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## Bonnie Willis Studios Moves to Downtown Forest City

BY GRACE ZAPLATYNSKY, (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE FC SUMMIT/BRITT TRIBUNE)

BONNIE (LEWIS) WILLIS, CLASS OF 2011, WAS RECENTLY FEATURED IN THE FOREST CITY SUMMIT. FOLLOWING IS THE ARTICLE.

Bonnie Willis Studios, a photography and piano lessons studio has moved from Bonnie Willis's home to 130 N. Clark St.. It has been open in its new location since mid-January.

The past four years, Willis's studio had been in her house since her family moved to Forest City.

"I just would like to be seen ore, more out in the public eye and not cooped up in the house," she said.

Snowy weather delayed the arrival of her new grand piano the weekend of Feb. 16, which also reduced the number of piano lessons she was able to hold.

Willis grew up in Forest City and said she decided to keep her business in Forest City not just because of the convenience and proximity to her home but also because she wanted to be part of the community again.

Willis said she hopes her business's move will generate more interest in filling the buildings along Clark Street and creating more of a community.

"It would be nice to see the town grow in a healthy way," she said.

After looking for over a year, Willis said she was grateful she found the landlords she did, Heidi and Tom Aitchison, because "they take excellent care of the property and don't let it get run down."

"They do it the right way, and that's what I think this community needs, is it to be done that way."

The move will also hopefully bring more photography clients in for business and be assured she means business.

"Sometimes having a home-based business, people don't take you as seriously, so I'm hoping I can just be part of the community and people can see I'm – 'Oh, OK, she's legit,'" Willis said.

Currently, Willis has 25 students for piano lessons. She said if someone wanted to use her photography studio she may let them.

"It would be nice to collaborate with other photographers more," she said. "There's a sense of competition out there, and when I first started doing photography in this area, I had the mindset—competition, competition, you know? And it's not about that. It's really not. Four years into this, it's not about competition. It's about the people you meet and just being you."

Willis said her favorite camera brand to use is Nikon because she's learned how to use it in and out.

Willis's main subjects of photography for her studio are newborns, weddings and families, but she enjoys taking pictures of landscapes and other things when she is out traveling or on vacation.

"That's more personal for me, I think, than I would go out and sell," she said, "but I definitely like the hobby part of landscape."

Willis said a business owner must know their strengths and weaknesses and her weakness was online marketing, so she prefers to advertise through word of mouth and seeing she is an established business in town.

"I'm pretty excited. I'm looking forward to growing here versus being at my house and feeling like I was going to get as far as where I was," Willis said.

# Foundation Academic Banquet Celebrates 10th Year

BY DAVID DAMM | PHOTOS BY ZACH RAULIE

Nearly 90 students were honored March 21 at the 10th Annual Forest City Education Foundation Academic Banquet. Students invited to the event had to meet two of the following criteria: be in the top 7% of their class; have an ITED National Percentile Rank of 85% in Reading Comprehension, Math Total or Science; have an ACT composite score of 27 or higher; have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 after a minimum of two semesters at FCHS or an attendance rate of 97% or higher.

First time attendees received their academic letter while repeat attendees were given academic pins.

Foundation President Jessica Bruckhoff welcomed the honorees and guests. She also recognized the Foundation Board members who were in attendance.

Former high school English teacher, Alice Lewellen, introduced the speaker for the evening, Justin Haugen from the FCHS graduating class of 1997.

Haugen earned his Associate of Arts degree from Waldorf College, a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems from Minnesota State University–Moorehead and an M.B.A. from the University of Minnesota.

After working at Securian Financial Group in St. Paul, Minn. as a computer programmer, Haugen took a job with Union Pacific railroad, a Fortune 150 company with \$22.8 billion in revenue in 2018.

Haugen is currently the General Director of Transportation Planning and has held positions in Capital Planning, Measurements & Evaluation as well as Operations. He and his wife, Kim, live in Omaha with their four-year-old twin boys, Nolan and Kellen.

Haugen centered his talk around three important life skills: communications, perseverance and relationships.



Speaker Justin Haugen, a 1997 Forest City graduate.

"We have had more change in communication the past 22 years than nearly anything else," Haugen said. "From letters on paper sent in the mail and telephones attached to the wall by a cord to social media, Facebook, Instagram and more."

"To be able to communicate well impacts your life in a positive way exponentially," he added. "What you say and what you write, your body language...it all has an impact on how you are received."

Concerning perseverance, Haugen said it is how you respond to change that is key.

"Do things the right way," he said. "Don't take short cuts. Remember, your reputation is on the line."

Finally, Haugen talked about relationships.

"They are incredibly valuable," he said. "Relationships are about deposits and withdrawals. Compliment your parents. Give them a hug. Make a deposit on your relationship with them."

"Remember that the average life expectancy is 30,000 days," Haugen said. "Use them well."

Following Haugen's talk, High School Principal Ken Baker, Superintendent Darwin Lehmann and Activities Director Chad Moore presented awards to 26 seniors, 25 juniors, 20 sophomores and 18 freshman.

Foundation Board President Ray Beebe closed the ceremony.

Darwin Lehmann congratulating senior Jacob Olson on his academic achievement while Ken Baker reads off the students names.





Seniors who received academic awards are (front row, from left) Alyssa Buffington, Henriette Winum, Sarah Hovinga, Ellie Reece, Jacob Olson, Christopher Diekhuis, Natalie Jefson, Jordan Spooner, Madison Korthals and Treyton Blaser; (back row) Kelsey Koch, Ally Larson, Josie Edel, Isaiah Monson, Caleb Barker, Cora Holland, Micah Lambert, Makayla Kingland, Emma Segerstrom, Cody Stricker, Gabriel Staudt and Chandler Stecker. Not pictured are Ian Bennett, Astrid Bergman, Hanna Coppes and Eli Johnson.



Members of the junior class who received academic awards are, (front row, from left) Jessa Loges, Erin Caylor, Jasmine Sanasinh, Kallista Larson, Audrey Skjeie, Olivia Sarasio Meyer, Paige Swearingen, Meggie Kleveland, Abigail Wirtjes, Olivia Gibbs, Taylor Tendall and Isabel Redinger; (back row) Hunter Hoeft, Conner Thompson, Micaiah Krutsinger, Benjamin Marmaras, Riley Helgeson, Drake Bang, Calvin Aberg, Tyler Clouse, Joshua Coombs, Joshua Olson and Jonathan Warren. Not pictured is Corah Hauser.



Members of the sophomore class who received academic awards are (front row, from left) Ellie Caylor, Hannah Good, Kennedy Baker, Olivia Gayther, Jordan Anderson, Lillian Ruiter, Kaylee Miller, Alyson Walker and Emalee Warren; (back row) Devin Alamsya, Alec Hill, Brandon Leber, Ryan Korthals, Isaac Sand, Xavier Holland, Caleb Johnson, Blake Skjeie and Brock Sobek. Not pictured are Ivy Olson and Paige Schmidt.



Freshman who received academic awards are (front row, from left) Anna Wirtjes, Chiara Thompson, Keevan Jones, Adisyn Erdman, Haley Drocsler and Natalie Larson. (back row) Tessa Kozitza, Alexandra Marmaras, Raina Miller, Shae Dilavou, Brooke Kingland, Drew Greenwood, Ian Toft, Tyler Nolton, Joseph Hovinga and Zachary Welton. (not pictured - Isabella Alphs.)

Ray & Joan Beebe visit with the Buffington family during the banquet.



Attendees going through the food line.

# FCCS: 242 Years of Experience Retires

BY ALICE LEWELLEN

FOREST CITY SCHOOLS SAID GOODBYE THIS YEAR TO SEVERAL LONGTIME STAFF MEMBERS. FOLLOWING ARE MEMORIES THEY SHARED OVER THEIR CAREER IN FOREST CITY.

**Gregg Richardson**—Custodian for 45 years



My favorite memory will always be that first day of school! The bright smiling faces, the nervous looks, and yes, a few tears too. It was something I always enjoyed. And in the Elementary building the first official day of school is when someone throws up!!! The life of a custodian!

**Sonja Tiedman**—Elementary Teacher for 38 years



How do I pick one favorite memory? There are so many! I have absolutely loved teaching at Forest City Elementary! So, I guess the memory that makes me think of my students know how much I have loved teaching first grade is the one I am going to share.

**Julie Jeffson**—Assistant Business Manager for 39 years

Looking back over the past 39 years, it is difficult to share just one memory; however, one memory comes to mind from one of my early years working at the District Office. Superintendent Sesker had returned from a conference with a brand-new piece of office equipment called a word processor. We all just stood and looked at it for awhile wondering what it did and how it could replace a typewriter. Little did we know the changes computers would have on the way we live, work and communicate. Although there have been many changes over the years, the staff and mission of the Forest City Community Schools remains the same. I am so thankful to have served with so many committed staff for the past 39 years.



It was a very snowy winter day. I had K10W radio on during my drive to work. I thought maybe they might cancel school because the roads were not good. Later that morning as we were talking about plans for our reading group time, one of my students said her bus had some bad roads on the way to school. So, I said, "I know on my way to work today my roads were not good either." She looked at me questioning and very curious and said, "Where do you work?" I said, "Here! I work here at school." I love that she didn't even think of my job as my work but that I was just her teacher! Teaching has been my passion. I have been blessed to work with so many amazing students and their parents. It has been incredible to see so many light bulb moments as my first graders have learned to read or understand a math problem Thank you for all the wonderful memories! Keep reading! And remember to find your PASSION and let them wonder where you work!

**Scott Bertelsen**—High School Language Arts Teacher for 38 years



My favorite memory in the classroom would have to be not just one specific incident. Every day, every hour, every year brought some joy into my life with my students. They were my reason for the job I have had for the last 38 years. Teaching has been my calling. What a wonderful journey I have had.

**Kim Mollenhauer**—Elementary Teacher for 37 years

As I looked back I saw I had worked with many families where I had each of their children and appreciated the different personalities that their children had. In the past years I was pleased when a former student, now a parent, would walk into my room with their own child and we would reconnect and discuss making their child's year a success. The memory of making connections with all the families and students.



**Kathy Jerome**—High School Secretary for 31 years



In 1992, I was working in the office with Julie DeVries when she went on maternity leave in February for 6 weeks. Mr. Holstad, our principal at the time, asked me if I knew someone available to fill in for Julie. It happened that Kris Meyer (to those of you who don't remember her, she's Mrs. Santa

of December) was available and came on board to fill in. Kris is a professional storyteller and loved the microphone. It happened that the job required her to call students to the office to do announcements. Kris conspired with Lyle Wignes, our librarian for many years, to come up with a trivia question between each class break and the first student to get to the office in time and answer the question correctly, would receive a prize. This continued for several weeks until all the old leftover "Prom" gifts were distributed. It was a very lively building during that period of time. That being said, that was not the most amazing thing that Kris did. She had students who had poor attendance coming to school now on a regular basis and having mini counseling sessions right in the office over the counter with her, relating to her in ways no one else could do at that time. She went on to get her graduate degree in counseling and later was a counselor at the FC Elementary, still coming to the high school to follow up on her students she had in elementary.

**Sheryl Putz**—Middle School Teacher for 13 years

Here is a list of memories Sheryl will miss and remember fondly:

Fab Friday and dugout activities: taking students canoeing or fishing for the first time; winning tug of war competition with only 6th and 7th graders; silly string parties celebrating students' success; receiving kind notes from students during teacher appreciation week or them coming to help another class or when they just stop by to chat; seeing students support others through random acts of kindness; watching students' faces light up while reading or hear them squeal because they attached to a character or storyline (one of my all-time favorite things is to watch their faces when I know a surprise or tragedy is coming; taking students to Park Square Theatre to see a live performance of Anne Frank (many had never been to a theater or to St. Paul); seeing students succeed at a task/project they didn't think they could accomplish and working with fabulous colleagues who make each day fun.

**Jan Rauk**, who has been a school nurse for 13 years, is also retiring as is **Deb Cunningham** who has had several positions in the school but has recently served as a Paraprofessional for two years.



## Ring in the NEW YEAR

BY ALICE LEWELLEN

The Forest City Education Foundation rang in 2019 in style with our first New Year's Gala. The Waldorf University Atrium was filled with guests dressed in their finest.

One hundred and thirty-five tickets were sold for the evening at \$75 per person. As guests arrived they donned party hats and had their photos taken by Bonnie Willis Studios. These were later sent to each guest as a keepsake.

The Atrium was decorated and bathed in lights by a team led by Board Member Pat Lovik. Guests were seated at round tables with eight guests at each table. A buffet catered by Brian Keely and family was served with dessert and snacks throughout the evening. Champagne bubbly was served at midnight.

Live music was provided during the meal as well as later in the evening for dancing.

A Silent Auction as well as a Live Auction provided entertainment in addition to fund raising. Local businesses generously provided the items to be auctioned off.

A photo booth by Sit and Grin 2 was also available for guests. The evening was capped off by Pyro Pete's wonderful fireworks display at the Courthouse.

This was the most profitable event The Foundation has ever held with a net profit of over \$10,750. The Foundation plans to make this an annual event and is expecting even more guests to ring in 2020.



Jan Rauk & Deb Cunningham



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# 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

On May 15, the Forest City Education Foundation awarded over \$330,000 in scholarships to the graduating Class of 2019. This incredible night was because of our amazing donors. Following is a list of the scholarships and the recipients.

*Hanson Foundation Grants* – Generously funded by the Hanson Foundation–Awarded to all students who complete the Forest City Education Foundation application prior to the deadline. \$1,000 for any college, \$1,250 if attending NIACC and \$1,500 if attending Waldorf University.

*Forest City Education Foundation Academic Scholarship* – Awarded based on GPA to students who have met the Foundation’s requirements. Funded by the Forest City Education Foundation and the Hanson Foundation.

## Named Scholarships from Donors:

*Carole Anderson Memorial Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Kathy & Denny Jerome*  
Kelsey Koch

*Denny Lovick Memorial Scholarship \$300 – Donated by Barb Lovick*  
Blaze Andersen

*Class of 1973 Scholarship \$300 – Donated by Class of 1973*  
Hannah Niederkofler

*Raymond Stark Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Carol J. Tweeten*  
Treyton Blaser

*Bill C. Fox Scholarship Half Tuition for 3 years, Full Tuition for the 4th year – Donated by the Bill & Katherine Fox Foundation*  
Cody Stricker

*High School Student Council Leadership Scholarship \$250 – Donated by FCHS Student Council*  
Josie Edel

*Walley & Marj Felland Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Victoria Felland Payseur*  
Gabriel Staudt

*Dr. Laila Buck Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Dr. Laila Buck*  
Tanya Olsen

*Dave Draheim Memorial Scholarship 3 @ \$300 – Donated by family and friends and additional ongoing fundraising*  
Charles Hobson, Natalie Moore, Sadie Callow

*Ed Putney Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Linda Putney*  
Kalin Knudtson

*Nyhus Family Agricultural Enrichment Scholarship 2 @ \$500 – Donated by Harlan & Deb Nyhus*  
Ally Larson and Natalie Jefson

*Nyhus Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Harlan & Deb Nyhus*  
Christy Mettry

*Jenkins Family Scholarship \$300 – Donated by Mark & Jen Jenkins*  
Isaiah Monson

*Marketing Scholarship \$700 – Donated by Mrs. Koch’s Marketing Class*  
Ellie Reece

*Kimberly Hope Jordal Memorial \$800 – Donated by Michael & Kate Jordal*  
Tanya Olsen

*Bob & Ruth Johnson Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Bob Johnson*  
Emma Segerstrom

*Hagen Woman Entrepreneur Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Shari Hagen*  
Sierra Owen

*Ray Brcka Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Brcka Family*  
Jacob Trunkhill

*Holland Contracting Scholarships 4 @ Varied Amounts – Donated by Holland Contracting*

Jacob Truckhill, Jordan Spooner, Blaze Andersen, and Cody Lunning

*The Reece Family Scholarship 3 @ \$400 – Donated by Chad & Kris Reece*

Josie Edel, Sarah Hovinga, Maria Vazquez-Codova

*Randy & Tracy Broesder Family Scholarship 2 @ \$300 – Donated by Randy & Tracy Broesder*

Mandy Anzivino, Matthew Rossmiller

*Forest City Farmers’ Coop Scholarship 3 @ \$300 – Donated by FC Farmers’ Coop*

Ally Larson, Natalie Jefson, Tanya Olsen

*Graphic Design/Marketing Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Coloff Digital*

Kalin Knudtson



*The Wilson Family \$500 – Donated by Scott & Paula Wilson*  
Isaiah Monson

*Robert & Gail Kuefler Scholarship 2 @ \$500 – Donated by Bob & Gail Kuefler*  
Jordan Spooner, Jacob Trunkhill

*Wanda Petterson and Wanda Ann Petterson Memorial Music Scholarship 2 @ \$2,500 x4 yrs. – Donated through estate bequest*  
Treyton Blaser, Sarah Hovinga

*Larry W. Lovick Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Diane Lovick, Darren Lovick, Shaun Lovick, Kelli Harms and families*  
Ally Larson

*The Carson Family Scholarship in Memory of Paul and James \$1,000 – Donated by John Carson, Caroll Carson and Kathryn Carson McHan*  
Natalie Jefson

*Winnebago Industries Foundation Scholarships 15 @ \$2,000 – Donated by Winnebago Industries Foundation*  
Sarah Hovinga, Cody Stricker, Ellie Reece, Jordan Spooner, Jasmine West, Christy Mettry, Mary Rockwell, Christopher Diekhuis, Chandler Stecker, Matthew Rossmiller, Maria Vazquez-Cordova, Charles Hobson, Chris Rippentrop, Dylan Solberg, Jacob Trunkhill

*FCHS Class of 1966 \$500 – Donated by Class of '66*  
Ally Larson

*Russ Piehl Memorial Scholarship \$350 – Donated by Marla Betz*  
Hannah Bruns

*LeDonna R. Durant Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Leo Durant*  
Gabriel Staudt

*Durant Foundation Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Leo Durant*  
Emma Segerstrom

*Lyle & Velma Jefson Family Memorial Scholarship \$2,400 – Donated by Jerry & Bonnie Jefson*  
Natalie Jefson

*Hobbs Family Memorial Scholarship 2 @ \$500 – Donated by Clay & Pat Hobbs*  
Ally Larson and Jacob Trunkhill

*Kingland Construction Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Kingland Construction*  
Jordan Spooner

*Forest City Military Commitment Scholarship \$700 – Donated anonymously*  
Alyssa Buffington

*Elsie Marie Johnson Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Elsie Marie Johnson*  
Randy Vaughan

*Zirbel Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Karen Zirbel Weld and Jill Zirbel Murray*  
Sarah Hovinga

*Paddlers Giving Back Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Andy & Keila Buffington, Jay & Kerry Steffensen, Ed & Kris Linder and Mike Faircloth*  
Josie Edel

*DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award \$500 – Donated by Wayne & Gloria Johnson*  
Ally Larson

*FC FFA Alumni Scholarship \$500 – Donated by FC FFA Alumni*  
Tanya Olsen

*KI Seeds Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Tom Larson*  
Natalie Jefson

*Alvera & James Lovick FFA Scholarship \$600 – Donated from Memorial Funds*  
Jacob Trunkhill

*FC Veterinary Clinic Scholarship 2 @ \$500 – Donated by FC Vet Clinic Dr. Gene Fjeld*  
Paris Reimann and Chandler Stecker

*Mike & Jean O'Rourke Appreciation Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Mike & Jean O'Rourke*  
Hanna Coppes

*Eugene Morris FC Lions Scholarship \$500 – Donated by FC Lions*  
Micah Lambert

*Forest City Lions Denny Lovick Memorial Scholarship \$500 – Donated by FC Lions*  
Brady Cantu

*Nelson/Straks Family Scholarship \$1,650 – Donated by Steve Nelson*  
Nicole Callow

*Masonic Lodge Scholarship 4 @ \$500 – Donated by Masonic Lodge of FC*  
Jacob Olson, Cody Stricker, Ally Larson and Natalie Jefson

*Daniel Ingram Memorial Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Henry & Pennie Stone*  
Sara Hovinga

*Clifford & Merna Torkelson Family Scholarship \$600 – Donated by Merna Torkelson*  
Jacob Olson

*Colby Schleuger Class of 2020 Memorial Scholarship 2 @ \$1,000 – Donated by Curt, Gina & Dylan Schleuger*  
Chandler Stecker and Jacob Trunkhill

*Ron & Hope Lichtsinn Scholarship 2 @ \$1,000 – Donated by Ron & Hope Lichtstinn*  
Alyssa Buffington and Treyton Blaser

*Doug & Donna Jackson Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Adam & Trichelle Jackson*  
Isaiah Monson

*Jim & Chrys Velky Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Adam & Trichelle Jackson*  
Micah Lambert

*Benson/Torkelson Memorial Scholarship \$300 – Donated by the Benson and Torkelson Families*  
Ally Larson

*Frakes Family Scholarship \$1,500 – Donated by Mark & Carolyn Frakes*  
Hannah Niederkofler

*Hertzke Family \$1,000 – Donated by Bruce & Jan Hertzke*  
Hanna Coppes

*Steve & Nancy Olson Family Scholarship \$300 – Donated by Steve & Nancy Olson*  
Nicole Callow

*Don & Edell Westerberg "Make Something of Yourself" Scholarship \$1,500 x 3 years for beginning Fall 2020 – Donated by Tim Westerberg, Steve Westerberg and Deanna Ennen*  
Madison Korthals

*Lynn Hill Memorial Scholarship \$2,500 – Donated by David Hill*  
Christy Mettry

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Lee & Linda Hinkley Scholarship \$300 – Donated by Lee & Linda Hinkley  
Caleb Barker  
Nate Wicker Memorial Scholarship \$600 – Donated by Glenda Keough and Rose Marie Wicker  
Sadie Callow  
Middle School Scholarship \$300 – Donated funds from Middle School fundraising efforts  
Avery Busta  
Class of 1967 Bobby Davis Memorial Scholarship 2 @ \$2,000 – Donated by the Class of 1967  
Alyssa Buffington and Kyra Boeckholt  
Steve Olson Scholarship \$300 – Donated anonymously  
Emma Segerstrom  
American Bar Association Citizenship Award and Scholarship \$300 – Donated by the Winnebago County Bar Association  
Caleb Barker  
Frank F. Sinnard Memorial Scholarship \$175 – Donated from Frank Sinnard Memorial Funds  
Paris Reimann  
FC High School Resiliency Scholarship 4 @ \$500 – Donated by anonymous FC donors  
Hannah Bruns, Randy Vaughan, Charles Hobson, and Brady Cantu  
KIOW Scholarship \$500 – Donated by KIOW  
Dylan Solberg  
Brooker Cup Award and Scholarship (Outstanding Male Athlete) \$1,250 – Donated by Jay E. Brooker Memorial Funds and Warren J. Brooker Memorial Funds  
Avery Busta  
Alfred Buckley Award and Scholarship (Outstanding Female Athlete) \$500 – Donated anonymously  
Kelsey Koch  
Richard & Doris Putz Memorial scholarship \$300 – Donated by Steve & Sheryl Putz  
Josie Edel  
Kirby Thompson Memorial Scholarship \$300 – Donated by funds from Kirby Thompson Memorial and the Thompson Family  
Natalie Moore  
Shannon Torkelson Memorial Fund \$500 – Donated anonymously  
Noelle Jones  
Delta Beta Chapter of Tri Beta Forest City, IA Scholarship \$250  
Ellie Reece  
Rotary Waldorf University Scholarships 2 @ \$500, Donated by FC Rotary Club  
Luke Johnson and Nicole Callow  
Willig Family Scholarship \$2,500 – Donated by Willig Family Scholarship Fund  
Kyra Boeckholt  
Bernie Saggau Award (athletic award)  
Jacob Olson  
Farm & City Insurance Services Scholarship \$500 – Donated by FCIS  
Dylan Solberg  
Vera & Richard Hynes Scholarship \$2,500 – Donated by Richard & Vera Hynes  
Micah Lambert

Roger Schaefer Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Roger Schaefer's family  
Ally Larson  
Class of '88 Scholarship \$500 – Donated by the Class of '88  
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Kyra Boeckholt  
Ludwig Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Gary & Barb Ludwig  
Hannah Niederkofler  
P.E.O. Scholarship \$300 – Donated by FC P.E.O  
Makayla Kingland  
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Ellie Reece, Madison Korthals

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## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

On behalf of the Forest City Education Foundation board I would like to take a moment to thank you for your contribution in support of our 2019 Senior Awards Night! Your generosity and dedication is greatly appreciated and will forever remain in my heart! Each and every one of you helped make Senior Awards Night a very successful event! Because of you we were able to award over \$330,000 to our FCHS graduates! Thank you for choosing to invest in our graduates so that they may obtain their dreams of higher education! We could not do this without the support of our donor family! Each year you all continue to amaze me!

Sincerely,

Jessica Bruckhoff '95, Executive Director

## OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO FOREST CITY STUDENTS.

The Forest City Education Foundation is able to fund scholarships and programs thanks to the generous support of donors.

Your gift today or in the future, by naming the Foundation in your estate plan, will ensure the Foundation can support generations to come. There are several ways you can help:

### SUPPORT THE DREAMCATCHER FUND

The general fund is used to fund academic scholarships, foundation grants and also support the Foundation's programs and operating expenses.

### FUND AN INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP

A minimum of \$500 per year will fund a scholarship. You can name this scholarship in honor or memory of a loved one.

The scholarship will be awarded each year in May. The donor will be invited to present the award.

### FUND A CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Your class can leave a legacy by funding a \$500 minimum scholarship.

### FUND AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

An endowed scholarship is a major gift used to fund scholarships. The capital from the endowed scholarship gift is preserved so that the gift can last indefinitely. We ask that the minimum to endow a scholarship is \$20,000, to be paid within 5 years. This scholarship can be named in honor or memory of a loved one.

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This year the Forest City Education Foundation launched the #BecauseOfYou campaign to recognize the donors, teachers, administrators and students that support the Foundation and its mission of providing scholarships and educational opportunities to students.

A video, that debuted at the Foundation's highly successful New Year's Eve Gala, is at the centerpiece of the campaign. The video profiles students that have benefited from scholarships, as well as Jessica Bruckhoff, Foundation director, who recognizes the generosity of our donors. The video highlights the important work of the Foundation and how it's all possible because of you! (You can find the video on the Foundation's Facebook page: @forestcityeducationfoundation.)

The #BecauseOfYou campaign has been featured on our social media channels and website: [forestcityeducationfoundation.org](http://forestcityeducationfoundation.org).

The Foundation is proud of the #BecauseOfYou campaign because it recognizes all of the people—the donors, students, teachers and administration that allow the Foundation to do our important work of making a difference in student's lives.

Watch for the #BecauseOfYou campaign throughout the year and thank you for all you do for the Foundation