



2017
W.F. West
Scholarship
Program

W. F. West High School Scholarship and Awards Program



**Celebrating the Graduates of the Class of 2017
and
the Tradition of Giving in Our Community**

- All scholarship recipients are asked to remain after the ceremony for a large group photo.
- At graduation the program will include the names of recipients of awards tonight, and updates of additional scholarships and awards received by graduates after the program was published. If your name and scholarship is not listed, please contact the counseling center immediately so that we can recognize you in the graduation program. Ms. Goble, school counselor, will be up front near the stage to record this information.
- The awards and scholarships will be presented in the order of this program.

Top Ten Scholar Award



W. F. West and Coffman Trust Scholarships

Establishing a Tradition of Community Giving

The W. F. West and Coffman Scholarships were established as family trusts to support graduates from this community in college and career endeavors. Both the Wests and Coffman's believed strongly in the benefit of education and a college degree. They believed that students from Chehalis who worked hard could succeed in college. They chose to use their estates to give a helping hand to these students. Their legacy has benefitted generations of families and students in this community.

Since the 1970's more than 1700 graduates of W. F. West High School have received West or Coffman scholarships, the majority of those for multiple years. The West and Coffman scholarships have been an incredible blessing to our students, our schools and our community. The contributions made by West and Coffman scholars after gaining a higher education can't be fully calculated. West and Coffman scholarship recipients have gone on to be leaders in business, government, education, healthcare and the sciences.

The West and Coffman Scholarships laid the foundation for giving that is exceptional in a small community. Tonight's scholarship and award night is a tribute to the legacy and tradition these families started, and to the generous gifts of individuals, families, friends, businesses, organizations and foundations in Chehalis to support all students in career and college pursuits. Tonight, this community tradition of giving will provide financial support to W. F. West graduates, Class of 2017 to support them in their college and career pursuits.

These permanent trusts, worth more than \$2.6 million have provided scholarships to W. F. West graduates of "superior ability" and in need of financial assistance to attend college. We are grateful to the West and Coffman families for establishing a community tradition of giving.

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Scholarships Previously Awarded at the W. F. West Athletic Banquet

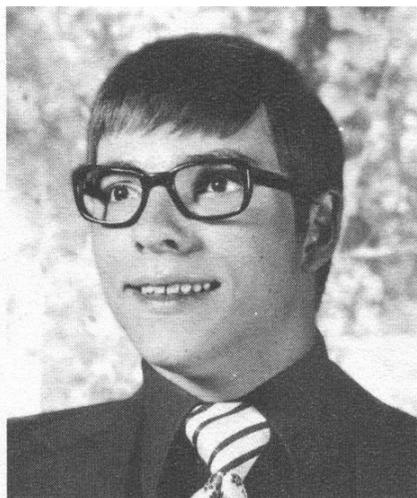
W. F. West Track and Field Boosters

The W.F. West Track and Field Boosters are proud to be able to support student-athletes from our program as they pursue post-secondary education. Student-athletes must be a four year participant or a two-year varsity letterwinner with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Scholarships are awarded by considering student-athletes' written statements about the impact that being a part of the Track and Field

program has had personally as well as their level of participation in Bearcat athletics, athletic honors and awards, community service and extracurricular activities, and work experience. Scholarships are \$250 per individual.

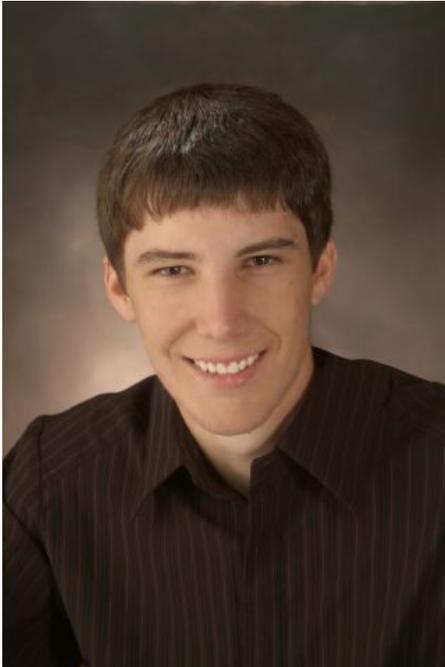


Doug Blaser Scholarship



Doug Lynn Blaser was confined to a wheelchair during his school years, due to cerebral palsy. He channeled his energy and passion for athletics into providing support for all sports teams. He enjoyed going to both home and away games. Doug was an avid sports fan of the Chehalis Bearcats, and had equal passion for the Mariners, Huskies and Sonics. Doug Blaser graduated from W. F. West High School in 1975 and received the first Spirit Award. This award has been given in his name ever since, and is awarded to an athlete or fan with great enthusiasm for Bearcat sports. After Doug's passing in 2004, the Doug Blaser Scholarship was established to be given in conjunction with the Doug Blaser Spirit Award. The scholarship is offered through donations from family members, friends, and fellow athletic enthusiasts.

Brian Cox Athletic Scholarship



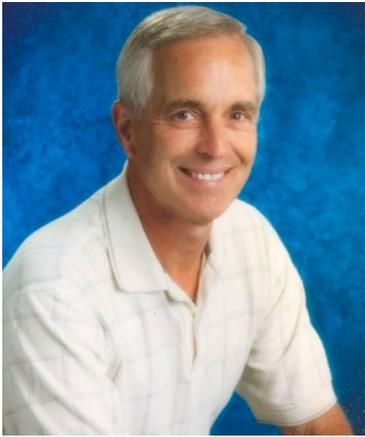
The Brian Cox Athletic Scholarship was established when Brian was tragically killed in a car accident in July 2008 when home for the summer after his first year of college. Brian was an organ donor; his liver was given to an eight year old girl, a lifesaving gift. Many others benefitted from the organs Brian donated. Brian's family and friends organized The Brian Cox Golf Tournament to raise money for a scholarship in his honor. They have continued this tradition annually at Riverside Golf Course the last Saturday of July in remembrance of Brian. The scholarship account has continued to grow.

Brian was a W. F. West graduate from the Class of 2007. He excelled in three sports: golf, basketball and baseball. He played each of those sports throughout his four years of high school. The scholarship is given to an athlete(s) in Brian's name each year to help with the cost of college, and to recognize the recipient(s) for his/her passion and dedication to athletics.

Chehalis Activators' Scholarship

Activators is a long-standing, non-profit, fundraising organization for Chehalis Middle School Athletics. The club is made up of 30 members that meet twice a month to examine the needs of the middle school, plan fundraising activities, and socialize. Activators play a large part in purchasing equipment and uniforms for the middle school athletic programs. They have installed new lighting in the middle school gym, provided new bleachers on the football field, and outfitted the wrestling room with new mats, just to name a few of the larger expenditures. But most importantly, they ensure that every student can participate in middle school athletics, regardless of a financial hardship. The largest undertakings for the club are the Activators' Track Classic, which provides a thousand athletes an opportunity to participate in one of the largest track meets in the state and the Activators' Golf Tournament, which is considered the best tournament in SW Washington. The Activators award a \$500 non-renewable scholarship to a deserving senior boy and girl each spring. Recipients are determined from participation in middle school and high school athletics, GPA, citizenship, and timely completion of the application.





Denny Daniels/Harry Gust Wrestling Scholarship

Denny Daniels and Harry Gust were both long time head coaches for Bearcat Wrestling. After their retirements, the coaching staff created an award in their names. This award is chosen by the current coaching staff and includes a \$500 scholarship. The wrestler chosen represents the values promoted by Denny and Harry including a strong work ethic, enthusiasm for wrestling, sportsmanship, and leadership by example. The scholarship portion of this award was established in 2014 and is pledged to continue for at least five years.

Chehalis Bearcat Athletic Boosters

W.F. West Bearcat Athletic Booster Club promotes enthusiasm and good sportsmanship in an environment that inspires student athletes, coaches, parents and community. Annual membership and fundraising efforts enable the club to fund scholarships to graduating seniors and purchase items to enhance and support ALL W.F. West athletic teams.

Chehalis Bearcat Athletic Booster Club



Jr. Cats Scholarship



The Jr. Cats Scholarship was created in 2015 for a high school senior who played 4 years of W.F. West football and at least 1 year of Jr. Cat football who is also in good academic standing.

Chehalis Community Scholarships

The Chehalis community has had a strong tradition of supporting students in their post-secondary education and training. Many individuals, local businesses and community organizations have dedicated time and money to promote the future endeavors of W. F. West graduates. The following scholarships are made in remembrance of loved ones or awarded by individuals and community groups in relation to a mission or cause of importance. All are given to help students pay for college and career education, so that each graduate can fulfill his or her dreams. The scholarships in this section are managed by the W. F. West High School counseling center and scholarship committee.

Edward D. Neumann/Shell Oil Company Scholarship



When I retired from Shell Oil, we moved to Chehalis. Neither my wife Evie, nor I had any previous association with Chehalis, but we wanted to watch our only grandson grow up and he was already in the 2nd grade. A year after we settled here, our daughter told me that the Chehalis School District had run out of money for tutors and was looking for volunteers. She knows her father very well, and thought I would be interested. I volunteered but I was told I was not what they had in mind.

However, after a couple of months, I was told that a fourth grade teacher wanted help so bad she would give me a try. She found me acceptable and I enjoyed the work. Once a week soon became two full days a week, and then an invitation to come back the following year.

Fourth grade moved to Olympic Elementary School that year with a new, more progressive principal, Mr. Rash. A new method of teaching math was being tried at fourth grade that year and it wasn't working. The idea was good, but the school didn't have the right people to make it work. Many parents complained to Mr. Rash that their children were bored. Two weeks after I too had complained to Mr. Rash, he called me in and asked me to set up a "math enhancement" program for the best math students in fourth grade. I did it and it was like a teacher's dream come true working with the bright, inquisitive students. I enjoyed working with them and wished that there was some way I could thank them for enriching my life.

Then Shell announced it was expanding their matching funds scholarship program to include high school seniors. It seemed to be a perfect way for me to say thank you. I set up a scholarship and called it the Neumann Scholarship, but Dr. Smith, then principal of W. F. West, convinced me I should include Shell in the name because it was mainly their money.

The "math enhancement" program died after Mr. Rash retired, but I continued to tutor until my hearing became so bad I had to give it up --- after a total of 21 years. The scholarship lives on as my thank you for the wonderful times I had with young Chehalis students.

Jerry and Luella Studeman Memorial Scholarship



After graduating from Central Kitsap High School, Jerry continued his education at telegraphy school. A job at the Chehalis Train Depot brought Jerry and his wife Luella to Lewis County. Jerry and Luella raised four children who all graduated from W. F. West High School. Jerry's love for W. F. West didn't stop when his children graduated, as he was a fixture at Bearcat football and basketball games. He valued education and was a strong supporter of making sure children were prepared for their future.

Jerry was offered a full ride track scholarship to Washington State University. However, he recognized that his interests lay more in the trades. He was a lifelong learner who participated in woodworking, home construction, and masonry work during his career. Jerry was happy to see youngsters follow their dreams and would be proud to support a student entering vocational training.

The Jerry and Luella Studeman Memorial Scholarship is awarded by his family to a graduating senior pursuing post-secondary education in career and technical education.

Chehalis Rotary Scholarships

Chehalis Rotary has served the community of Chehalis since 1921. Rotary strives to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. In 1988, Chehalis Rotary committed to raising \$1000.00 a year in order to present two vocational scholarships to W.F. West graduates. Tonight, we are honored to continue this tradition and to present two students each with a \$500.00 scholarship.



Visiting Nurses Foundation Scholarship



The mission of the Visiting Nurses Foundation is to create funding for education and assistance of home health and hospice patients and their families. In pursuit of this mission, the Foundation raises funds for distribution to home health and hospice care organizations to help cover the costs of equipment, programs and uncompensated care for patients primarily in the Lewis County area with additional services to Thurston, Jefferson, Clallam, Mason, Grant, Adams and Lincoln counties.

Ashley and Brennan Bailey STEM Scholarship



In 2015 Ashley and Brennan Bailey walked 500 miles to raise funds for the scholarship 500 Miles for a Brighter Future that was awarded to a female W. F. West student entering the STEM field. While the reality of walking 500 miles every year is unrealistic, the cause remains invaluable. In 2017 The Ashley & Brennan Bailey STEM Scholarship was created to carry on the tradition of giving. One hundred percent of the funds raised will go to support female seniors graduating from W. F. West High School with the intention of entering the STEM field. Research shows that women currently only make up 29% of the science and engineering workforce (NSF, Women, Minorities, and People with Disabilities in Science and Engineering, 2015). Their goal with this scholarship is to change this statistic by motivating young women in our community to pursue a career in this field. Ashley and Brennan have seen first hand the difference an education can make in the quality of one's life and they feel that it is important to aid others in their educational journey. Ashley Bailey was and is blessed to have

received scholarships for her own journey to the University of Washington and now Pacific University College of Optometry. She is forever grateful for those who have and are helping her to become a doctor. Ashley and Brennan hope that they can impact the lives of other students in the same way.

Centralia-Chehalis Kiwanis Scholarship

Kiwanis is an international organization that was established in 1915 with a focus on enriching the lives of children. Our local club was formed in 1922, and has been supporting our community's youth ever since through projects, fundraisers and programs. Each year we award scholarships to students at W. F. West and Centralia High School who have been active members in the Kiwanis sponsored school KEY Club program. Our local chapter of Kiwanis is proud to support Bearcat grads in their college and career endeavors.



The Chehalis and Centralia Kiwanis is ever growing in membership and service. We work together to sponsor: Washington State Patrol Camp, Key Club, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Camp, Honors Banquet, The Chehalis Pool, Terrific Kids, the W. F. West KEY Club and W. F. West Business Week at Centralia College. Members sponsor and support youth sports teams, boy scouts, cub scouts, girl scouts and law enforcement camp. Kiwanis donates to and works with Reach Out and Read, Pope's Kids Place, and Valley View Medical & Dental. Members can be found bell ringing for the Salvation Army, collecting food for Walk and Knock, or cleaning up Penny Playground and Recreation Park. We put play structures in at Lintott-Alexander Park, and donated money for the "Kiwanis Needle" at Fuller's Skate Park. We sponsor and judge the Little Miss Friendly event at the Southwest Washington Fair.

We invite Bearcat grads and family members to consider membership in our local chapter of Kiwanis. Join us in working to help the kids in our own community be better and stronger individuals in everything they do.

Jeniffer Affeldt Memorial Scholarship



Jeniffer was an accomplished mental health professional in our local community. She was a loving wife and mother of two small children. Jeniffer served as the President of the Jefferson-Lincoln Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. Jeniffer's life was dedicated to the health and well-being of family, our schools, individuals and community.

The Jeniffer Affeldt Memorial Scholarship is offered as a remembrance to her life and work through donations from her husband Dr. Chris Affeldt, family members, and friends. The funds have been placed in an endowment account administered by the Centralia-Chehalis Kiwanis Project Foundation. This year an award of \$1,000.00 will be given in Jeniffer Affeldt's memory.

Centralia College Scholarships



Centralia College awards scholarships to W. F. West graduates who will begin their postsecondary education at Centralia College. These scholarships have been established by the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends of the college. The Centralia College Foundation plays a major role in raising scholarship dollars. Students may receive scholarship awards based on grade point average, community service, work experience, financial need, school activities, and leadership. Over 250 Centralia College Scholarships are presented to students in the community annually. For information on how to donate to The Centralia College Foundation, please email scholarships@centralia.edu.

Chehalis Music Boosters

The Chehalis Music Booster Club was organized in October of 1982. Our purpose is to promote all aspects of the Chehalis School District Music Program. This will be accomplished through publicity, promotion and financial assistance. Choral and instrumental musical participation will be family, school and community together for enjoyment and education. The goal is to involve parents and the community in the school music activities.

This includes the need for planning and funding with membership, which is open to all interested people. Each year we proudly provide scholarships to students who plan to pursue a career in music education or to participate in music during their college education.



McDonald's Scholarship



Your local McDonald's has been happily providing a scholarship every year to a hard working, dedicated student for over twenty years. Each year's recipient receives \$1,000 per year for four years. Community is very important to us and helping our local youth in such a way strengthens the future for everyone. The Chehalis McDonald's is locally owned and operated by Shari Nixon

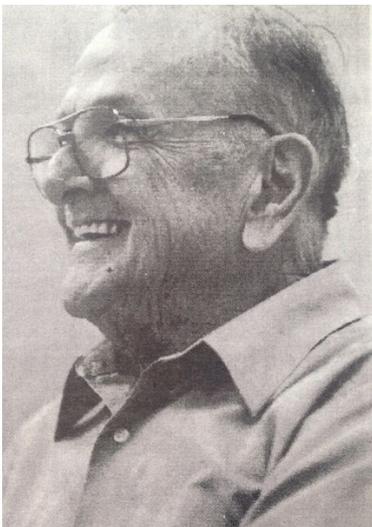
ABATE of Washington, Lewis County Chapter Scholarship



ABATE is a national organization that advocates for motorcycle rider safety education and training, and greater public awareness of motorcyclist safety issues. The Lewis County Chapter of ABATE of Washington is passionate about serving our local community through food and toy

drives, and a Christmas gift program for the women's shelter. ABATE of Washington, Lewis County Chapter is proud to present eight scholarships to graduating seniors in our community, with one to a student from W. F. West High School. The scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated a strong work ethic in preparing for college eligibility, and with financial need. GPA is not a criteria for this award. The scholarship is for local college and career and technical education training. ABATE believes that all students deserve a bright future.

ASB President Scholarship



This scholarship was originally created in 1997 to honor the life and legacy of William M. Ullom, known in the W. F. West community as "Uncle Bill". Ullom taught in the public schools for nearly five decades. He was dedicated to civic education of youth, and encouraged all students to study our American system of government. Ullom's mission was to develop future citizens, active participants, and leaders of our democratic system. He also believed that any service in any branch of government at the local, state or federal level was an "exalted calling".

This scholarship was converted in name to the ASB President Scholarship in 2000. It is established to recognize a student for civic engagement and leadership.

Laura Janelle Boomer Scholarship



Larry and Becky McGee and children Laura and Heather Boomer moved to Chehalis from the east coast at the end of the summer in 1985. Laura and Heather thought it was a terrible idea because of course, they did not want to leave their many Pennsylvania friends. However, they seemed to fit right in, and in the spring of 1986 Laura was elected W. F. West ASB President for the 1986 - 1987 school year. Laura used her leadership position to help the W. F. West student body provide generous donations to Mexico City, in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in 1985.

Laura was a very strong student, noted for her academics, scholarship and leadership. She would have graduated either first or second in her class. Her calculus instructor said she scored the highest grade he had ever seen. Laura enjoyed singing and was a voracious reader. She was awarded several prestigious scholarships, including the Air Force ROTC scholarship to be used at the University of Puget Sound. Laura planned to go to medical school and become a surgeon.

When Laura died in April 1987, the family decided to use monies they had saved for college to start a fund to provide scholarships for others in her name. Helping others provides an ongoing positive impact and remembrance of someone who was an extraordinary young woman.

Lewis County Chemical Scholarship

Lewis County Chemical (LECO) Supply believes strongly in the importance of quality educational opportunities in our area. We hope this scholarship advances the mission of our local schools and provides opportunity for a local student to continue to prosper. With several employees who are graduates of the Chehalis school system, we happily contribute to this scholarship fund as we know the value it creates in our students and our communities.



Palmer Lumber Scholarship

The Palmer Lumber Trust Fund was established in the mid-twentieth century. Palmer Lumber was established in 1906 and represents an important connection between our local business economy and its heritage in natural resources. The trust was established with the purpose of providing a scholarship to a W. F. West graduate pursuing a career in vocational-technical education. Students receiving the Palmer Lumber Scholarship may pursue their career and technical education at a vocational institute or college of their choice.

Pacific Mobile Scholarship



Pacific Mobile Structures, headquartered in Chehalis, Washington, sells and leases exceptional mobile office space, and builds innovative modular structures. With a rental fleet of 2.5 million square feet, we serve any jobsite needs. We also provide relocatable classrooms, as well as high-quality modular structures for office buildings, medical clinics, community centers and workforce housing throughout the west. Pacific Mobile Structures proudly contributes 10% of our annual profits to support local communities where we do business, including awarding more than \$20,000.00 in scholarships annually.

The Pacific Mobile scholarship is awarded to seniors from W. F. West with a GPA of 2.5 or above. The scholarship recognizes graduates who have participated in athletics and volunteered in the community.

Robert E. Lintott Math Scholarship



Robert Lintott loved teaching the Children of Chehalis for twenty years. He was a fourth grade teacher who believed in the power of education and believed every child could succeed if just given the right opportunity. He is often remembered for some of his class antics including cutting up his tie to teach fractions. He was also very involved in the Chehalis community as an adult leader in Boy Scouts and very involved in his church's youth programs. A wonderful husband, father, and supporter of our community, we are proud to have created the Robert E. Lintott Scholarship in his memory.

I-5 Toyota Scholarship



The I-5 Toyota Scholarship was started in 2008 by Heidi Pehl, owner of I-5 Toyota in Chehalis. The scholarship is tied to, and partially funded by the annual I-5 Toyota Back-to-School Dash, a 5K run/walk held annually the week before Labor Day at the dealership.

As a student who grew up in Chehalis and graduated from W. F. West High School with a scholarship for college, Pehl always knew that creating a scholarship fund would be something she wanted to be able to do as a business owner. The I-5 Toyota Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior graduating from a Lewis County High School. The original focus was to create a scholarship available to “the average Joe”, to support students with a desire to continue their education in a community college, vocational school, or a 4-year university. Recipients of the scholarship are selected on the basis of an essay required of each applicant. As of tonight, 89 I-5 Toyota Scholarships have been given.

L & E Bottling

L & E Bottling Co. started in Chehalis in 1945. From the beginning it was important to the company to support the community that supported them. Some of the ways they give back are sponsoring local youth sports teams, supporting community programs and providing scholarships for graduating seniors throughout the High Schools of Lewis County. L & E Bottling Co. is proud to offer a \$1000.00 annual scholarship to a deserving graduate from W F West High School.



Mike Oechsner Memorial Scholarship



Mike Oechsner (“X”) was graduate of W. F. West High School and The University of Puget Sound. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend. Mike’s tireless efforts and contributions to the youth of Lewis and South Thurston County through his work as a dedicated teacher, coach and sports official enriched the lives of everyone who knew him.

Following his death in 1991, the Mike Oechsner Memorial Scholarship was created and continues to remain available due to the generous contributions of family, friends, community groups, businesses and slow-pitch teams who help sponsor the annual Mike Oechsner Memorial Slo Pitch Tournament in Adna.

The scholarships are awarded yearly to an outstanding female athlete in either Lewis or south Thurston County. The selection criteria for the scholarships are based on Mike’s goals for the student/athletes he taught and coached. These goals include athletic achievement, academics, citizenship, need, and

leadership and sportsmanship in school and the community. So far, these scholarships have been awarded to 80 outstanding young ladies.

Chehalis School District Scholarship

When a friend or relative passes, the Chehalis School District may receive donations in memory of the loved one for our scholarship program. These funds are used to provide a W. F. West graduate or graduates a scholarship to support postsecondary educational pursuits.

RB Engineering Scholarship



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RB Engineering specializes in civil engineering; land planning; and project management services in support of commercial, industrial and residential land development. RB Engineering and its employees strongly believe in giving back to

the local community. RB Engineering sponsors an annual engineering scholarship for a W. F. West graduate. Since 2001, RB Engineering has provided more than \$12,400.00 to future young engineers from Lewis County to attend college.

Chehalis Education Association Scholarship

The goal of the Chehalis Education Association (CEA) Scholarship is to provide support to those students wanting to pursue a degree in the field of education. Family members of CEA members and/or W. F. West graduates are eligible for this scholarship. It is our hope that this small gift will help students fulfill their dream of becoming an education professional.



Boistfort Lions' Scholarship Program



The Lions' motto is "we serve" and service is the reason we exist. It is why we become Lions and why we remain, year after year donating our time and effort in order to positively impact the community through our service works. Although we do many yearly and special projects, we wanted to create a scholarship program to benefit students attending Boistfort Elementary School that would last throughout the years. By helping others to reach their goals, we are helping them change their lives. By paying it forward, we are giving them the opportunity to go out and help others through service. We think this is a very worthwhile investment for the future.

Thus the Boistfort Lions Scholarship Program was started forty-seven years ago as a way to achieve our goal and support those students who plan to go on to postsecondary education after graduating from high school. To be eligible to apply for a scholarship from the Boistfort Lions' Scholarship Program, you must have graduated from the eighth grade at Boistfort Elementary in the past, or live at the present time within the Boistfort School District, or have previously qualified for and received a scholarship from this organization. All of our scholarships are for academic scholarship. Last year we gave away a total of five scholarships to students graduating from W. F. West High School and Adna High School.

Air Force ROTC Scholarship



Air Force ROTC is a college program offered at more than 1,000 colleges and universities across the United States. It prepares highly qualified students to become Air Force Officers while earning a college degree, and promotes leadership, physical fitness, and education both in college and on Active Duty. The Air Force ROTC Scholarship recipient has shown that they are the best candidate to become an officer, showing their potential through all aspects, but highlighting academics, leadership and athletics. This is a national scholarship open to all seniors who wish to earn a commission into the world's greatest Air Force while committing to integrity, service and excellence while in college and after.

Chehalis School District Administrators Scholarship

The CSD Administrators created a private scholarship fund to support the education of their children as a recognition of collegiality, and the importance of a work and family balance. The scholarship supports the academic achievement of one or more of their children upon graduation from W. F. West. The scholarship reflects the value of education as a shared commitment.

Sharon Care Scholarship



Sharon Care was established in 1958, and originally was a twenty seven bed skilled nursing home. The Center has changed throughout the years. Bill Hammond purchased Sharon Care in 1993, and he made several changes in 1998 by adding a twenty bed memory care center and forty-two assisted living apartments. Today Sharon Care Center is a Continuum of Care facility, providing a comprehensive array of services for healthcare. Sharon Care is proud to provide excellent care to residents by treating them with dignity and respect. Tonight Sharon Care is providing a W. F. West graduate a \$500.00 scholarship to a student pursuing a career in nursing.

Chehalis Foundation Scholarships

The Chehalis Foundation Scholarships began years ago as the Chehalis Dollars for Scholars. Four W. F. West High School graduates: Rene Remund, Bob Spahr, Diane Rasmussen and Linda Smith, from the class of 1965, began meeting to find ways to raise money for scholarships for students in our community. The class of 1965 holds a reunion every five years, and instead of charging a fee to attend the reunion, asks for donations for scholarships. Each year they send letters to classmates seeking donations.

The first year, the Class of 1965 raised \$4,000.00 and presented four scholarships to W. F. West graduates of the class of 2001. The next year they gave five scholarships. Since 2002, the Class of 1965 has been able to give four or five scholarships annually. Other graduating classes of W. F. West High School followed suit, and stepped up to help our students further their education after high school.

A little over a decade ago this dedicated group of alumni and Chehalis community members established The Chehalis Foundation. The mission of the Chehalis Foundation is to support projects that benefit the city, the community, and academic excellence in Chehalis schools. The Chehalis Foundation's purpose is to better the quality of life for our community.

Recently the Chehalis Foundation launched the Beyond K-12 Student Achievement Initiative with the aim to prepare every W. F. West graduate to be career and college ready. In 2016, the Chehalis Foundation awarded thirty-two scholarships, including those listed below. These scholarships are given as recognition of the benefits many have experienced growing up in Chehalis, including the connections of family, friends, teachers and community members who have helped us along the way. Many previous graduates, or children of community members, received W. F. West and Coffman Scholarships to help pay for college. Today the Chehalis Foundation is committed to extending that legacy to help young adults succeed in their career and college endeavors after high school. Part of the work of the Chehalis Foundation is to raise funds for scholarships and to increase the number of scholarships presented annually. This year the Chehalis Foundation is pleased to award scholarships on behalf of individuals and groups in the community.

The Chehalis Foundation manages the scholarships in this section, with the exception of the Fred and Virginia Haunreiter Nursing Scholarship that is identified with a Chehalis Community Scholarship designation.

Class of 1965

See story above.

Classes of the '50s

In 2010 the class of 1955 had an extra \$1500.00 in their reunion account. They learned of another class that had given donations to Dollars for Scholars to benefit W. F. West graduates. In 2010 and the following three years, the class of '55 gave a total of \$7,000.00 for scholarships. The Chehalis Foundation now administers the work of Dollars for Scholars at no cost to them or scholarship recipients.

The generosity of the Class of 1955 continues to grow. In 2014, The Chet Rhodes Family Foundation of Thurston County added \$2,000.00 to the Classes of the '50's donations, in honor of Chet Rhodes, former Superintendent of the Chehalis School District. That year the Class of 1950 awarded \$4,000.00 in scholarships.

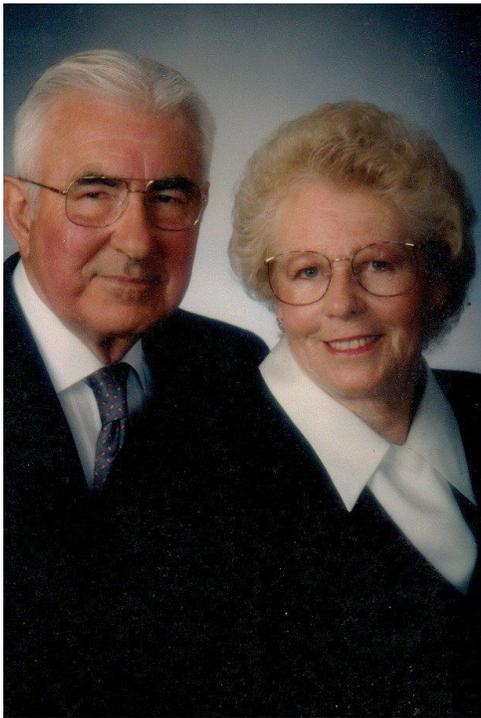
In 2015, The Chet Rhodes Family Foundation offered to match Class of 1955 donations up to the amount of \$7,500.00. The Class of '55 was too small to come up with that amount of money. They invited all of the classes of the 1950's to join them. They were quickly joined in giving by the classes of '51, '52, '53, '55, '56, '57, '58, and '59 to become the Classes of the 50's scholarship. They were able to raise the \$7,500.00 and that was matched by the Chet Rhodes Family Foundation to give ten awards of \$1500.00 that year. In 2016, the Chet Rhodes Family Foundation promised \$9,000.00 as a match. The Classes of the 50's raised that amount and twelve students received scholarships.

In 2017, the Chet Rhodes Family Foundation again offered the Classes of the Fifties matching funds in the amount of \$15,000.

Class of '63

One year, Kathy Haunreiter Johnson, Class of '63 alumni, was presenting a scholarship in the name of her parents at the W. F. West Scholarship and Awards night. Kathy and class of '63 members began talking about the individual classes awarding scholarships to Chehalis grads. It was a reunion year. Kathy invited Class of '65 alum Bob Spahr to join their reunion to share about how the scholarship fundraising and giving worked. The classmates were excited, and passed the hat to raise \$4,000.00 that first year. The Class of '63 truly appreciates our home town, and the education received in the Chehalis School District. They are proud to assist other W. F. West graduates as they get their start with the challenge of establishing a new career and a good life.

Fred and Virginia Haunreiter Nursing Scholarship (Chehalis Community Scholarship)



When our beloved Mother, Virginia Haunreiter passed away in December 1996, we all struggled to figure out how to live without someone we'd loved so much, and who loved us right back. She'd been a caregiver her entire life. As a youngster she'd helped her siblings grow up. As a young wife and mother she'd created a home that welcomed everyone. Virginia was unassuming, full of fun, and a lifelong learner. Mother cared about us, but more than that she cared about everyone.

Mom was hospitalized many times in 1996. Every time we realized that as sick as she was, she wasn't going to give up caring for people. She gave back to the nursing staff at every turn.

Before she passed, Mother had been saving to buy our father a new truck. Dad, not being one to purchase anything unless he really needed it, was determined that something else should be done with the funds she'd been carefully socking away. Dad came up with a wonderful idea. Rather than purchasing a new truck, he'd use the funds our mom had saved to set up the

Virginia Haunreiter Nursing Scholarship for a W. F. West graduate. That year our family gave the first scholarship in Mother's name.

Our Dad passed away in 2009. Mom and Dad were both alumni of W. F. West, as were their four children. Today the scholarship lives on and is given in both of their names, Fred and Virginia. This scholarship is awarded to a current graduate of W. F. West or an alumni pursuing a career in nursing. When the scholarship is awarded, we always remind our recipients to "Take good care of these funds. You're taking our Dad's truck to school!"

Harry and Dorothy Gust Memorial Scholarship

Harry Gust is probably best remembered for his W. F. West wrestling programs that dominated high school wrestling for years, and his legacy of success continues today. His desire to improve the Chehalis



wrestling program including starting the junior high school wrestling program. He mentored several coaches who followed in his winning tradition. He also read extensively about varying wrestling styles to give his wrestlers additional skills to succeed on the mat.

Despite receiving numerous awards for his program, his greatest reward was when his wrestlers succeeded as athletes, students and citizens. His tireless dedication to the Chehalis wrestling programs was showcased by his team's performance in league and district competitions.

As an educator, Harry always wanted the best for his students. Their success was a testament to his ability to inspire students so they could meet the requirements for high school graduation. He was able to reach students of all levels of ability.

While Harry was busy teaching and coaching, his wife, Dorothy, was always willing to help him prepare his lessons. She routinely typed tests and lesson handouts on mimeograph paper. Remember those days before electric typewriters and computers! She was able to accomplish all of this while maintaining a household for seven people.

Now Harry and Dorothy have passed, but their legacy can live on through the successes of their scholarship recipients.

W. F. West Migrant Student Scholar Scholarship

The W. F. West Migrant Scholar Scholarship was started in 2016 by an anonymous W. F. West alumni who wanted to relieve some of the financial burden for students who, like him, elect to pursue their bachelor's degree outside of the Pacific Northwest region. This scholarship of \$2000.00 will be given to a student choosing to study business and/or finance and related fields.

Laurie Merta Memorial Scholarship



Laurie Merta attended W. F. West High School from 1971 - 1974. She was Junior Class President and was involved in many other activities. She later attended the University of Puget Sound, majoring in Psychology, and graduating in 1978.

Following graduation from college, Laurie worked as a Probation and Parole Officer in Pierce County for several years, before becoming the Director of Field Services for the American Federation of State Employees, a post she held for over 20 years.

Laurie passed away far too soon in June, 2012. Her dynamic presence and determination were honored in 2013 when Washington State renamed the Shop Steward Award the 'Laurie Merta Shop Steward of the Year Award' in memory of Laurie's dedication and commitment to her many co-workers whom she so generously served over the years.

The Merta family is much honored to have created 'The Laurie Merta Memorial Scholarship' to present to graduates of W. F. West High School in her memory.

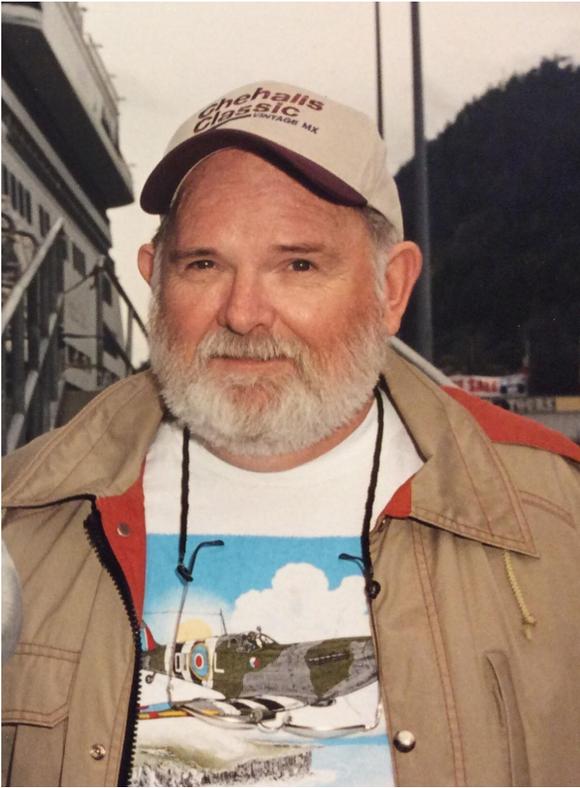
Chris and Vickey Rasmusson Memorial Scholarship



Chris and Vickey Rasmusson were long-time members of the Chehalis community. They also enjoyed five years in Alaska when they moved there in the "pipeline boom". Chris was a W. F. West graduate of 1967, and Vickey was a Bearcat graduate of 1968. Their children Kim and Heather, are also graduates of W. F. West.

Chris and Vickey worked for various local companies in Chehalis. In 1991 they opened their own business, CR Parts, which they operated for over 25 years. This year, the family of Chris and Vickey Rasmusson are pleased to provide a memorial scholarship in their names. The scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a W. F. West graduate pursuing further education.

Steve Rasmusson Memorial Scholarship



Diane Rasmusson and her friends and family started this scholarship fund immediately after Steve's death in May 2008. Steve and Diane both graduated from W. F. West (1962 and 1965) and Steve went on to Tacoma Vocational School (now Bates) and completed the Structural Detailing Program. Steve and Diane were married in 1966, and lived in Seattle, Enumclaw and Spokane before moving back to Chehalis in 1968. They both appreciated the benefits and support of living in this community and always felt a great need to pay it forward.

Steve was an artist and enjoyed that gift all his life. He went from model building to pin striping to custom paint projects on motorcycles and helmets. He was a cartoonist, a sign maker, a woodworker, a duck carver and he built fishing rods. Reading was enjoyment for him every day and all projects were researched thoroughly. Family and friends were the recipients of many of his handmade treasures. In addition, he donated several of his realistic hand carved ducks as well as several fishing rods to auction events held locally.

These varied interests led Steve to opening two businesses during his lifetime. In the early 1970's, he started riding motorcycles and soon he had a showroom full and that was the start of Steve's Suzuki (now Powersports Northwest). In 1989 Steve decided to learn to carve and that led him to a mail order business, Cascade Carvers Supply. He retired in 2002 and sold the business which is now located in the Tri Cities.

Steve was all about people and if you were his friend, it was forever. He had a wicked sense of humor and his storytelling is legendary. He embraced the concept of a hand up not a hand out and had no tolerance for dishonesty. He believed in circling the wagons for everyone who was willing to do the same when and if they got the chance.

Harvey Breen Memorial Scholarship



Harvey passed away on April 6, 2013. Harv was a lifelong resident of Chehalis and both he and his wife Judy graduated from W. F. West High School in 1958. Harvey started to build his own business with his first dump truck in 1960. He started increasing his construction business by building logging roads, primarily for Weyerhaeuser. He continued this work for thirty-nine years. Harv built over ninety percent of the logging roads on the Cinebar Hills. He and Judy worked together in all of their business endeavors. Harv ran the equipment and crews, and Judy kept track of the paperwork. The business was expanded to run a crushing operation on Curtis Hill.

In 1972 Harv and Judy bought extensive acreage on Kennicott Hill that was part of the original Kennicott Homestead. Harv's imagination and vision helped him plan a beautiful community, Alderwood Heights.

From his childhood on, Harv was also a farmer, as were his ancestors. He loved the farm where he and Judy lived for over fifty years, especially his beautiful Hereford cows. He was in FFA in high school, President of the chapter. His senior year of high school he was honored as "Farmer of the Year" at the state FFA Conference.

Harvey was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend. Family time was always special. Family came first, then hunting with his friends; working the land and seeing it come to life; his cows; and a love for making the community a better place.

Judy and family are awarding the Harvey Breen Memorial Scholarship to a W. F. West graduate who reflects Harv's life work in the areas of agriculture, working with animals, forestry or engineering.

Rod Rinta, Class of '85 Memorial Scholarship



Rod Rinta spent all of his school years in the Chehalis School District. Rod graduated from W. F. West High School in 1985. Rod competed in football, basketball and baseball. He was an accomplished drummer, and was a true Bearcat.

At the age of 43 Rod was killed in a plane crash along with two co-workers. Rod never met a stranger. He loved to tell a joke or play a practical joke on his friends and co-workers. Rod always strived to be a genuinely kind person.

The Rod Rinta, Class of '85 Memorial Scholarship is given to a student who is a hard worker at what he or she does, which is reflected by more than GPA. The scholarship recipient is involved in the Bearcat athletic program and is a good citizen both at school and in the community. This memorial scholarship is a way of honoring Rod's love for life, athletics and people.

Connie Small Memorial Scholarship



Connie Jean Small was a woman well known for her various forays into volunteerism and helping the community. Connie Small was a woman of action. She sought improvement in her community through selfless hard work and persistence. Connie was very active in the Chehalis community. She helped spearhead the fundraising for Penny Playground as the project manager, and remained as the President of the Penny Playground Board. Connie also assisted with the revival of Alexander-Lintott Park.

Connie was president of the Adaline Coffman Guild and the NW Youth Orchestra. She served as a board member for the Chehalis Foundation and the Centralia College Fund. Connie also served as the Lewis County representative for Children's Hospital and the Lewis County Red Cross. She participated in the civic organizations PEO and Beta Sigma Phi. Connie was nominated for many civic awards and received the Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship award and the Elks Volunteer of the Year. She was a

very giving, loving person who placed others' wants and needs above her own.

Connie was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Giving back to W. F. West High School would make her smile, as she spent many hours watching her grandchildren and their friends at sporting and other extracurricular events.

The Connie Small Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Connie's dedication to making a difference in her community, and her lasting legacy to inspire others to follow her footsteps.

George Gablehouse Memorial Scholarship



George Gablehouse grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in Selah, Washington, with four brothers and an alcoholic father. His mother walked away when he was two years old. The family lived in tents in the orchards for a period of time, and then in a one room garage.

From this humble and harsh childhood, this small boy grew into a man, who somewhere along the way realized that education, athletics and hard work were the keys to success. George Gablehouse was honored for his outstanding career as an athlete, administrator, and inspirational coach. His records as a coach were distinguished, but his impact on his community and the students he mentored was even more extraordinary.

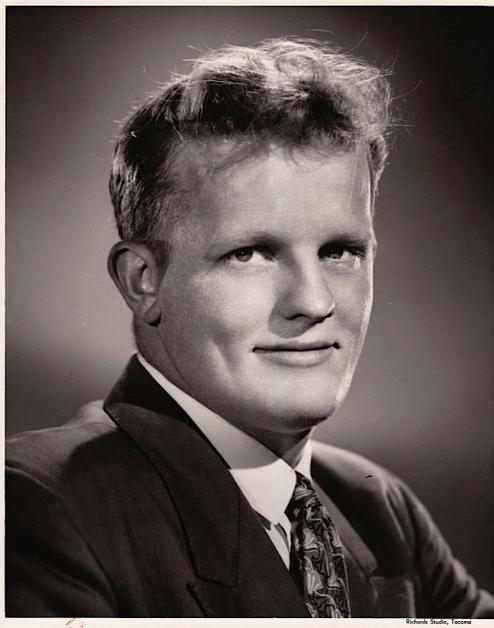
After an impressive college basketball career at Eastern Washington University, he was later inducted into their Hall of Fame for recognition as an individual athlete and a team member. George coached in Omak and Marysville, Washington before moving to Centralia. George Gablehouse spent twenty years as Athletic Director and head basketball and baseball coach at Centralia College. In 1989 he was inducted into the Northwest Athletic Director's Hall of Fame. His jersey, No. 26, hangs in the Hall of Fame at Centralia College. This entryway to the gymnasium has been dedicated to him.

Education, athletics and family were George's passions. He was well known for quietly lending a helping hand to students in need. He raised three children of his own, but it was not unusual to have one or two extras at the house who needed a little extra from the coach, or a good home cooked meal from his wife Barbara.

In 1983 George's daughter went to work at W. F. West. Thus began George's new role as number one fan and supporter of the Chehalis Bearcats. He proudly wore his Bearcat jacket everywhere he went. When his son's best friend was named head baseball coach for the Cats, he added the Bearcat baseball hat to his daily wardrobe. George had two grandchildren and one great grandchild graduate from W. F. West. All three kids were athletes. They were each confident that when they were playing, they could look up in the stands and there would be Grandpa George, wearing his crimson and gray and cheering them on!

George died in August of 2014, and it was his wish that no memorial service be held. Instead, he wished that the money that would have been spent, be given to a young Bearcat for his or her education. To George Gablehouse, that was the most important thing, helping another student get their education to secure their future.

Rodney Giske Memorial Scholarship



In 1952 Rod and Mary Beth Giske and their young family were proud to join the Bearcat community. Rod was hired as head football coach and teacher of world history. The couple met at WSU, married in Olympia, and raised four children in Chehalis, each a graduate of W. F. West. Many experienced the Giske hospitality and friendship, and many men and women credit the couple with the guidance that made them who and what they are today. In 2014, at age 92, Rodney Giske, a man with a big and generous heart, passed peacefully, leaving a legacy of inspiration.

A Daily Chronicle article, *EX- WSC Great Named Pigskin Mentor*, reported that “While at WSC (Washington State College), Rod Giske was captain of his team in his senior year and was voted the JF Bohler inspirational player award. In 1946 he played in the East-West Shrine game in San Francisco. The same year he was voted All-American by the Associated Press. Giske was a three year letterman at guard

and tackle. In high school, he made All-Cross State league guard in 1940 while attending Stadium High School in Tacoma, where he played three years of first-string football. He was also team captain and inspirational award winner in his senior year”.

The following words from a coach, player and teacher describe the esteem and love many held for Rod.

“Football is the last frontier of rugged, physical team competition for our high school youth. Men like Giske have kept it on a clean and ethical plane”. Al Eklund, Coach, Weatherwax High School, Aberdeen, Washington.

“The First thing he really cared about was what was happening on the field. He was a very smart coach. Not just good at devising plays, but he also knew a player’s ability and how to get the most out of him without asking more than he was capable of doing. It may not sound like a gift, but it is. He knew you as a player and helped you maximize your abilities. Then there was his ability to motivate. He was an inspiration to play for”. Bud Wedin, W. F. West graduate.

“What better inspiration for young teachers than to see a well-respected classroom veteran continuing to learn and grow---stretching himself so he could in turn stretch his students to be better-informed citizens. Rod Giske made us better teachers, his positive influence extending farther than he knew.” Tim Gillespie, teacher, Portland, Oregon.

So, what shaped this man who values how we play the game? Maybe it was a basketball hoop at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in the north end of Tacoma, or a mother’s baking bread and planted roses. Or his father who found time each summer to invite neighbor kids to climb aboard his halibut boat. As a young man, he experienced the loss of a close friend to war, and later, of his father to the sea. He was raised by parents who were well-respected for hospitality to others in an extended immigrant community.

In closing, Coach Rod Giske's own words to the parents of his football players say so much about his character: *"I fully realize that I am charged with the care of the most priceless possession you have for a portion of many days each fall and I do not accept this lightly. To deny the power of prayer would be contrary to my firm beliefs. I have never prayed for victory, but often for the well being of each boy."* From a letter saved by W. F. West graduate and teacher, Mr. Hewett, dated August 18, 1964.

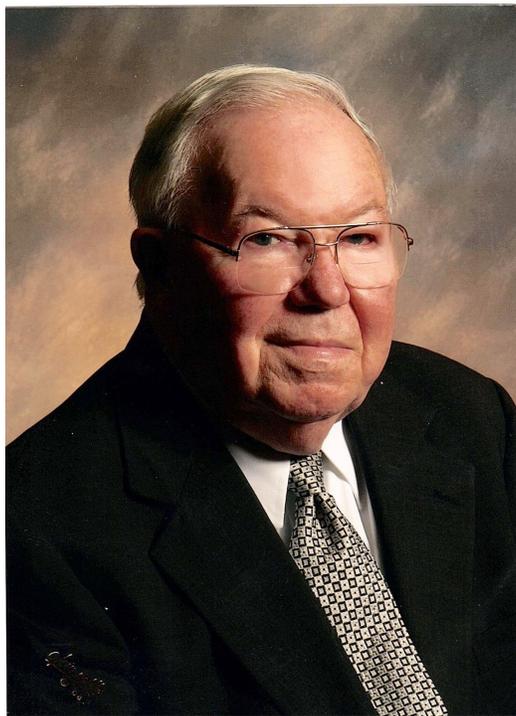
Barb Grega Outstanding Citizen Scholarship

Barbara Grega is an outstanding member of the Chehalis community. She has given countless hours of her time to children and the organizations that support their education, growth and well being. Barbara worked for the Chehalis School District for 25 years. During this time she was an amazing advocate for children in her school and 4-H. Barbara worked for the best interests for children and community through engagement with Master Gardeners, many service clubs and associations, and local sports and music communities.

Many generous people and the combined Chehalis PTA, are thrilled to honor Barb by awarding this scholarship in her name. The scholarship is given to a student who exemplifies the spirit of volunteer service, leadership and community involvement.

Jim Vander Stoep Memorial Scholarship

Jim Vander Stoep practiced law in Chehalis for more than 50 years. He had passionate faith in the value of a good education. He believed that any child, from any family, could find success in America with hard work and a good education. He believed that there was no better investment in a person's future than a good quality education.



He and his wife, Suzi, raised three Bearcats, each of whom went on to earn college degrees. One graduated from Stanford, and two from Western Washington University. In the Vander Stoep home, it wasn't a question of whether they were going to support the school levy. They voted 'yes'. It wasn't a question of whether the children were going to college --the only question was 'where'.

Jim died in 2014 and donations from friends and family were made in his name. The scholarship recipients are chosen by the Chehalis Foundation scholarship committee and endorsed by the Vander Stoep family. The student scholars demonstrated hard work and attention to their studies.

Jim Vander Stoep believed in giving back, in repaying generosity he received by being generous to others. His expectation is that these students will, one day, give back to the community that was generous to them.

Anthony “Tony” Martin Gaudette Memorial Scholarship



Anthony Martin Gaudette, known to family and friends as Tony, graduated from W. F. West in 1985 as Valedictorian. Education was extremely important to Tony, which is why his wife Lisa and six children established this scholarship to honor him. Tony’s desire to become an aeronautical engineer became clear after attending a school field trip. He achieved his goal, and as a legacy, Tony’s family would like to award two scholarships to W. F. West students, the first to a student pursuing a degree as an aeronautical engineer, and a second to a deserving student planning to pursue a college degree. The family hopes that through the loss of their dear husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, that two young people will be able to accomplish their dreams and accomplish wonderful things in their own lives.

Tony was the seventh of ten children. He spent his early childhood in Portland, Oregon. He loved to swim and play baseball. Tony’s favorite childhood memory was when his baseball team went to the Little League World Series Playoffs in San Bernardino, California. Even though his team didn’t advance, Tony pitched a no hitter and got a standing ovation from the crowd!

Tony’s family moved to Washington in 1980, and Tony attended W. F. West High School. He participated in basketball, cross country, baseball and numerous clubs. His senior year he served as ASB Vice President.

After graduating from W. F. West, Tony was awarded a Navy ROTC scholarship to Boston University to study aeronautical engineering. After his freshmen year at Boston University, he returned to the Pacific Northwest and completed his degree at the University of Washington, graduating in 1989. He was quickly hired by the Boeing Company where he spent 27 years working on commercial and military aviation projects. Tony loved his job, especially the technical side related to designing for structural repairs or innovations for his beloved airplanes. Tony was quick to learn new things and was highly respected in his field for his impeccable attention to detail, vast knowledge of aircraft and an outstanding work ethic.

Through Tony’s short five month battle with stage 4 esophageal cancer, he was always delighted when a Boeing coworker would visit or call. Of course all that Tony wanted to do was to talk about work! He loved what he did and the people he worked with.

Tony was a wonderful devoted husband, father and new grandfather. He would do anything for his family. The family has established these special scholarships to honor his spirit.

Smitty and Bobbie Smith Memorial Scholarship



In March of 1962, the Smith family moved to Chehalis from Eugene, Oregon. Smitty was promoted to Assistant Manager at Sears in Chehalis and thus began their love of this town and the great friends that they made here. In 1967, another opportunity arose. Bobbie and Smitty returned to Eugene to build and operate Emerald Valley Golf Course. They sold the golf course in 1974 and continued to live in Eugene where Smitty was Business Manager at Northwest Christian College. Smitty and Bobbie helped many students with good home cooked meals, spending money, and listening when they were homesick or needed someone to help them navigate college.

In 1989, after both daughters had returned to Chehalis, Smitty, Bobbie and Rick moved back. It was as if they had never left. They became involved in their church, Chehalis Rotary, W.F. West High School, Special Olympics and Lewis County Work Opportunities. Smitty was always available to deliver food and clothing donations when the high school had their food and clothing drives. They never missed their granddaughters' and great-grandsons' sporting events, and Smitty never missed wrestling, basketball or football at W.F. West. Both Smitty and Bobbie were very involved in this high school, volunteering their time, donating to scholarships and mentoring students and staff.

Smitty and Bobbie believed that a college education or vocational training was necessary for all students graduating from high school. Since it was their example to help students attend and afford college, their children have established a scholarship in their names.

Pauline Parkinson Memorial Scholarship



Pauline Parkinson was a very special wife, mother, and friend of this high school. Pauline worked here for three W. F. West principals -- George Murdock, Rainer Houser, and Dr. Linda Smith. However, she really worked for the students. She had her priorities right! She loved working with the staff and students of this high school.

Her special delight was taking care of a student who was in danger of not graduating. She was able to understand the problems, find some help, and get them back on track. It was not unusual for her family to find they had a young lodger for a month or two if the student needed help through tough times. She made sure they had a bed, ate meals with the family, and most important, were at school every day. After all, she was the attendance secretary!

Without a doubt, Pauline's most loved extracurricular activity was working with Mr. Judd in the Band program. Was it because her son Darryl was an excellent trumpet player and was involved in music throughout high school? That was not the only reason. Pauline loved music and wanted to contribute to the program. Everyone noticed that Mr. Judd relied on Pauline to help keep him organized. She was who he turned to for help in making music programs, designing awards, helping organize band trips, and supporting him in crunch times. She loved it and the staff and students loved her.

Pauline's family and friends began this scholarship in the spring of 2015 following her death. The scholarship is given to celebrate Pauline's life and to honor her unwavering love for the students of W. F. West High School, and her belief in the importance of a college education.

Herman and Virginia Adolphsen Memorial Scholarship

Herman and Virginia Adolphsen grew up in the area. They settled in Chehalis upon Herman's discharge from the Navy. Herman had many jobs in order to provide for his family, including a position with the Washington State Patrol as a driver's license examiner. In 1967 he started a career in real estate and continued this work until retirement in 1988.



Herman and Virginia both believed in community and were actively involved in Chehalis. Both were active with their church and its ministries. Herman spearheaded a fundraising campaign for the first K-9 unit for the Chehalis Police Department. They also became involved in support of Centralia College and its programs that serve many W. F. West graduates.

As parents, the Adolphsens wanted their daughters to have an education beyond high school. It was important to them that their girls could always be independent. The daughters grew up understanding that education was stressed, and valued for them, as well as for students in the community. With that legacy in mind, the daughters of Herman and Virginia are awarding three W. F. West seniors \$1,000 scholarships for Centralia College in

honor of their parents. It is the hope of the family that these scholarships will be used as stepping stones for each recipient's further education.

Chehalis Foundation STEM Scholarship

The Chehalis Foundation has raised and donated more than \$1 million toward Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs and equipment at W. F. West. Each year STEM teachers at the high school select the outstanding STEM student from among the graduating seniors. The Chehalis Foundation awards this student a \$500.00 scholarship.

W. F. West and Coffman Trust Scholarship

W. F. West Scholarships



William F. West was a longtime civic leader and business owner in Chehalis. In 1947 he and his wife Blanch E. West gave eighteen acres on 16th street for the location of what is now W. F. West High School. In 1956, the Wests revised their will so that their estate would be used to create a 2.2 million dollar trust to provide scholarships to Bearcats needing help in paying for postsecondary education.

The first W. F. West Scholarships were awarded in 1968 and have been given every year since. Thousands of graduates have benefitted from the West Scholarships. The Wests hoped that not a single Chehalis graduate who was capable of being successful in college would be denied the opportunity of higher education because of finances.

John Freeman Coffman Scholarships



John B. Coffman was a local business owner. In 1972 Coffman and his wife Zylpha Coffman had their wills rewritten to create the John Freeman Coffman scholarship trust named for their son John, who died in an auto accident shortly after graduating from W. F. West. The Coffman trust states, “often for lack of funds, boys and girls of superior ability upon graduation from high school are unable to proceed further with their education.”

The West and Coffman Trust was established to support students with financial need in their post-secondary endeavors.

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