1925.
2. Providing disaster relief to all areas of the world.
3. Promotion of health topics and services to the disabled.
4. Programs for children and young people.

The Marquette Lions Club Scholarship was established in 1998 as a result of a bequest from the late Mildred Halverson to help serve the youth of the Marquette area.

Each year a senior is chosen who:

- Will be attending a college or university
- Shows scholastic achievement
- Leadership
- Good citizenship

Special consideration is given to students majoring in fields that reflect our main areas of focus.



Rotary

Club of Marquette

Marquette Rotary Club Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Rosemary Elenbaas

The Marquette Rotary Club motto is Service Above Self. By providing this scholarship, the Marquette Rotary Club's intent is to assist the recipient with remembering the four-way test as they go through life.

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendship?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

This scholarship is awarded to two recipients selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Academic merit
- Desire to attend a post-secondary educational institution located in the Upper Peninsula
- Good moral character
- A high level of responsibility to school and community
- A good attendance record

Marquette Rotary Club Vocational Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Jacob Braamse - Drew Bradley

The Rotary Club of Marquette vocational scholarships are specifically designed for students who are enrolled in an Upper Peninsula Trade or Vocational school focused on automotive technology, bookkeeping, carpentry, electrical apprenticeship, massage therapy, medical record transcription, plumbing & mechanical apprenticeship and many others.

The Vocational Scholarship is awarded based on the following:

- Solid attendance record, showing good effort in class work and a good work ethic
- Community service
- Intent to complete the chosen program leading to an associated degree, certificate or diploma and plans to go directly into employment in that field

Marquette Harbor Rotary Achievement Award

2025 RECIPIENT • Makayla Palmer

Rotary is an international service organization that contributes back to their communities in many capacities. The Marquette West Rotary Club annually awards this scholarship to a graduating senior who has a good record of academic achievement and shows significant personal perseverance despite adversity in his/her life.

Marquette Harbor Rotary Foreign Language Awards

2025 RECIPIENTS • Bella Coleman - Ian Galbreath

The Marquette West Rotary Club also recognizes the best students in foreign language based on instructor recommendation. Each foreign language class has nominated the student that has excelled in knowledge of French or Spanish language, encourages other students and has contributed significantly to the classroom environment.

Marquette Senior High School Class of 1977 Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Sienna Goodney

Throughout its active four-year history, Marquette Senior High School Class of 1977 became known for leadership, drive, creativity and a common interest in making a difference. To commemorate its 25th reunion in 2002, the MSHS Class of 1977 established the first permanently endowed class scholarship for the benefit of Marquette Area Public Schools. This gift seeks to encourage continued achievement and to serve as a challenge for others to follow.

An award is made to the Marquette Senior High School graduating student who best represents the character, ideals and drive of the Class of 1977 based on the following criteria:

- Involvement in one or more activities on or off campus, where he/she has made an important difference and set a high example of citizenship
- A strong commitment to the community
- A person who is creative, shows leadership, drive and creativity
- Will pursue a college or vocational degree



Marquette Police Department Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Madalene Morgan - Mackenzie Rasmussen

The Marquette Police Department Scholarship was established through the generous donations of current, former and retired members of the Marquette City Police Department. Comprised of 34 sworn officers and 5 support staff, the Marquette City Police Department feels it is our responsibility to start promoting

the law enforcement profession and recruiting qualified men and women who choose to pursue a career that truly makes a difference in their community. Police departments throughout Michigan and the country are unable to fill vacancies due to a lack of qualified candidates. By investing in our youth through education, internships and scholarship opportunities, we can promote the dynamic and rewarding career of law enforcement.

Scholarship recipients should:

- Plans on attending a college or university majoring in Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement.
- Possesses strong communication skills.
- Wants to make a difference in their community
- Is a team player



Marquette Township Fire Department Membership Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Aidan Bomer

Marquette Township Fire and Rescue was formed in 1975 with 14 members and has grown to 30 active members. Marquette Township Fire and Rescue is a combination department that provides Fire, EMS, Technical Rescue, and Hazmat response for residents and visitors to our community. The mission is to minimize exposure of the Charter Township of Marquette to the Prevention, Planning and Response. In an effort by the membership to continue meeting these goals through educational excellence and the support of future generations, the Marquette Township Fire Department Membership Fund established a scholarship based on the following criteria, a recipient should be:

- The child, stepchild, or grandchild of a current member
- A Marquette Township Resident
- Entering a Fire Science or related field program for a degree or certificate



Kathleen and Michael Mayhew Family Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Aundraes Benz

Kathleen (Williams) Mayhew and Michael Mayhew established their scholarship to recognize a graduating senior who performs well academically. They both attended school in Marquette and graduated from Bishop Baraga, Michael in 1965 and Kathleen in 1966 and Northern Michigan University, Michael in 1969 and Kathleen in 1970. Returning to Marquette after they

both retired from the State of Michigan.

The primary residence is in Marquette and they also enjoy their winter home in Florida. Both Kathleen and Michael are active in the community and believe in the value of education.



Tim McVannel Memorial Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Carter Williams

The Tim McVannel Memorial Scholarships were created in 2006 from funds contributed by Tim's family and friends. The awards are presented annually to recipients who exhibit the characteristics that endeared Tim to those who knew him.

Tim was a member of the Marquette Senior High School Class of 2001. He loved the outdoors and was an avid backpacker, camper and bowler. He was well known for his nonjudgmental nature and good listening skills. Tim was

fondly known as a "gentle giant" with a compassionate heart. He was masterful at putting a smile on people's faces and sharing kind words.

The scholarship recipient:

- Are members of the Marquette Senior High School Bowling Team
- Demonstrate academic merit
- Have strong character, leadership skills and a positive attitude
- Are good citizens
- Have community involvement
- Plan to attend college or an apprenticeship program



MSHS Class of 1969 Scholarship

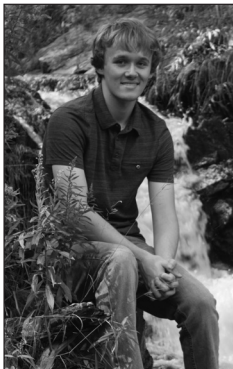
2025 RECIPIENT • Jack Parent

The MSHS Class of 1969 scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior. The scholarship is being established to recognize the teachers and staff that supported us as students to become who we are today. It is our way to give back to the graduating student(s) as they start their journey as adults. A gift from the MSHS Class of 1969.

MSU STARR Charitable Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Sienna Traye - Rece Parker

This scholarship is given to students who have participated in the STARR Scholars program. Thanks to the generosity of the STARR donors these scholarships are provided for students to attend Michigan State University. This has had a ripple effect, positively impacting not only the recipients, but those around them as STARR alumni continue to achieve.



Hunter Negri Memorial Scholarship

**2025 RECIPIENTS • Michael Cattoor - Edan Hautamaki -Braylon Monnett
Samantha Paternoster**

The Hunter Negri Memorial Scholarship is made possible through the support of Hunter's family, friends and community.

Hunter graduated with honors from Marquette Senior High School in 2017, where he was a four year member of the bowling team. Bowling was his passion and he worked very hard for the great success achieved in his sport. Hunter always held himself to high standards in every part of his life and rarely missed a day of school. He had a great sense of humor and a beautiful smile. Hunter had friends of all ages, especially within the bowling community. He will remain in our hearts forever.

Phil Niemisto Young Entrepreneur Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Ian Sheltrow

The Phil Niemisto Young Entrepreneur Scholarship was established in 2018 in memory of Phil Niemisto who was such a visible part of the Marquette community for years. We feel that this scholarship is a fantastic opportunity for all of us to remember his cheer and contributions.

Phil was placed in the Marquette Orphanage at a young age during The Great Depression. He lived there into his adolescence, and then he was sent off on his own with a limited education and hardly any cash in his wallet. He discovered his true calling, the one that would eventually make him a Marquette icon. He created his own jobs, washing windows and shoveling snow for merchants downtown and along Third Street while setting up and caring for gardens interspersed amid the buildings. He negotiated casual, friendly deals with the business owners, maintained his accounting books, and worked his routes six days a week. And people noticed. They valued his service. Awards piled up year and year. Phil Niemisto had become, quite possibly, the most famous and beloved citizen of Marquette.

To be considered eligible for this scholarship a student:

- Shall have an Entrepreneur spirit
- Shall be Self-Motivated
- Be friendly and kind
- Be professional



Northstar Investment Management Character Compound Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Nolan Dixon

Founded in 2003 in downtown Marquette, Northstar Investment Management provides bespoke investment management services focused on growing wealth and retirement income.

With 55 years of combined experience in wealth management, Douglas and Daniel LaBar created the Character Compounder Scholarship to promote awareness of the power of compound interest to its recipient and community. Compounding works its mathematical magic not only in building financial wealth, but in growing wellness which can span the richness of human experience. A character-driven decision today opens unseen opportunities tomorrow. Opportunities to grow in friendship, in community, in spirit, and in vocation by again choosing the next right action. Compound this growth across a lifetime and there's no limit to what one can achieve.

Any student who demonstrates honesty, integrity, character, and community stewardship is a candidate for the Character Compounder Scholarship.

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William H. Ostwald Memorial Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Zachary Leonard - Ailee Herrington

Dr. William Ostwald was a beloved and respected administrator in the Marquette Area Public Schools for over thirty years. Dr. O, as he was affectionately called, was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and grew up playing hockey. After playing professionally for several years, he moved to Marquette to attend NMU and to play for the Iron Rangers. He also coached junior hockey, winning four U.P. and two state championships, as well as coaching a semi-pro team in Traverse City.

After he and his wife Tina served in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia, he joined MAPS first as a counselor and then as assistant principal at the high school. He earned a Ph.D. from Michigan State in 1988 and became the principal of Graveraet Middle School until his retirement in 2003.

Dr. O was seen by all as a visionary leader, though sometimes his methods were unconventional. He worked tirelessly to even the playing field, to encourage those students who needed the most support. He believed that a school was only as good as its weakest student and balanced compassion and empathy with “tough love.”

Even in his retirement he continued to inspire educators. He consulted for other school districts in the area and taught in NMU’s education program. Throughout his career as a teacher, coach, counselor and administrator in the Marquette Area Public Schools, he touched the lives of many other administrators, teachers, parents, student teachers and students. He was an advocate for students in need, reaching out to parents in the community for donations to purchase clothes, shoes and other necessities for his students. Dr. William Ostwald will be remembered for his keen intellect, insightfulness, and commitment to people of all ages and paths.

A student:

- should be a individual who works hard, shows compassion and kindness and demonstrates a high level of grit; this scholarship is not intended to be awarded based on grades, or school achievement
- should demonstrate leadership qualities, without necessarily having the title of leader - someone considered to be a “unsung hero”
- would be unafraid to ask pertinent questions in class, be open-minded to others’ opinions, and have a positive attitude
- should be someone who exhibits an interest in the well-being of others, regardless of social circle or grade level, and routinely go out of their way to help.



Harold and Mary Lou Peterson Family Scholarships

2025 RECIPIENT • Max Sanderson

The Harold and Mary Lou Peterson Family Scholarships were established by Harold and Mary Lou in 2004 and awarded for the first time in 2005. Harold and Mary Lou were lifelong residents of the Marquette area, and lived and raised their family in Marquette Township. Both were active in the lives of their children, being youth activity leaders as well as active in community events in Marquette Township. They wanted to continue to support the youth of Marquette Township, thereby establishing the Harold and Mary Lou

Peterson Family Scholarships. Each year the scholarships are given to students from Marquette Township who display a strong desire to succeed, as well as demonstrate good social skills and attendance in school.

To be eligible for these scholarships students:

- Must be a graduating senior
- Have a strong desire to succeed
- Demonstrate good social skills
- Have a good attendance record
- Be a resident of Marquette Township



“FORCody” Cody Revord Memorial Scholarship Fund

2025 RECIPIENTS • Bryce Francisco - Xander Hooper

Cody Revord, affectionately known as “Cody Bear” to his friends and family, entered eternal life on February 19, 2015. At the time of his tragic accident, Cody was a junior at Marquette Senior High School and was part of the first cohort to attend the Marquette Alger Technical Middle College. Cody loved being outdoors, doing what he did best: snowboarding, biking, and skateboarding.

Cody had a positive attitude and strong will which helped him overcome a variety of struggles to become the extraordinary young man he was. Cody had a kindness about him that naturally brightened everyone’s day along with an infectious smile and a big bear hug. Cody will remain in our hearts forever.

This scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Marquette Senior High School based on the following criteria:

- Must have overcome an adversity; and still excel because of hard work
- Should have a friendly, positive attitude and willingness to help others
- have plans to attend a trade school or apprenticeship program



The Elaine Salo Rizzardi and Joseph Rizzardi Memorial Scholarship Fund

2025 RECIPIENT • Michaela Sutherland

This Scholarship, called the Elaine Salo Rizzardi and Joseph Rizzardi Memorial Scholarship has been established through the Marquette Area Public Schools Education Foundation. It was created in memory of Elaine Salo Rizzardi. Her recently deceased husband Joseph Rizzardi, directed their estate to support a fund for students of the Marquette Area Public

School to honor his wife of 65 years. Elaine passed away in 2015, in Jackson, Michigan where they made their home.

Elaine graduated from Graveraet High School with the class of 1950. While a student, she played viola in the school orchestra. In the years following, she often returned to the Upper Peninsula, to visit the people and landscape that she always considered her roots. She was the daughter of Thomas V. and Helmi Mae Salo of Marquette.

Elaine worked in the newspaper and health care professions. She is remembered as a devoted wife, avid reader, artist, and lover of the outdoors. She was a talented water colorist and oil painter. Elaine also excelled in all kinds of fabric arts, including decorative crafts, knitting, quilting and sewing. Her artistic accomplishments were always appreciated by those she gifted. She and her husband spent many hours raising and training Golden Retrievers, and enjoyed extensive travel in their motor home, always with their Retrievers as companions.

Elaine would be proud to know that deserving Marquette area students will be able to advance their education as the result of this scholarship. They should pursue further education at a college, university or other certificate program (including associate degree or apprenticeship at an accredited vocational/technical school or community college)

Angela Rae Reichel Memorial Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Eli Havel

Angela Rae Reichel was a Class of 2004 Marquette Senior High School graduate. Angela's love for life and ability to notice the positives in others were evident in everything she accomplished. She looked at life in a non-conventional way and tended to be dramatic to get her point across. Angela was always able to look beyond what a person showed on the outside and see the inner beauty residing within.

Angela passed away on July 10, 2005 after a courageous life-long battle with Cystic Fibrosis. She considered herself to be blessed by being the recipient of a lung transplant four months prior to her passing.

The Angela Rae Reichel Memorial Scholarship is made possible through the generous donations of her family and friends, whom she held near and dear to her heart. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has overcome some type of hardship, yet through it all, has kept an optimistic attitude. The chosen student should demonstrate a positive outlook on life and be seen by others as an overall great individual.

The following is considered when selecting the award recipient:

- Marquette Senior High School graduating senior
- A person who has overcome adversity and wants to build a positive future
- Will attend a trade school, apprenticeship program or college/university

Phyllis and Maxwell Reynolds Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Jay Fetterhoff-Bess - Carley Palomaki - Dani Toyras

In 1997 the Phyllis and Max Reynolds Foundation was established to ensure that the family's philanthropy will continue for the benefit of future generations. These scholarships are given to MAPS graduation seniors.

Charlotte Armstrong Rodefer Scholarship

**2025 RECIPIENTS • Monet Argeropoulos - Kendall Chipelewski - Raina Doughty
Owen Renfors - Chase Thomsen - Sevi Voigt**

Ralph A. Rodefer of Laurium, Michigan, established this scholarship in 1976 honoring his late wife, Charlotte Armstrong Rodefer, to benefit Marquette Senior High School graduating seniors. Mrs. Rodefer taught English and journalism in what was then Graveraet High School from 1920–1946. Mr. Rodefer taught science and physics in the Marquette school system for 26 years from 1920-1946. He was quoted "Charlotte and I both found the pupils in the school and in our classes, specifically, to be congenial and cooperative. We loved Marquette and its beautiful Lake Superior setting." Mr. Rodefer joined the faculty at Michigan Technological University in 1946 and was a professor of mathematics until his retirement in 1970. He asked that one scholarship be given annually to a male and one to a female student, one scholarship in math one in science and one in the humanities.

Lotta and Jay Steward Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Joslyn Leuzzo

A scholarship has been established in 2025 to honor Lotta and Jay Steward. Lotta was a dear friend and an accomplished pianist. She and Jay loved traveling but loved most to be at the family home in Marquette. This scholarship is being provided to an individual to assist with their post secondary goals.

Henry St. John School Board Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Max Lackey

This scholarship is named after Henry St. John, the longest serving school board member in the Marquette Area Public School District, in recognition of his 30 years of service to the district.

Projects developed during Mr. St. John's time of service as noted in a letter of recognition from 1944 include:

- The acquisition of land and plans for the Graveraet High School
- The establishment of instrumental music in the public schools and the subsequent orchestras and bands
- The introduction of art instruction in the public schools
- The securing of a site for the Athletic Field (Memorial Field) and the construction of the field and stadium.

Members of the current Marquette Area Public Schools Board have generously donated their stipend from one of their board meetings to fund a scholarship, to be awarded to a graduating senior who has participated in student council, or served as a class officer in high school, and shown interest in future participation in public service. It is the board's hope that this money will be used to help finance the recipient's next campaign.

Waino Toija Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Rosemary Elenbaas - Benjamin Faber - Maria Millado

Halle Paternoster - Chase Thomsen - Ruth Tippet - Lexi Smith - Aiden Swanson

Mr. Toija, a retired draftsman and former school teacher, died in 1990. The Waino Toija Charitable Trust Scholarships were created to provide funds for graduates of Marquette Senior High School. The first scholarship was given in 1993. The scholarships are given to recipients attending a Michigan school who demonstrate high academic merit.



TriMedia Environmental and Engineering Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Anabel Ollila

The TriMedia Environmental and Engineering Scholarship has been established to assist the recipient in their pursuit of knowledge. A majority of our team lives, works, and plays in Marquette and many of us are happy to call MSHS our alma mater. We understand there are many paths to and definitions of success. However, the roots of wisdom and maturity are anchored in:

- Self-accountability
- Peer-to-peer positive leadership
- An unquenchable curiosity of the world and joy in making it a better place

The award is intended to provide funds for the selected individual to pursue life experience through traditional or non-traditional opportunities.



TruNorth Federal Credit Union Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Jack Sysko

The TruNorth Federal Credit Union has established a scholarship for a student, for each of the local school districts of Gwinn, Ishpeming, Marquette, Negaunee, NICE, and Republic-Michigamme. These scholarships are based on scholastic ability, intellectual potential, personal integrity, an enthusiasm for learning, or evidence of to better humanity. The recipient of this scholarship must:

- Be a graduating senior from Marquette Senior High School
- Be a member of the Ishpeming Community Federal Credit Union (or recipient's parents)
- Have at least a 2.5 Grade Point Average

Dave Turenne Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Cecelia Fuller - Victoria Turausky

Someone once said, “Teaching is not a career, it is a way of life”. Dave Turenne epitomized this phrase. As a teacher in the Marquette Area Public School District from 1984 to 2000, he devoted most of his time and energy to his students and the profession. As the Advanced Placement United States History teacher, Mr. Turenne was known as a taskmaster and created one of the most challenging courses in the school, yet always had a large number of students register for the class. And while the national average for passing the AP U.S. History exam hovered around fifty percent, his students passed at an average rate of eighty percent. He regularly reiterated his catch phrase “Do or Do Not – There is No Try”, even going so far as to have it engraved on pencils which he distributed at the start of the school year.

Outside of the classroom he devoted most of his time to student activities – coaching basketball was his favorite, yet he also could be found chaperoning dances, volunteering at track meets, working on homecoming floats and the like. He was also a legend in the local American Legion baseball scene, where he was known as a firm but fair umpire. (One of his protégé’s, Adam Hamari, is pursuing his dream of being a Major League umpire). With his unexpected passing in 2000 the Marquette Area Public School District, as well as the entire community, lost an educational leader.

This scholarship has been established by his family in his honor with the hope that Dave’s legacy will inspire other teachers and students to reach the high expectations that he had for everyone.

The Marquette Senior High School Social Studies Department developed the following criteria for this scholarship:

- Should be an Advanced Placement U.S. History student
- Class grade of B or better in AP U.S. History
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities
- Honor Society member in good standing



Class of 2020 in Honor of Haley Van Abel Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • James Hagerl

The Class of 2020 scholarship in Honor of Haley VanAbel is so named after a shining member of the Class of 2020. Haley tragically met the end of her life journey in May of 2017 during her class’ Freshman year at MSHS. Haley’s smile was infectious and her sense of humor was both quick and witty. She wore her heart on her sleeve and was not afraid to speak up for herself and others, which made her a friend to just about

everyone. Throughout the rest of their high school years, the Class of 2020 remembered Haley with stickers on their cars, sweatshirts, and in designing and creating floats for Homecoming. Even in graduating during a pandemic, the Class of 2020 turned to Haley’s memory and decided to dedicate their class funds to honor her in perpetuity with this scholarship. To be eligible for this scholarship the recipient must simply have a great sense of humor, and leave their “Marq” in a positive way at MSHS.



VAST Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Brianna Anderson - Marlow Quigley

VAST, a leader in providing insurance and risk management services throughout the Midwest, established its scholarship in 2015. The company was founded in 1885 by Sydney B. Adams. The Graveraet School gymnasium, located in the heart of Marquette, MI where Vast headquarters are proudly located, is named in his memory as his wife donated the land where the gymnasium sits. VAST’s core values include a commitment to the communities where it lives, works and plays. The recipient of this scholarship is one who exemplifies the following:

- will pursue a vocational, apprenticeship program or college/university degree
- strong moral character
- positive active involvement in the community



Mick and Judy Vonck Family Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Justin Barsch

The Mick and Judy Vonck Family Scholarship was established in 2018. As lifelong residents of Marquette, Mick, Judy and their three daughters are all Marquette High School graduates. Retiring in 2020 after having spent 75 combined years in the construction industry, the Vonck Family are establishing this scholarship to support the next generation of builders, designers and hands-on tradespeople. This Mick and Judy Vonck Family Scholarship will give necessary educational support to a hard working young person with strong leadership skills and who chooses to pursue a building related trade, skill or degree. It is our hope that each recipient will eventually not only give back to their community, but have an integral part in designing and building it.

To be considered eligible for this scholarship student:

- Planning to attend an Upper Peninsula program
- Student displays good citizenship and attendance
- One year certificate or two/four year degree in a construction or engineering/architectural related field.



Whelan University of Michigan Business Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Trista Beerman

Sean Whelan is a proud 1989 Marquette Senior High School graduate; while at MSHS, Sean participated in extracurricular activities including the Golf Team, German Club and Business Professionals of America. Sean was especially motivated, and encouraged to pursue a career in business, by his BPA mentor and business and accounting teacher Paula McCormick while attending high school. He moved to attend the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and received both Bachelor of business administration and Master of Accounting degrees.

Sean received his CPA license shortly after college, and has since served in several senior finance positions, including Chief Financial Officer of two high growth public healthcare firms. The pinnacle of his career to date was ringing the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange, as he took his company Diplomat (NYSE: DPLO) public in October 2014. Throughout his career in business, Sean Whelan has demonstrated strong financial, strategic and operational expertise as he has successfully lead complex corporate transactions including acquisitions and capital market transactions.

On Success, Sean Whelan believes that, “Success is at least as much about attitude as it is about aptitude. if you think you can do it, you probably can; and vise versa.” he urges us to “take action, often. Don’t wait for others to voice their opinion or make a decision.” Sean Whelan also believes that when success is attained, and along the path to achievement, we cannot forget about giving back; coaching his children’s baseball and soccer teams and contributing to where he came from are vastly important. In order to continue to give back and supporting the success of others, Sean established the Whelan University of Michigan business Scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2016.



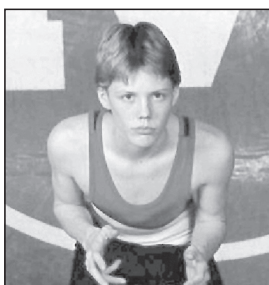
Scott and Jill White Family Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENTS • Syri DePetro - Mylie Hamilla

The Scott and Jill White Family Scholarship was established in 2018. Scott and daughters Carrie and Christie are graduates of MSHS, graduating in 1976, 2005 and 2007 respectively. Scott is a recipient of the : A Felch Pendill Wall of Excellence. The White family are lifelong Spartan fans. Carrie and Christie graduated from Michigan State University and are grateful for their educations at both MSHS and MSU. The fund provides a scholarship to a graduating senior attending Michigan State University. It is the White family's sincere hope that recipients enjoy their time and education at Michigan State as much as Carrie and Christie did. Go Green!

To be considered eligible for these scholarships students:

- must be planning to attend Michigan State University
- who has the ability to excel (not necessarily an A student)
- passionate about obtaining a degree



Aaron Winslow Memorial Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Sophie Wasik

The Aaron Winslow Memorial Scholarship was created by Aaron's family to honor his memory and spirit of determination. Aaron was a 1998 graduate of Marquette Senior High School where he was a four year member of the wrestling team. He loved life, and this special scholarship opportunity is made available for the student who is most like Aaron.

It is distributed annually to a graduating senior from Marquette Senior High School who has the spirit that they can do whatever they set out to do, and who demonstrates the following criteria:

- Plans to attend college or an apprenticeship program
- Has an "I can do this no matter what" spirit
- Possesses the ability and drive to succeed
- Is a member of the wrestling team, when possible



Wiseman-Kivimaki Scholarship

2025 RECIPIENT • Henna DuMolin

Since Nancy Seminoff was the first in her family to complete an extended education after graduating from Graveraet, earning a bachelor's degree from NMU and ultimately a Doctorate in Education it was important to her to establish this scholarship in honor of her Mom, Bertha, Aunt Helen and Uncle Matt all previous Graveraet graduates, who were unable to do so.

The following criteria has been established to be considered eligible for the Scholarships(s):

1. First person in their family to seek education beyond high school
2. Earn either a certification or a two or four year degree from an Institution of higher education
3. Preference will be given to the recipient intending to pursue a Baccalaureate Degree at Northern Michigan University

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