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### Our Mission & How to Give

On the cover: Pictured -Hunter Hoeft, Colby Droessler, Conner Thompson, Gina Schleuger, Curt Schleuger, Dylan Schleuger, Kristian Gunderson, Max Stevens, Madyson Stevens, Paige Swearingen. Photo credit: Aricka Stevens

Colby Schleuger Class of 2020 Memorial Scholarship  
This scholarship is given in honor of Colby Lynn Schleuger, who gained his wings April 23, 2017, at 14 years old. Even at his young age, Colby knew the importance of striving academically to reach his goal of becoming a veterinarian one day. His willingness to help a friend in need will continue to be his legacy. Donated by Curt, Gina, and Dylan Schleuger.



# Coloff Brings Business to His Hometown

BY SCOTT BERTELSEN | PHOTO BY JIM COLOFF

The Forest City Community School District has produced thousands of productive, hard-working citizens. One that shines brightly is Jim Coloff. Jim's work ethic and family values truly set him apart.

After Jim graduated from Forest City High School in 1985, he chose Iowa State University. Upon receiving his degree in Broadcasting, Jim worked in Des Moines for three years. When his parents, Tony and Sue Coloff, asked him to start a radio station for them in Manchester, Iowa, he decided to do that. He has partnered with them for over 25 years. Together they have purchased numerous radio stations in Charles City, Cedar Falls, New Hampton, and Mason City. Jim bought out his parents and currently owns the company himself. This also includes a digital marketing firm in Forest City called Coloff Digital.

The origins of Jim's successful business career started when working at KIOW in Forest City on Sunday nights. Then after completing his degree he landed a position at a large Midwest broadcast company. When his parents asked him to work for them, he initially said no. The "big city" appeal of Des Moines was highly appealing as was his job success. Then Jim's boss in Des Moines offered some advice that convinced Jim to make the move. The basis of that advice was to make the move based on long-term goals and dreams, not current desires.

With the relocating to Manchester, he had the opportunity to purchase several radio stations with his parents. He feels it would have taken longer or might not have happened at all if he had not decided to move back to a small town.

According to Jim, there are two major challenges of being a successful business owner. First, you need to be open to making sacrifices. Secondly, you need to find good people to be on your team. As a business owner, you bear the ultimate authority for everything going on in the business—good or bad. This may involve working long hours, giving up weekends or taking on an employee's duties if not done properly. Finally, more capital has to be coming into the business than is going out. When starting out, no doubt, this can be stressful finding talented people for your team. Jim admits, at first, he tried to do it all himself, but time taught him others could many times do it better than he could.

What does the future look like? He believes local radio has a bright future. This especially is true when paired with online video, streaming audio, websites, and social media. Jim plans to remain at the head of the company. He wants to give existing managers the opportunity to have increased responsibility and ownership opportunities. One of Jim's immediate plans is to move KIOW to a Forest City downtown location. He also wants to expand the current Forest City media company to include another studio and additional production facilities.

Even though Jim finds his career time demanding, he does try to find leisure time for hobbies. Top of his list would probably be hunting, fishing, and exercising. Also winter skiing, and snowmobiling are important. Summer, no doubt, finds Jim boating, bicycling and gardening. For the last five years, Jim has donned the title of beekeeper, enjoying the honey the bees produce. Finally, Jim has aspirations to complete the Ride The Rockies bicycle event which is similar to RAGBRAI on a smaller scale.

Jim has fond memories of his four years at FCHS. He believes his class has stayed particularly close over the years, and he fondly remembers them all. Jim's highlights of his high school career were numerous speech competitions, Fall musicals and Spring plays he participated in. He humorously states, "he put up with crazy Mr. Bertelsen" who he owes a great deal of gratitude to for helping him achieve his public speaking accomplishments. Rounding out his memory list would include cheering on his classmates during games and participating in Marching Band.

When asked if he has any advice for high school students, Jim emphasized getting involved in as many extra-curricular activities as possible. In addition, Jim believes in dreaming big and focusing on things that are important to you. He believes to never underestimate the profound power of positive thinking. We are what we think.

Jim is currently living in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with his wife Amy and his three children: Sydney, Nicholas and William. From this writer's perspective, Jim has firmly established himself as a business success. The Forest City School District should be proud of this amazing 1985 graduate. 🐝

(ABOVE) Coloff family, L to R, Jim, Nicholas (20), Amy, William (18), Sydney (22)

# Foundation Academic Banquet Celebrates 11th Year

BY JESSICA BRUCKHOFF | PHOTOS BY KELLY KLEEMEIER

Each year the Forest City Education Foundation looks forward to hosting our annual Academic Banquet. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we were unable to hold the event this year in person. Nearly 130 students should have been honored on March 26 at the 11th 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
- // a composite score on the ACT of 27 or higher
- // a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.6 or higher (after a minimum of two trimesters at Forest City High School);
- // attendance of 97% or higher
- // trimester Finals Opt Out qualifier for 1st & 2nd trimester.

## 9th Grade

Katelyn Beenken	Allison Klein	Melissa Osborn
Madison Branstad	Karly Lambert	Adam Rodriguez
Dominic Bronson	Bailey Larson	Parker Sharp
Samantha Buffington	Cesar Lechuga	Avery Smith
Elimmy Canderlaria	Hannah Lunning	Connor Sopko
Vazquez	Sarah Lunning	Braden Swearingen
Kyra Gibbs	Kellen Moore	Adrian Thongsavath
Alex Isebrand	Alexis Nelson	Elliana Warren
Ellie Jenkins	Lilian Nelson	Jady Welch
Ethan Johnson	Trista Olson	Josiah Welch
Kali Johnson	Levi Olson	Jady Wooge
Gage Juhl	Karrissa Osborn	

## 10th Grade

Elsa Anderson	Brooke Kingland	Reese Moore
Jessica Callow	Truman Knudtson	Tyler Nolton
Shae Dillavou	Tessa Kozitza	Rochelle Ocampo
Adisyn Erdman	Logan Lappe	Abigail Segerstrom
Drew Greenwood	Natalie Larson	Andrew Snyder
Emmanuel Henderson	Alexandra Marmaras	Chiara Thompson
Daniel Hovinga	McKenzie Miller	Ian Toft
Joseph Hovinga	Molly Miller	Anna Wirtjes
Keevan Jones	Raina Miller	

## 11th Grade

Devin Alamsya	Alec Hill	Ivy Olson
Elijah Alsop	Xavier Holland	Trey Rauk
Brady Anderson	Béatrice Hutter	Lillian Ruitter
Jordan Anderson	Caleb Johnson	Isaac Sand
Christana Archer	Lanna Johnson	Paige Schmidt
Kennedy Baker	Jaydon Kendall	Blake Skjeie
Michael Burns	Ryan Korthals	Brock Sobek
Ellie Caylor	Brandon Leber	Matthew Tweeten
Olivia Gayther	Kaylee Miller	Alyson Walker
Hannah Good	Brock Moore	Emalee Warren
Laura Harms	Morgan Nolton	Caleb Zrostlik

## 12th Grade

Calvin Aberg	Kennedy Klein	Isabel Redinger
Drake Bang	Meggie Kleveland	Jasmine Sanasinh
Isabel Buffington	Micaiah Krutsinger	Olivia Sarasio Meyer
Erin Caylor	Sophia Kudej	Audrey Skjeie
Tyler Clouse	Kallista Larson	Paige Swearingen
Joshua Coombs	Anna Lehmann	Taylor Tendall
Tanner Frascht	Brettin Linder	Conner Thompson
Olivia Gibbs	Jessa Loges	Jonathan Warren
Corah Hauser	Benjamin Marmaras	Melissa Wilson
Riley Helgeson	Andrew Olson	Abigail Wirtjes
Hunter Hoelt	Joshua Olson	Levi Wood
Lyndee Jones	Morgan Pardoe	Elsa Yeager

Packets were mailed out to each qualifying student in which first time attendees received their academic letter while repeat attendees were given academic pins.

Keynote speaker this year should have been **Kelly Kleemeier '95**, a graduate of FCHS.

## Q&A WITH KELLY KLEEMEIER, CLASS OF 1995



The Forest City Education Foundation asked Forest City Alum Kelly Kleemeier to be the keynote speaker at this year's Academic Awards Banquet. But due to COVID-19, the banquet and Kelly's ability to travel were canceled. Kelly was gracious enough to answer some questions about her life after Forest City High School – and we think you'll see why she was selected as this year's speaker.

After graduating from Forest City, Kelly earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Iowa State University and completed a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She also has a certificate in Systems Design and Management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Masters in Systems Engineering Management from Stevens Institute of Technology.

Currently, Kelly is Boeing Commercial Airplane's Director for 767 and 777 Airplane Propulsion programs with overall responsibility for the product integrity of the engines, and supporting systems such as fuel management, engine/ aircraft interface, and auxiliary aircraft power. Prior to this role, Kelly was Boeing's 787 Chief Engineer for Propulsion, responsible for engines, fuels, and auxiliary power engineering. She also led the 737 MAX Engine team through the 737-8 MAX certification process.



(ABOVE) Kelly in an F-16 cockpit in Greece, 2005.

(RIGHT) Kelly in a KC-135 cockpit, Sept 2019.



Prior to her assignment at Boeing, Kelly held multiple jet engine design and systems engineering roles at Pratt & Whitney (P&W) in both the military and commercial divisions. While at P&W, Kelly held management and engineering responsibilities for the PW1000 Geared Turbofan product family's development, Advanced Commercial Engines and systems engineering for the engines powering the F-22 and F-15 & F-16 military aircraft with international air forces such as Singapore, Poland and Greece.

Kelly lives in Seattle with her husband, Dave, and enjoys boating throughout Puget Sound, and exploring diverse cuisine and culture through travel.

### What led you to the career you chose?

*One of my influential childhood memories is the rumble of a muscle car my dad was working on after pulling it neglected from an overgrown pasture. I grew up helping out on those same vintage cars and entered college thinking I was kicking off my mechanical engineering career in the automotive field. An internship at Collin's fuel nozzle manufacturing facility in Des Moines woke me up to much cooler engines, jet engines. Since that summer, I've pursued all things gas turbine engine from working at Pratt & Whitney, multiple graduate courses and finally a career move to an airframer at Boeing. Throughout my career, I've pursued roles that spanned the life cycle of a propulsion system and its integration into the airplane. While experiencing the "cradle to grave" and everything in between, I've held roles in design engineering, systems engineering and management both at Boeing and Pratt & Whitney (P&W).*

### What are some of the skills you need to pursue your career?

*Aerospace is a challenging environment that we jokingly say is the biggest team sport in the world. For example, I work at a facility that employs 40,000 people across three shifts daily that is like a city of its own. Getting started in aerospace is built on technical skills, both academic and practical on the job which never ends since engineering is always advancing. Math and science courses are extremely important as a foundation to the higher-level coursework as you choose your concentration areas like mechanical or aerospace. It's also typical for engineering leadership to have master's level coursework in management, such as an MBA or engineering management. I completed all my master's coursework after my undergraduate while working full-time and traveling for work so I was gaining industry experience in combination with academic growth. Those courses were employer sponsored (a common practice in aerospace) which was influential to me when I was looking for jobs at various companies. As a leader and manager of a 'team of teams' my soft skills are increasingly more important than my technical acumen. Those are skills that are honed both in an academic setting and in observing role models in how they lead teams, especially through the difficult times.*

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### What are some of the challenges of that career?

*Engineering, and aerospace especially, attracts people who want to be challenged and given problems that haven't been solved before. I'm not different. Technical challenges abound and I find that leading teams through setbacks draws out the technical complexity and emotional intelligence challenges. What is important through those challenges is learning from them and ensuring we improve.*

### What are some of the advantages of your career?

*Kids over all the globe grow up dreaming of airplanes. That results in working with a diverse workforce that is from all over the U.S. and the world. Also, the supplier base and customer base are based globally so I've had the opportunity to attend conferences that feel a little like the U.N. with people there from 30+ nations. I really enjoy conversations at those events and in day-to-day work that remind you how small the world really is and how much we have in common. The challenge there is people want to fly 24/7 365 days out of the year so taking a break and truly unplugging from it all can be a challenge, but I expect I share that feeling with a lot of people these days.*

### What are your future plans?

*I'm proud to be a part of Boeing and the future of aerospace, so I plan to continue leading engineering teams making airplanes. I plan to get more involved with STEM education with students that don't see themselves as engineers or scientists.*

### Any special memories of FCHS?

*FCHS is a small big school. It's big enough to have nearly all the academic, arts, music and athletic options of a big school while being small enough that a student can try them all out and doesn't need to specialize really early in life. At a big school, there is no way I would qualified for the sports I participated in at FCHS and I gathered important teamwork and leadership skills from those years of volleyball, track (and dodgeball ;-).*

### Any advice to current students?

*Challenge yourself to take a calculated risk of failure and learn from it. Change is for the better and if it doesn't work out, you tried something different and learned from it and/or developed a new skill. From a tactical perspective, take advantage of all the opportunities that FCHS offers across those academic, arts, music and athletic options I cite above. If you are interested in a similar career track to mine, take all the math and science coursework and club opportunities that are available while also keeping yourself well-rounded. Be proud of your small-town roots and recognize that there are strengths and weaknesses in that background just like everyone else. Be kind. ➡*



## Colby Schleuger CLASS OF 2020 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

BY GINA SCHLEUGER | PHOTOS BY ???

Colby Lynn Schleuger was our son and Dylan's brother, but he was much more than that. He was a 14 years old, just a month shy of turning 15 years old when we lost him in a tragic accident on April 23, 2017. Colby was also a great friend who would help out anyone in need. An older classmate told us how Colby helped him with his Biology so he could continue to play football. Colby enjoyed camping and swimming at Three Fingers Campground, hunting, football, snowmobiling in Wyoming, and hanging with the family during our family reunions at our house. Colby had a great sense of humor and quick wit (that could get him in trouble at times). He valued getting good grades and talked about how important it was to get scholarships to help him through college to become a veterinarian. Colby loved life and lived it to the fullest. It means so much to our family to give scholarships in his honor and memory, especially to be able to give the Colby Schleuger Class of 2020 Memorial Scholarships to his classmates. Thank you to all who have helped us and been supportive with Colby's Scholarship. We wish the Class of 2020 the very best with their future endeavors, stay Schleuger Strong! ➡

# Three Staff Members Retire

BY ALICE LEWELLEN

## THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ALWAYS BITTERSWEET ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE RETIRES.

This year three staff members decided it was time for retirement. Don Johnson, Sherry Pace and Linda Keifer left their longtime jobs for a new life chapter



**Don Johnson** probably never imagined when he was in school that he would come back as a teacher in the Forest City School System. Don graduated in 1983 and continued his education at Waldorf. It was there he decided to pursue education. His sophomore year Don took an Intro. To Education class and he was

placed in the FC Elementary to observe and participate. Don commented, "It was a life changing experience", and he then decided he wanted to be in the education field. After his two years at Waldorf, he transferred to UNI to continue his education to become a teacher. He spent 33 years teaching a variety of grades, the last 25 in 5th grade.

Don's best memories are the students and all the experiences they had together. As he says, "The learning, the interactions and the laughs". He also says, "I can't say enough about all the wonderful educators I had the opportunity to work with and learn from-truly outstanding people. I am very thankful that I was part of such a great profession." Don is quite proud of the Forest City School System. The students, staff and the community make it a great place to be.

**Sherry Pace** spent 23 years in the Forest City System as a para educator first at the high school and then at the middle school. Her best memories center on the great variety of students and people with whom she worked. Helping kids participate in Special Olympics provided many good moments too. The last couple of years, Sherry commented that she took a couple of students at a time on the mail route with her and the students always enjoyed going to the District Office and the Elementary School. They were good help Sherry said and they enjoyed getting out of the building for a little bit.



Sherry saw a lot of changes in technology over the years and she said that computers were not her forte! She liked all the hands on work she did. Every year brought new challenges. She said she was proud to be a part of the school system and was thankful for the good bosses she had as well and the friendly staff with whom she worked.

In retirement, Sherry is helping care for her grandchild and hopes to see other family when she can travel after the virus is not a threat.



**Linda Keifer** spent 22 years in the Forest City School System in both the high school and the middle school. Before working here she had worked in the Belmond-Klemme school district before they closed the Klemme building. Linda started working in the Media Center when she came to Forest City and the last 12

years she has taught Physical Education in the middle school. In addition she has coached high school softball and the following middle school sports: basketball, softball and track.

Linda's favorite memories are the wonderful bonds she formed with people, especially the middle school staff. When her husband died, she really appreciated all the support she received from her school family. She said she enjoyed all the fun times in the lounge too.

Linda agrees that technology was the biggest change in the years she worked at school. She is especially proud of the teamwork that she experienced in working in Forest City. She said she had been a part of many teams at the school.

Linda has three daughters. Two of them have also chosen education as their careers and the other daughter is a nurse. Katie Schmidt, who is a kindergarten teacher at the Elementary, is Linda's daughter.

In retirement Linda says she is going to work full time as a Grandma! She has four grandsons and that should certainly keep her busy.

The school system will miss these three people who have devoted so much time and energy to the education of our young people. ➔

# 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

## #BECAUSE OF YOU

The Forest City Education Foundation was unable to hold Senior Awards Night in our typical environment due to COVID-19; however, we developed an alternate format to distribute this year's awards to the Class of 2020. On May 13th, we released the link to a pre-recorded video/presentation. The link has been posted on our Facebook page and on our website at [forestcityeducationfoundation.org](http://forestcityeducationfoundation.org).

### Named Scholarships from Donors:

*Carole Anderson Memorial Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Kathy Jerome*

Erin Caylor

*Tom Nessa Memorial Scholarship – \$300 Donated by Pat Nessa Riley Helgeson*

*Denny Lovick Memorial Scholarship \$300 – Donated by Barb Lovick Annika Juveland*

*Iota Delta Beta Chapter of Beta Beta Beta from the Waldorf University Biology Department – \$200 Donated by Iota Delta Beta Chapter of Beta Beta Beta from the Waldorf University Biology Department*

Calvin Aberg

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

Micaiah Krutsinger

*Bill C. Fox Scholarship Half Tuition for 3 years, Full Tuition for the 4th year – Donated by the Bill & Katherine Fox Foundation Benjamin Marmaras and Jonathan Warren*

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

Olivia Sarasio Meyer

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

Taylor Tendall

*Dr. Laila Buck Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Dr. Laila Buck Jasmine Sanasinh*

*Dave Draheim Memorial Scholarship 2 @ \$300 – Donated by family and friends and additional ongoing fundraising*

Brianna Preteroti and Derek Froendt

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

Chloe Anderson

*Nyhus Family Agricultural Enrichment Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Harlan & Deb Nyhus*

Hunter Hoefl

*Nyhus Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Harlan & Deb Nyhus Lilie Callow*

*Jenkins Family Scholarship \$600 – Donated by Mark & Jen Jenkins, Lanny & Sandy Jenkins*

Carter Jenkins

*Marketing Scholarship \$700 – Donated by Mrs. Koch's Marketing Class*

Ellie Reece

*Kimberly Hope Jordal Memorial \$800 – Donated by Kimberly Hope Jordal Memorial funds and Jordal & Lewellen families*

Kallista Larson

*Karen Johns Memorial Scholarship – \$500 Donated by Linda, Emily, Justin, Ciara, Tyler & Kristin Putney*

Taylor Tendall

*Sue Renee Pannkuk Memorial Scholarship – \$500 Donated by Laura Arterburn, Wendy Eggebraaten & Katie Bowers*

Madison Abbott

*Hertzer Family Scholarship \$1,750 – Donated by the Hertzer Family*

Derek Froendt

*Rozella & Eldon Hagen Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Mark & Connie Johnson*

Isabel Redinger

*Ray Brcka Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Brcka Family Kristian Gunderson*

*Holland Contracting Scholarships 1 @ \$750, 1 @ \$100 – Donated by Holland Contracting*

\$750 Riley Helgeson and \$100 Kristian Gunderson

*The Reece Family Scholarship \$600 – Donated by Chad & Kris Reece*

Lyndee Jones

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

Levi Wood and Annika Juveland

*Forest City Farmers' Coop Scholarship 1 @ \$500, 1 @ \$300 – Donated by FC Farmers' Coop*

\$500 Conner Thompson and \$300 Abigail Wirtjes

*Graphic Design/Marketing Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Jim Coloff & Weston Lohry*

Elsa Yeager

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

Jessa Loges

*Robert & Gail Kuefler Scholarship 2 @ \$500 – Donated by Bob & Gail Kuefler*

Joshua Coombs and Conner Thompson

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

Micaiah Krutsinger

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

Conner Thompson

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

Colby Droessler



Winnebago Industries Foundation Scholarships 16 @ \$1,000 – Donated by Winnebago Industries Foundation  
 Areliz Candelaria Vazquez, Erin Caylor, Annika Juveland, Micaiah Krutsinger, Sophia Kudej, Rebecca Leber, Brettin Linder, Greta Oulman, Jasmine Sanasinh, Madyson Stevens, Max Stevens, Paige Swearingen, Conner Thompson, Josh Vazquez, Levi Wood and Elsa Yeager

Russ Piehl Memorial Scholarship \$350 – Donated by Marla Betz Abigail Wirtjes

LeDonna R. Durant Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Leo Durant Sophia Kudej

Durant Foundation Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Leo Durant Meggie Kleveland

Lyle & Velma Jefson Family Memorial Scholarship \$2,000 – Donated by Jerry & Bonnie Jefson  
 Alyssa Jefson

Tony & Sue Coloff Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Tony & Sue Coloff  
 Josh Vazquez

Blomme Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Tom & Julie Blomme Madyson Stevens

Ken & Cindy Korth Scholarship 3 @ \$1,000 Donated by Cindy & Ken Korth  
 Josh Olson, Anna Lehmann and Abigail Wirtjes

Hobbs Family Memorial Scholarship 2 @ \$500 – Donated by Clay & Pat Hobbs  
 Olivia Gibbs and Olivia Sarasio Meyer

Kingland Construction Scholarship 2 @ \$500 – Donated by Kingland Construction  
 Kristian Gunderson and Riley Helgeson

United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award (Recognition)  
 Lyndee Jones

United States Marine Corps Semper Fi Award for Musical Excellence (Recognition)  
 Drake Bang

United States Marine Distinguished Athlete Awards (Recognition)  
 Benjamin Marmaras and Anna Lehmann

Elsie Marie Johnson Scholarship \$1,000 – Donated by Elsie Marie Johnson  
 Kallista Larson

Zirbel Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Karen Zirbel Weld and Jill Zirbel Murray  
 Abigail Wirtjes

Paddlers Giving Back Scholarship 3 @ \$1,000 – Donated by Andy & Keila Buffington, Jay & Kerry Steffensen, Ed & Kris Linder and Mike Faircloth  
 Isabel Buffington, Brettin Linder and Zoey Steffensen

Forest City High School FFA Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Forest City High School FFA Chapter  
 Alyssa Jefson

Forest City FFA Alumni Scholarship 1 @ \$1,000, 2 @ \$500 – Donated by Forest City High School FFA Alumni  
 \$1,000 Conner Thompson, \$500 Hunter Hoeft and \$500 Colby Droessler

Alvera & James Lovick FFA Scholarship \$600 – Donated from Memorial Funds  
 Colby Droessler

FC Veterinary Clinic FFA Scholarship 3 @ \$500 – Donated by Forest City Vet Clinic  
 Colby Droessler, Hunter Hoeft, and Kennedy Klein

Worth County Development Association Scholarship (Recognition)  
 Chloe Anderson, Drake Bang, Josh Olson and Isabel Redinger

Mike & Jean O'Rourke Appreciation Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Mike & Jean O'Rourke  
 Isabel Buffington

Edel Family Scholarship \$300 – Donated by the Edel family  
 Olivia Sarasio Meyer

Forest City Lions Sportsmanship Award (Recognition) 2 @ \$250 – Forest City Lions  
 Calvin Aberg and Kallista Larson

Eugene Morris Forest City Lions Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Forest City Lions Club  
 Olivia Gibbs

Forest City Lions Denny Lovick Memorial Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Forest City Lions Club  
 Drake Bang

Nelson/Straks Family Scholarship \$1,650 – Donated by Steve Nelson  
 Audrey Skjeie

Masonic Lodge Scholarship 3 @ \$300 – Donated by Masonic Lodge of FC  
 Kallista Larson, Josh Olson and Jonathan Warren

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 Andrew Olson

Jim & Chrysty Velky Family Scholarship \$500 – Donated by Adam & Trichelle Jackson  
 Abigail Wirtjes

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 Colby Droessler

Hertzke Family 2 @ \$1,000 – Donated by Bruce & Jan Hertzke  
 Sophia Kudej and Melissa Wilson

Frakes Family Scholarship \$1,500 – Donated by Mark & Carolyn Frakes  
 Isabel Buffington

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 Madyson Stevens

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Isabel Redinger

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