

2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



### From the Eagan Community Foundation Scholarship Chair

#### Congratulations to our 2023 scholarship recipients!

Your entire high school journey has taken place during a very challenging era and has been unlike any other graduating class. Everything you have experienced during your high school years has equipped you to take on the next chapter of your life, amazing opportunities are waiting! We are so pleased to be able to celebrate with an event recognizing the students that have risen to the top. The Eagan Community Foundation is honored to help recognize you with a scholarship from one of our more than 60 generous donors.

**It takes strong community support** to get through high school, a pandemic, and come out ready for the next phase 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 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** your generous investment in the future of these students will have lasting impacts. This year 121 students will receive scholarships totaling \$139,500 thanks to you!

And finally, **Students**, you are the reason we are here. 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 15,745 hours in various community organizations. Some of you are here because you've shown extraordinary perseverance in the face of challenges no student should ever have to face. Whether your next step is a two or four-year school or a gap year, you are well positioned for success. Our community, state, and the world 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 Foundation started awarding scholarships in 1991, that year 11 students received scholarships totaling \$4,350. With our 2023 scholarship awards we have touched the lives of 2,343 students with scholarships totaling \$2,285,390. The Foundation is 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!



#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Thank you to our scholarship program volunteers:

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Trader Joe's for in-kind donation of flowers

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 customerowned 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 to a student who attended this school for at least one year. This scholarship is awarded in honor of Wendy McNamee, former principal of DHMS.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### 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 Baseball Association

2015

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

#### Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

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 20

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 of the 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.

#### 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 Lacrosse 2

These scholarships are presented to lacrosse players who have participated in the Eagan High School program for a minimum of three years.

### 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 players from the Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball team who have participated in both their 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 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**

younger soccer athletes.

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

2018

2017

#### Eagan High School Golf Boosters 2023

This scholarship is awarded to a senior golfer (boy or girl) who has participated in the golf team both his/her sophomore and junior year at Eagan High School, and who has a current overall GPA of 3.0 or better.

### **Eagan High School Swim and Dive Booster Club**

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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **Paul and Patricia Gust** 2023

Paul and Patricia Gust are longtime Eagan residents that have been active community volunteers. They are contributing a scholarship for a student that has shown effort and commitment to promoting environmental sustainability either in volunteering, work, or future career plans.

#### **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

#### **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.

### River Valley #35 Chapter -

**School Nutrition Association** 

River Valley #35 Chapter - School Nutrition Association (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.

#### **Rotary Club of Eagan**

1991

2020

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

#### **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**

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.

#### **Tammy Mott Memorial Fund**

Tammy Mott lived in and volunteered in the Eagan community from 1983 until she passed away in 2022. She served on the board of the Eagan Community Foundation from 2015 to 2019 where she was very active in the Scholarship and Community Grants committees. Her favorite community causes included education, the arts, and support of those facing life's challenges. This scholarship is sponsored by friends and family of Tammy Mott through their donations to the Eagan Community Foundation.

#### **Vavrosky Family and Eagan High School Boys Cross Country**

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 underdog; 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

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**

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.



#### 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### Achievement Financial Linguistic Scholarship - \$1,000



Isabelle Iten
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Developmental
Psychology - I adore teaching
my sixth grade students at

Blackhawk Middle School. It's extremely rewarding to give back to the younger generations and to make a difference in kids' lives. College choice/Course of study: Wheaton College - Spanish and International Relations Favorite school subject: Spanish - I've fallen in love with the language and culture. I love practicing to speak, read, and write in Spanish. Being an advanced Spanish speaker has shown me a whole new perspective of our world. Talents and/or hobbies: Being physically active - specifically playing basketball, hiking, and weight lifting. I also love to be around kids, read books, and enjoy spending time with friends. Little known fact: I'm an early bird - everyday I wake up around 5:30 in the morning to start my day. My morning routine consists of yoga, drinking coffee, and spending time with God by reading my Bible.

**Bremer Bank Eagan Scholarship -\$500** 



Ava Schulz

Eagan High School

Favorite high school

memory: In order to practice
for a speech presentation,
a few of my friends and I

went to a local park and walked around rehearsing and memorizing our lines. It was a perfect day and no one else was at the park. I remember that my cheeks hurt when I got home from all the smiling and laughing we had done. College choice/ Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Favorite school subject: Eagan AM - a weekly broadcasting class - not only does it give me the chance to practice leading but also builds real-life experience that is completely unique to this class. Talents and/or hobbies: Reading, crocheting and meeting new people Little known fact: After school every day in middle school, I would go outside with my dog and read for hours.

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



Gavin Goihl
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The annual
Veteran's ceremony where
we honor men and women

who have fought for our country. I was able to thank my friend's dad Rick DeMarchis for his service. College choice/ Course of study: Iowa State - Engineering Favorite school subject: Business - you get to learn about the world and real life situations and events. Talents and/or hobbies: Math, sports, video games, golf, volleyball, hockey, fishing, and hunting. Little known fact: After a surgery when I woke up in recovery, the nurse said to me "you're doing a good job of breathing" and I replied "yeah, I've been doing it all my life".

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



Mya Karnes
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Pep fests. College choice/Course of study: lowa State - Business

Administration **Favorite school subject:** Business classes - that is what I want to major in and interests me most. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Fishing, hunting, working out, landscaping, car detailing, hockey, softball, and skiing. **Little known fact:** I currently own my own car detailing and landscaping businesses.

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



Norah Drugge
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Having sleepox

memory: Having sleepovers and doing online school with my hockey team mates

during quarantine. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison or Purdue University - Civil Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Physics - I like

learning about forces and understanding real life examples of how the world works. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing hockey, golfing, going to the gym, reading, and going to the lake in the summertime. **Little known fact:** Listening to music and creating playlists in my spare time.

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



Riley Paulus
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Winning sections
quarter finals in lacrosse.

College choice/Course

of study: Lewis University - Marketing Favorite school subject: Marketing - I find it extremely interesting. Talents and/or hobbies: Hockey, lacrosse, fishing, and hanging with friends. Little known fact: I am an outdoors person!

College Expert - \$2,000



Matthew Foley
Academy of Holy Angels
Experite high school

**Favorite high school memory:** Prom last year - as junior class president, I was responsible for planning the

night, from the ballroom to the tablecloths to the menus. I was nervous going into the night, but everyone had a ball (no pun intended). It felt great to see my efforts pay off. College choice/Course of study: University of Virginia - Politics and Economics Favorite school subject: History - my American History teacher was fond of the quote, 'History doesn't repeat itself, but it sure rhymes a lot.' As I look towards the future, I can rely on the past to provide examples on what to do and how to best live my life. **Talents** and/or hobbies: Public speaking, work ethic/motivation, writing, critical thinking, leadership, pickleball, baseball, reading, basketball, strength training, hanging out with friends, and listening to podcasts. Little known fact: In 9th grade I played all nine positions in a baseball game, including an inning in which I struck out all three batters I faced. (I usually don't include this detail, but I went 0-4 from the plate!)

#### **Dakota Electric Association** Scholarship - \$2,000



Ben Picha **Eagan High School Favorite high school memory:** Building the mini house to donate. College choice/Course of study:

Dunwoody - Undecided Favorite school subject: Tech Ed - the hands on learning. Talents and/or hobbies: Working with old wood working tools. Little known fact: I earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

#### **Dakota Electric Association** Scholarship - \$2,000



**Daniel Wochnick Eagan High School** 

**Favorite high school** memory: Our band trip to Italy - eating delicious gelato and pasta with my

best friends was a blast, and the Amalfi Coast was absolutely stunning. College choice/Course of study: Georgia Institute of Technology - Engineering Favorite school subject: Math - I love learning how different math concepts work and understanding how we can apply them to solve real world problems. Talents and/or hobbies: Star Wars, board games, music, video games, and playing trombone. Little known fact: I was born in Minnesota, but I've lived half of my life in San Diego, California. I've lived in Eagan since 6th grade.

#### **Dakota Electric Association** Scholarship - \$2,000



**Evelyn Torres Eagan High School** Favorite high school memory: Connecting with

my teachers. College choice/ Course of study: Inver Hills

Community College - Interior Design Favorite school subject: Chemistry - it was a class that made sense to me. It made it more fun that the chemistry teachers were also enjoying their job. Talents and/ or hobbies: Sketching, drawing, painting, listening to music, and spending time with friends. Little known fact: I enjoy playing piano.

#### **Dakota Electric Association** Scholarship - \$2,000



Galata Benya **Eagan High School** 

Favorite high school **memory:** Getting my first varsity tackle in football. College choice/Course of

study: Inver Hills Community College -Mechanical Engineering Favorite school subject: Math - I feel like I've been good at it ever since I was a kid. Talents and/or hobbies: Football, basketball, and track. Little known fact: Whenever someone gives me a task, I will do whatever it takes to accomplish it.

#### **Dakota Electric Association** Scholarship - \$2,000



Will Walters **Eagan High School** 

**Favorite high school** memory: Our percussion ensemble being invited to perform at the MMEA

Midwinter Clinic. College choice/Course of study: University of Iowa - Percussion Performance and Physics Favorite school subject: Band - I really love being a part of a community of people that cares as much about music as I do. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing piano, ultimate frisbee, sand volleyball, soccer and travel. Little known fact: I love singing!

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



### Claudia Beckwith **Eagan High School**

**Favorite high school** memory: Going to state with my Nordic ski team - it was so rewarding to see all of our

hard work finally paying off, and the team atmosphere was incredibly supportive. We would play games together every night, and the trails up north are some of my favorite I've ever skied. College choice/ Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Madison - Biomedical Engineering Favorite school subject: Science - I'm fascinated by how everything in our world works, whether it's the laws of gravitation or how cells divide. I love understanding the elaborate logistics of complex processes and being able to make predictions based upon what I know. Talents and/or hobbies: Skiing (both downhill and XC), going on walks, being at the lake, traveling, cooking, playing tennis, solving puzzles, running, and spending

time with my friends. Little known fact: I absolutely love playing pickleball and I go all the time in the summer with my friends!

#### **Deerwood Elementary Booster** Scholarship - \$500



#### Anastasia Koch

**Eagan High School** Favorite high school memory: The speech trip to Boston for the Harvard tournament - spending

time with my friends and exploring the city was really fun. I got to quarterfinals in extemporaneous speaking which was really exciting. College choice/Course of study: Georgetown University - Economics or International Relations Favorite school subject: Science, specifically human physiology - learning how the body works is so exciting and has so much complex nuance. Talents and/or hobbies: Baking, giving speeches, research, writing, putting together puzzles with my mom, reading fantasy books, and going on hikes with my friends. Little known fact: I have touched the Mediterranean Sea, Dead Sea, and Red Sea all in one day.

#### **Deerwood Elementary Booster** Scholarship - \$500



### Ian Krebs

**Eagan High School Favorite high school** memory: Going on the EHS band trip to Italy for spring break my junior

year. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities -Mechanical Engineering Favorite school subject: Science/Physics - the labs and demonstrations were always fun and interesting. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing the trumpet/piano and playing tennis. Little known fact: I am an Eagle Scout.

**Denise Sjoberg Real Estate Reaching** Your Full Potential Scholarship -\$1,000



#### Alondra Martinez **Eagan High School**

Favorite high school memory: My Adelante class - it's a class for Latinx people and I feel at home everyday

when I go. We make memories as if we were a family. College choice/Course of study: Hamline University - undecided Favorite school subject: Adelante - I feel like I'm allowed to be myself and

we've been able to create a strong bond between the students and teacher. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Working out, as well as creating my own clothing. **Little known fact:** I've made my own clothes; I love to design and fashion is an important part of me

#### **DESK Scholarship - \$2,000**



Pierce Brown
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The end of the
2020 production of Les
Miserables at EHS - it was

very emotional and sad and happy and super cute. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota - CLA & Guthrie BFA Program Favorite school subject: Choir - it lets me have a consistent time of day with my friends while doing what I love. Talents and/or hobbies: Singing, dancing, rapping, acting, skateboarding, rollerskating, volleyball, and artistic stuff. Little known fact: I have been professionally acting since 1st grade.

### Donald and Karen DeGenaro Scholarship - \$1,000



Yonaf Erenna
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: A regional
tournament for my FTC
Robotics team - in our first

year as a team we almost made it to the state tournament. College choice/
Course of study: University of Minnesota
- Computer Science Favorite school subject: History - I have always been fascinated by how humans have changed over time. It is through history that we know about all the important events that shaped the way we live life today. Talents and/or hobbies: Sports (basketball, soccer, football), watching movies, playing and making video games. Little known fact: I go to Ethiopia every summer to visit family.

#### **Dunn Brothers Scholarship - \$1,000**



Caitlyn Bumpers
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Eagan girls alpine
ski team made it to state as
a team for the first time ever

in my junior year - the cheers, celebrations and screams from everyone on our team

was so positive and encouraging and it was an experience I will never forget. College choice/Course of study: The College of Idaho - Business Administration Favorite school subject: English - I love having the freedom to express myself through various forms of writing such as poems, essays, speeches, discussions and more. I love expanding my knowledge in public speaking and writing and I feel they are skills that will last forever. Talents and/ or hobbies: Soccer, alpine skiing, running track, hiking, biking, waterskiing, being in the outdoors, hanging out with my friends, and going on new adventures. Little known fact: I had six wisdom teeth!

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



Bao Nguyen
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The international
trip with the Eagan High
School Band in my junior

year - I got to sightsee the beautiful scenery of Italy and see artwork. A highlight was seeing the differences between the U.S. and Italy, such as how society works. College choice/Course of study: Hamline - Art Favorite school subject: Art - I enjoy drawing things that I made with my own two hands. It makes me feel proud of myself. Art helped me learn about fundamentals, which helped boost me into creating more intermediate subjects. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing trumpet, drawing art (particularly digital art), playing video games, watching animated shows, and relearning Vietnamese.

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



Cecelia Wallace
School of
Environmental Studies
Favorite high school
memory: Canoeing the Rio
Grande on a week long SES

trip - I loved sitting around the campfire after a long day of paddling, sharing our stories from the river. College choice/
Course of study: University of Wisconsin,
Stout - Fine Arts Favorite school subject:
Art - my teacher inspires us to be more creative and use non traditional mediums.
Talents and/or hobbies: Singing, dancing, photography, crocheting, baking, reading, and gardening. Little known fact: I decorate with Lego sets.

### **Eagan Baseball Association Scholarship - \$500**



Carson Rehder
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** Playing baseball for the Eagan High School - it gave me lasting

memories of teamwork, challenges, and great friendships. College choice/
Course of study: Arizona State University
- Accounting Favorite school subject:
Accounting and economics - I want to better understand market dynamics and their impact on investments. Talents and/or hobbies: Baseball, basketball, stock investments, watching movies, and ping pong. Little known fact: I was the kick-off kid at the Minnesota Gopher vs. Nebraska Cornhuskers football game, the Gophers won.

### Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Scholarship - \$2,000



Eric Zipf
Eastview High School

Favorite high school memory: Throwing my first complete game shutout in baseball. College choice/

Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - History Favorite school subject: History - I find learning about the past and historical events very fascinating. Talents and/or hobbies: Baseball, traveling, ping-pong, and playing video games. Little known fact: I enjoy putting together puzzles and collecting snow globes from all the places I visit.

### Eagan Dance Team Booster Club Scholarship - \$750



Angelica Farrell
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Getting the
opportunity to perform my
kick dance at the school

pep fest. College choice/Course of study: University of North Dakota - Nursing Favorite school subject: Science - it is fascinating to understand the way the world works and why humans behave the way they do. Talents and/or hobbies: Dancing, creating things through painting, making things out of clay and going to yoga sculpt classes. Little known fact: I have been a competitive gymnast and now a competitive dancer for 6 years.

### Eagan Dance Team Booster Club Scholarship - \$750



#### Elin Audette

**Eagan High School Favorite high school memory:** Doing our varsity kick dance at the pep fest - our dance team has

grown so much this year, so I was excited that we got the opportunity to show the product of how hard we worked this season. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Human Physiology Favorite school subject: CIS Human Physiology - this class has really pushed me out of my comfort zone when learning and has taught me many things that I can take with me to college. This class has not only taught me valuable information, but how to be a good student for college. **Talents and/or** hobbies: Dancing, fishing, biking, yoga/ Pilates, exploring new areas, volunteering, working out, drawing, and trying new things. Little known fact: I am half Turkish, my mom is an immigrant from Turkey.

Eagan Foundation Hope Scholarship - \$1,000



Charles Stonecipher

**Eagan High School Favorite high school memory:** The band trip to Italy in spring of 2022 - so much history, architecture

and great food! Being able to see another part of the world alongside my friends, as well as being able to share our band program with locals, was something I will never forget. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Duluth - Engineering (Mechanical or Electrical) Favorite school subject: Band - there is just something magical when all the parts come together. Music just has a way of making me feel happy. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing and listening to all kinds of music and being involved in sports tennis, swimming, snow sports, hockey, ping pong; plus dedicating time each week to working out.

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



Jacey Thomas
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Performing the
carnival concert my freshman
year of high school - it was

such a unique experience that helped

challenge me musically as a clarinetist and creatively to make a game centered around music. I also held the record for our game of fastest time to assemble a clarinet! College choice/Course of study: Middle Tennessee State University - Audio Production Favorite school subject: Math, specifically calculus - I already appreciate how most forms of math have a straightforward answer, but calculus goes a step beyond our normal thinking. It challenges the way we think about the math we have previously learned and how we can apply it to our everyday lives. Talents and/or hobbies: I can fold my tongue into a clover, love to do any kind of textile art, and enjoy hiking in the national parks and other recreational areas. Little known fact: I have a leopard gecko named Burrito!

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



Emily Teigland
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Coming in to
school once a week on
Wednesday mornings

during the COVID quarantine to play trombone with my jazz band. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Marketing Favorite school subject: Math - I love the challenge of problem solving and the sense of accomplishment at the end of it all, when you know you have the right answer. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing trombone in band, orchestra and jazz band, swimming competitively, reading, crafting and drinking tea! Little known fact: I was born in Singapore!

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



Gavin Banick
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The percussion
ensembles' performance
at MMEA. College choice/

Course of study: University of Wisconsin, River Falls - Music Education Favorite school subject: Marching band - it allows me to meet lots of people and spend time outside. Talents and/or hobbies: Canoeing and camping. Little known fact: I got a canoe on Craigslist and named it Fill-Up. It came with many leaks and is over 50 years old!

### Eagan High School Baseball Scholarship - \$1,000



Chris Eggleston
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** Winning the bags tournament senior year after 4 years of crushing

dodgeball losses and getting no wins in intramural, finally winning was the greatest rush I've ever felt. It was made even better when they mixed up our names with the spike ball winners at the pep fest. College choice/Course of study: University of Tennessee, Knoxville - Communication and Information Sciences Favorite school subject: Graphic design - creating my own little designs and using the creative side of my mind has always been so much fun, and it has led me to deciding my college major. Talents and/or hobbies: Going to the gym - with baseball I started going to the gym more and more each year, and the determination to become stronger and stay healthy for longer keeps me going back. Little known fact: I went to middle school in St Paul and walked into Eagan knowing no one. I made new friends and created a great environment for myself, like we will all need to do in

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



Ryder Ligtenberg
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** Getting second place in the rock, paper, scissors tournament and

being an EHS Difference Maker. College choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Madison - Undecided Favorite school subject: Chemistry - I found the information super interesting and the labs super fun. Talents and/or hobbies: Being outside and active - playing pickle ball, mini golf, pickup basketball, etc; reading and playing games like Chess and Clue; watching movies and hanging out with friends. Little known fact: I was bit by a bat at 6 months old and had to get a rabies shot.

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



Austin Carruthers
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The freshman year
dodgeball tournament - we

were the underdogs of the tournament and highly overlooked, but we came out ready to have a fun time and we ended up getting third place. It was a memory that I will carry with me the rest of my life. College choice/Course of **study:** Iowa State University - Aerospace Engineering Favorite school subject: Math - it has always come to me fairly easy and I have always found a fascination in it. I love how you are given a problem and the satisfaction of finding the solution. Talents and/or hobbies: Communication - I take this with me to the basketball court, as that is where I spend the majority of my time. I find ways to implement my communication skills into basketball and other hobbies anywhere I can. Little known fact: I used to be interested and fascinated with Greek mythology in elementary school. I used to read all the books I could and watch all the movies to expand my knowledge on the subject.

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



John Madden
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Playing high
school basketball with my
friends from 9-12th grade -

it allowed me to form many meaningful relationships through team activities such as pasta feeds, volunteering, bowling, or going out for lunch after Saturday practices. College choice/ Course of study: University of Minnesota - Economics Favorite school subject: AP Economics - Mr. Stacy not only made the class really engaging, but he also helped me get a head start on applying realworld examples to my studies that will help me as I begin college. Talents and/ or hobbies: Video games, basketball, spending time with friends, and carpool karaoke with my sister. Little known fact: I'm a good wake surfer and wake boarder.

### Eagan High School Boys Lacrosse Scholarship - \$500



Joshua Leiran
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Upsetting the
Shakopee Sabers in our
final game of the football

season. College choice/Course of study:
North Dakota State University - Business
Favorite school subject: Math - there
is always more to learn. Talents and/or
hobbies: Fishing, hangout with friends,
and going skiing. Little known fact: I have
had 4 different dogs in my life.

### Eagan High School Boys Lacrosse Scholarship - \$500



Michael Demarchis
Eagan High School
College choice/Course of
study: University of Missouri,
Colombia - Business Finance

Eagan High School Boys Soccer Boosters Scholarship - \$750



Daniel Redlin
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Becoming
conference champions in
soccer the same day I went

to homecoming. College choice/Course of study: University of Iowa or Iowa State - Engineering Favorite school subject:
Astronomy - learning about space itself and the fascinating, and somewhat concerning, astronomers who charted it. I loved every second. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing soccer and basketball. I also have played the piano for 10 years. Little known fact: I have over 60 cousins.

### Eagan High School Boys Soccer Boosters Scholarship - \$750



Emilio Villasenor
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Winning the
conference for soccer my
senior year. College choice/

Course of study: University of Colorado, Boulder - Architecture Favorite school subject: Drawing 1 - it's where I feel the most stress free, as I completely focus on my work. Talents and/or hobbies: Drawing, playing video games, cooking, hanging out with friends, and exploring the outdoors. **Little known fact:** I have a Spanish passport so I can live in Europe.

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



Kelton Murphy
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Getting up early
during finals week and
going out for breakfast

with my buddies. It was an escape from school for at least an hour before exams. College choice/Course of study: Iowa State University - Math Education Favorite school subject: Math - I've always succeeded in it and I love crunching numbers. I chose Mathematics Education as my major! Talents and/or hobbies: Being kind to everyone, including the senior citizens I see when I work in the dining room at the Senior Living Community. I also love to bowl and play baseball. Little known fact: I like to cook, especially grilling chicken and burgers for my family.

## Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball Boosters Scholarship - \$750



Addie Schussler
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Making it to
Richfield last year for softball.
It was a super fun and special

experience that I got to share with my teammates. We had worked all season in practice, and games to make it this far into sections. College choice/Course of study: University of St. Thomas - Biochemistry Favorite school subject: Science - I'm not always the best at science courses, but I really enjoy learning about the way things work and the science behind it. I also like how the classes are more hands on and you can learn by doing. Talents and/or hobbies: I've played softball since I was eight years old and it's helped me develop so many connections throughout the years. Little known fact: I really enjoy school. Most people dread going to school and go mostly for the social experiences. I just truly enjoy going to class and learning the way things work and new information in general.

### Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball Boosters Scholarship - \$750



#### **Meredith Ruiter**

Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: When I was a
Powderpuff captain with
two of my close friends.

I was chosen my freshman year by the upperclassmen and I absolutely loved being a leader of a great group of girls while supporting the women's shelter in Eagan each year. College choice/Course of study: Minnesota State, Mankato - Sports Management Favorite school subject: Biology - I loved taking biology sophomore year and learning about all things living. Talents and/or hobbies: I have a close relationship with my dog Angus, a two year old border collie. I have taught him many impressive tricks and brought him to agility classes for a year now.

### Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball Boosters Scholarship - \$750



Sara Boerger
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The week leading
up to homecoming. No
matter the person, everyone

is always excited and shows tremendous school spirit making it so much more fun. Everyone participates and goes all out for spirit days at school preparing for the big Friday night game. College choice/Course of study: University of St. Thomas - Exercise Science and Spanish Favorite school subject: Physics - I love the problem solving aspect of it and having a solidified answer. I have enjoyed the hands on opportunities and real life examples that we are given in the class as well. Talents and/or hobbies: Flexibility in life. I am able to adjust to various situations no matter what is thrown at me and I can be trusted to work my hardest to get things done. Little known fact: My softball coach and teammates call me chicken as a nickname, and I do not really know why.

## **Eagan High School Fastpitch Softball Boosters Scholarship - \$750**



Tess Peterson
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Making school
history by making it to Team
State in 2021 for gymnastics.

College choice/Course of study: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Homeland Security Favorite school subject: Aviation and Ground School - I'm able to be surrounded by material from a career I'm highly interested in and the class is overall enjoyable. Talents and/or hobbies: Gymnastics, aviation, softball, tutoring, coaching, and skiing. Little known fact: I want to be a fighter pilot.

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



Adrian Moses
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: My lunch table
winter trimester of freshman
year. I made a lot of new

friends at lunch. I loved the funny things that my friends had to say, and the things that they did. College choice/Course of study: University of Nebraska, Lincoln - Computer Science Favorite school subject: Math - I love doing math because I love the satisfaction of solving complex problems. Talents and/or hobbies: Being athletic and playing sports. I also like to play video and board games, and am very good at strategy games.

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



George Esser
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Beating Shakopee in football my senior year we worked so hard all season

and when my teammate made the last second, game-winning kick, it seemed as if all the hard work paid off. **College choice/Course of study:** University of lowa - Business **Favorite school subject:** History - I've always been interested in the people before us and how the world works. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing football and baseball, lifting, spending time with friends, hiking, going up north, fishing, going to sporting events. **Little known fact:** I had a pet shark.

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



Prasithan Ganeshkumar
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Competing in the
amazing race with my friends
College choice/Course of

**study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison

- Business & Computer Science **Favorite school subject:** Physics - Dooley is a very entertaining and engaging teacher. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Solving Rubik's cubes and learning how to cook. **Little known fact:** I'm ambidextrous.

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



Sam Hull
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: In football when
we won at Shakopee to
finish the season 5-3,

clinching our first winning season in a long time, and getting ranked #10 in the state. **College choice/Course of study:** University of lowa - Business Analytics and Finance **Favorite school subject:** Math - it is my best subject and I have always liked solving equations. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Basketball, football, golfing, going boating, hanging out with friends, and more.

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



Samuel Eichacker
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** This year during the football season we played a tough opponent

in Shakopee. No one expected us to win. We fought through the whole game, all the way until that clock hit zero. We had won! We had just done the unthinkable, and I couldn't wipe that smile from my face for the next week. College choice/ Course of study: University of Nebraska, Lincoln - Mechanical Engineering Favorite school subject: Science - I have always enjoyed learning, not only how something works but the why it works too. Talents and/or hobbies: Skiing, hiking, fishing, and cooking.

#### Eagan High School Girls Cross Country Scholarship - \$750



Kelley Silgen
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** Participating in running the homecoming football from Eastview to

Eagan with the rest of the Senior Cross Country participants and then placing the ball on the center of the field before the football game. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Missouri - Health Sciences **Favorite school subject:** English - I love being creative with my work, expressing my voice in my writing, and reading various types of novels. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Running, weightlifting, cooking, baking, reading, painting my nails, playing games, hanging out with friends, shopping, hiking, hammocking, water skiing, and hanging out on my family's boat on the lake. **Little known fact:** My birthday is on Christmas Day, December 25th.

Eagan High School Girls Soccer Scholarship - \$750



Kaitlyn Matzek
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Soccer my senior
year when we came from
behind to beat Eastview in

the Section semi-finals. College choice/
Course of study: University of Wisconsin,
Madison - Kinesiology Favorite school
subject: Math - I love the feeling when
everything clicks in my brain and the
satisfaction that brings. I appreciate the
structure and rules of math. Talents and/
or hobbies: Playing soccer and basketball
for the high school and club soccer as
well. I love to read. Little known fact: I
am the oldest of four with twin younger
brothers.

Eagan High School Girls Soccer Scholarship - \$750



Madeline Hobbs
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Reaching the
section finals for Eagan's girls
varsity soccer team my junior

and senior year. College choice/Course of study: Southern Illinois University
- Physiology/PreMed Favorite school subject: Biology - I find fascinating that it is able to explain many of the things around us. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing soccer, spending time with friends and family, reading, and watching movies. Little known fact: I am an Irish twin.

Eagan High School Girls Soccer Scholarship - \$750



Yen Ly
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Freshman year
during my first pep fest with
the band, Sweet Caroline

came up and all of our upperclassmen

started jumping on the bleacher seats. I almost fell off a few times because of the rocking, but it was really fun. College choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Madison - Computer Science Favorite school subject: Band - it helps me release stress and it gives me a break throughout the day. Talents and/or hobbies: Baking and reading. Over quarantine I picked up crocheting and bird watching. Little known fact: I know how to embroider.

Eagan High School Golf Scholarship - \$1.000



Gina DeMarchis
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Golf sections was
a mentally and physically
tolling experience. After a

nearly 12 hour golf day, we took the golf van through the Taco Bell drive-thru. A cheesy Gordita has never tasted so good. College choice/Course of study: University of Tennessee, Knoxville - Business Management Favorite school subject: Physiology - it's my worst grade out of all my classes, but is still my favorite. Dissecting a brain with my best friend is one of the many amazing opportunities I've had in this class. Talents and/or hobbies: Crochet, paint, read, and bake! Little known fact: I'm a twin! A lot of people don't know because we went to different elementary schools.

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



Katelyn Kuznar
Eagan High School
Favorite high school

**memory:** Traveling to Italy with our band. I absolutely fell in love with Positano,

it was the kind of place you could be happy in the sun and bright blue waters forever. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twins Cities - Chemical Engineering Favorite school subject: Physics and chemistry - I love understanding how and why our world works. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing the flute and piccolo, swimming, listening to music, and making coffee. Little known fact: I have a telescope I take out to watch the planets. My favorite is to see the 4 largest moons orbiting Jupiter.

**Eagan High School Track Boosters Scholarship - \$500** 



Chloe Bechard
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: When our Eagan
High School choir group
went around Eagan and

caroled for different organizations and people. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Business Management **Favorite school subject:** Art - ever since attending Glacier Hills Elementary School and being spoiled with the most fantastic art educators, I've realized how important it is for me to have an art class. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Singing, playing piano and guitar, twirling baton, reading, spending time outdoors, crafting, and hanging out with my friends and family (plus my two dogs, Buster and Eddy)!

Eagan High School Track Boosters Scholarship - \$500



Isak Brandt
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: When I have
been able to compete
alongside my teammates

in every sport I have played. College choice/Course of study: Saint John's University - Engineering Favorite school subject: Mathematics - I used to despise it, but now that I have a better grasp on it I find it a fun challenge. Talents and/or hobbies: Hurdling, which is something I never knew I could do until my track coach urged me to try it out as a sophomore. Little known fact: I enjoy designing and building things. I know the processes of woodworking and even steel welding techniques.

**Eagan High School Track Boosters Scholarship - \$500** 



Naomi Fink
Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: Going to the state tournament with the ISD 196 Nordic Ski Team - we got to

do a lot of team bonding while playing games, skiing, eating, and yoga. **College choice/Course of study:** Worcester Polytechnic Institute - Fire Protection Engineering and Mechanical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** Physics - it allows me to understand how the world works. **Talents and/or hobbies:** High school

sports and clubs, archery, chalk drawing, cooking, and weightlifting. **Little known fact:** I'm always up for an adventure and like to travel and explore new places.

Eagan High School Track Boosters Scholarship - \$500



Peter McGivern
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The varsity football
game against Shakopee,
which we won in an upset

over the #4 team in the state, tipping us to a winning season record and earning us a home field playoff game! College choice/ Course of study: University of St. Thomas - Finance & Data Science Favorite school subject: Economics and statistics - they are interesting to me and applicable to so many areas of life. Talents and/or hobbies: Sports, music, fantasy and suspense genre shows and books. Little known fact: I am good at making March Madness brackets!

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



Grace Hamilton
School of
Environmental Studies
Favorite high school
memory: A river rafting field
trip I did with SES. College

choice/Course of study: Augsburg
University - Biology/Pre-Vet Favorite
school subject: Animal Care - I get to take
care of all kinds of house pets. Talents
and/or hobbies: I love volleyball and it's
one of the only things I do. Little known
fact: I want to work with animals when I'm
older. I would love to be a veterinarian for
wild animals.

**Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000** 



Augustus Gleich
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: When I was
elected captain of the Eagan
High School hockey team -

to be able to represent Eagan and play the sport I love, with friends in front of my school and family. **College choice/ Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Criminal Law **Favorite school subject:** Criminology - my teacher Mr. Carlson really opened my eyes to issues that are facing us right now, which made me passionate about it. **Talents and/or hobbies:** I love hockey and volleyball.

I also very much enjoy art in many different forms. My mother is an artist and the talent was passed on to me. **Little known fact:** I was born in Cody, Wyoming.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Catherine Urick
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The PIT, pep
fests, powderpuff, amazing
race and school dances.

College choice/Course of study:
University of St. Thomas - Business
Administration and Psychology Favorite
school subject: Social Studies - I have
always found history, government and
economics fascinating and love how
logical the subject is. Talents and/or
hobbies: Hockey, golfing, skiing, wake
surfing, wake boarding, water skiing,
cooking, shopping, listening to music,
and spending time with my friends. Little
known fact: I used to race competitively
in skiing but had to quit once I got older
because it interfered with my hockey
schedule.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Jaycee Bauman
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Going out to
eat with my friends after
football games. College

choice/Course of study: University of Nebraska, Lincoln - Animal Science Pre-Vet Favorite school subject: Art - I love how I get to use my creativity on new projects and the teachers have always been amazing! Talents and/or hobbies: Hockey, cooking, trying new coffee shops, going to concerts, and shopping. Little known fact: I have fostered more than 50 orphaned kittens.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Justin Schreiber
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Playing high
school hockey with the
boys. College choice/

Course of study: Minnesota State University, Mankato - Commercial Aviation Favorite school subject: Gym - being on a team with my friends is fun. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Hockey, fishing, and soccer. **Little known fact:** I am a leader in the unified club.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Macie Wedum
Eagan High School
Favorite high school memory:
Prom junior year - it was
one of our first events after
COVID-19 and I was so glad

we got to have it. It was so much fun with my friends at the mall and going out to dinner and pictures. College choice/Course of study: Iowa State University - Business Favorite school subject: Statistics - I like learning the reason behind why it works and also using it in real life. My statistics class was very fun and interactive and has even led me to consider pursuing it in college. Talents and/or hobbies: Hanging out with friends and family and making memories. I love doing things like going to concerts, fairs, and other fun events. I also enjoy hockey, traveling, experiencing new places, and visiting family. Little known fact: I am an only child.

Eagan Hockey Association Scholarship - \$2,000



Ryan Lenertz
Eagan High School
Favorite high school memory:
Beating Eastview in soccer
during my senior season.
We were one of only three

teams that beat them all season. College choice/Course of study: University of Indiana - Finance and Spanish Favorite school subject: Anything math related - I have always loved problem solving. Talents and/or hobbies: Soccer, table tennis, and pickleball. Little known fact: I have loved analyzing sports statistics for as long as I can remember.

Eagan Kick Start Rotary Scholarship - \$1,500



Elias New Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: How creative my friends and I got at finding things to do during the pandemic

when social distancing was a big thing; including long bike rides around town, hammocking, and fishing in our kayaks.

College choice/Course of study: Minnesota State University, Mankato Favorite school subject: Definitely Math - a big reason

is the high level of expectation that Ms. Gillen held us accountable to and her clear style of teaching. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Handy with home repairs, a decent baseball player, have a knack for connecting with people, fishing, watching professional sports, and playing golf. **Little known fact:** I modeled clothes on TV as a child and I am also on the cover of a book.

Eagan Kick-Start Rotary Scholarship - \$1,500



Hannah Sherman
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: For our biggest
competition in the figure
skating season, we went to

a national competition. This year it was in Huntsville, Alabama. Even though there wasn't much to do in Huntsville, I had so much fun competing and cheering on my teammates. College choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Madison - Biochemistry **Favorite school subject:** Biology - I love learning about all of the tiny parts of the cell that you can't see with the naked eye, and how they work together to keep us alive. I like learning about how our genes are made and combine to determine who we are. Talents and/or hobbies: I love to sing, figure skate and run. I've taught myself how to crochet and knit, and I like to solve word puzzles. Little known fact: I have traveled a lot, but never outside of the country.

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



Bahja Cumar
Eastview High School
Favorite high school
memory: The parties my
speech team has after every
tournament. After spending

an immeasurable amount of time working hard on our speeches and then competing for hours during the day, we all meet up in the late afternoon to celebrate our accomplishments. College choice/Course of study: Loyola University Chicago -Biology or Public Health Favorite school subject: English - I've always believed in the importance of the written word and how it can tangibly convey ideas and therefore connect people. Talents and/ or hobbies: Camping, drawing/painting, being around family, reading a good book with my book club, discussing current events with my speech team, and going to coffee shops with my friends. Little known fact: Many of my friends know that I enjoy

doing art outside of school but not to the extent that I do. I have many sketchbooks filled with pencil, oil, pastel, acrylic and watercolor paintings and drawings ranging from abstract to realism. It's truly something that calms me and brings me joy.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Lydia Roseth
School of
Environmental Studies
College choice/Course of
study: Hamline University
- Public Health Favorite

**school subject:** English - I love writing and getting lost in books. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing the violin, writing, baking, cooking, and reading.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Mikayla Simones
Trinity School of River Ridge

**Favorite high school memory:** Standing with my class in our gym bleachers cheering for our sports

teams together. College choice/Course of study: University of Mary, Bismarck -Business Marketing and Administration Favorite school subject: Reading and Writing class - We were given the ability to explore the world of both philosophy and amazing works of classical literature. I thoroughly enjoyed studying these topics because we explored what it means to be human. Talents and/or hobbies: I love to play soccer and paint. Another one of my passions is Shakespeare and reading his amazing works. Little known fact: Working on car engines - I have already fixed several cars with the help of my grandfather who was a mechanic.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Rohan Deshpande
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Being a captain

memory: Being a captain of my Adapted Soccer team that won the State

Championship - Lifting the cup in my hands felt really awesome, and I will never forget that moment. **College choice/ Course of study:** University of Minnesota - Computer Science **Favorite school subject:** Math - solving a problem and

getting to the right answer gives me a sense of achievement. In the future, I want to use math to create computer programs that will help in developing new technologies. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Coding, swimming, playing video games, and watching sports. **Little known fact:** I love to track various weather events across the world.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2,000



Trevon Scanlon
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Our first day of
Link training during my
Junior year - I was able

to meet so many new people. College choice/Course of study: Howard University - Business Management Favorite school subject: Accounting - I find the process of it to be very easy. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing video games, watching anime, and hanging out with friends. Little known fact: I have a twin brother and we were born three months premature.

Eagan Lions Club Scholarship - \$2000



Jade Nicholls
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** Running hospitality for my freshman year band Carnival Concert, and having

to run on stage 30 seconds before the curtain raised when the performance began with all of my friends. It was so fun to see the community come together to listen to fun music! College choice/ Course of study: University of St. Thomas - Marketing Favorite school subject: Social Studies - I appreciate that it's a subject I can apply to my daily life. I enjoy learning about other cultures and how our interdependent world operates, alongside being able to make informed decisions as an educated citizen in our democracy. Talents and/or hobbies: I always play my flute - I love emotional and slow music to utilize my vibrato. I am extremely interested in fashion, and the psychology of marketing. Getting out into nature and other cultural settings is very important to me, which has enacted a love for traveling and hiking. Little known fact: I love to go to little towns and explore the local small boutiques in their downtown areas, which is never complete without a coffee!

### Flint Hills Resources Discovery Scholarship - \$2,500



Anthony Nguyen
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The AP Biology
field trip to the Minnesota
Zoo. College choice/

Course of study: University of Minnesota - Biology Favorite school subject: Math, specifically BC Calc - Mrs. Elliott made the class enjoyable and figuring out hard concepts was very satisfying. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing the piano and guitar, and going to the gym. Little known fact: I love cooking and I'm pretty good at it!

Flint Hills Resources Discovery Scholarship - \$2,500



### Tchegnon Adjagbodjou

**Eagan High School Favorite high school memory:** What really

brought high school to life for me was hanging out with friends and learning together. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Computer Science Favorite school subject: Science - science projects help me put my creativity to use. I also love all the odd and unexpected things that I learn while in science class. Talents and/or hobbies: Watching anime, playing basketball, soccer, football, reading books, and cooking. Little known fact: There are not any major facts that I keep hidden away from people who know me well.

Friends of Wescott Library Scholarship - \$1,000



### Medihin Daniel

**Eagan High School** 

**Favorite high school memory:** Speech Sections my junior year - we had a highly competitive section

and I was able to rise to the occasion and qualify for state. College choice/
Course of study: University of Notre Dame - Computer Science Favorite school subject: Math - I like working on tasks with straightforward solutions. It's also the least difficult to catch up on if you miss class or don't understand a lesson so it makes school a lot easier. Talents and/or hobbies: Biking and taking hikes. I also volunteer at Fairview Ridges Hospital with my friends where I work in transport pool. I'm really into computers, so I run tech at church on Sundays. Little known fact: Sports talk shows - I enjoy the

comparisons of players and teams that the media makes and because I find it entertaining.

Friends of Wescott Library Scholarship - \$1,000



### **Rachel Christie**

**Favorite high school memory:** Getting to spend an exciting evening with friends on the day of the

homecoming dance. College choice/
Course of study: University of Minnesota,
Twin Cities - Product Design Favorite
school subject: Band - being in Band
throughout high school has allowed
me to try out new pieces that present
both a challenge and a way to express
myself. Talents and/or hobbies: Drawing,
painting, origami, and playing the piano
and flute. Basically, most artistic skills are
likely to spark my interest! Little known
fact: I have never broken a bone.

George Behnke Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000



Clare Dixon
Eagan High School
Favorite high school

**memory:** Being in Problem Solving Home Repair class - before nailing the boards

together we took the time to be taught how to properly use a hammer. College choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Platteville - Cybersecurity Favorite school subject: Computer Science - it gave me the knowledge to be comfortable and confident in programming, so I was able to take a step back and have more fun in my programming projects. Talents and/or hobbies: Carpentry and working with wood to create projects, video games, and longboarding. Little known fact: I have two middle names.

George Behnke Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000



Matthew Stavros
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Dr. Reikowski
walked into Mrs. Thompson's
room. Mrs. Thompson

didn't see Dr. Reikowski for a hot minute, but when she saw her boss, we all saw

a glimmer of fear in her eyes. When Dr. Reikowski left, being a new teacher, Mrs. Thompson collapsed, fearing that she had said something she shouldn't have. College choice/Course of study: University of California, Santa Barbara - Computer Science Favorite school subject: Math there are so many different aspects of the subject that all combine into one messy ball of challenges. It is so frequent that these aspects have to combine to make a problem that much more challenging. Talents and/or hobbies: Sparring and flexibility, riding my bike and playing video games. Little known fact: I have been in karate since I was 5-years old.

Glacier Hills Elementary Site Council Scholarship - \$500



Fatima Ahmed
Eastview High School
Favorite high school

memory: A Socratic seminar I had in my freshman year government class - that was

probably one of the best classes I've ever taken. We all became so close knit it felt like a family. The Socratic seminar was so much fun everyone was participating. College choice/Course of study: Nursing Favorite school subject: Math - I don't think freshman year me would agree, but it's something that's always been a challenge and I've grown to love. Talents and/or hobbies: Crocheting, skiing (not good at it though), painting pottery, and baking. Little known fact: I travel a lot. I fell down the school bleachers while volunteering at freshman orientation in front of everyone.

Gopher Resource, LLC Scholarship - \$1,500



Clare Willson

**Trinity School of River Ridge** 

**Favorite high school memory:** Playing soccer with my friends for the first time in senior year - this is such a

good memory for me because, although this was scary and I was not a good player, my teammates were very supportive of me and I built lasting relationships with them. College choice/Course of study: University of St. Thomas - Biomedical Engineering Favorite school subject: Humane Letters - it has taught me how to think critically and have meaningful discussions with others. It has also exposed me to many ways of thinking that I would not naturally have considered. Talents and/or hobbies: Spending time with friends, singing,

drawing, CrossFit, kiteboarding, painting, swimming, listening to science podcasts, pole vaulting, reading, snowboarding, track and field. **Little known fact:** I love to kiteboard.

Gopher Resource, LLC Scholarship - \$1,500



Marguerite Kocon
Trinity School of River Ridge
Favorite high school
memory: My very last
soccer game senior year

- I remember feeling so incredibly grateful for the truly incredible girls on my team who had loved me and I had grown to love. My team this year was a truly unique community, one where everyone felt they belonged. College choice/Course of study: Hillsdale College - Mathematics Favorite school subject: Mathematics - I am drawn to the subject because I am entranced by the complex language and ever growing world of patterns and logic that is mathematics. Mathematics is in everything and there is always a discovery to be made. Talents and/or hobbies: Creating art from watercolor bird paintings to clay miniatures. I love everything outdoors - I am the person who is playing hockey in negative degrees and I take any chance I can to take a walk or run in the outdoors. I love theater and poetry as well as sports, especially a pick up game with friends. Little known fact: I am deeply averse to chicken noodle soup - I quite literally had a scarring experience when I spilled

**Harper Family Scholarship - \$2,000** 

scorching hot soup on myself and ever

since that experience I have despised the



Preethika Naveen
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Prom last year
- it was really nice to see
everyone all dressed up and

then being able to go on all the rides after. College choice/Course of study: University of Washington - Pre-Med Favorite school subject: Band - I love the directors and being able to make music! The band community is loving, understanding, and inviting. Talents and/or hobbies: Reading, watching YouTube, doing word searches, and learning new things. Little known fact: My favorite animal is a chicken!

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



Owen Helgeson
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The 200 mile
Ragnar relay. College choice/
Course of study: University of

St. Thomas - Computer Science/Business Favorite school subject: Mathematics - I like to use numbers and data to solve programs. Talents and/or hobbies: Running and skiing. Little known fact: I enjoy traveling.

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000



Adelaide Adu-Gyamfi
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Going to football
games with my friends, not
knowing what was going

on but still having fun anyway. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota - Political Science Favorite school subject: English - there is no right or wrong answer and I love reading. Talents and/or hobbies: Singing and acting. Little known fact: I do not have a middle name.

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000



Bella Huston
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The pink-out
football game junior year
- my friends and I stormed

the field, and it was a fun win. That game is a core high school memory for me.

College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Nutritional Science Favorite school subject: Social Studies - it's the most exciting and engaging class for me, and some of my favorite teachers teach it. Talents and/or hobbies: Reading, cooking, shopping, and running. Little known fact: My favorite restaurant is Pizza Lucé.

Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000



Grace Adewoye
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Senior year when
they announced the 2023

difference makers - I got the chance to stand in front of the whole school on the football field during the homecoming football game. The best part was that my best friends were right there with me the whole time. College choice/ Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Business Finance Favorite school subject: History - I love learning about the past and how it could affect the future. For example, AP European History was challenging but the topics were extremely intriguing. Talents and/ or hobbies: Hanging out with friends and playing tennis with my family. I am a very fast learner and can relate to people very easily. Little known fact: I have been fluent in Italian and a local Nigerian language called Yoruba my whole life.

M & E Engineering Scholarship - \$750



Samrug Narayanan Eagan High School

Favorite high school memory: The Winter Carnival Concert game design was extremely

exciting - collaborating with others to create a game that many different kids played was a great experience. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota - Engineering, Physics, or Chemistry **Favorite school subject:** Chemistry - it's interesting to learn about the structure of things that we see every day. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing chess and recently I have picked up juggling. **Little known fact:** I have been to 15 different countries.

M & E Engineering Scholarship - \$750



Sarah Finwall
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** The last football game of my senior year - it was Eagan Out, and I had

put glitter in my hair earlier that day. Though it was cold, and I know nothing about football, I still have vivid memories of flour in my pockets and a sore throat from all the screaming. It was amazing!

College choice/Course of study: University of lowa - Creative Writing and Studio Art

Favorite school subject: English - I have always said English and I always will. It's a class where I can express myself through my writing, which can be very vulnerable to some, and I can connect with the part of myself that has too many thoughts and not enough places to voice them. Talents and/or hobbies: Ultimate Frisbee and

Volleyball. I love to draw and read. I'm a huge movie and book nerd, but I do take time to pursue other hobbies like baking and photography. **Little known fact:** I'm scared of escalators.

Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission" Scholarship - \$1,000



Emily Campbell
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** Dissecting pithed frogs in my Physiology class. I never expected to find it

as fascinating as I did, and I learned an incredible amount about anatomy and how our bodies function. College choice/ Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Biochemistry Favorite school subject: Chemistry - I always feel that I learn the most in it. I love learning new and interesting aspects about the world around us, and on multiple occasions, I've been able to tie my learnings back to my own life. Talents and/or hobbies: Creating and curating playlists on Spotify, whether based on moods, situations, or different specific genres. Music has gotten me through a lot and I really enjoy finding new songs. I also like playing volleyball and crocheting. Little known fact: I've always mixed up Colorado and Chicago, even though I know that one's a city and the other a state. Even now, I often have to pause to make sure I'm talking about the right one.

Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission" Scholarship - \$1,000



Amanda Stiff
Eagan High School

**Favorite high school memory:** Going to football games with my friends during senior year. **College** 

choice/Course of study: University of lowa - Exercise Science Favorite school subject: Math - it challenges me to think in different ways than I am used to. Talents and/or hobbies: Reading, baking, and hanging out with friends and family. Little known fact: It is a dream of mine to travel to Greece and Italy.

Maggie Elliott "Living the Mission" Scholarship - \$1,000



Kaitlyn Sellner
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Being able to
play volleyball and spend

time with friends. College choice/Course of study: University of Northern Iowa - Construction Management Favorite school subject: Tech Ed classes - they are really fun and interesting projects. Talents and/or hobbies: Home improvement, crafts, volleyball, and track. Little known fact: I played piano for nine years.

Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500



Aaron Luu
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Going on a winter
ski trip with my Nordic
team freshman year - I truly

enjoyed and gained so much skiing experience from that trip and I had a lot of fun with my friends. College choice/
Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Computer Science Favorite school subject: Mathematics - it is objective; there is only one true answer. I can also better understand that subject than other subjects like English. Talents and/or hobbies: Running, math, skiing, biking, solving things, trying new things, video games, working out, bouldering, eating, and thinking. Little known fact: I can beatbox a little.

Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500



Connelly Jarrell
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Performing
at the Minnesota Music
Educators Association's

Midwinter Convention with our percussion ensemble. After dedicating countless hours to the pieces we chose to perform, it was beautiful finally being able to showcase our work in front of everyone. College choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Madison - Microbiology Favorite school subject: Math - it has always come very natural to me. I like problem solving, and it's satisfying finding the answers. Talents and/or hobbies: Artsy things, like scrapbooking and making friendship bracelets, listening to different kinds of music, watching different kinds of movies, and getting together with friends. Little known fact: I don't know how to make box mac and cheese.

Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500



Fatima Aden
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: When I was named
a Difference Maker during
this year's football season - I

was able to come to a point in my life where I was acknowledged for the work I had done in the school with BSU. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Political Science Favorite school subject: English - I enjoy writing and speaking about things I am passionate about. English is also my favorite because it provides a space where writing can really make a difference. Talents and/or hobbies: I am a Starbucks barista, so I am pretty good at memorizing things. I am also very good at working in high paced environments. I like reading and public speaking. Little known fact: 1 have six siblings!

Matt Thuente Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500



Linh Vo
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Every single
moment I share with my
friends - I wouldn't be where

I am today if it wasn't for them. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Wisconsin, Madison - Psychology **Favorite school subject:** Science - I love learning the 'science' behind how everything works. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Playing the piano, ukulele, taking vocal lessons, and exploring new places and foods with friends. **Little known fact:** I'm a very spiritual person and I've been training in spirituality since 2020.

Minnwest Bank Scholarship - \$1,000



Elena Kocemba
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Mr. Heil's AP
Euro class - we presented
our Europe trip, which we

had personalized to be for the Heil's, the whole class laughing - it was great!

College choice/Course of study: College of Saint Benedict - Business Favorite school subject: History - after reading lot of historical fiction, I had to know more about the times my favorite characters lived in. Talents and/or hobbies:

Cooking, baking, singing, woodworking,

biking, and fictional writing. **Little known fact:** I wrote a two-hundred page novel in tenth grade.

Minnwest Bank Scholarship - \$1,000



Ella Patnode
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Being with friends
at football games and pep
fests! College choice/Course

of study: U of MN - Carlson School of Management - International Business & Finance Favorite school subject: Science - I enjoy studying how things work and how a change in the environment can impact the outcome. Talents and/or hobbies: Reading, painting, and going for walks with my dog. Little known fact: I had open heart surgery when I was one.

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



Thomas Kehler
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Freshman year
Swim and Dive sectional
meet - Eagan and

Rosemount were neck and neck, it came down to the final relay and we won the meet by only one point. College choice/
Course of study: University of Minnesota,
Twin Cities - Computer Science Favorite school subject: Math - it's so fun to learn about new concepts and how they could be applicable to real life. Talents and/
or hobbies: Online chess, solving the varieties of Rubik's cubes, and playing video games. Little known fact: I love to sing but I haven't had the room or time to join Encore or Choir.

Old National Bank Scholarship - \$1,000



Alex Miller
St. Thomas Academy
Favorite high school
memory: Brigade leadership
racing cardboard boats
across our swimming pool -

trying to stay afloat and beat one another.

College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota - Computer Science

Favorite school subject: Computer

Science - it is extremely engaging and hands-on. Talents and/or hobbies:

Hiking, traveling, iPhone repairs, website design and development, marketing/brand strategy, copywriting, shopify

development, and e-commerce. Little known fact: I've never had cheesecake.

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



Franboni Mitoro
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Intramural
basketball with my friends competing against my other

classmates was very fun. College choice/
Course of study: University of Minnesota,
Duluth - Exercise and Rehabilitation
Science Favorite school subject: Math despite how hard it is sometimes, I think
it's the most satisfying when done right.
Talents and/or hobbies: Watching anime
or documentaries, playing sports with
my friends or hanging out with my family.
Little known fact: I am Oromo which is an
ethnic group in Ethiopia.

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



Mina Howard
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Eagan High
School band - I traveled to
Italy and was amazed by

how enlightening the experience was. I was fascinated by the vibrant cultures we were immersed in and how the people there viewed the world. College choice/ Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Biology Favorite school subject: CIS Human Physiology - I find it to be incredibly fascinating and I enjoy the rigor of the coursework. Talents and/or hobbies: Instrumental music, writing, drawing, painting, and sculpting. I have a creative mind, enjoy playing recreational sports, and helping others. Little known fact: I love to express my creativity through arts and crafts.

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



Shaunak Mehal
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Playing in the
MN State Table Tennis
Tournament - it was a

moment of great pride and validation, as I felt like all my hard work paid off. It was a great sense of accomplishment and

joy I felt when we placed second in the tournament. College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Mechanical Engineering Favorite school subject: AP Physics - I am captivated by the laws that regulate the world, I love solving problems and applying theoretical ideas to real-world solutions. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing the piano, soccer, basketball, football, reading, and lifting weights. I also enjoy going on walks with my dog, as well as cooking and trying new recipes. Little known fact: I can speak three languages - English, Hindi, and French.

Patriots Endowment Scholarship - \$500



Jack Young
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Not necessarily
a great memory but I will
never forget being in my

last class of the day freshman year and learning we would be out of school for 2 weeks because of 'Coronavirus'. College choice/Course of study: Minnesota State University, Mankato - Criminal Justice/ Law Enforcement/Accounting Favorite school subject: Forensics - most of the skills I'm learning in the class I'll be able to use in my upcoming career. Talents and/or hobbies: Any sports, hanging out with friends, being outside, traveling, and working. Little known fact: When I was very little I had Guillain-Barre which paralyzed me from the waist down. Doctors thought I wouldn't be able to walk again, but I showed them otherwise.

Pat's Sound of Music Scholarship - \$750



Julienne Xiaaj
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Senior year
homecoming where I set
up a photobooth with my

family - it was fun to see my teachers and peers completely light up, turn on their goofy sides, and capture memories.

College choice/Course of study: Carleton College - Sports Medicine Favorite school subject: Math - it is the universal language, I appreciate its beautiful concepts and different ways of teaching us to think! Talents and/or hobbies:

Dancing, singing, acting, cooking, baking, crafts, and reading! Little known fact: I have a lazy eye. Though it is not as obvious nowadays, the eyepatches growing up sure were!

#### Paul and Patricia Gust Environmental Scholarship - \$2,000



Lauren Jordahl
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: All of the
experiences I got to share
with friends - homecoming

football games, school dances, and sporting events. College choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire - Environmental Science Favorite school subject: Science - I like how hands on it is, as well as how much it connects to ongoing real-world issues. Talents and/or hobbies: Hiking, traveling, hammocking, cooking, antique shopping, and puzzling. Little known fact: I can play piano.

### Pinewood Community School Scholarship - \$1,000



Emma Molina
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The entire band
performing Mary Poppins
in front of a crowd in

Italy. College choice/Course of study:
Minnesota State University, Mankato Dental Hygiene Favorite school subject:
Art - it is a subject that challenges me to
be creative and motivates me to see new
perspectives. Talents and/or hobbies:
Drawing, painting, playing the saxophone,
and volunteering. Little known fact: I
represented Eagan as an Eagan Funfest
Ambassador from 2021 to 2022.

## Power Systems Research Scholarship - \$2,000



Erin Kelly
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Seeing everyone
on stage during our
recorded concert style

production of Les Miserables - in masks and social distancing, it was the first normal thing since the pandemic began.

College choice/Course of study: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Computer Engineering Favorite school subject: Undecided - there are so many ways to view the world, and I love learning about all of them. Talents and/or hobbies: Reading, writing, playing and listening to music, and all things theater and storytelling.

### Punch Family Fund Scholarship - \$1,500



Danielle Wollin
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Being a part of
Encore my senior year with
all of my friends - I loved

when everything was put together, the singing, the dancing, and being able to perform for everyone. College choice/
Course of study: University of Wisconsin, La Crosse - Elementary Education
Favorite school subject: Choir - I get to express myself through singing and create music with others. Talents and/or hobbies:
Singing, playing ultimate frisbee, and hanging out with friends and my dog
Zula. Little known fact: I can recite all the presidents.

### Punch Family Fund Scholarship - \$1,500



Jacob Lovald
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Hanging out with
friends and playing soccer.
College choice/Course of

**study:** Inver Hills Community College -Business Management **Favorite school subject:** History - I like hearing stories from the past. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Watching movies. **Little known fact:** I had a brain tumor once.

### Punch Family Fund Scholarship - \$1,500



Sydney Knaak
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Being nominated
as a Difference Maker at
Eagan High school - I feel

like sometimes my work goes unseen or unheard and it was a great eye opener that the school really does appreciate me and the things I do! **College choice/ Course of study:** Augsburg University Business or Buying Management **Favorite school subject:** English - I love expressing how I am feeling onto a doc or piece of paper, it is a great form of therapy. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Thrifting and street fashion, singing, volleyball, poetry, and surrounding myself with the people I love. **Little known fact:** I tore my ACL twice.

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



Teagan McCauley
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Swim team - we
went to Duluth freshman year
and dyed our hair purple

overnight. College choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee - Nutrition Sciences and Business Marketing Favorite school subject: Math - it has always been tough for me, but is where I feel the most challenged. Talents and/or hobbies: Spending my free time going to work and picking up extra shifts when I can - I love my coworkers and never feel forced to go to work. Little known fact: I love to travel with my family.

### Rotary Club of Eagan Scholarship - \$500



Ani Spoor
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Going to Italy with
the band in March 2022 and
playing in a massive church

in Rome alongside my best friend. This experience impacted me and encouraged me to travel more; I hope to study aboard during college. College choice/Course of study: St. Olaf College - Environmental Science Favorite school subject: Art - I love having the ability to express myself and the supportive community of people that I have met. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing flute, crocheting, drawing, painting, doing puzzles, hanging out with my family and friends, and playing with my cats. Little known fact: I was a competitive synchronized swimmer for two years.

### Rotary Club of Eagan Scholarship - \$500



Benjamin Fisher
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The time I went
to UVM Honor Band and
met some of the funniest

people. College choice/Course of study: St. Olaf College - Environmental Science Favorite school subject: Physics - it describes the fundamentals of literally everything around us. Talents and/or hobbies: Reading about environmental sustainability, going on walks, playing the euphonium, chilling on videogames with friends, and working out. **Little known fact:** Quesadillas are my favorite.

Rotary Club of Eagan Scholarship - \$500



Emily Wong
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Winning my
senior night match against
Prior Lake - we weren't

expected to win, so it was super exciting to celebrate with all my teammates afterwards. College choice/Course of study: University of Wisconsin, Madsion - Chemical Engineering Favorite school subject: Math - I love how satisfying math can be when you figure out how to solve the problem. Talents and/or hobbies: Tennis, pickleball, drawing, gardening, trying new foods, reading. Little known fact: My family and I have hosted seven exchange students from different countries.

Rotary Club of Eagan Scholarship - \$500



Samantha Wilcox
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Honors Biology
in 10th grade - it made me
fall in love with science.

Without this class, I would be considering a very different career path. **College choice/Course of study:** University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Biomedical Engineering **Favorite school subject:** CIS Human Physiology - it is so challenging, but it is more fun that way. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Reading and spending time outside. During summer, I look at the moon through my telescope and stargaze. **Little known fact:** I have been stung by a jellyfish.

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



Eric Li
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Storming the
football field after Eagan
made a game winning field

goal against Burnsville my junior year.

College choice/Course of study: University of California, Berkeley - Political Economy and Finance Favorite school subject:
History - I love learning how distinct

governmental structures have played out in the past. **Talents and/or hobbies:** Exploring the city, watching scary movies, thrifting, food blogging, and going to the gym. **Little known fact:** I have drunk a can of Fresca every day for the past three months straight.

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



Kylie Wagner
Benilde-St. Margaret
Favorite high school
memory: Building lifelasting friendships with my
peers and even some of

my teachers, and I will always remember earning third place at the state softball tournament. College choice/Course of study: University of Denver - Economics, Finance Favorite school subject: Statistics - I had a great teacher that helped me understand how to apply it in the real world. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing softball, pickle ball, golf, surfing, spending time at the lake, and cleaning. I also enjoy posting on my Instagram account where I rate different types of Dr. Pepper. Little known fact: I am the most organized and clean person you will ever meet!

Superior Auto Care Scholarship - \$500



Brendon Koenig
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: The social part
of high school - I get along
with everyone and love to

be with friends. College choice/Course of study: Dakota County Technical College - Automotive Technician Favorite school subject: Technology, Engineering, and Manufacturing courses - these are handson classes for the real world. Talents and/or hobbies: Going to the cabin, playing baseball, jet skiing, riding bikes and scooters, and riding my dirt bike. Little known fact: I collect toy cars - I have hundreds of mini cars and model cars!

Tammy Mott Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000



David Rocheford
Eagan High School
Favorite high school
memory: Playing football my
senior year - we had the best
record in 14 years and got to

host the first round of the playoffs.

College choice/Course of study: lowa State University - Undecided Favorite school subject: Minnesota Biology provided me with meaningful real life experience. Talents and/or hobbies: Playing baseball, football, hockey, golf, and going fishing. Little known fact: I like to eat breakfast for dinner.

Waldock Maguire Family Scholarship - \$1,000



School of
Environmental Studies
Favorite high school
memory: My winter intensive
senior year on the Rio

Grande was intense, fun, and interesting. I will always remember accidentally capsizing my canoe! College choice/
Course of study: Undecided - Aerospace Engineering Favorite school subject: Science - labs in Physics were especially fun. Talents and/or hobbies: Working with my EHS FTC robotics team on both building robots and STEM outreach to the community, and also Scouts. Little known fact: I won the mooing contest at the MN State Fair when I was five.

**Xcel Energy Scholarship - \$500** 



Brooklyn Adams
Eastview High School
Favorite high school
memory: The summer

memory: The summer of 2020 - everything was locked down and my family

and I would get together, lay on the couch and watch Chicago Fire until 2 or 3 am. College choice/Course of study: University of Colorado, Boulder - Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Favorite school subject: Science - I am able to apply what I have learned in class into my everyday life. Talents and/or hobbies: Volunteering in different communities across the nation, playing competitive soccer, being a confirmation teen leader, singing, and dancing. Little known fact: My first time flying was for my half-sisters wedding and I was only 11 days old.



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