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The Foundation supports SWMetro, where people register for opportunity and hope, not just receive an education. SouthWest Metro Intermediate District 288 supports people to overcome barriers and achieve a quality life through education-more than 10,000 people a year. The Foundation supports SWMetro in that effort.

The Foundation also serves as a conduit of generosity, making it possible for families and individuals of even modest means to realize their charitable nature, and in tangible ways that build community and improve the lives of their neighbors.



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2017
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
RECIPIENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Cody Bromenshenkel

Austin Simenson (Simmy) Memorial Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you for the Austin Simenson (Simmy) Memorial Scholarship award. I will use it to help me further my education.”

College Attending: Hennepin Technical College

Course of Study: Welding

Breanna Carpenter

Merit Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you so much for granting me the Merit Scholarship. I am very thankful for this scholarship as I know the financial burdens college will have on me. With the help of this scholarship, I will not stress as much financially and can focus more on becoming a successful nurse at the College of Saint Benedict. I will be paying for most of college, so I would like to thank you one more time for making my future education much more affordable.”

College Attending: College of Saint Benedict

Course of Study: Nursing

Dazmayn Dague

Charter Bank Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you for choosing me for a scholarship. This will give me a good head start in studying my choice of education.”

College Attending: Normandale Community College

Course of Study: Business and Management

Jazmin Dague

Doris Urke Memorial Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you for selecting me. This really helps with college and will help me get my future going. I really appreciate it and it means so much to me.”

College Attending: Normandale Community College

Course of Study: Health Science

Giovani Vasquez
Prior Lake Lions Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you to the people of the scholarship committee for granting me this opportunity to receive this scholarship.”

College Attending: Normandale Community College
Course of Study: Business

Peter Weinand
Victoria Lions Club Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you for awarding me with a scholarship and allowing me to continue my education in the future. I am so excited to see what is next for me!”

College Attending: Winona State University
Course of Study: Elementary Education and Special Education

Samuel Zak
Diane Grunewald Memorial Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you so much for this scholarship. Mrs. Grunewald was one of my favorite people to be with. She had a huge impact on my life and motivated me to be the very person I am today. Thank you!”

College Attending: Mankato State University
Course of Study: Law Enforcement

Aizhi Zhuo
Sam C. Chhang Honorary Scholarship Recipient

“I am happy and appreciate that I was selected as the recipient of this scholarship. Thank you for your generosity. I am very honored to receive this award. Your act of kindness will make an incredible difference in my life. It will lighten my burden, so I can spend more time focusing on my studies!”

College Attending: Inver Hills Community College
Course of Study: Civil Engineering

Precious Fuller-Rueschman
***SWMetro Educational Foundation Founder's
Honorary Scholarship Recipient***

“I would like to thank everyone who has helped me get to where I am today and has been there to support me through my journey.”

College Attending: Normandale Community College
Course of Study: Psychology, Sociology and Social Work

Andrew Haefner
Prior Lakes Lions Club Scholarship Recipient

“As a 17 year old kid with many of his own things to pay for, including college, I will take any opportunity for a little boost or jump I can get. I greatly appreciate even the chance to be considered for a scholarship. Hopefully this will go towards my dream career, owning my own speed shop where anyone can come in and leave with a faster, cooler, and safer car. Thank you.”

College Attending: Dakota County Technical College
Course of Study: Auto Technician Program

Dylan Hulse
Prior Lake Lions Club Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you for awarding me this scholarship to continue with post secondary education as a result of my determination and perseverance. Even with the obstacles that I've faced, I've been able to overcome them and succeed even more because of those obstacles.”

College Attending: Inver Hills Community College
Course of Study: Generals

Ellie Miller
James Walter Memorial Scholarship Recipient

“I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the James Walter Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will assist me in funding my fall semester. Because of your scholarship, I will be able to focus on my studies instead of the financial burdens that come with a college education. Thank you for your generous gift.”

College Attending: University of North Dakota - Grand Forks
Course of Study: Physical Therapy

Nataliya Miroshnychenko

Lawrence St. John Memorial Scholarship Recipient

"I want to express my great gratitude for the help and support to all of you. Thank you for believing in me and helping me achieve my dream. I will try to justify your trust and make every effort to become a good nurse and benefit to society. I am grateful to God for my family who supports me and for all the people who have helped and continue to help me achieve my goal. I will strive to improve my knowledge to be able to help other people with different problems. Thanks so much all of you!"

College Attending: Hennepin Technical College

Course of Study: Nursing

Mariah Ogden

SWMetro Faculty and School Board Scholarship Recipient

"Thank you for this scholarship. It will help me with my college and career goals."

College Attending: Dakota County Technical College

Course of Study: Veterinarian Technician

Joe Ruehling

Jordaness Lions Scholarship Recipient

"I would like to thank all the interviewers for taking time from their day to give us kids the chance to get these scholarships. And, all the donations the school receives to be able to give out the scholarships."

College Attending: Dakota County Technical College

Course of Study: Heavy Duty Truck Mechanics

Danay Salazar

Lawrence St. John Memorial Scholarship Recipient

"Thank you for making this scholarship possible. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected. I plan to pursue a career in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and plan to graduate in April 2019. After graduation, I want to work in hospitals as that has always been my dream. Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal."

College Attending: Argosy University

Course of Study: Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Emma Salden

Charter Bank Scholarship Recipient

"Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of the scholarship! I cannot express all my gratitude into words, for there is not a way to. This is an honor to receive. Thank you!"

College Attending: University of Wisconsin - Superior

Course of Study: Art Therapy

Sifan Shuna

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship Recipient

"I want to thank you and everyone who read my paper and listened to my interview and decided to help me further my education at Normandale Community College. I'm so grateful for the teachers that helped me get to where I am right now."

College Attending: Normandale Community College

Course of Study: Undecided, but most likely Medical

Erik Stearns

Chanhassen Lions Scholarship Recipient

"Thank you very much for this generous investment in my education. Having your trust in my success in the diesel mechanics program is appreciated."

College Attending: Alexandria Technical and Community College

Course of Study: Diesel Mechanics