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## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

GREAT BEND, Kan. – The Golden Belt Community Foundation awards over \$93,000 in scholarships to area students, each year. These wide-ranging scholarships, offered to high school graduates from Barton, Pawnee, Rush and Stafford County, Kansas, meet a variety of educational needs. Some scholarship funds are designed for students who do not receive substantial financial aid through traditional sources like college, high school or merit-based scholarships and are not awarded until after those determinations are made. Additionally, the Foundation has scholarship funds available to students attending vocational or other non-traditional schools. With its many scholarship offerings, the Foundation is proud to support the students in the communities it serves.

GBCF administers more than \$1.3 million dollars in endowed scholarship funds for graduating high school seniors and current college students.

The 2022 scholarships and recipients are:

### **Clarence and Vera Alpers Stafford County 4-H Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in memory of Clarence and Vera Alpers. Longtime 4-H advocates and a part of four generations of Alpers families of Stafford County. This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Clarence and Vera and their dedication to passing along their love of 4-H and education. This scholarship's goal is to raise 4-H awareness, teaching life skills and encouraging other families to get involved for future generations to come.

Preston Dunn – Kansas State University

### **Steve and Mildred Reif Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Lifetime Barton County, Kansas residents, Steve and Mildred Reif were married August 30th, 1950. They farmed near Odin where they raised their children along with cattle, wheat, and milo. Their sons, Melvin, and Raymond, graduated from Odin High School while their daughters, Janet and Theresa, graduated from Hoisington High School. Always supportive of educational endeavors, Steve and Mildred encouraged their children and grandchildren to attend college. They all did and were appreciative of scholarships received. This fund continues Steve and Mildred's support of education for Hoisington High graduates.

Mallory Reif – Fort Hays State University

### **Amy C. Harter Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Amy C. Harter's constant smile had a way of brightening up everybody's day. Her strength, courage, spirit, and love of Christ were the foundation of her in all she did for family and community.

Kathryn Holt – Emporia State University

### **Bill J. McKnown Memorial Scholarship (Scouting)**

Bill J. McKnown had a passion for scouting and art. He worked as a Ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, the summer after his freshman year in college at the University of Kansas. His gift for art was nurtured with lessons since the third grade. He sculpted a bigger than life panther that still stands under glass in the Great Bend High School hallway. He established this scholarship fund to support students attending Barton Community College that have scouting experience or an interest in the art field.

Brody Feist – Barton Community College

### **Carla M. Yahne Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Carla was lifetime resident of Great Bend. Caring about her community, she was active in numerous organizations including Barton County Desk and Derrick Club, Kansas Oil and Gas Museum, Community Food Bank of Barton County, the Girls' Home and American Legion Auxiliary. This scholarship honors Carla's memory and dedication to our community.

Alayna Irwin – Fort Hays State University

### **Charles Lischesky Scholarship**

The Great Bend Rotary Club offers this scholarship to honor Charles Lischesky. Charles was born in Wisconsin around 1875. He moved to Great Bend and was the owner and operator of the Lischesky Dry Goods Company in the early 1900's. His wife's name was Gertrude and they had one daughter, Alberta.

Tyler Stein – Fort Hays State University

### **Chester Crane Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Mr. Crane was a lifetime resident of Pawnee County; he was a retired clerk/maintenance person for Doerr Manufacturing of Larned for 60 years. He was of the Christian faith, Charter member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Life Member of Disabled American Veterans. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Creighton Haney – Cloud County Community College

Samuel Webster – Barclay College

Kathryn Holt – Emporia State University

### **Effie I. Bank and Roy Banks Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Effie Bank, the daughter of Thomas and Mattie Banks, was born in 1909. She married Lowell Bank (no 's') in 1933, and they owned Pawnee Printing in Larned, KS. One of Effie's brothers was Roy Banks. This scholarship was established to honor Effie Bank and her brother Roy Banks, of Larned.

Quade Cobb – Barton Community College  
Samuel Webster -Barclay College

### **Ethel D. Holmes Scholarship Fund**

Ethel Dell (Peppiatt) Holmes was born in August of 1892, on a farm near Ellsworth, KS. She was an early day schoolteacher in a one-room schoolhouse. Aunt Ethel was a woman of profound faith. She passed away in 1995, at age 102.

Laura Daniel – Barton Community College  
Elysse Ellis – Kansas State University  
Chayse Gruber – Neosho County Community College

### **First American Baptist Church of Larned Scholarship Fund**

The First American Baptist Church of Larned established this scholarship fund to support students that are active in their faith.

Samuel Webster –Barclay College

### **Frank W. Brinkman Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Frank W. Brinkman was a Barton County resident deeply rooted in the banking industry. In 1874, his father established the J.V. Brinkman & Co. bank in Great Bend. The Brinkman family was known for their charitable acts. Frank passed away in the spring of 1962. In 1964, a scholarship fund was established to forever honor his legacy.

Kennedy Kern – University of Kansas

### **Jeffrey Alan Bland Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Jeff Bland was a lifelong resident of Larned, Kansas, and graduated from Larned High School in 1978. He was a junior at the University of Kansas at the time of his death. He was an accomplished pianist, flutist, and athlete. He was an officer of his fraternity and a member of KU Concert Band and KU Flute Choir. Jeff's love and life touched many people.

Luke Wilson – Bethel College

### **Kansas State University Scholarship Fund**

Our KSU Scholarship Endowment Fund was established by alumni, both businesses and individuals, in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford counties who wanted to assist local students in obtaining a college education from KSU.

Jayce Hildebrand – Kansas State University  
Nolan Barton – Kansas State University

### **KU Honors Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship fund was established to honor elite Barton County students attending the University of Kansas. Recipients were in the top 10% of their high school graduating class.

Kennedy Kern – University of Kansas

### **Langford Engineering Scholarship Fund**

The Langford family owned Doerr Metal Products, Inc. in Larned. The company used to produce various sizes of livestock water tanks. They established a to be awarded to a Larned High School graduate planning to major in Engineering with preference given to Mechanical Engineering, at a university in Kansas or Nebraska.

Jarett Seeman – Wichita State University

### **Mingenback Family Scholarship Fund**

The Mingenback family created this scholarship to honor the legacy of Dr. John Mingenback. “Dr. John” as he was known, embodied the characteristics of a servant leader. He was dedicated to the patient's understanding of dental health and preventative care. He felt the ultimate compliment, through his 47 years of practice, was coming to know three-to-four generations within a family who chose him to be their dentist. Dr. Mingenback loved his patients, took an interest in their lives, eased their pain, and followed the Golden Rule throughout his career in the Golden Belt.

Caden Rowan – Kansas State University

### **Paul J. Urban Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Paul Urban graduated from Fort Hays State University and received his master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. He was also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College of Fort Leavenworth. He served during World War II and was in the active Army and Reserve for 33 years and retired as a colonel. He taught for St. Joseph's Military Academy and Great Bend High School for over 20 years. Paul went into real estate in 1973, becoming realtor of the year, and teaching real estate classes at Barton Community College. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church and served on various church councils.

Ashtin Heath – University of Missouri St. Louis  
Elyse Ellis – Kansas State University

Kennedy Kern – University of Kansas  
Parker Smith – Parker University

### **Ralph and Elinor Haneke Memorial Scholarship**

Ralph and Elinor Haneke were passionate about education. Ralph, an Ellis High School graduate, who enlisted in the Army during World War II instead of seeking higher education, was a successful, self-taught businessman and certified financial counselor. He was dedicated to helping youth through his work in church, Boy Scouts, Lions Club, and Habitat for Humanity. Elinor, a Great Bend High School and Fort Hays State University graduate; whose greatest love other than family were her students, became a 42-year veteran teacher for Great Bend public schools, working at Morrison Elementary, Roosevelt Junior High, and finally ending her teaching career at Great Bend High School teaching English.

Elysse Ellis – Kansas State University

### **Ray A. Cheely Memorial Scholarship**

Ray A. Cheely graduated from Great Bend High School in 1971, attended Barton Community College and graduated with an accounting degree in 1975 from Fort Hays State University. He went on to become a Certified Public Accountant. His business, Ray A. Cheely, Chartered, specialized in small business accounting and consulting as well as personal accounting and tax returns. He began work in the accounting firm in his junior year of high school and continued until his passing in 2009.

Jannah Jeffrey – Barton Community College

### **S. Larry Edwardson Memorial Scholarship**

S. Larry Edwardson was born in Crisfield, MD and had an extensive career as a Certified Financial Planner in Great Bend. He had a profound appreciation for family and community.

Tyler Stein – Fort Hays State University

### **Samantha C. Harter Memorial Scholarship**

Samantha (Sami) C. Harter was a vivacious, happy, fun-loving girl with a huge heart and kind spirit. Her biggest thrill was riding horses. She began riding at a young age and enjoyed training for English Saddle competitions. Sami played guitar, piano, and loved to sing.

Carlos Ibarra – Kansas Wesleyan University

### **Vida M., Dorothy C., & Vivian M., Archer Scholarship Fund**

The Archer sisters were lifelong residents of Ellinwood. They were born in the early 1900's and were the daughters of Charles Quincy & Margaret Ewers Archer. They had great heart, faith, and a real sense of community. The Archer sisters deeply cared about a student's ability to attain higher education.

Holt Hanzlick – Fort Hays State University  
Elyse Ellis – Kansas State University  
Caden Rowan – Kansas State University  
Emilee Baze – Emporia State University  
Ashlyn Harbaugh– University of Kansas City-Missouri  
Tessa Fry – Wichita State University  
Parker Smith – Parker University  
Ashlynn George – Fort Hays State University  
Chayse Gruber – Neosho County Community College  
Ashtin Heath – University of Missouri St. Louis  
Kennedy Kern – University of Kansas  
Tyler Stein – Fort Hays State University  
Patrick Heath – Wichita State University

### **Victor Memorial Scholarship Fund**

The Victor Memorial Scholarship was established by Roberta Lee "Bobbie" Victor Wallace to honor sisters Mary Lois Victor and Vilotte Victor. Their parents, Mary Vilotte Garrett Victor (1845-1887) and Robert McClure Victor (1833-1915) had 10 children: Martha, Mary Lois, Valerie, Victoria, Pearl, Lillian, John, Roberta Lee "Bobbie", Jennie, and Vilotte. Their mother, Mary Violotte, passed away a year after Vilotte was born.

Luke Wilson – Bethel College

### **Establishing a Scholarship Fund with Golden Belt Community Foundation**

Donor commitment to providing educational funding for our area students helps to build a stronger community. Endowed scholarships may be established with a minimum donation of \$10,000. A simple fund agreement is signed by the donor and foundation that outlines the specific fund criteria. To setup a scholarship fund or for more information contact Teresa Powelson at (620) 792-3000 or visit their website at [www.goldenbeltcf.org/scholarships](http://www.goldenbeltcf.org/scholarships)

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