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2022
SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS

From the Eagan Community Foundation Scholarship Chair

Congratulations to our 2022 scholarship recipients!

Your high school years likely have not been exactly what you dreamed of when you started in 2018. You are the first class to have spent half of your high school years during a global pandemic and yet your future is looking bright! We are so thankful to be able to celebrate with an in-person event and the amazing students that rose to the top. The Eagan Community Foundation is honored to help recognize you with a scholarship from one of our 60 generous donors.

It takes a strong community to get through high school, a pandemic, and come out ready for the next stage of your life. None of you are here by accident - the journey required many participants:

- **Parents** - congratulations on a job well done. It is not an easy task to get to this point but you have made it. The sleepless nights, celebrating of milestones, empathizing through disappointments, and passing on of values have led to this moment where your child is being recognized for their contributions, perseverance, and hard work.
- **Faculty, staff, coaches, and community members** - you have all contributed to the success of these students in countless ways. Thank you for your dedication to our young people.
- **Scholarship donors** - you are making an investment in the future with your generosity to these students. This year 114 students will receive scholarships totaling \$137,500 thanks to you!

And finally, **Students**, you are the reason we are here at this moment. Over the past four years you have shown leadership in the classroom, on the field and stage, and in the community. You gave back by volunteering over 11,500 hours in various community organizations, even in a pandemic. Some of you are here because you've shown extraordinary perseverance in the face of challenges no student should ever be faced with. Whether your next step is a two or four-year school, you are well positioned to be successful there. Our community, state, and the world continue to deal with some heavy issues – we need people like you to help shape the future.

Congratulations and best of luck!!

Sincerely,

Angie Cunningham

Eagan Community Foundation
Scholarship Chair

ABOUT THE EAGAN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Eagan Community Foundation started awarding scholarships in 1991, that year 11 students received scholarships totaling \$4,350. With our 2022 scholarship awards we have touched the lives of 2,222 (no joke, that's the real number) students with scholarships totaling \$2,145,890. We are extremely grateful for the trust that the scholarship donors have placed in us to select the best student for their scholarship. We are honored to be stewards of this generosity and to help Eagan be the place where we all want to live, work and play!!

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MISSION STATEMENT

Investing together in Eagan's future with community connections, grants and scholarships.

VISION STATEMENT

Uniting to make Eagan a better place to live, learn, work and play for all.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONORS

Achievement Financial 2013

We believe this is a meaningful way to promote the future studies of foreign languages in the world which becomes smaller all the time.

Bremer Bank Eagan 2013

Bremer Financial Corporation is a privately held, \$12 billion regional financial services company jointly owned by the Otto Bremer Trust and Bremer employees. Founded in 1943 by Otto Bremer, the company is headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota and provides a comprehensive range of banking, mortgage, investment, wealth management, trust and insurance products and services throughout Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin. Clients include small businesses, mid-sized corporations, agribusinesses, nonprofits, public and government entities, and individuals and families.

Carter S. Weber Memorial 2017

The Carter S. Weber Memorial Scholarship was created in 2017 after the passing of a well-loved son, brother, teammate, and friend. Carter Weber, an avid hockey player and a 2016 graduate of Eagan High School, died tragically in a car accident on November 17, 2016 at the age of 19. Carter participated in Eagan Hockey throughout his life, starting in Mini-Mites and making his way up to playing for the high school's Varsity team for three years. He was an exemplary defenseman and teammate, and a kind, gracious, and extraordinary human being. We want to keep Carter's memory and his passion for hockey alive by providing college scholarships to three deserving senior hockey players each year.

College Expert 2012

Suzanne Luse has been a supporter of the Eagan Community Foundation for many years, and was a Board member from 1991-1994. Her daughter Chelsea was the first student board member. Suzanne is passionate about helping high school students find and be able to afford to attend college. She is proud to be a donor and help support these wonderful students as they go off to college.

Dakota Electric Association 1995

Dakota Electric is a non-profit customer-owned electric cooperative. Each year Dakota Electric uses funds from unclaimed capital credits to award scholarships to

students from area high schools and colleges to support their continuing education.

Dakota Hills Middle School Parent Booster Club 2016

Dakota Hills Middle School Parent Booster Club is awarding a scholarship for a student who attended this school for at least one year. This scholarship is awarded in honor of Wendy McNamee, former principal of DHMS.

Denise Sjoberg Real Estate 2021

Denise Sjoberg Real Estate provides this scholarship to a student who has overcome obstacles during their high school journey and continues to be joyful and appreciative despite or because of the struggles.

Deerwood Elementary 2010

The Deerwood Booster Club provides scholarships to students graduating from Eagan High School who also attended Deerwood Elementary for at least three years.

DESK 2007

We love the Eagan community that we raised our family in and we were very involved with the Eagan Community Foundation. Working closely with the scholarship program made us realize how much talent our community has, and with the rising cost of education, we feel the need to give back to students pursuing higher education.

Donald and Karen DeGenaro 2007

We strongly believe that our nation must retain its leadership in science and technology and that it is imperative that students are rewarded for choosing challenging subjects in high school and enrolling in programs in college related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Dunn Brothers 2022

Dunn Brothers has been Eagan's hometown coffee shop for over 10 years. Mick Thares has owned the shop since 2021 and continues the tradition of great coffee and food along with impressive community service. New in 2022, the Dunn Brothers Scholarship is for a student that has worked through high school and intends to study business. Stop by Dunn Brothers at 1012 Diffley Rd for a cup of coffee and meet Mick.

Eagan Art Festival/Terry B. Davis 2010

The Eagan Art Festival/Terry B. Davis scholarships honor the memory of Terry B. Davis, past board president of the Eagan Art Festival. Terry was an active member of the Eagan community and served with several organizations within the city and the county. He was an avid arts supporter and was able to see the potential for growth of the arts in Eagan and gave his time to the Eagan Art Festival to help realize that potential.

Eagan Athletic Association Baseball 2015

This scholarship is awarded to a player who played last year in the 16+ program.

Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon 2013

Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon supports service members, veterans and their families in Eagan. We are providing a scholarship for a student who has a parent who has served in the military.

Eagan Community Foundation 2012

The Eagan Community Foundation provides scholarships to students that live in or go to school in Eagan based on a variety of criteria including perseverance, a strong composite score, and financial need. This year's HOPE scholarship for a first-generation college student was funded by a variety of community donors.

Eagan Dance Team Booster Club 2018

The Eagan Dance Team Booster Club is pleased to present this scholarship to a graduating senior that has dedicated three or more years to Eagan Dance Team.

Eagan High School Band Boosters 2010

We provide three scholarships in total; two general scholarships for Eagan High School Band students and one Eagan High School Scholar Musician Award. These scholarships acknowledge students who have dedicated so much of their time and talents to their instrument(s) and the Eagan High School Band programs.

Eagan High School Baseball Boosters 2019

EHS Baseball Boosters would like to recognize worthy EHS baseball letter winners for their dedication to baseball and the Eagan community. One scholarship is reserved for a player that has also excelled in the classroom.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONORS, CONTINUED

Eagan High School Boys Basketball 2013

These two scholarships are intended to recognize two graduating seniors that played on the Eagan High School boys basketball team at least two years at either the JV or Varsity level. It honors their commitment to participate in a high school sport and represent their community as a student athlete.

Eagan High School Boys Soccer Boosters 2013

Two scholarships are presented to two soccer players from Eagan High School Boys Soccer program that have a minimum of two years of participation, including senior year.

Eagan High School Faculty and Staff 1992

Eagan High School Faculty and Staff have contributed scholarships each year since this program started. We focus the scholarship on graduates of Eagan High School who are planning to become teachers.

Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball Boosters Club 2013

This scholarship is presented to a player from the Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball team who has participated in both her junior and senior seasons.

Eagan High School Football Boosters 1998

Five scholarships will be awarded to participants of the Eagan High School Football team who have participated in the program for both their junior and senior years.

Eagan High School Girls Basketball Booster Club 2009

The scholarship is presented to players who participated for a minimum of two years including senior year and have strong composite scores.

Eagan High School Girls Cross Country Booster Club 2014

Eagan High School Girls Cross Country Booster Club was incorporated in March 2013. Our booster club was able to achieve its scholarship funding goal and is pleased to offer one scholarship to a senior.

Eagan High School Girls Soccer Booster Club 2018

The purpose of the Eagan High School Soccer Booster Club is to support the players and coaching staff, to have the proper equipment with which to learn and compete and to provide recognition of their accomplishments. It is the intent of the Booster Club to generate and maintain an enthusiastic level of interest by parents to encourage participation by younger soccer athletes.

Eagan High School Swim and Dive Booster Club 2017

We are an established Booster Club at Eagan High School and would like to support our athletes that have given so much to the program.

Eagan High School Track Boosters 2008

We are pleased to support four student athletes (two boys/two girls) who have competed on the Eagan High School Track and Field Teams during their sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

Eagan High School Volleyball Boosters 2018

The Mission of the EHS Volleyball Booster Club is to support, through volunteerism and fundraising, the success of the Eagan Volleyball program. The purpose of the EHS VBC is to conduct fundraising to help ensure that athletes have proper equipment with which to learn and compete and to provide recognition of their accomplishments. It is the intent of the Booster Club to generate and maintain an enthusiastic level of interest by parents to encourage participation by younger volleyball athletes.

Eagan Hockey Association 1996

The Eagan Hockey Association awards six scholarships (three boys/three girls) to participants in the Eagan Hockey Association and the Eagan High School programs.

Eagan Kick-Start Rotary Club 2020

The Eagan Kick-Start Rotary Club was founded in 2014 and has over 40 members actively involved in the community. Scholarships are provided to students connected to Rotary or Interact.

Eagan Lions Club 2010

The Lions motto is: "We Serve." With this as our premise, our club strives to support our community and recognize that education and our youth are the foundation of a healthy community. Therefore, we are proud to fund six scholarships for our students.

Flint Hills Resources Discovery 1993

We award scholarships to students with high academic achievement, as well as strong community involvement, who will be pursuing careers in fields related to math or science.

Former Students of George Behnke 1993

This scholarship, in memory of Eagan High School teacher George Behnke, supports students that completed Computer Science at EHS and will be pursuing a degree in computer science.

Friends of Wescott Library 2004

We provide two scholarships of \$1,000 each to students who have volunteered their time and talents to the Wescott Library in Eagan.

Glacier Hills Elementary Site Council 2001

Glacier Hills Elementary School of Arts and Science has a rich tradition of granting a \$500 scholarship to a deserving former student of this great elementary school.

Gopher Resource, LLC 1991

Gopher Resource has been a national environmental solutions provider for over 75 years, protecting the earth and preserving natural resources. Our purpose is the safe and efficient recycling of lead batteries throughout North America using sustainable practices and advanced technology. We provide support and development to students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.

Harper Family 2021

The Harper Family Scholarship is awarded to an LGBTQ+ student who demonstrates perseverance and strong community involvement.

Heather Kirsebom 2021

Heather is a graduate of Eagan High School Class of 2009. She was at one time an Eagan Community Foundation Scholarship winner and has been thankful for EHS in supporting her dreams to grow as a professional! Since 2009, Heather has graduated with her BA and Master of Arts degree and currently works at Thomson Reuters as a Field Regional Sales Manager. This scholarship is to encourage someone to dream big! To seek opportunities, despite whatever obstacles may be in the way.

Kopp Family Foundation 1993

In 1986, Lee & Barbara Kopp established the Kopp Family Foundation. Their primary goals are to help students succeed by continuing their education, support non-profit organizations, and provide emergency assistance for those in need of shelter and transportation.

Leif and Deena Carlson 2022

The Hunter Vernon Carlson Memorial Scholarship is intended to help two of Hunter's classmates as they graduate in 2022. Our son left us too early and we wanted to give forward in his memory.

M&E Engineering 2018

M&E Engineering, Inc. is located in Eagan, MN. Our family lives in Eagan and our two children attended and graduated from Eagan High school.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONORS, CONTINUED

Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission" 2014

Maggie was a State Champion Volleyball player in 2001. She donated her time and talents to church, community, and causes. Her goal was to live her mission to the fullest each and every day. On December 19, 2011 she suffered a stroke and passed away at the age of 28. Maggie stated: "I want to be known as someone who has an overwhelming sense of love for her family and friends. I want to live each day with balance by inspiring hope in myself, and those around me. I want to appreciate and enjoy adventure, fun, goodness and health, and to live with hope and enthusiasm. I want to be an active representation of myself!"

Matt Thuente Memorial 2012

The Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship began in 2011 after the passing of a dear son, brother and friend. Matt was such a wonderful person, and we want to keep his memory alive. What better way than to give college scholarships in his name to deserving seniors. With the help of family, friends and the amazing Eagan community, Matt's Scholarship has provided over 50 high school seniors with scholarships since 2012. We look forward to many successful years to come!

Minnwest Bank 2006

Minnwest Bank is a family-owned business, operating 37 offices in 31 communities in Minnesota and South Dakota. Minnwest Bank is dedicated to serving our communities through traditional banking activities, community involvement, and charitable support. You'll find our bankers and representatives involved in local foundations, county economic development corporations, charities, food shelves and local social organizations. Our primary customers are families and family-owned businesses. They are farm businesses, retailers, residential construction, small manufacturing, distributors and commercial builders, individually-owned and closely-held businesses.

Old National Bank 2007

This scholarship is provided to acknowledge a student who has been demonstrating leadership by actively volunteering in the community.

Paradigm Foundation 2006

My parents immigrated to America from Sweden; my mother at age three with her family, and my father alone at the age of eighteen. As the son of immigrant parents, I appreciate the hard work and extra effort

required to succeed as a newcomer to our land of opportunity, and believe a good education is the cornerstone to a happy and successful life.

Pat O'Keefe STEM & O'Keefe Family Swim and Dive 2016

Both of our children were recipients of Eagan Community Foundation scholarships. In return, our family wanted to establish scholarships in memory and honor of my husband, Patrick O'Keefe who died in August, 2015. One scholarship is presented to a student with a career objective in STEM studies. Another is for an Eagan High School swim and dive team member.

Patriots Endowment 2007

A local Eagan business man, Patrick Dolney, who is in the steel fabrication industry, was stunned watching the massive steel beams from the Twin Towers tumble on 9/11. He felt moved to do something to memorialize the event. His original efforts were to build a memorial park but when the funds did not materialize, he reallocated them to create the Patriots Endowment Scholarship.

Pat's Sound of Music 2017

Pat Sinclair has taught music in schools since 1973 and owned a business teaching music at in-home day care providers since 1989. Vocal music has always played an important role in her family members' lives.

Pinewood Community School 2006

The Pinewood Community School would like to award a scholarship to a student who previously attended Pinewood for at least two years.

Power Systems Research 2013

This scholarship is awarded to a student who will be attending a four-year college with a career objective in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.

Punch Family 2012

We are awarding three scholarships in tribute to our three children who attended Eagan High School.

Rotary Club of Eagan 1991

The Rotary Club of Eagan provides two scholarships to students who are Eagan residents.

School Nutrition Association - River Valley Chapter 35 2020

School Nutrition Association - River Valley Chapter 35 (District 196 food service staff) are providing a \$500 Eagan High School Food Service scholarship to a student who

is planning a career in the food and nutrition industry or was active in Eagan High School's Hospitality Management course.

State Farm Agents 2006

This scholarship is supported by local State Farm agents Jordan Radel, Robin Kleffman, Ross Metcalf, and Zach Fetzer.

Superior Auto Care 2013

This scholarship is presented to a student who is pursuing a career in Automotive Repair or Auto Mechanics or to a student with a high composite score.

Vavrosky Family 2022

This scholarship honors the memory of Kelton Vavrosky. Kelton was a beloved member of the EHS Boys Cross Country team and was instrumental in helping newer team members feel welcome. Kelton was unique in the fact that he would take care of the under-dog; he understood what it was to be different and wanted all to feel accepted and welcomed. He would make sure his teammates had rides when practice was not at the high school. He would help others on long runs, including helping new students learn the routes. He would also help fellow students during the school day. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hiking, biking, fishing, & hunting. This scholarship is sponsored by the Vavrosky family in partnership with the Eagan High School Boys Cross Country Booster Club.

Waldock/Maguire Family 2021

Janelle Waldock and Mike Maguire are longtime Eagan residents. Their son Ian went to the School of Environmental Sciences (SES) and they are very appreciative of the great opportunities he had there. This scholarship is meant to honor an SES student that has persevered through challenges during their education.

Xcel Energy 1997

Xcel Energy supplies electricity and natural gas to a portion of the community. We believe in helping strengthen the communities we serve, and are pleased to offer this scholarship to a student pursuing a degree in engineering, environmental studies, renewable energy and/or an electrical power lineworker/maintenance worker at either a two- or four-year technical community college or university.

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Achievement Financial Linguistic Scholarship - \$1,000



Natalie Quick

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Serving as Drum Major for my school's Varsity Marching Band. Creating

a football halftime show and seeing the culmination of all our hard work was a wonderful experience. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Neuroscience **Favorite school subject:** Spanish - I have really enjoyed developing my skills in another language and it is a different type of thinking than my core classes. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Piano, flute, ukulele, reading, gardening, cooking, baking, creating music, the environment, the brain, psychology, biking, hiking, outdoor activities, spending time with family and friends, and learning new things. **Little known fact:** I have hand-fed nuts to black bears by my cabin (under a controlled environment).

Bremer Bank Eagan Scholarship - \$500



Luke Thoresen

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Playing on the Eagan High School Football team during my freshman

year. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Tennessee, Chattanooga - Secondary Education **Favorite school subject:** World History - as an aspiring social studies/history teacher, my World History course illustrated how to present world events within a context, which can further a general understanding or a specific agenda. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Selling my clothing creations online - My keen interest in high-end fashion, combined with a limited budget, led me to experiment with my own creations of luxury-inspired and Japanese-influenced pieces. **Little known fact:** Before my 17th birthday, I had earned enough money through part-time jobs and disciplined

spending to purchase my own car for \$8,500, which provides both greater freedom and responsibility.

Carter S. Weber Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000



Catalina Decker

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Making it to State for Cross Country. Also, spending time with my

friends. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire - Neuroscience and Pre-Medicine **Favorite school subject:** Science courses - even if these classes often cause some stress, I enjoy learning the complicated 'why' behind things that, on the surface, seem so simple. Science is interesting as the more you learn, the more questions arise. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Running, hiking, rollerblading, hockey, playing the French horn, reading, and spending time with friends. **Little known fact:** I often learn a lot about one subject for no apparent reason. For example, I learned Morse code in one day just 'for fun' and another day I taught myself about half of the bones in the human body.

Carter S. Weber Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000



Nicholas Krahn

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Attending high school pep fests. **College choice/Course of study:**

University of St. Thomas - Business **Favorite school subject:** Physics - I enjoy the interesting subject matter and how it shows up in daily life. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Besides playing soccer, hockey, and football, I like to travel, read, play video games with my friends, and go to sporting events. **Little known fact:** I have considered being a podiatrist because of so many toe issues/surgeries.

Carter S. Weber Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000



Parker Jensen

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Being a part of the Pit/Student section during all of the Eagan High

School football games. **College choice/Course of study:** South Dakota State University - Undecided **Favorite school subject:** Science - it is very interesting. I liked the hands on labs we did in class. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Hockey, soccer, golf, camping, fishing, and boating. **Little known fact:** I loved building LEGOs as a kid.

College Expert - \$2,000



Tarun Kota

Eastview High School

College choice/Course

of study: Yale University - Astrophysics and Education

Favorite school subject:

History - even though I plan on pursuing a field in STEM in the future, I believe understanding the mistakes of our ancestors is a necessary component for social progress. Plus, I love thinking about all the different alternative history timelines! **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing fantasy football, stargazing (with friends and family), watching rom-coms, and listening to music (preferably Hip-Hop or R&B). **Little known fact:** I have a twin sister. Although we have a few similar interests, we are mostly completely different from each other. In fact, we have completely opposite personality traits.

Dakota Electric Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Audrey Schwartz

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: After a long rehearsal for Les Miserables, the cast and I walked

outside and found eight inches of snow. We started cleaning off our cars, but soon a huge snowball fight erupted. This

was in the midst of the pandemic and it was the first time in months something had felt completely normal and free.

College choice/Course of study: Carleton College - Computer Science **Favorite school subject:** Choir - at this point, it's less of a class and more of a family. Music has been a part of me my whole life and choir has created a space where I can meet people who are just like me and who are completely different. No matter what differences we have, we are all united through song. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Singing, baking, reading, playing piano, biking, and going on walks with my dog. **Little known fact:** One of my pinky fingers is shorter than the other as a result of a fifth grade kickball incident.

Dakota Electric Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Cole Lorentz

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Playing in the intramural basketball championship in 10th grade.

College choice/Course of study: Dakota County Technical College - Welding/Automotive **Favorite school subject:** Psychology - I get to learn about how the brain works and why people do what they do. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Working on cars, playing basketball and golf. **Little known fact:** I have a piece of a colored pencil stuck in my finger.

Dakota Electric Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Evita Ekladius

Eagan High School

College choice/Course of study: Undecided - Biochemistry **Favorite school subject:** Art - I love learning

about art history and how ancient art has influenced society today. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Painting, cooking, and playing guitar. **Little known fact:** I swam with whales back when I lived in the Caribbean.

Dakota Electric Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Hannah Maccarone

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: When the Eagan Gymnastics team won sections and made it to

the state tournament for the first time in school history. I was so proud to see our team's hard work and dedication throughout the season pay off. **College choice/Course of study:** Dartmouth College - Psychology **Favorite school subject:** Biology - I find living organisms fascinating. The complexity of life is astounding and there are endless paths to take when learning about biology. I love learning about how the world around me (including myself) functions. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Piano, gymnastics, pole vaulting, climbing human pyramids on water at 30 mph, water skiing on one foot while holding the rope with my other foot, barefoot water skiing, and cooking. **Little known fact:** I have been to seven countries.

Dakota Electric Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Mary Prinske

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Joining debate and becoming involved in Eagan High School's Women's Empowerment Club. **College choice/**

Course of study: Dunwoody College of Technology - Welding & Metal Fabrication **Favorite school subject:** Welding and Construction - I have learned useful skills, and I like working with my hands. Plus, the people are interesting. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Reading, singing, building, and designing miniature houses. **Little known fact:** Someday I want to buy and refurbish a van and drive across the United States.

Dakota Hills Middle School Parent Booster Club Scholarship - \$750



Kennedy Cardwell

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Showing school spirit at football games and playing with the Wind Ensemble to support our veterans. **College**

choice/Course of study: Undecided -

Biochemistry **Favorite school subject:** Science courses - I especially appreciated the labs that could incorporate the concepts we were learning into hands-on activities.

Talents and/or hobbies: Competing on a trampoline gymnastics team, skiing in the winter, spending time with my friends, family, and dog Frankie. **Little known fact:** My family has trained several service dogs.

Deerwood Elementary Booster Scholarship - \$500



Kyra Kusnierek

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Running in the MSHSL Cross Country State meet last fall. Even though we

didn't win or come close, it was my favorite moment because we showed what a team can accomplish together. **College choice/ Course of study:** Southwest Minnesota State University - Elementary Education **Favorite school subject:** Band - as I've grown up through the band program, my band directors have encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone in order to become a better musician and gain self-confidence that I had always been lacking. Band allows me to be myself and be with other people. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Cross country skiing, running, playing trumpet, embroidering and sewing, and listening to music non-stop every day.

Deerwood Elementary Booster Scholarship - \$500



Shreya Takkella

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: One Saturday morning sophomore year, my friends and I were in one

of the classrooms practicing before a speech tournament. We literally couldn't stop laughing at how nervous we were to compete and how super awkward we felt. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota - Carlson - Economics **Favorite school subject:** Economics - the pace and style of the class best fits the way that I learn. The more I learn, the more I'm able to connect to present day issues and understandings that are important. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Reading, watching the animated TED-Ed informational videos and Jubilee Middle Ground on YouTube, playing the piano,

playing tennis, and I recently taught myself how to crochet. **Little known fact:** I'm not a huge fan of peas and there honestly isn't a valid reason behind it.

Denise Sjoberg Real Estate Reaching Your Full Potential Scholarship - \$2,000



Stephon Boodoo

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: The day I sat down next to a new kid who was sitting all alone. I will

never forget the smile on his face - he didn't have friends yet and was really grateful. **College choice/Course of study:** Minnesota State University, Mankato - Criminal Justice **Favorite school subject:** English - I love writing and learning about the English language. The more words I have at my fingertips, and the more comfortable I am using them accurately in sentences, the easier it will be for me to communicate with others. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Running, writing, resilience, playing sports, and caring for others. **Little known fact:** I was adopted from Nassau, Bahamas at the age of six.

DESK Scholarship - \$2,000



Brendan Kelley

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: An overnight debate tournament I had in Duluth - I was able to spend

a lot of time with my friends. To top it off, all of us performed very well at the tournament. **College choice/Course of study:** University of St. Thomas - Business **Favorite school subject:** History - I can connect it to current events and the world around me. Another thing I like is that I can see how one seemingly small thing caused a much larger event to happen. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Debate, filming for Eagan AM, and going out to eat with my friends. **Little known fact:** I am left-handed.

Donald and Karen DeGenaro Scholarship - \$1,000



Abigail Rajala

School of Environmental Studies

Favorite high school

memory: Attending the football games - nothing

compares to the energy and the school spirit in the air. Plus, I love singing the school songs and chants! **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison - Environmental Sciences **Favorite school subject:** Science - I always found it really interesting and it came easy to me! I love learning about anything science related, and taking science classes in school is what made me realize my passion for environmental science. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Anything outside - hiking, camping, gardening, kayaking, geocaching, you name it! I also love to read and as you can imagine - I'm in heaven when I read while outside. **Little known fact:** 90% of my closet is thrifted or hand me downs.

Dunn Brothers Scholarship - \$750



Charlie Specht

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: When I bought my first truck. It was old, rusty, and very loud but it

meant everything to me. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota - Finance **Favorite school subject:** Courses like Accounting, Business Fundamentals, Economics, and Personal Money Management - I love knowing about how money works and how the world uses it. I find the whole finance field quite interesting. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing basketball, riding snowmobiles, dirt bikes, and four wheelers, spending time at the beach, working on trucks and cars, investing, and hanging out with my buddies. **Little known fact:** I own two businesses. One is a lawn care company - I bought a truck, a trailer, and a tractor for the business. I mow about 10-12 residential lawns in the area over the summers. The other is an 'on the dock gas station'. I have a 50 gallon fuel cell on a trailer that I use to resell gas to boats.

EAA Baseball Scholarship - \$500



Ryan Danich

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Being a PIT Captain - encouraging others to show school spirit. Also,

sitting at the lunch table with my friends talking about stupid things that brought us joy. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Business **Favorite school subject:** Math - I spend the most time doing it. Calculus challenges me to think outside the box and push my brain to its full potential. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing baseball, working out, and being able to brighten other people's days.

Eagan Art Festival / Terry B. Davis Scholarship - \$1,500



Alexa Westmoreland

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Playing in the Eagan Varsity Marching Band, performing during

half times after a summer of prep was always so enjoyable. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Graphic Design and Business **Favorite school subject:** Graphic Design - it introduced me to computer design and furthered my interest in that type of career. It has helped me in my small business, Seon Marie Design, and given me more experience that I hope to expand upon in college. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Competing in Taekwondo and creating and selling my resin art creations at the Eagan Market Fest - jewelry, homegoods, paintings, and graphic designs. **Little known fact:** I am a 1st degree Black Belt in Taekwondo - I travel all over the United States for competitions. My favorite event is combat sparring.

Eagan Art Festival / Terry B. Davis Scholarship - \$1,500



Cassie Sievright

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Attending the world championships for robotics in 9th grade. I

had so many great experiences and was able to become really close with my teammates. I loved being able to meet and talk with other people from around the world too. **College choice/**

Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee - Business and Film **Favorite school subject:** Social Studies classes - every single one of them was fun and interesting in their own way. The teachers were all amazing as well. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Reading books, baking different confections, and listening to music. **Little known fact:** I was a world champion in one of my activities.

Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship - \$3,000



London Anderson

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Winning sections in 2020 for soccer. It was so fun winning for Eagan and

having our school behind us. **College choice/Course of study:** Minnesota State University, Mankato - Psychology **Favorite school subject:** Criminology - the content and the depth we went into discussing the psychology behind the actions of those who made different decisions. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing soccer and different instruments. I taught myself how to play the piano and guitar by looking up different chords and putting them together. **Little known fact:** My family is a blended family, meaning I have two half-siblings.

Eagan Community Foundation Hope Scholarship - \$1,000



Sydney Olson

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: When our football team won a game, because we typically didn't win. The

whole crowd went crazy and the energy was unforgettable. **College choice/Course of study:** Iowa State University - Graphic Design/Marketing **Favorite school subject:** Science classes - my favorite in particular was chemistry because I liked learning about genetics and chemical formulas. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Competitive dance, hanging out with friends and family, and going to a pool or beach on vacation.

Eagan Dance Team Booster Club Scholarship - \$1,500



Emma Moore

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Dancing at the first home football game after COVID and then cheering in

the PIT with my friends. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Duluth - Biochemistry **Favorite school subject:** Science - I am always being introduced to new ideas and concepts while being pushed far out of my comfort zone. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Dancing on the Eagan Dance Team and baton twirling. **Little known fact:** I have played eight sports competitively.

Eagan High School Band Boosters - Wildcat Musician Scholarship - \$1,000



Spencer Ainza

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Playing in Jazz 1 and having lots of great performances. **College**

choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Undecided **Favorite school subject:** Spanish - being able to learn and speak a second language is fun! **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing the drums, hanging out with friends, watching movies, biking, and traveling. **Little known fact:** I lived in Florida for nine years!

Eagan High School Band Boosters - Wildcat Musician Scholarship - \$1,000



Anna Schuller

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: An overnight trip I took with the cross country team. We got tattoos, albeit

temporary Paw Patrol tattoos. **College choice/Course of study:** Northwestern University - Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Math - I love the logic behind it as well as the satisfaction of finding the correct answer to a difficult problem. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing and listening to music, running, shopping, and playing with my two huskies. **Little known fact:** I'm a huge Harry Potter fan and I've read the whole series twice.

Eagan High School Band Boosters - Wildcat Musician Scholarship - \$1,000



Kayli Breen

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: The speech section tournament my junior year. Despite COVID,

we were so all together it almost felt normal. The excitement I felt for myself and my peers, when we made it to State, was unforgettable! **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Strategic Communication and Management **Favorite school subject:** Band - music has always been a lovely escape for me and it's something I'm so passionate about. I've been so fortunate to spend my high school career in a talented and welcoming band environment. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing the saxophone, baking, and I've recently taken up embroidery! **Little known fact:** My family is Jewish, but I love the commercial aspects of Christmas so much that it's become my favorite holiday!

Eagan High School Baseball Scholarship - \$750



David Eggleston

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Watching Eagan football make a late game stop to beat Burnsville.

College choice/Course of study: Undecided - Mechanical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Science - my science class has always been fun for me because of all the hands-on learning and it challenges me in a great way. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing sports, playing online, watching football, and hanging outside with friends. **Little known fact:** My favorite summer activity is playing spikeball.

Eagan High School Baseball Scholarship - Scholar Athlete - \$1,000



Mason Amann

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Being nominated as a PIT Captain and leading the student section at

football games **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Business **Favorite school subject:** Science classes - understanding the

inner workings of our physical world is astonishing to me. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing Frisbee and golf. I am confident, hard-working, diligent, inclusive, and sympathetic.

Eagan High School Boys Basketball Scholarship - \$1,000



Eric Foreman
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: The dodgeball tournaments and Homecoming freshman year

was a lot of fun. **College choice/Course of study:** Southern Methodist University - Mechanical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Math - numbers come naturally to me and I enjoy problem solving. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing basketball and pretty much any other sport with a little competition involved. I enjoy mental games as well - board games, Bananagrams, or puzzles. I'm good at picking up new activities quickly, whether it be a new card game, physical activity, or sport. **Little known fact:** I enjoy history, learning, and talking about it.

Eagan High School Boys Basketball Scholarship - \$1,000



Logan Schmidt
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: When our team upset Farmington on a game winning shot. Our

team upsetting them really showed me that what people say doesn't matter; you control your own fate. **College choice/Course of study:** Gustavus Adolphus - Biology **Favorite school subject:** Biology - it has just always clicked with me. I love breaking things down and seeing how they work. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Cooking and reading historical non-fiction. My talents are athletic activities, I have two older brothers so I've always been super competitive and sports are a great way to showcase that. **Little known fact:** I really like to cook! My parents are both very busy, so I often have to feed myself.

Eagan High School Boys Soccer Boosters Scholarship - \$750



Donald Thai
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Winning our first section game for soccer was very exciting. At the

end of the game, our team gathered in the middle of the stadium and screamed that this was our house. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison - Finance & Information Systems **Favorite school subject:** Economics - all of the content is extremely relatable to real life. I can apply my knowledge to current events and understand the meaning behind essential topics that affect our society every day. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Cooking, personal finance, traveling, playing soccer, and spending time with family. **Little known fact:** I have a chipmunk named GerbyJ. I always treat him like a real animal.

Eagan High School Boys Soccer Boosters Scholarship - \$750



Isaac Wodele
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Going to football games on Friday nights with my friends. Being

in the PIT with my classmates was an awesome experience. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Technology **Favorite school subject:** Math-based subjects - they involve straightforward problem solving and can be applied to the real world. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing goalkeeper for soccer, learning about technology, spending quality time with friends, playing games, refurbishing computers, and working out.

Eagan High School Faculty and Staff Scholarship - \$1,000



Mari Paulsen
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: In Developmental Psychology we teach 6th graders at Dakota Hills every

week and it has taken a while to get my group comfortable with sharing. I'll never forget the day my DP kids opened up to me and I had genuine conversations with them rather than asking for yes or no responses. **College choice/Course**

of study: Luther College - Elementary Education or Pre-Physical Therapy **Favorite school subject:** Developmental Psychology - I get to teach 6th graders at Dakota Hills every week. I've always had a passion for working with kids, and I have had an amazing experience working with the 6th graders and learning about what it takes to be a teacher. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Going for long runs in Lebanon Hills with my cross country teammates, playing my trombone in Eagan's jazz band, collecting coins, and learning about the history of pennies and other United States coins. **Little known fact:** I love to collect coins and learn about the history of coinage in the United States.

Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball Boosters Scholarship - \$1,000



Megan Dierberger
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: All of the sporting events - I love the high energy, that everyone is

together, the fun dress up themes and cheers. **College choice/Course of study:** Minnesota State University, Mankato **Favorite school subject:** Criminology - I love learning about the brain and why people act based on different things in their brain. I also love learning about how people are able to piece together all of the parts of a crime. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Working out, fishing, hunting, hiking, and spending time on the lake. I have strong leadership and organizational skills. **Little known fact:** I drive a stick shift car!

Eagan High School Football Boosters Scholarship - \$1,000



Alex Rodman
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Making the game winning field goal for the football team. **College**

choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Duluth - Marketing and graphic design **Favorite school subject:** Physics - it makes math fun. It amazes me and every unit seems to be more interesting for me. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Kicking, fishing, volleyball, and spending time with friends and loved ones. **Little known fact:** I've been to all the national parks in the lower 48 states.

Eagan High School Football Boosters Scholarship - \$1,000



Colton Leonard

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Hanging out with my friends and participating in school sports. **College**

choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Pre-Medicine

Favorite school subject: Medical and Health Care - it gave me good insight to what I want to do in the future. **Talents**

and/or hobbies: Football, wrestling, and shot put. I love to golf, enjoy weight lifting, and play piano. **Little known fact:** I am a godfather.

Eagan High School Football Boosters Scholarship - \$1,000



Derek Dorsey

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Getting voted by my track coaches to be the official team captain for

the next season. It was such an honor to me because it was my first year running track in high school, and I didn't realize the impact I had on the team. **College**

choice/Course of study: Concordia College, Moorhead - Chemistry **Favorite school subject:** Chemistry - I enjoyed

the experiments and really like learning about the countless chemical reactions that affect our daily lives. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Football, running track, playing basketball with my friends, learning about American wars, and reading autobiographies. **Little known fact:** I was a varsity starter for the football team my very first year playing (junior year) and then I was voted by my teammates as captain for my senior year.

Eagan High School Football Boosters Scholarship - \$1,000



Emma Kipp

School of Environmental Studies

Favorite high school

memory: Performing in our guy - girl dance during the

homecoming pep fest - it was really fun to see my teammates in a less stressful environment making fools of themselves. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee - Film **Favorite school subject:** Music Production - I have

a really good connection with my teacher and music production goes hand in hand with film, which is what I will be studying in college. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Football, dance, ultimate Frisbee, snowboarding, making coffee, guitar, piano, traveling, painting. **Little known fact:** I can ride a unicycle.

Eagan High School Football Boosters Scholarship - \$1,000



Stella Qualick

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Homecoming my senior year with all my friends! **College choice/**

Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Madison - Pre-Pharmacy **Favorite school subject:** Science! I love working with my hands and learning how the natural world

functions. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I love to travel and play volleyball in my free time. **Little known fact:** My mom and I share the same birthday - Groundhog's Day!

Eagan High School Girls Basketball Scholarship - \$500



Brooke Morin

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: My team trip to Bemidji, Minnesota for basketball - I love my

teammates and it was a phenomenal experience to participate in and be loved by such a close family of girls for four years of my life. **College choice/**

Course of study: University of St. Thomas- Undecided **Favorite school subject:**

Spanish - I love how rewarding it is to be able to understand, comprehend and converse with other people from various backgrounds. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing all sports but basketball is definitely my favorite. I also love spending time with my family, friends, and being outside or traveling. **Little known fact:** I love to travel. My sister and I are traveling alone to all 50 states before I turn 25. We have almost completed 1/5 of our adventures.

Eagan High School Girls Basketball Scholarship - \$500



Lauren OBrien

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Playing varsity sports with my best friends - I have built so many

strong bonds and connections with my teammates and consider them family. **College choice/Course of study:** University of St. Thomas - Business/Marketing

Favorite school subject: Yearbook - this year I have taken a leadership role and it is a great honor to be a part of a project that

impacts our entire school, making sure to include everyone. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Downhill and cross-country skiing in the

winter and water skiing in the summer with family and friends. **Little known fact:** I hope to study abroad in Australia during

my time in college. It has been a dream of mine for many years. I am interested in meeting new people and exploring a different environment.

Eagan High School Girls Cross Country Scholarship - \$750



Emily Schoeberl

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Beating Apple Valley in the section semifinals my sophomore

year in hockey. **College choice/Course of study:** Augsburg University - Exercise Science **Favorite school subject:**

Science - I've always liked the logical thinking you have to apply to it, the real world implications it has, and how

you're able to learn hands-on in labs and demonstrations. **Talents and/or hobbies:**

Hanging out with my friends, traveling, playing hockey, running, and spending time with my family. **Little known fact:** I've never eaten sushi.

Eagan High School Girls Soccer Scholarship - \$500



Lauren Rocheford

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Winning the Section AA soccer tournament in 2020 - we

started the season in quarantine and were already set back due to COVID. We played Rosemount, the #3 ranked team in the state. We believed in each other and succeeded. **College choice/Course**

of study: Gustavus Adolphus College - Statistics **Favorite school subject:** Math - although it isn't always the easiest subject for me, I enjoy a challenge. I also like the satisfaction after solving a hard problem. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I love all things sports - soccer, figure skating, track, golf, and skiing. I also spend a lot of my time at the gym and at my younger brother's baseball games. **Little known fact:** I really enjoy watching baseball and am a huge Twins fan!

Eagan High School Girls Soccer Scholarship - \$500



Natalie Ward

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: My ultimate Frisbee team competing in the conference final on

the last day of school - it was a very tight game but we took a late lead and left with a big trophy. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse - Biochemistry **Favorite school subject:** Science - in a time of such uncertainty as today, with pandemics, world wars, and more, science is a backbone for me as it has less uncertainties. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I played the piano for eight years. I also love to be active with my friends whether that is a random football scrimmage or just getting together to kick a soccer ball or throw a Frisbee. **Little known fact:** My favorite animal is a giraffe because I'm so short.

Eagan High School Girls Soccer Scholarship - \$500



Olivia Noll

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Having pasta with the Congressional Debate team during practice.

College choice/Course of study: Purdue University - Political Science **Favorite school subject:** History - it's interesting to look at the past and apply it to today. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I like to read, play soccer, listen to music, knit, sew, and hang out with my friends. **Little known fact:** I work at a medical clinic and have to speak Spanish with some of our patients.

Eagan High School Swim & Dive Boosters Scholarship - \$1,000



Jackson Kehler

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: The section meet during my sophomore year - we were down by one point

going into the final relay. We ended up winning the relay and winning sections. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Utah - Business Administration **Favorite school subject:** Band - I really like the teachers because they make the subject really fun and it challenges me every day. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Swimming, biking, fishing, and hanging out with my friends. **Little known fact:** I am the oldest of 5 children.

Eagan High School Track Boosters Scholarship - \$665



Aaron Castle

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Running in the final section race for cross country - it was a really

nasty day but my teammates and I all pushed through and gave it everything we had. I had essentially trained for this since I started cross country in 6th grade. **College choice/Course of study:** University Of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Computer Science **Favorite school subject:** Math - I love working with numbers and especially with calculus, everything is starting to relate together and all make sense. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Running, exercising, being outside, playing basketball, fencing, playing video games, cooking, and doing puzzles. **Little known fact:** I do fencing!

Eagan High School Track Boosters Scholarship - \$665



Catrina Pereda

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Performing with Grace Kelly in the spring of 2021. **College choice/Course**

of study: Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis - Neuroscience and Psychology **Favorite school subject:** Language Arts courses - they challenge my thinking in a way that STEM classes don't. They force me to check my biases and draw evidence from the text and use my experiences to draw conclusions.

Talents and/or hobbies: Crocheting, reading, music, embroidery, writing, and listening to podcasts. **Little known fact:** The alarm I wake up to is set to 'Amazing Grace' performed on the bagpipes.

Eagan High School Track Boosters Scholarship - \$665



Nina Mirfakhraie

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Qualifying to the National Tournament with my debate partner,

Hari Goku - we won the final qualifying round, looked at each other, and just screamed. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Chemical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Chemistry - I like how interesting the relationships between atoms are. Chemistry is both fascinating and important. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing the flute, reading (especially horror), baking, and knitting. **Little known fact:** How to pronounce my last name.

Eagan High School Volleyball Boosters Scholarship - \$1,000



Emma Berran

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Going to prom with all my friends and having a super fun time!

College choice/Course of study: St. Cloud State University - Mechanical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Science - most of the classes are hands-on and I get to problem solve a lot. Measuring numbers and recording data to put into formulas or figure out real-world problems is one of my favorite things to do in school. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Volleyball, hiking, water skiing, reading, writing songs/poems, gardening, organizing, tutoring, playing board games, traveling, and baking. **Little known fact:** I play the ukulele.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Alex Lachenmayer

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Being on the football team my junior year when we beat Eastview. It

was the program's first win since I was in 8th grade, so it was a very special memory for my teammates and I knowing we finally brought a win back to our

school. **College choice/Course of study:** Undecided - Engineering or Architecture Design **Favorite school subject:** Math - it has always come pretty easy to me, and with the understanding of the subject, I have been able to enjoy solving problems and trying to figure out the problems that challenge me. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Fishing, water skiing and tubing, golfing, watching movies and TV shows, and spending time with my friends. My talents include athleticism, intelligence, dedication, leadership, loyalty, and determination. **Little known fact:** I really enjoy cooking. I like to find different recipes online that I can make for fun at home for my family to enjoy.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Ashleigh Bronwell

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: During freshman and sophomore year, my friends and I would get to

school early and sit in a classroom. We'd draw, play a game, or just sit and talk until class started. Looking back at it now, it set up for a really good day, because I would always start it on a positive note. **College choice/Course of study:** Rowan University- Early Childhood Education **Favorite school subject:** Choir - it's not one of the core subjects but it has always been a place where I can express my feelings in a positive way. It's something that I look forward to every day. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Singing, working out, hanging out with friends, and throwing for track. **Little known fact:** I have been to almost all 50 states! I'm just missing Alaska and Hawaii.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Cecelia Berger

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: All of the football games, especially the two games we won this season-

I've never felt so much adrenaline run through my body. Afterward, meeting up with your friends to get food and reminisce on your school spirit! **College choice/Course of study:** University of Nebraska, Lincoln **Favorite school subject:** Art - I enjoy expressing myself through pictures or paintings. Although I'm not super talented, it's an enjoyable subject that I have made into a hobby.

Talents and/or hobbies: Weightlifting, design, creativity, hammocking, fishing, leadership, mental toughness, optimistic, care for others before myself. **Little known fact:** My family comes from the southern states, so I was raised upon southern tradition and love southern food as well!

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Dylan Wedward

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Scoring the game winning goal my sophomore year in the first

round of sections for my hockey team - we won 1-0. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Mathematics or Mechanical Engineering following a gap year for hockey **Favorite school subject:** Algebra/Math - there are no ifs, ands, or buts. Everything has an exact answer. 2+2 always equal 4. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I have a unique ability to hear a song and then learn how to play it by ear on my saxophone in minutes. I also like to disc golf in the summer. **Little known fact:** When I did track between kindergarten to 8th grade, I got first place on the running long jump every single year except for 1 year.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Ella Eklund

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Being the drum major and conducting the marching band at

the Tackle Cancer game. Later on our football team won at home for the first time in years and I got to be a part of the PIT! **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison - Biomedical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Science - I love learning about the world around us and how it impacts us. Science holds most of the answers to life and to me is the most interesting subject. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing hockey, pickleball, reading, watching movies, and listening to music. My talents are baking, breakdancing, and skating. **Little known fact:** I unknowingly swam with sharks once!

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Maxim Brecheisen

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Playing on the Eagan Hockey Varsity team - I was able to get to know my friends better off

the ice and also had a great time skating and enjoying the game of hockey with them on the ice. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Northwestern, St. Paul - Civil Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Math - it can actually be fun to figure out how to solve the problems, sort of like a puzzle. I have also had wonderful teachers that made it easier for me to understand the subject. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing hockey, fishing, playing other sports, and playing video games. **Little known fact:** I have participated in international hockey tournaments.

Eagan Kick Start Rotary Scholarship - \$1,000



David Proebstle

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Pep rallies - they were so exciting and the environment was memorable. **College**

choice/Course of study: University of Northwestern, St. Paul - Computer Science **Favorite school subject:** Math - it makes sense. Math is logical and I am a logically thinking person. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Bowling, tennis, coding, math, and gaming. **Little known fact:** I love sound and music production.

Eagan Kick Start Rotary Scholarship - \$1,000



Paige Armitage

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Football games, especially the first game that I attended this year against Park High School.

After spending time away from everyone at home, it was so exciting to be back in such an enjoyable atmosphere again. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison **Favorite school subject:** Spanish - I love learning about new things and especially things beyond my own world. We also just have a lot of fun in that class talking and doing activities. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Shopping, playing with my dogs, adventuring out with my

friends to find new places, volleyball, traveling, and playing games with my family. **Little known fact:** I have traveled to China twice!

Eagan Lions Club - Lowell Danner Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000



Esther Henk

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Sophomore homecoming - my friends and I all wore spooky outfits

and had a giant sleepover. My friend and I had an ongoing bit where we'd ask each other out for dances and I had prepared a melody for her. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point - Theater **Favorite school subject:** Math - I've always had a knack for it. Give me a formula and some numbers, and I can get you results. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I'm an art nerd - visual and performance! I do digital art and adore every aspect of theatre. **Little known fact:** I'm extremely good at figuring out surprises (though I always act surprised). Folks love it when they think they've surprised you with an amazing gift.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Gabrielle Bierly

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Participating in the Annual Student and Staff Dodgeball Tournament - no

matter what the outcome of our games were, we would be laughing and making connections with other students and staff. **College choice/Course of study:** Undecided **Favorite school subject:** Criminology - I've been able to study how the mind works and how society influences addictions and crime through social injustices, poverty, discrimination, and opportunity gaps. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Reading, playing softball, playing the oboe, and traveling. **Little known fact:** I have two guinea pigs, Alfred and Rudolph.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Isabella Bukraba

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Playing lacrosse throughout high school has definitely been one of

the best experiences of my life - we've had our ups and downs, but I learned and made relationships through it all. I wouldn't change it for the world. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Concordia, St. Paul - Undecided **Favorite school subject:** English - I love having group discussions about what we've read, sharing ideas, and learning from my peers. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I love to play lacrosse, read, write, and sing. **Little known fact:** I can wiggle my ears.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Jeremy Grecula

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: My 1st pep fest - there was music, band performances, activities and

comedy. Overall, it was a very unique experience for me. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Sports Management **Favorite school subject:** Economics - my teacher is very kind and energetic. The learning material is easy to understand as well as interesting. I find this class very helpful for my future. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Basketball, band, cooking, being outside, and meeting new people. I enjoy watching educational videos about ancient cultures and civilizations. I'm talented at various different sports, adaptable, and creative. I'm also a good dancer and participated in cultural dance groups. **Little known fact:** I've had over five different surgeries on my ears.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Kyra Lopez

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Participating in the 'Amazing Race' at Eagan my freshmen year - it was

really fun and chaotic at the same time. Something I'll never forget. **College choice/Course of study:** University of California, Irvine - Business Administration **Favorite school subject:** Economics

or (US) History - I really enjoy learning about how the economy works and how much the past has impacted our present life. I think history is a guide to avoid past mistakes. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Podcasting and blogging. I have a blog and podcast called Ky's Cafe and it is one of my favorite ways to pass time! **Little known fact:** I used to play chess all the time and was super good back in the day when I would play with my grandpa.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Lily Eisele

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Getting to spend my senior year of high school with my younger

brother, at the same school for the first time. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire - Kinesiology **Favorite school subject:** Social Studies - I love learning about the ins and outs of politics and government, along with history and the judicial system. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing hockey, photography, water skiing, and watching movies or Wild games with my family. **Little known fact:** I've had the first 25 digits of pi memorized since I was 14, for absolutely no reason.

Flint Hills Resources Discovery Scholarship - \$2,500



Katherine Miller

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Giving a presentation about DHH (deaf and hard of hearing)

accessibility and microphones in the classroom to the EHS faculty halfway through sophomore year - that was the most stressful day of my life (even more so than any midterm or final), but also by far the most rewarding! **College choice/Course of study:** Rochester Institute of Technology - Chemistry **Favorite school subject:** Chemistry - on the first day of the class, my teacher set his desk on fire. I have aspired to be that cool ever since. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I have danced for the past 15 years, and am a 1st degree black belt in Taekwondo. I also love playing the violin and arranging/composing music, as well as creating digital art. **Little known fact:** I am a hard of hearing violinist! It was difficult to adjust to (because the instrument is held on my bad side), but I manage.

Flint Hills Resources Discovery Scholarship - \$2,500



Kaylee Dehncke

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Having a barbecue for the track and field throwers, NJ grilled hot

dogs for us. **College choice/Course of**

study: University of Colorado, Boulder-

Computer Science **Favorite school**

subject: Math - I like to solve problems.

I enjoy the satisfaction that comes with

solving a difficult problem. **Talents and/**

or hobbies: Playing volleyball, throwing

shot put and discus, as well as horseback

riding. **Little known fact:** I have two

chipped teeth.

Friends of Wescott Library Scholarship - \$1,000



Lottie Peterson

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: The many times

I played board games and

went out to eat with my

friends! **College choice/Course of study:**

Iowa State University - Computer Science

Favorite school subject: Math - I enjoy the

problem solving and systematic approach

it requires. **Talents and/or hobbies:**

Crocheting, bookbinding, robotics,

origami, watercolor painting, ultimate

Frisbee, singing, Dungeons and Dragons,

and playing board games. **Little known**

fact: I have done a couple special edition

book binding commissions for a local

memoir author.

Friends of Wescott Library Scholarship - \$1,000



Sana Tahir

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Walking back

into school as a senior after

being virtual for almost 2

years - I have been able to appreciate

and enjoy this experience so much more!

College choice/Course of study: University

of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Marketing

Favorite school subject: Psychology - I

enjoy learning the complexity of the

human mind. Not only has it helped

me better understand myself but is also

applicable to every aspect of life. **Talents**

and/or hobbies: Reading, designing

clothes, and running. **Little known fact:**

When I was little my dream job was to be

Clifford the Big Red Dog.

George Behnke Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000



Allen Gong

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Winning section

finals in singles for tennis

last year. **College choice/**

Course of study: Johns Hopkins

University- Computer Science **Favorite**

school subject: Computer Science - it's

a unique class that I really enjoyed taking

my junior year, and it's why I chose that

as my intended major. **Talents and/or**

hobbies: Tennis, playing piano, watching

TV shows, and volunteering. **Little known**

fact: When I lived in Thailand, I traveled to

a place called Chiang Mai where I rode an

elephant and an ox.

George Behnke Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000



Emily Maruska

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Spending time

preparing for and playing

in a D&D game that was

run by Mr. Brook at Board Game Club.

College choice/Course of study: Iowa

State - Computer Science **Favorite school**

subject: Math - I enjoy learning about

the different ways to solve problems

and enjoy the black and white nature

of the answers. **Talents and/or hobbies:**

Drawing, painting, creative writing,

learning about fantasy worlds, playing

D&D, and board games. **Little known fact:**

I was a competitive swimmer for 10 years.

Glacier Hills Elementary Site Council Scholarship - \$500



Kalina Montesinos

School of
Environmental Studies

Favorite high school

memory: When me and

my friends went fishing in

the rain for school - one of my friends

slipped and got mud all over her and we

all got soaking wet by the end of it, but

we were having fun the whole time. I was

able to catch two fish as well, so it was a

successful day. **College choice/Course**

of study: University of Minnesota, Twin

Cities - Nursing **Favorite school subject:**

Photography - I like learning about the

different techniques, ways to photograph

people and objects, and seeing how

people express themselves through

photography. The class is always so

relaxing and fun. **Talents and/or hobbies:**

Reading, going outside, exploring,

traveling, soccer, stargazing, spending

time with my dog, and watching movies.

Little known fact: I have always wanted to

go to space. Being able to see the stars

firsthand and know what zero gravity feels

like has always been my biggest dream.

Gopher Resource, LLC Scholarship - \$1,500



Jordan Sundheim

Eastview High School

Favorite high school

memory: Traveling to my

best friend's cabin on the

Minnesota and Wisconsin

border. We fished the Mississippi River

and caught several species of fish. It

was the first time my group of friends

were away from home together. **College**

choice/Course of study: University of

Missouri - College of Agriculture, Food,

and Natural Resources **Favorite school**

subject: History - I love to hear about the

past, especially of America. **Talents and/**

or hobbies: Playing guitar. My biggest

hobby is fishing. It doesn't matter if I am

open water fishing or ice fishing - I love it

all. **Little known fact:** I love to cook and

grill. Sometimes I will go out and catch a

fish and then clean and cook it.

Gopher Resource, LLC Scholarship - \$1,500



Timothy Tu

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Debate on the

weekends with my friends.

College choice/Course of

study: University of Minnesota - Computer

Science **Favorite school subject:**

Computer Science - it is fun to make

different apps, games, and whatever I

want. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Cooking,

clarinet, powerlifting, and reading. **Little**

known fact: Even though I complain

about the cold, I still quite like it deep

down.

Harper Family Scholarship - \$2,000



Ellery Bartels

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Going out to dinner with my friends after football games. **College**

choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Madison - Biology **Favorite school subject:** Biology - I find life incredibly interesting and want to learn as much as I can, which would explain my desire to become a doctor. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Soccer, speech, reading, lifting weights, hanging out with my friends, running, hiking, and exploring new places. **Little known fact:** I have a collection of over 40 snow globes from across the world.

Hunter Vernon Carlson Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000



Alexandria Jensen

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Getting ready for dances with friends was always so much fun! **College**

choice/Course of study: Normandale Community College - Nursing **Favorite school subject:** Hospitality Management - it's a fun, unique class where I've got to make new friends and really just be creative. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Video games, baking, and watching my favorite TV shows. **Little known fact:** I was born at midnight and my mom got to pick my birthday.

Hunter Vernon Carlson Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000



Ava Stejskal

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: My EMT and Police class offered through Rosemount High School. I

met some really great friends in class and it solidified my love for helping people. **College choice/Course of study:** St. Cloud Technical and Community College - Paramedicine **Favorite school subject:** Wood shop classes - I love building things and the teachers are amazing. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Cheerleading - I have been on the Eagan cheer team for three seasons and I love cheering both competitively and for our football team.

Little known fact: I enjoy riding dirt bikes with my family. My uncle has been into dirt bikes his whole life and my sister and I love riding around our uncle's yard and on dirt tracks.

Kelton Vavrosky Memorial EHS Boys Cross Country Scholarship - \$1,000



Arlan Hegenbarth

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Running Ragnar, a 200 mile overnight relay race, with my high school

cross country team. The experience of racing through rural Minnesota at 4 am is something I will never forget. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota - Data Science **Favorite school subject:** Mathematics - I like to use numbers to analyze information and tell a story. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Exploring outdoors, canoeing, biking, playing and arranging music. **Little known fact:** I know how to drive and control a dogsled team.

Kirsebom Wisdom Scholarship - \$1,500



Flynn Gray

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Acting in the play "She Kills Monsters" in ninth-grade. As part of our

prep for state, we performed for English classes every hour for one exhausting day at school. **College choice/Course of study:** American University - International Relations **Favorite school subject:** AP Portfolio - it has been incredible. I'm surrounded by like-minded folks and it has given me the time and the space to develop my artistic skills. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Painting using neon colors, reading, sewing my own clothes, and making maps of Eagan from memory. **Little known fact:** My favorite book is "Out of My Mind" by Sharon Draper. I've read it forty-two times and memorized the first and last chapters.

Kirsebom Wisdom Scholarship - \$1,500



Lee Mbiyu

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: This year's dodgeball tournament - I participated with some of my closest friends and although we didn't win, we had an amazing time. **College choice/**

Course of study: Arizona State University **Favorite school subject:** Psychology and Music Production. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Music production. **Little known fact:** I am an immigrant from Kenya and moved to Minnesota when I was 11 years old.

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000



David Naranjo

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: The sole football game I went to confirmed that I loved being with

my friends and had no interest at all in football. **College choice/Course of study:** Brown University - Biomedical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Art - it's a place to refine myself and show the world what I see, as well as just fun and peaceful. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Fencing, drawing, playing piano, learning languages, listening to music, playing video games, listening to long form videos about obscure topics. **Little known fact:** One summer day I went out on a short bike ride to explore Eagan and ended up at the Mall of America. At one point I realized what I was doing, but just kept on going for the sake of exploration.

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000



Greta Hackenmueller

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: All the late night Perkins trips with my friends after football and soccer

games. **College choice/Course of study:** Undecided **Favorite school subject:** History - I enjoy learning about the past and its effect on the present. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Photography, videography, traveling, soccer, and hiking. **Little known fact:** I love music and going to concerts.

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000



Yanet Elias

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: My first day as a freshman - I got to meet a lot of new people and build friendships with a few upperclassmen.

College choice/Course of study: University of St. Thomas - Nursing **Favorite school subject:** English - I enjoy writing, especially if it is something I have a

passion for. I've loved writing for as long as I can remember. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Baking things like cookies and brownies, interior design, and watching home remodeling shows on TV. **Little known fact:** I like to play the piano. I enjoy learning and playing new songs that I hear.

M & E Engineering Scholarship - \$750



Avika Fleury
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Doing the Amazing Race one year - it was so fun to run around, play games, and compete. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Psychology or Journalism **Favorite school subject:** Developmental Psychology - I've always found it interesting to learn about the human brain and its development throughout life. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Photography, biking, reading, listening or playing music, volunteering at puppy rescues, and babysitting. **Little known fact:** I love to paint rooms.

M & E Engineering Scholarship - \$750



Peter Vasterling
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Performing for band concerts my senior year. I finally felt like I had reached a performance level that I could be truly proud of. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison - Engineering Physics **Favorite school subject:** Science - especially physics class senior year. I love testing and creating new ideas. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing trumpet and doing creative activities. **Little known fact:** I played cello in elementary school and in the future I hope to play the instrument again.

Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission" Scholarship - \$750



Ankitha Ajay
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Going to the pep-fests. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Computer Science or Engineering **Favorite school**

subject: Mathematics - I enjoy working with numbers and I pick up on new concepts very easily. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Baking. **Little known fact:** I'm bilingual.

Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission" Scholarship - \$750



Maren Sundberg
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Playing volleyball, because of all the relationships made while playing. It's like a built in support system. **College choice/Course of study:** Gustavus Adolphus College - Undecided **Favorite school subject:** Math or science - each problem is like a puzzle and it can be fun to work through. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Volleyball, track, skiing, wakeboarding, waterskiing, cooking, fashion. **Little known fact:** I did gymnastics for 9 years and also lived in Connecticut for one year.

Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission" Scholarship - \$750



Simara Amador
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Competing in the volleyball state championship match freshman year. I had dreamed about that moment and it is something that I will never forget. **College choice/Course of study:** South Dakota State University - Exercise Science and Sports Management **Favorite school subject:** History - it fascinates me to learn about how our world came to be and about the past so that we don't repeat the same mistakes. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Volleyball - I've been playing for over 11 years and it's my first love. Every time I step out onto the court I'm home. **Little known fact:** I have a military family and have witnessed first hand what sacrificing your life for your country truly means.

Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500



Avery Barthel
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Student Ambassadors Club - introducing new students into school as well as creating a comforting and welcoming environment

has strengthened my connection to my school as a whole. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Aberdeen - History **Favorite school subject:** Social Studies - I find it fascinating to recognize how past civilizations, cultures, and institutions have molded the stepping stones for new societies to flourish. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Baking, reading, and spending time with my grandmother. Over the past year, we have researched our family tree back to the year 1011. **Little known fact:** I have never thrown away a greeting card that I have received from someone. I like to look back on the cards and remember the little moments of joy.

Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500



Istahil Jama
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: During my sophomore year my friends and I went to Sadie's. We piled into a car and listened to our favorite throwbacks while talking and laughing. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Chicago - Comparative Human Development **Favorite school subject:** Art - the EHS art department has some of the most encouraging and friendly people I have met here. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Drawing, painting, reading, henna, writing. **Little known fact:** I design and apply henna for friends and family during Eid.

Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500



Rachel Wilson
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: During my freshman year, my friends and I really had fun on a school pride event: "The Amazing Race". We didn't win, but each year we always tried! **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison - Chemistry **Favorite school subject:** CIS (College in School) Spanish - we apply our language skills in conversations about Spanish-speaking countries, their culture and history. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Band, marimba, shopping, crafting jewelry, fashion projects. **Little known fact:** When I was adopted from China, I spoke fluent Mandarin. In pre-school, I only knew Chinese, so I learned English through immersion.

Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500



Rina Aschemann

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory:

My senior year cross country banquet - the team has become my

second family over these last four years and cross country will always be special to me. **College choice/Course of study:**

Undecided - Psychology **Favorite school subject:**

Social studies classes - I love learning about people and how we have grown as individuals and as a society. **Talents and/or hobbies:**

Running, reading and writing. **Little known fact:** I love both reading and writing poetry. I find it is an easy outlet for me to express myself.

Minnwest Bank Scholarship - \$1,000



Annalise Rasmussen

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory:

Attending the Eagan High School football games with my friends and

supporting my school. **College choice/Course of study:**

University of St. Thomas - Undecided **Favorite school subject:**

Math - I have always felt successful in that class and I hope to have a career in accounting in the future. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Art, building projects, traveling, soccer. **Little known fact:** I won the Paul McGovern Sportsmanship Award.

Minnwest Bank Scholarship - \$1,000



Kathryn Wong

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory:

Working with students to create the vegetable giving garden. It

was a super successful first season and we ended up donating 200 pounds of produce. **College choice/Course of study:**

University of Wisconsin, Madison - Finance **Favorite school subject:**

Math - I love to work with numbers and figuring out the solution to a seemingly challenging problem is very rewarding. **Talents and/or hobbies:**

Gardening, playing piano and drums, hanging out with friends, traveling to my family in Hong Kong, spending time on the lake, drinking boba, and investing. **Little known fact:**

I love Star Wars so I learned how to do fast spins and tricks with a lightsaber pretty well.

O'Keefe Family Swim and Dive Scholarship - \$1,000



Julia Schowalter

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory:

All those times I felt the power and strength of my peers: when our music

swells together, when we all buzz with pre-tournament energy, all of the times I could only marvel at the moment's uniqueness. **College choice/Course of study:**

Undecided **Favorite school subject:**

Psychology - I've loved getting to explore the inner workings of our minds and the ways that they impact our interactions with the outside world. **Talents and/or hobbies:**

Exploring how things work, taking apart Roombas, diving into art restoration, spending time with friends, looking for the next great TV show, and devouring baked goods. **Little known fact:** I always felt weird after eating school tacos. I found out I'm allergic to cumin, not dry taco seasoning. I'm glad since "cumin" on allergy forms sounds a lot better than "dry taco seasoning".

Old National Bank Scholarship - \$1,000



Elliot Buslee

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory:

Celebrating with my teammates and best friends when our basketball

team won our first section game in over 10 years. **College choice/Course of study:**

Undecided - Biomedical Engineer **Favorite school subject:**

Art - it's a comfortable environment and I love being able to express myself through different mediums. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Draw, play basketball and tennis, play piano, and read as many science fiction books as possible. **Little known fact:** I finished the Harry Potter series by the end of second grade. I wasn't allowed to read the last one, but found it in the Pinewood library and read it in secret.

Paradigm Foundation Scholarship / DH Gustafson Family Foundation - \$1,000



Eduardo Valenzuela-Rivera

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory:

During my senior cross country season, I

made some amazing memories during one of our races in Wisconsin. The whole experience, from the bus ride there, to the last day at the hotel, was so much fun. **College choice/Course of study:**

University of St. Thomas - Undecided **Favorite school subject:**

Economics - even though it is a challenging subject, it is interesting and very relevant to my future life. **Talents and/or hobbies:**

Boxing, running, fishing, music, and sports. **Little known fact:** My first language was Spanish.

Paradigm Foundation Scholarship / DH Gustafson Family Foundation - \$1,000



Lynne Hoang

Visitation High School

Favorite high school memory:

Going on my senior retreat - spending time with my classmates

was a great bonding experience. **College choice/Course of study:**

Cornell College - Visual Arts **Favorite school subject:**

Art - I love the control I have. Creating the images from my mind is my favorite thing. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Painting, crocheting, drawing, and reading. **Little known fact:**

I experiment a lot with body art and eyeliner arts.

Pat O'Keefe STEM Scholarship - \$1,000



Anna-Victoria Richard

Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory:

My first homecoming dance with my two soon-to-be best friends.

We danced, ate, and simply enjoyed each other's company. **College choice/Course of study:**

University of Wisconsin, Madison - Biology **Favorite school subject:**

CIS Human Physiology - this class has taken so many hours of sleep and added stress to my plate, but I've

never felt more challenged or engaged. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Art, painting, coloring, sculpture, and ceramics. **Little known fact:** When I'm stressed I like to bake. I will bake cakes, pastries, bread, anything. It allows me to remove myself from the situation and put all my effort into something productive.

Pat's Sound of Music Scholarship - \$750



Kristin Cullen

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Leading my team in running out onto the field for our last halftime

dance performance of the year and being surrounded by a group of people I love.

College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Nursing

Favorite school subject: Science - it is constantly changing and evolving as our understanding of the world around us expands. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing French horn, singing in choir, dancing, and performing in theater productions. **Little known fact:** While I was in eighth grade my team took first place at the Destination Imagination global finals competition.

Patriots Endowment Scholarship - \$500



Carter Gresser

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Writing my political science debate essay and getting lots of

praise for it. **College choice/Course of study:** Mankato State - Pre-Medicine **Favorite school subject:** Any history and sociology classes. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Baseball and volleyball.

Pinewood Community School Scholarship - \$1,000



Eric Sorensen

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Winning the one-act play section finals - everyone was nervous when

the schools were being read, and so excited when we heard that Eagan was first. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison - Biology **Favorite school subject:** Science - I love learning about how things work. Science

makes everything about our world make sense in a quantifiable way. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I am an actor and a piano player, and I love to rewire and modify Nerf guns. **Little known fact:** I've been acting in high school shows since before I was in high school! I was in a play my dad directed when I was only 6 years old.

Power Systems Research Scholarship - \$2,000



Marlo Rivera

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Art class with my friends and getting to chat while doing something I

love. **College choice/Course of study:** St. Olaf - Biology **Favorite school subject:** Biology - I love learning about the world around me and how it works. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I am an artist and costume maker. **Little known fact:** I love to cook and bake!

Punch Family Fund Scholarship - \$1,500



Eric Picha

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Eagan beating Burnsville in football this year on a game winning field

goal - the excitement as we all rushed the field was something I will never forget.

College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Undecided

Favorite school subject: Science - it has a mix of hands-on learning and problem solving. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Golf, fishing, being outdoors, reading, woodworking, and sports. **Little known fact:** I can hold my breath for upwards of a minute and a half.

Punch Family Fund Scholarship - \$1,500



Julio Rojas Duarte

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Going to my first homecoming dance my sophomore year - I was

nervous but so excited to go out to dinner, take pictures, and just have a good time with my friend group. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota - Psychology and Education **Favorite school subject:** English - it is a course

where we learn how to write, read, and analyze material. It is a class where you can express your emotions in the literature that you read and write. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Biking, working out, hiking, tennis, and volleyball. **Little known fact:** I performed with the Minnesota Orchestra as a Mexican folklore dancer.

Punch Family Fund Scholarship - \$1,500



Kajsa Thrawl

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Homecoming week - dressing up with all my friends during spirit

week then having fun at the football game and dance! **College choice/Course of study:** Undecided - Nursing **Favorite school subject:** Art - it lets me be creative and unique. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Gymnastics, track, traveling, and hanging out with friends and family. **Little known fact:** I have a cabin in Alaska and Colorado.

River Valley #35 Chapter - School Nutrition Association Scholarship - \$500



Ava Wood

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Meeting the most fun and supportive friends through track and field my

junior year. The season was a blast and I am so lucky to be part of the team.

College choice/Course of study: Montana State University - Undecided **Favorite school subject:** Art - it allows me to

create and express my thoughts through pictures, and gives me a sense of peace because there is no right or wrong way to do it. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Doing outdoor activities, making art, playing sports, lifting, spending time with friends and family, listening to music, and making fun desserts. **Little known fact:** I try to break my record every year of how early I can jump in the lake after the ice goes out.

Rotary Club of Eagan Scholarship - \$500



Ashitha Ajay

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Staying after school with my friends and making cards for soldiers.

I loved volunteering with my friends helping our community and spending quality time with each other. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota - Chemical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Mathematics - I find comfort in numbers and I enjoy solving math problems. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Volleyball, swimming, cooking, and gardening. **Little known fact:** I have second degree black belt in martial arts.

Rotary Club of Eagan Scholarship - \$500



Ella DeMartelaere

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: When my friends and I decided to go to the Sadie's dance the

day of the dance, got our 80s themed outfits together after school and three hours later we arrived at the school dance. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison - Global Health **Favorite school subject:** Math - I understand the rules, logic, and patterns of math. While it challenges me, my brain always seems to make sense of it in the end. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Dance, photography, baking cookies, reading books, and playing fetch with my dog, Louie. **Little known fact:** I have 4 names in my full name: Ella Grace Hansen DeMartelaere.

State Farm "Good Neighbor Give Back" Scholarship - \$750



Tanisha Kota

Eastview High School

Favorite high school

memory: Being elected as a 2022 BPA (Business Professionals of America)

State Officer! **College choice/Course of study:** Carnegie Mellon University - Business Analytics and Technologies **Favorite school subject:** AP Economics - the concepts we learn are very applicable and relevant to the world we live in. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Figure skating, baking, and playing the piano. **Little known fact:** I want to visit all 7 continents.

State Farm "Good Neighbor Give Back" Scholarship - \$750



Will Thome

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: When I found out what a mechanical engineer does I instantly knew that

was what I wanted to go to school for and do with my life. **College choice/Course of study:** Michigan Tech - Mechanical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Science - I really like to know about how things work in the world and science does a good job of answering these questions. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Figuring out why stuff is broken and fixing it. I don't like to throw stuff away if it is fixable. **Little known fact:** In summer 2020, instead of getting a job I bought broken lawn mowers and other small engines, fixed them, and sold them for a profit.

Superior Auto Care Scholarship - \$500



Joe Taylor

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Helping out with the Developmental Golf Team with skills,

etiquette, integrity, and being awarded the 'Wildcat Award' for having respect and being a team leader. **College choice/Course of study:** Arizona State University, Tempe - Construction Management and Technology **Favorite school subject:** Physics - I find it fascinating how objects move, and the effect of a force and response from an object. Physics goes hand and hand with cars, another passion of mine. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Golf, tennis, piano and saxophone, anything automotive, home improvement projects, skiing, mountain biking, being outdoors in general, traveling to and learning about Arizona, and spending time with friends. **Little known fact:** I got my first hole in one when I was 14 years old at Inver Wood Golf Course. From 89 yards using my 8 iron I had a perfect shot where the ball landed on a slope and rolled in the hole.

Waldock/Maguire Family Scholarship - \$1,000



Solange Conlon

School of Environmental Studies

Favorite high school

memory: Spanish class in my junior year - we had lots of

fun with games in Spanish and I ended up with a really good group of friends from class. **College choice/Course of study:** St. Olaf College - Environmental Studies and Spanish **Favorite school subject:** Spanish - it is helping me to gain a skill that I will be able to use everyday in my future. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Figure skating. **Little known fact:** I've read the Harry Potter book series 15 times.

Xcel Energy Scholarship - \$500



James Eiden

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: Competing with other members of Speech team in the school, after

a year of being separated from them due to the pandemic. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Puget Sound - Environmental Policy **Favorite school subject:** I love science classes and English classes. They tend to push me to explore, understand, and pursue questions about our world, our minds, and our hearts. **Talents and/or hobbies:** CAD design, jewelry making, painting, crafts, collage, video games, and violin. **Little known fact:** I've kept a dream journal for almost six years; I dream every night and remember all of them.



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