



**MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY, MANKATO**

**COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS**

**2021 – 2022
College of Business
Scholarship Awards**



College of Business Scholarship Awards

Our vision in the College of Business is to be the clear business school choice for real-world learning. We would like to thank our alumni, faculty, and friends who have made an affordable education possible for many of our talented and dedicated students. Your generous support allowed us to award \$277,900 during the 2021-22 academic year. Thank you for believing in our students.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

B.H. & Betty Chesley Business Endowed Scholarship

B.H. and Betty Chesley established this endowment to support a College of Business scholarship through their estate plans. B.H. was a longtime business owner in Mankato. He and Betty were active in the community and believed in giving students support to achieve their goals.

HONOREE:

Jenna Pederson

Accounting

Cecil Bigelow Business Endowment Scholarship

Dr. Cecil Bigelow joined the faculty at Mankato State Teachers College in 1953. This was the start of a 38-year career teaching in the College of Business. During his tenure at the University, he regularly took groups of students to visit the New York financial district and to Spain, where he taught courses during winter quarter. Cecil retired in 1991 and died in 2011 at the age of 90. This scholarship endowment was established by Cecil and his wife, Dorothy, and was supported by many of Cecil's colleagues, friends, and former students.

HONOREES:

Ashley Johnston

Marketing

Josephine Sandford

Marketing

Christine Lederer Hellekson Endowed Scholarship

Christine Lederer-Hellekson, '70, is a Business Administration graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato. Christine transferred to Minnesota State Mankato from the University of Texas at El Paso. She worked for CH Robinson for over 20 years and has committed her scholarship to giving back to female students who are looking to go into roles in management.

HONOREES:

Hailey Budke

Marketing

Ashley Quam

Marketing

Autumn Ritter

Management

Clinton Kind Family Accounting Scholarship

The Clinton Kind family established this scholarship to support the College of Business and honor the legacy of their father Clint Kind. Clint Kind was an accounting professor and department chairperson at Minnesota State University, Mankato from 1963 until his retirement in 1995. The kind family's deep connection with the College of Business and University have shaped their many contributions and gifts to support students and the accounting program.

HONOREES:

Vy Huynh

Accounting

Atiqur Rahman

Accounting

Garret Winch

Accounting

Curt Stangler/Accenture Consulting Endowment Scholarship

Curt Stangler attended Minnesota State University, Mankato from 1963-1968 and graduated with a BS in Accounting and Political Science. While at Minnesota State Mankato, Curt was actively involved in various fraternal and student government activities. Upon graduation he joined Anderson Consulting, became a partner in 1980, and retired after 31 years with the firm. Curt served on the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board of Directors from 1981-1989 and served as vice president in 1984-1985 and as president from 1985-1989.

HONOREES:

Rhiannon Boyens-Luke
Brody Nielsen

Management
Business Administration

Cy Denn Financial Planning Scholarship

As a Financial Advisor, Cy spent most of his career helping people plan for their futures or the needs of their families. While working on his Finance and Business Administration degrees from the College of Business, Cy worked full-time and recalls the struggles of juggling work and school. He went on to achieve professional designations of Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF). Knowing the financial challenges that face students and the successes that they can achieve with a good education, Cy created a scholarship for students in the Financial Planning track in the College of Business.

HONOREE:

Collin Denk

Finance

Dale and Wilma Johnson Endowed Scholarship

Natives of smaller towns in Minnesota, Dale and Wilma Johnson met as students at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Dale graduated with a degree in Social Studies in 1959. Wilma earned her degree in Home Economics in 1958. Dale is the retired Chairman of the Board and CEO of SPX Company in Muskegon, Michigan, the former President and CEO of the Owatonna Tool Company, and former superintendent of the Owatonna School District. Dale served on the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board from 1996-2002 and served as president from 1998-2000. In 1998, Dale received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. Dale was an Executive Lecturer in 1985 and a Morgan Thomas Lecturer in 1995. Dale and Wilma funded the Johnson Alumni Room in the Taylor Center. Every year their endowed scholarship supports one student in the College of Business and one student in the College of Education.

HONOREE:

Olivia Lindenfelser

Marketing

Dan Welty Business Law Scholarship

The Dan Welty Business Law Scholarship awards a student studying business law in the College of Business at Minnesota State University, Mankato. It rewards the student to meet their academic goals and attain their career aspirations.

HONOREE:

Jason Grisim

Accounting

Daryl and Karyl Henze Accounting Scholarship

Daryl Henze is an alumnus of Minnesota State University, Mankato. After graduating from the university Daryl stayed in touch by serving as a Foundation Board member and Alumni Board member to the University. Daryl had been the recipient of several scholarships during his time at Minnesota State Mankato. Daryl believes that education is the most important thing a young person can obtain so if he can help someone obtain that goal, it is a great feeling. Daryl remembers the effect the scholarships had on him and he helps students achieve academic success with the Daryl and Karyl Henze Accounting Scholarship.

HONOREES:

Tyler Norgard

Accounting

Kevin Perez

Accounting

David C. Olson MBA Scholarship and Internship

In partnership with David C. Olson's family, friends, business associates, and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, (Minnesota State University, Mankato's College of Business) has created an endowed annual scholarship honoring the life and work of David C. Olson. This scholarship is an investment in future business leaders and provides support for a Minnesota resident enrolled in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program with an interest in business, community, and public affairs leadership.

HONOREE:

Qamrunnisa, FNU

Master of Business Administration

Dean Bowyer Business / Baseball Endowed Scholarship

Dean Bowyer started as the baseball coach at Minnesota State University, Mankato in 1976. During his tenure as a coach and instructor, he established strong, lasting relationships with his players, colleagues and the community. This endowment was established in coach Bowyer's name by individuals from those constituent groups without his knowledge. It was presented to him at a baseball game on June 29, 2003.

HONOREE:

Jack Zigan

Marketing

Dr. Eleanor Annis and Jean Goodenow COB Scholarship Endowment

Miss Jean Goodenow arrived at Mankato State College campus in 1950, taught many of the courses for Business Education licensure, and taught and advised students who were taking courses for employment in the business world. Miss Goodenow died in September 1969. Dr. Eleanor Annis retired in 1981 as Professor Emeritus after 31 years of advising students and teaching a wide range of courses in the Minnesota State University, Mankato Art Department.

HONOREES:

Morgan Mudgett

Marketing

Tsion Zewdie

International Business

Dr. Hazel Flood, Founder Bus. Ed., COB Scholarship Endowment

Dr. Hazel Flood arrived on campus in the fall of 1947 to establish a program for teacher licensure for Business Education majors. These courses also allowed students to obtain pre-business and business knowledge for nonteaching business careers. Students had opportunities to earn BS and MS degrees in Business Education. Her curriculum, leadership, goals, and hiring of creative staff set the foundation which led to the growth and expansion of the College of Business. Dr. Flood retired in 1969.

HONOREES:

Drew Brown

Marketing

Tessa Tvedt

Management

Dr. Paul Schwinghammer Accounting Scholarship

The Dr. Paul Schwinghammer Accounting Scholarship was established in 2017 through the generous support of Dennis E. and Theresa R. Oberloh. Dr. Paul Schwinghammer was a Minneapolis native and earned his degree in Accounting in 1968 from Minnesota State Mankato. After earning his MBA from the University of Minnesota and his Doctorate from the University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, Dr. Schwinghammer returned to Mankato as an instructor at Minnesota State University, Mankato from 1977-2010. The Oberlohs created the endowment as a lasting tribute to the integrity and life's work of Dr. Schwinghammer.

HONOREES:

Madysen Pearson

Accounting

Sadie Schermerhorn

Accounting

Elmer T. & Nina C. Anderson Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was created through a generous endowment provided by Elmer and Nina Anderson through an estate gift. It is a fitting legacy for the Andersons, who were known for their belief that every person should have the chance to pursue higher education. Elmer and Nina worked hard for their success and were devoted friends and volunteers to their church, clubs and the Mankato community.

HONOREES:

Raymond Huang

Finance

Taya Mongeau

Marketing

Jesse Namoonde

Finance

Morenikeji Taiwo

International Business

Gaber Abouelenein Business Leadership Scholarship

Dr. Gaber Abouelenein joined the faculty at Mankato State College in September 1968 as an assistant professor in the Department of Management. In 1986, he became the Chair of the Department of Management and Industrial Relations. In 1990, he was named Dean of the College of Business. During his 7 year tenure as dean, he led the effort to successfully complete the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation process. This scholarship and endowment was created by friends, family members and College of Business faculty members and staff to honor Dr. Abouelenein when he retired.

HONOREE:

Alim Nigmatjonov

Finance

Gerald L. & Evon A. Olson Family Endowed Scholarship

Gerald Olson graduated from Mankato State College with a degree in Business Administration in 1958. During his more than 30-year career in government and business, Jerry coordinated political efforts and policy and held leadership positions in government organizations and at companies such as Colle & McVoy, Inc. He and his wife, Evon, were active in their communities and believed in providing opportunities for students to thrive and gain an education. They created the endowment to provide scholarships to College of Business students.

HONOREE:

Jason Taruvinga

Finance

Kim Sam Nei CFP Scholarship

The Kim Sam Nei CFP Scholarship Endowment was created by emeritus professor (deceased) Dr. Chan Lee and his wife SoonKi in memory of his mother, Kim Sam Nei, who supported Dr. Lee as he pursued his academic endeavors. Dr. Lee was the Certified Financial Planning program director and a professor in the Department of Finance at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He initiated the CFP degree program at the University in 1992, as well as the CFP certificate program in 1998.

HONOREE:

Hamidou Ayiki

Finance

Lyndon E. Opsal Memorial Scholarship

Lyndon Opal managed a small insurance company and in the early 1970's moved with his family to Mankato to delve into Computer Science at Minnesota State University, Mankato. At age 33, he joined the firm Wolf, Etter and Co. where he became a partner just five years later. Lyn cherished his community and believed in things that made it great. That included Minnesota State Mankato. The endowment fund that his family established in Lyn's memory honors his career choice and seeks to reward accounting students who share the passion for broad learning that was so important to Lyndon Opsal.

HONOREE:

Faith Garbers

Accounting

Minnesota Society of CPA's Endowed Scholarship

The Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA) is a not-for-profit professional organization. Since 1904, it has offered services and professional development for CPAs and other accounting professionals. The MNCPA Endowed Scholarship provides financial support to students that excel in academic success.

HONOREES:

Nicole Ault	Accounting & Finance
Rachel Luedtke	Accounting

Morgan I. Marjorie J. Thomas COB Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Morgan Thomas joined the faculty in the College of Business in 1953 and served as Dean of the College from 1960 until his retirement in 1982. During that time and following his retirement, Morgan and Marjorie were present at many campus and community events. Morgan and his wife, Marjorie, created this endowment to provide a quality business education and support to student athletes.

HONOREES:

Michael Fredrickson	Marketing
Parker Gludemans	Finance
Olivia Hudoba	Marketing
Kary Petricka	Accounting
Kevin Wu	International Business
James Ziegeweid	International Business

N. Patrick Baker Accounting Scholarship Endowment

Neil Patrick "Pat" Baker was a 1992 alumnus from Minnesota State University, Mankato, receiving his degree in Accounting from the College of Business. He spent 28 years in the accounting profession, mostly working as a CPA for the Wolf Etter & Company firm out of Madelia. That firm would later become Eide Bailly in Mankato. Pat was married to fellow COB alumna Pamela Baker, and they had four daughters together, Alexa, Hayley, Grace, and Liza. Pat was very active in assisting with the recruitment of Minnesota State Mankato accounting students to Eide Bailly, and he was a loyal supporter and generous donor to the University. Pat died unexpectedly in August of 2020. To honor his memory and his passion for supporting accounting students, Pat's family and friends started the N. Patrick Baker Accounting Scholarship to provide a scholarship each year for a student studying accounting at Minnesota State Mankato.

HONOREE:

David Badmus	Accounting
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Norbert J. Harrington, Sr., Family COB Endowed Scholarship

Norbert Harrington Jr. graduated with bachelor's degrees in Finance and Economics in 1975 and an MBA in 1983. During his more than 30-year tenure with Wells Fargo Bank (formerly Norwest Bank), he served in a variety of leadership capacities, retiring as regional president of Greater Minnesota in 2007. He is a member of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation Board and the College of Business Advisory Council. Norb was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997 and received the Harold J. Fitterer Service Award in 2000. In 2001, he received the Distinguished Business Person Award from the College of Business. Although he attended college on the GI Bill*, Norb knows that paying for college is a struggle for many students. As such, he and his wife, Diane, established this endowment in honor of his father to provide scholarships in the College of Business.

HONOREES:

Matthew Bohlman

Finance

Nathan Zabel

Finance

Patrick & Margaret Stewart Persistence Endowment Award

This scholarship endowment was created to serve as a lasting legacy to Patrick and Margaret Stewart. The scholarship's purpose is designed to go to an MBA student with the perseverance to rise up and overcome obstacles in order to succeed, both in academics and in life.

HONOREE:

Nathan Bechel

Master Business Administration

Paul & Diane Hanson Entrepreneurship Scholarship

Paul, '84, and Diane, '86, Hanson have helped grow the College of Business Entrepreneurship & Innovation program in a very big way. The Hanson's are committed to providing opportunities for students who show entrepreneurial initiative. Diane is the Office Manager for DC Schluter, LTD in the Twin Cities and Paul is the Vice President of Information Technology for Opportunity Partners also in the Twin Cities, and currently serves as the Chair of the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board.

HONOREE:

Gabriel Mesfin

Marketing

Richard R. & Mary L. Schmitz Food Entrepreneurship Endowment

Richard R. Schmitz grew up in the small town of Brewster, MN, and was the first in his family to attend college. He graduated in 1965 from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a B.S. in Accounting. He used his business and accounting background to establish a successful career in the food retailing industry. In 2003, he sold his two large food stores in Wisconsin and retired from the business. He received the Harold J. Fitterer Service Award in 2002. He is a former member of the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board.

HONOREE:

Alexia Kerfeld

Marketing

Roger Jorgenson Endowed Scholarship

Roger Jorgenson is a 1962 graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato, with a BA degree in Business Administration and Economics. The majority of his career was focused on health care finance. He retired in 2003 as Vice President Finance & Chief Financial Officer of the Bryan LGH Health System in Lincoln, Nebraska. Roger has always valued the education he received at Mankato, and it was very important to all of his future endeavors. By way of this scholarship, he wishes to help students who are also interested in accounting and finance.

HONOREE:

Elias Righi

Finance

Ron & Jeanette Doggett Entrepreneurial Endowed Scholarship

Ron grew up in Austin, MN and graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1952 and graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 1961. His entrepreneurial spirit came from his co-ownership in a small shopping center and department store which he sold his share of after graduation. Ron was awarded the 1993 Entrepreneur of the Year (North Carolina), the 1994 Greater Raleigh Entrepreneurial Company Award and was a 2004 inductee into the North Carolina Business Hall of Fame.

HONOREE:

Nhu Nguyen

International Business

Sam Erickson Endowed Scholarship

Sam Erickson was a professor of tax, Mankato State University, Mankato 1967-1992 and a national tax lecturer for the American Institute of CPAs. In 1978, he received from the Minnesota Society of CPAs, the first R. Glen Berryman Award for Outstanding Service. Upon his retirement, the Sam Erickson Endowment Fund to provide accounting scholarships was established at Minnesota State Mankato, by his colleagues and students who wrote: "Sam has made a lasting impact on tax education in the state of Minnesota and nationally." Sam Erickson Endowed Scholarship is awarded to a student that has shown academic success at Minnesota State Mankato. This contribution to honor Sam Erickson awards students to achieve their academic goals.

HONOREE:

Ashli Salokar

Accounting

Tiffany Rodning Baseball Endowment

Minnesota State University, Mankato's College of Business and the Minnesota State Baseball Team in partnership with the Rodning family created this endowed annual scholarship in 2017, to honor the life and work of Tiffany Rodning, '90. This scholarship is an investment in future business leaders and provides support for a Minnesota State Mankato baseball player, a nod to Tiffany's love for sports and the value she placed on education.

HONOREE:

Adam Schneider

Management

Timothy W. Scott Scholarship

In 1963, Timothy Scott received a Josephine L. Merriam Scholarship at the University of Minnesota for \$125 per quarter. Because of this scholarship, Tim didn't have to work when school was in session, only during the summers. This scholarship also had a stipulation of a 3.0 GPA, and that was difficult for him to maintain. Tim can trace a lot of the success he has had to the financial help he received during his years of study. Tim hopes to return the favor that he received to a veteran in the College of Business. Professor Scott came to Mankato and Minnesota State University, Mankato in the summer of 1974 to teach strategic management. He stayed at the University until May 2011. In between, he had a wonderful career.

HONOREES:

Michael Assefa

Management

Caleb Johnson

Accounting

Wells Fargo COB Cultural Diversity Endowed Scholarship

Diversity is a business imperative at Wells Fargo. Their mission is to build relationships within the communities they serve through the development, inclusion of utilization of certified minority, women, disadvantaged and small business enterprises. Wells Fargo is committed to business in southern Minnesota by providing such opportunities for diversity in higher education and they are a long-standing partner of Minnesota State University, Mankato and the College of Business.

HONOREES:

Kossi Kavi

Finance

Karen Manriquez

Management

Werner Fick Accounting Scholarship Endowment

Werner Fick is a 1968 graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato, with a BS in Accounting. During college he began working at Peterson & Co. in Mankato. In 1973, he became a partner in the firm. In 2007, the firm was acquired by LarsonAllen. He retired from LarsonAllen as a partner in 2009. Werner has been a longtime donor and supporter of the College of Business and the University. He has generously supported scholarships for students in Accounting. In 2006, he created a named scholarship in the Accounting Department.

HONOREE:

Courtney Bartz

Accounting

Wilke Family Basketball Scholarship Endowment

Paul and Sue Wilke are originally from Winnebago, MN. They moved to Mankato in 1980 and have lived in the community since then. They have two sons, Andy and Chris, who both graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Paul and Sue have been longtime supporters of Minnesota State Mankato Athletics, especially the basketball program.

HONOREE:

Malik Willingham

Management

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Abdo Eick & Meyers Accounting Scholarship

Abdo, Eick & Meyers is ranked as a "Top 25 Accounting Firm" by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal. Founded in Mankato by Joseph and Meredith Abdo in 1963, their professionals deliver creative, one-of-a-kind solutions to help individuals, businesses, and organizations solve their challenges.

HONOREES:

Logan Cluff	Accounting
Christa Hall	Accounting

Accounting Alumni & Friends Scholarship

The Minnesota State University, Mankato Accounting Program is recognized for its excellence throughout Minnesota and the United States. Graduates of the Accounting Program consistently exceed the national average of first-time pass rate on the uniform CPA examination. The Accounting major is a professional program designed to prepare the student for work in one or more of three areas: public, industrial, or governmental not for profit accounting. The department also offers minors in Accounting and Business Law. These scholarships are made possible by faculty and alumni donors of the Accounting Department.

HONOREES:

Danielle Duray	Accounting
Aaron Eversole	Accounting
Mikayle Hinzmann	Accounting
Brandon Winter	Accounting

Accounting Senior of the Year Award

This scholarship is awarded to one senior accounting student each year. The scholarship is made possible through the generous donation of Al and Kathleen Lenzmeier. Al is a 1965 Accounting graduate from Minnesota State Mankato. He retired as President at Best Buy and served on the Foundation Board at Minnesota State Mankato from 1993 to 1999. He was also the 2000 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

HONOREE:

Kaitlyn Schroeder	Accounting
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CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA)

CliftonLarsonAllen is a professional services firm delivering integrated wealth advisory, outsourcing, audit, tax, and consulting to help clients succeed. CliftonLarsonAllen supports aspiring accounting students with the CliftonLarsonAllen Scholarship.

HONOREE:

Hanbeen Kim	Accounting
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COB Alumni & Friends Scholarship

This scholarship is provided by the generous support of faculty, alumni, and friends of the College of Business.

HONOREES:

Lauren Clauseman	Marketing
Leonardo DeSouza	Finance
Ross Gobel	Finance
Maxwell Mahoney	Finance
Elias Sahile	Management
Grace West	Management

COB Marketing Department Scholarship

The Marketing Department in the College of Business helps prepare students for possibilities in retail management, promotion, marketing research, marketing management, and industrial and consumer sales. This scholarship is made possible by faculty and alumni donors of the Marketing Department.

HONOREE:

Allison Davis	Marketing
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COB Opportunity Scholarship

The College of Business is committed to providing opportunity and access to all students and is proud to provide this scholarship to help outstanding students achieve their academic goals.

HONOREE:

Emilee Thomas	Management
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Consolidated Communications Business Scholarship

The Consolidated Communications Fund is proud to support academic initiatives that benefit people and communities in the company's southern Minnesota service area. Consolidated Communications has been a long-time supporter of Minnesota State University, Mankato. Since its inception in 1963, the Community Fund has provided more than \$800,000 to a variety of projects and initiatives at the University, including scholarships for students in the College of Business. Consolidated Communications recognizes the importance of a quality education and is pleased to invest in Minnesota State Mankato students as they pursue academic excellence in the College of Business.

HONOREES:

Ethan Arett	Finance
Taylor Keppers	Marketing
Abigail Lindblom	Marketing
Paige Nixt	Marketing
Kyle Woodward	Marketing

Daren & Sarah Cotter Entrepreneurial Scholarship

Daren Cotter has always had an entrepreneurial spirit and a passion for technology. He attended Minnesota State University, Mankato as the recipient of an academic scholarship and graduated in 2004. During his freshman year, Daren created InboxDollars®, an Internet marketing company that rewards consumers for their online activities. Today, the company has paid consumers more than \$20 million and has expanded globally. Daren and Sarah are both graduates of the University and believe the education they received has been a key ingredient of their success. As a result, they are passionate about providing other dedicated and determined students with those opportunities.

HONOREE:

Michelle Dolezal

Marketing

Dawn Courier/KPMG Scholarship

Dawn Courier '83 is the tax partner leading KPMG offices in Minneapolis and across the Midwest. KPMG is a global network of professional firms providing audit, tax, and advisory services. KPMG values talent and recognizes it by helping bright students achieve academic success.

HONOREES:

Carson Davis

Accounting

Abbey Hoegh

Accounting

Dr. Abo Habib and Hanaa Amin International Student Scholarship

Dr. Abo-El-Yazeed Habib and his wife Hanaa Amin started the Dr. Abo Habib and Hanaa Amin International Student Scholarship in 2019 as part of the Gladys B Olson International Endowment Scholars. Dr. Habib has been an professor for over 50 years and has taught accounting in the College of Business at Minnesota State University, Mankato since 1988. This scholarship goes to an international student that is studying accounting.

HONOREE:

Naomi Fikresilassie

Accounting and International Business

Dr. Oliver J. Mulford Family Scholarship Fund of the Mankato Area Foundation

Oliver J. Mulford graduated high school in 1943 and enlisted in the Army Air Force during WWII. After the War, Oliver took advantage of a government education program, the GI Bill*, to attend college. He received his bachelor's degree in Business before going on to earn his Education Doctorate. Oliver's passion for students and teaching were displayed for many years at Minnesota State University, Mankato where he taught for 33 years in the Department of Business. Oliver's wife of 68 years, Patricia and their sons, Tracy and Phillip, want to share Oliver's passion for students, learning, and for business by offering scholarships in honor of Oliver's lifelong work in education.

HONOREES:

Martin-Malik Williams

Richard Martini

Shane McMahan

Ashley Roemhildt

Marketing

International Business

Management

Management

Eide Bailly Accounting Scholarship

Eide Bailly is one of the top 25 CPA and business advisory firms in the nation, serving 54,000 clients. Founded in 1917, Eide Bailly's culture is the foundation of what it is, and the firm prides itself on supporting their employees to help them achieve their goals and pursue their interests both in the office and at home. Eide Bailly believes in helping students pursue a quality education with the Eide Bailly Accounting Scholarship.

HONOREES:

Francine Ndah

Rachel Wall

Accounting

Accounting

Federated Insurance Accounting Scholarship

Federated Insurance was founded in 1904 and is headquartered in Owatonna, MN. Federated specializes in business insurance and risk management services for select industries and is a multi-line company that offers property, liability, auto, workers' compensation and umbrella insurance. Over 150 employees are graduates of Minnesota State University, Mankato and this scholarship continues Federated Insurance's support of students in the accounting program.

HONOREE:

Ryan Friedges

Accounting

Federated Insurance Business Transfer Student Scholarship

Federated Insurance was founded in 1904 and is headquartered in Owatonna, MN. Federated specializes in business insurance and risk management services for select industries and is a multi-line company that offers property, liability, auto, workers compensation, umbrella, group health, and life and disability income insurance. Federated Insurance is the 11th largest property and casualty mutual insurer in America based on total assets. Over 150 employees are graduates of Minnesota State University, Mankato. This scholarship is designed to provide scholarship assistance to students who have transferred to Minnesota State University, Mankato from another higher education institution. .

HONOREES:

Brenna Hess

Management

Timothy Tuchek

Finance

Federated Insurance Sales Scholarship

Federated Insurance was founded in 1904 and is headquartered in Owatonna, MN. Federated specializes in business insurance and risk management service designed to encourage and support students who have an interest in pursuing a career in sales.

HONOREES:

Hermel Dessi

Finance

Mark Kijo

International Business

Federated Insurance Diversity Leadership Scholarship

Federated Insurance was founded in 1904 and is headquartered in Owatonna, MN. Federated specializes in business insurance and risk management services for select industries and is a multi-line company that offers property, liability, auto, worker's compensation, umbrella, group health, and life and disability income insurance. Federated Insurance is the 11th largest property and casualty mutual insurer in America based on total assets. Over 150 employees are graduates of Minnesota State University, Mankato. Federated Insurance is dedicated to the promotion and education of women in leadership in the College of Business.

HONOREES:

Batel Ayalew

Marketing

Tungteeya Hassan

Accounting

Finance Department Scholarship

The Finance Department provides students with the financial skills and understanding necessary to secure entry-level positions in private industry and the public sector. The Department of Finance offers a major which requires the student to select an area of emphasis and specialize in one or more of the following areas: Financial Planning or General Finance. The department also offers a minor in Financial Planning. These scholarships are made possible by faculty and alumni donors of the Finance Department.

HONOREE:

Grady Gornick

Finance

Gaylin & Shirley Ziegler COB Transfer Student Scholarship

Gaylin Ziegler received his degree in Business Administration in 1972. He retired with the United States Army Corps of Engineers after a successful career. Gaylin was a transfer student that came to what was called Mankato State College at the time. He and his wife Shirley created this scholarship to help support other transfer students and provide an opportunity to succeed in completing their degree.

HONOREE:

Alec Sommers

Marketing

Gardiner + Company Accounting Scholarship

In 1964, Dan Gardiner started providing CPA services for the agribusiness and cooperative industries. Today, Gardiner + Company operates very much like it did when Dan founded it—through hard work, integrity and common sense. For more than 50 years, Gardiner + Company has proven itself a trusted partner for its clients across the country.

HONOREE:

McKenna Nelson

Accounting

Gislason & Hunter LLP Agribusiness Scholarship

For more than 80 years, Gislason & Hunter has been delivering the very best in service and results. Their accomplished attorneys bring substantial trial experience and industry-specific knowledge, serving as leaders in a variety of practice areas to serve the Upper Midwest.

HONOREE:

Samuel Csizmadia

Management

Gomez Bahamas Accounting Scholarship

Craig Gomez graduated from then Mankato State University in 1978 with a degree in Accounting. He began his career as a staff accountant with Price Waterhouse in Minneapolis prior to returning to The Bahamas. Today Craig is the managing partner of Baker Tilly Gomez, one of The Bahamas' leading accounting and professional services firms. Craig has served on the Foundation Board for Minnesota State University, Mankato since 2017 and chairs the audit committee.

HONOREES:

Dashawn Gardener

Accounting

Amos Kun

Accounting

Jasmine Lamar

Accounting

Akua Marfo

Accounting

Human Resources Management Scholarship

This program prepares individuals to manage the development of human capital in organizations. The emphasis includes instruction in organizational behavior, labor relations, diversity and inclusion, human resources law, compensation systems, recruitment and selection, training and development, and strategic human resource management. These scholarships are made possible by faculty and alumni donors of the Human Resource Management program.

HONOREE:

Alexis Klaphake

Management

Institute of Internal Auditors - Twin Cities Chapter Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to promote the internal auditing profession. Even if this is not the students' first career choice, we hope they will consider the internal auditing profession at some point in their careers.

HONOREE:

Camilo Hernandez

Accounting

Jason & Janet Westerlund Football Business Scholarship

This scholarship was created by Alumnus Jason Westerlund '98 and COB Advisory Board Member and Adjunct Professor Dr. Janet Westerlund to support a non-traditional and first-generation COB student who also plays football. Their interest in supporting a COB student is a direct result of the experiences given to Jason on and off the field when he was at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He came as a COB student, and then played football as a walk-on after spending 4 years in the military, and 2 years at junior college. The support, encouragement, and opportunities gained at Minnesota State Mankato have made him a strong supporter of the athletic program. Through this student scholarship, they are now delighted to be able to extend this support back to the COB and the students.

HONOREE:

Payton Conrad

Management

Joan & Brad Brolsma Accounting Scholarship

Joan and Brad Brolsma are both graduates from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Joan received her degree in Physical Therapy in 1975, and Brad received his degree in Accounting in 1973. Brad continues to serve as a member of the College of Business Advisory Council. Joan and Brad created this scholarship to help alleviate financial obstacles for a student studying accounting.

HONOREE:

Zachary Rome

Accounting

John & Kim Green COB Scholarship

John and Kim Green both earned their degrees from Minnesota State University, Mankato (John—Finance and Accounting, '81, Kim—Elementary Education, '84). John serves on the University's Foundation Board. Giving back to others has always been a passion of theirs. John and Kim offer a scholarship in both the College of Business and College of Education to provide opportunities for students to succeed.

HONOREE:

Brady Emery

Marketing

Kato Clean / COB Young Entrepreneur Scholarship

Matnique and Briana Williamson started the Kato Clean/College of Business Young Entrepreneur Scholarship to support students of diversity with a passion in entrepreneurship. Matnique graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2012 with a degree in Corrections and in 2014 with a Master's in Experiential Education. Briana graduated from Minnesota State Mankato in 2011 with degrees in Non-profit Leadership and Corrections, and Master's degrees in Educational Leadership ('13) and Communication Studies ('17). Matnique and Briana are the owners of Kato Clean.

HONOREE:

Abdalla Mohamed

Management

Lewis Miller Memorial Accounting Scholarship

Education was always the most important goal for Lewis Miller. He grew up in extreme poverty but loved learning. He seldom had money for books in the days when even in elementary school students had to purchase their own books and supplies. From the time he was six years old he worked odd jobs to earn a few cents for books. He saw education as the key out of poverty. After school, he was trying to earn money to go to college when he was drafted into the army. He was a sergeant in during World War II fighting in the Pacific Theater from 1941 – 1945. With the G.I. Bill, he was able to enroll in the Business College and became an entrepreneur the rest of his life. In the late 1940s, he opened one of the first stores selling the new phenomenon – television – in Illinois and later in Indiana. He later started an insurance agency and built it from scratch to become the second largest agency in the state of Indiana. He was always active and a leader in his community and a role model to others.

HONOREE:

Cassidy Possin

Accounting

LFG Scholarship

Jerry ('77, Accounting) and Annette Lee started the LFG Scholarship to promote the retention of students from diverse backgrounds and support first-generation students studying Accounting in the College of Business. Jerry is a member of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation Board and was the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Humanitarian Award winner. Jerry is the founder of Lee Financial Group.

HONOREE:

Simale Kadir

Accounting

Ludwig Coaching's Dreams of Leadership Scholarship

Heather Ludwig, a graduate from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 1987, has spent her career working with leaders in the world of business. As an alumna with a degree in Management, Heather worked in human resources before starting her own business as a professional career and leadership coach. In 2008, she started her own business, Ludwig Coaching LLC, to continue her work with managers as their career and leadership coach. She focuses on helping managers, particularly those new to leadership, find career success being the best leader possible. Heather established this scholarship because she has a passion to help educate the next generation of managers and human resources professionals through great opportunities to learn about business and leadership.

HONOREE:

Brianna Peterson

Management

Lynette McCue Scholarship

Lynette McCue, '70, College of Business alumnus, established this scholarship in 2017 to give students support in seeing the world. She established this scholarship at the same time as her close friend and classmate, Christine Lederer Hellekson. Both being world travelers appreciate the uniqueness of other cultures and believe traveling the world enhances lives and opens eyes to experience that all cultures hold deep value.

HONOREE:

Anastasia Schultz

Accounting

Management Faculty Scholarship

The Management Department in the College of Business prepares individuals to plan, organize, direct, and control the functions and processes of a firm or organization. This scholarship is made possible by faculty and alumni donors of the Management Department.

HONOREE:

Brendan Feltman

Management

Minnesota Society of CPA's – Southern Chapter Accounting Scholarship

The Southern Chapter of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants (MNCPA) supports local Certified Public Accountants (CPAs) and promotes the profession. The Chapter supports and encourages individuals as they become CPAs. By providing scholarships to students interested in becoming CPAs, the Chapter is proud to help cultivate the next generation of CPAs.

HONOREES:

Nicholas Brown

Accounting

Dylan Nelson

Accounting

Murry & Associates Accounting Scholarship

Murry & Associates, LLC is a full-service public accounting firm located in Golden Valley, MN. For years, Murry & Associates has been providing quality, personalized financial guidance to local individuals and businesses. They help owner-operated companies and individuals understand their business and finances by providing expert professional guidance at every stage of their development.

HONOREE:

Dylan Riess

Accounting

The Myrl D. Barnes Business Scholarship

Myrl Barnes was a 1962 graduate from Mankato State College, now Minnesota State University, Mankato. He received his degree in education and, after serving in the Army, was a school teacher before becoming a successful business professional. Myrl felt that giving of oneself to protect our country and improve our communities was a vital part of making our world a better place to live. This scholarship is awarded to an ROTC cadet and/or an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Military majoring in the College of Business who has shown a commitment to making a difference both locally and nationally by choosing a career in the Military.

HONOREE:

Michael Assefa

Management

Paul & Tanya Bennett Finance Scholarship

Paul Bennett, '98, is currently an Investment Advisor Representative for Raymond James Financial Services in Bloomington, MN. Originally from Coon Rapids, MN, Paul now resides in Brooklyn Park with his wife, Tanya, and their two sons, Ty and Grant.

HONOREES:

Ashton Anderson

Finance

Taylor Smith

Finance

Richard L. Wagner Scholarship

Richard Wagner graduated from Mankato State College in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and in 1960 with an MBA. He first worked as an accounting teacher in Burlington, Iowa, and then served as athletic director for Burlington for 31 years before retiring in 1992. He established this scholarship to support students attending Minnesota State University, Mankato from areas of Iowa that were important to him.

HONOREES:

Cole Bouche

Finance

Nicole Ebeling

Finance

Robert Dale Entrepreneurship Scholarship

The family of Robert Dale established this scholarship in his memory. Robert was an entrepreneur who started, grew, and sold a number of small businesses throughout his life. He believed hard work and perseverance were vital to the success as an entrepreneur, and this scholarship was designed to help support entrepreneurial minded students in the College of Business who demonstrate those qualities.

HONOREE:

Thomas Young

Management

Rodney & Terri Johnson Student Opportunity Scholarship

Rodney is a 1980 graduate from Minnesota State University, Mankato and the College of Business with a degree in Finance. After spending 17 years in the banking industry, Rod joined Merrill Corporation in 1997 and moved into his current role of Chief Operating Officer in 2012. Rod resides in Lakeville with his wife, Terri. He came to Minnesota State Mankato from Mapleton, MN and worked throughout college to pay all of his college and living expenses. Balancing the need to work with school studies meant limited time for involvement in student organizations and activities. Rod wants to provide students supplemental financial support so they have more flexibility and time to explore and benefit from the out-of-classroom experiences and connections.

HONOREES:

Tanner Meredith

Marketing

Kiersten Skelley

Management

Rohlfen Family Scholarship

Jerry and Anna Rohlfen met during their time of study at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Jerry graduated with a degree in Psychology in 1966, and Anna graduated with a degree in Elementary Education in 1966. After serving in the Vietnam War, Jerry worked for Cargill until he retired. Anna spent much of her teaching career in her passion of special education. Jerry and Anna have numerous philanthropic interests, and they have a scholarship in both the College of Business and the College of Education.

HONOREE:

Mason McCaffery

Management

RSM Accounting Scholarship

RSM US LLP traces its history to 1926, when Ira B. McGladrey started his own accounting firm in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The I.B. McGladrey Company was formed when McGladrey purchased a seven-person office from his employers, Billings, Prouty and Tompkins. In 2015, McGladrey changed its name to RSM US LLP and united with fellow firms in the RSM International network under the brand RSM. Today, RSM is the sixth largest accountancy professional services network in the world.

HONOREE:

Emily Alger

Accounting

Stuart and Ann Sneer Agribusiness Scholarships

Stuart and Ann Sneer established this scholarship to support the College of Business Agribusiness and Food Innovation Program. Stuart ('85) and Ann ('87) are Minnesota State University, Mankato College of Business Alumni, and so are many of their extended family members. Having established strong roots in the southern Minnesota agricultural community, the Sneers and United Prairie Bank are proud to support students in attaining their academic and career aspirations.

HONOREES:

Samuel Csizmadia

Management

Kyle Kuehl

Management

Timothy M. Schoen Annual Scholarship

Timothy Schoen is a 1990 graduate from the College of Business with degrees in Finance and International Business. He is currently the President and CEO of BioMed Realty, a role he has served in since June of 2016. Timothy started this scholarship to help students challenged by the costs of education to pursue their professional goals and create their own path.

HONOREE:

Zeina Mahmoud

International Business

Toivo Luoma Memorial Accounting Scholarship

This scholarship has been created to honor Toivo Luoma, a lifelong role model. Toivo was born in Upper Peninsula of Michigan to Finnish immigrant parents. Although most Finnish immigrant sons followed their fathers into the iron mines, Toivo had other dreams. He wanted a college degree. He worked all through high school and college so he could afford college. Toivo Luoma received his degree in Accounting from Suomi College in 1918. After graduation he relocated to northern Minnesota working as an accountant. His accounting career included work for the Soudan iron mine for over 70 years as well as managing a grocery store in Orr, MN. He was very civic minded, having been mayor of Tower, MN, a member of the city council, school board chairman and various leadership roles in his church.

HONOREE:

Chelsea Thompson

Management

Verone Nelson Service Scholarship

Verone Nelson worked for the College of Business for 48 years before retiring in 2012. This scholarship was created in her honor and is awarded to a student who demonstrates the qualities Verone displayed throughout her career at Minnesota State University, Mankato: service, loyalty, persistence, openness, conscientiousness, a strong work ethic, and a desire to make a difference in his/her community.

HONOREE:

Manav Mendonça

Management

Wealth Enhancement Group/ McKeown/Mehia Team Scholarship

This scholarship is provided by Ryan McKeown and Danielle Mehia with Wealth Enhancement Group. Ryan graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2002 with a degree in Finance and has been a Financial Advisor with Wealth Enhancement Group since 2006. He also spent time as an adjunct professor within the College of Business at Minnesota State Mankato. Danielle graduated from Minnesota State Mankato with a degree in Finance in 2011 and joined Wealth Enhancement Group right from school. Wealth Enhancement Group simplifies financial lives through a team approach that brings together all the specialists and advisors needed, all in one place. This scholarship goes to one male and one female student athlete that is also majoring in Accounting, Finance, or is intending to take the CFP exam.

HONOREES:

Marshall Foerner	Finance
Rachael Lutter	Finance

Presidential Scholarship Program

The College of Business would also like to acknowledge some of its students who are Presidential Scholars. These students are among the most talented and high-achieving students at Minnesota State University, Mankato. These students are identified through top academic performance, strong leadership skills, and commitment to community involvement. Funding for Presidential Scholarships comes from businesses, estates, and individuals throughout Minnesota and the nation.

HONOREES:

Maddie Glogowski	Marketing
Michael Groves	Management
Kyle Kubat	Accounting
Rachel Luedtke	Accounting
Jacob Prybylla	Accounting
Alex Wittwer	Accounting



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