



**Serving the residents of
Custer County since
1991**

Anselmo ♦ Ansley
Arnold ♦ Berwyn
Broken Bow ♦ Callaway
Comstock ♦ Mason City
Merna ♦ Oconto
Sargent ♦ Westerville

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grant application deadline is
April 30. For grant
guidelines and to download
the application, go to
custercountyfoundation.org.

Establishing a scholarship is an easy
process! The Custer County
Foundation will work through the
process with you to ensure the
scholarship reflects aspects that are
important to you and your family.
Contact the Foundation office at
308-872-2232 or
custerfoundation@msn.com to
learn more.

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Spring 2020



Custer County Foundation Awards \$106,600 in scholarships!

The Custer County Foundation held their annual Scholarship Award Ceremony on Sunday, March 29th. Due to COVID-19, the ceremony was not able to be held as planned.

Therefore, the Board of Directors decided to host the ceremony as a Facebook Live Event.

Lindsay Divan, Executive Director of the Custer County Foundation, welcomed the estimated 180 viewers and thanked them for watching from the comfort of their homes. She thanked KBBN/KCNI for assisting with the broadcasting. It was announced that 83 scholarships would be awarded to 69 students for a total amount of \$106,600! Scholarships, offered through the Foundation, are for various fields of study including: nursing, veterinary medicine, journalism, lineman, and cosmetology, to name a few. Scholarships are available for four-year and two-year degrees. Lindsay went on to explain the selection process and thanked the scholarship committee for their hard work and dedication in selecting the recipients. Nearly 730 applications were received, and selecting the recipients was not an easy task.

Viewers were asked to comment throughout the ceremony. As an incentive, each comment was entered into a drawing, in which 15 gift cards to Custer County businesses will be given away. Board Members, Alicia Hermsmeyer and Deb Girardin, assisted in announcing the recipients. After all the awards were presented, the guidance counselors were thanked for all the assistance they offer the students with the application process. The Board of Directors was also recognized. To close, graduates were wished best of luck as they begin new chapters in their lives.

Everyone can agree this is not how we planned to have the scholarship ceremony. However, the students, parents, and donors made the best of the situation. There were over 600 comments during the Facebook event with students congratulating one another. It was fun to see the support from everyone.

It gave the seniors something to look forward to in a time of uncertainty. It also allowed donors, who aren't able to attend the ceremony, the opportunity to watch it. Donors, who live on the east and west coasts, and normally can't attend the ceremony were now able to participate.

Even though the ceremony couldn't go on as planned, it was still exciting to announce over \$106,000 in scholarships! Local students are very fortunate to have such generous donors investing in their future.

The Foundation is grateful for the support they received hosting the ceremony on Facebook live. It was great to have the viewers engaged and interacting with each other.

Best wishes and congratulations to all of our Custer County High School graduates!



Spring Into Giving

Due to a few new initiatives and the uncertainty related to COVID-19, the Custer County Foundation has decided not to host our "Spring Into Giving Day" on May 1st. We still want to encourage patrons to shop local, and keep purchasing those gift cards to support local businesses. They need our support now more than ever!

Yanagida Challenge Match Over Half Way to Goal!

The Custer County Foundation announced an exciting gift at the 15th Annual Gala & Auction held on December 14, 2019. Roy Yanagida and his family have generously donated \$200,000 to the Custer County Foundation. In addition, Roy is challenging the Custer County Foundation, businesses, and individuals to raise an additional \$100,000. Roy and his family will generously match every donation to the Yanagida Challenge Match, dollar-for-dollar, up to a maximum of \$100,000 in 2020! This means your donation is doubled! This challenge match could potentially raise \$400,000 or more!! This will certainly help the Foundation continue to have a positive impact on Custer County.

We are happy to announce that over \$59,000 has already been raised!! Forty-two donations have been received, representing the following communities:

Ansley, NE Arnold, NE Broken Bow, NE Fayetteville, AR Lincoln, NE Marana, AZ
Merna, NE Mission, TX Oconto, NE Phillips, NE Sargent, NE Wilmington, NC

Roy, and his family, want to ensure the Custer County Foundation can continue living up to its mission of meeting the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. It is Roy's vision to ensure that the Foundation continues to have a positive impact upon the youth and other worthy organizations in Custer County, well into the future.

Roy and the Custer County Foundation are asking you to join him in this challenge match and to make a donation to the Foundation. As Roy would say, "you give with your heart." It is the hope of the Yanagida family that you, too, will give from your heart, and will join them in their effort to help secure the future of the Foundation and the life we love in Custer County.

Please help us capitalize on this generous gift by making a donation to the Yanagida Challenge match. Please mail donations to the Custer County Foundation using the form below. You can also donate from your smartphone by texting CCFMATCH to 44-321.

Thank you, Roy, and the Yanagida family, for this amazing gift!

Yes! I want to participate in the challenge match!



☐ Enclosed is my challenge match donation.

☐ I am interested in learning more about this challenge match. Please contact me at: _____.

☐ I wish to make a pledge of \$_____ to be paid in installments of \$_____ over _____ (years, max 3 years).

Please enclose 1st pledge installment. Reminders will be sent in January unless otherwise specified _____ (month).

Name(s) _____
(As you would like it to appear in Custer County Foundation Publications)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ I request to remain anonymous in any publications.

Please make checks payable to Custer County Foundation & return to:

PO Box 304 • Broken Bow, NE 68822

Thank you!

The Custer County Foundation, Inc. is a public charity. Your gift, in most cases, will qualify for a federal income tax deduction. As required by law, it is important to acknowledge that you did not receive any goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

Spring Grant Deadline April 30th!

The goal of the Custer County Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the Custer County area by supporting the needs of the people of each respective community. One way the Foundation strives to achieve this goal is through their grant program. Any nonprofit group, that falls under the



Anselmo-Merna PTO received a grant for \$800.

guidelines of the Foundation's grant policy, can apply for a grant from the Custer County Foundation. Funds are usually granted in the areas of civic, culture, health, education, environment, and social services. To review the criteria and download an application, please visit the Foundation's website at custercountyfoundation.org. Select Grants, and then select Guidelines from the drop-down menu. The



Ansley Ag Education Dept. received a grant for \$3,600.

The current grant deadline is fast approaching; please submit grant applications prior to the April 30th deadline. Due to COVID-19, please don't drop applications off. Please email applications to custerfoundation@msn.com or mail grant applications to PO Box 304 Broken Bow, NE 68822. Pictured above are two grant recipients from the fall.

Sustaining Members

We are well on our way in reaching our 2020 goal of **\$15,000!** Thank you for any support you have given! Please help us meet our goal by becoming a member today. Both businesses and individuals are encouraged to take this important step which is vital to the future of your community and Custer County.

A gift to the Foundation ensures we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit the residents throughout Custer County. As a way to recognize your generous support, we will publish your name in our 2021 Winter Newsletter. Your name will also appear in our 16th Annual Gala & Auction program.

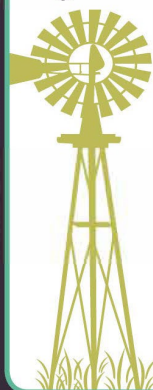
The success of the Foundation is a direct reflection of our generous supporters. Donations from our valuable members allow us to perform daily activities which, in turn, create opportunities for a greater impact.

The Foundation thrives today because of past and present Custer County residents who have a strong desire to give back to communities where they have lived, prospered, worked and played. Please consider becoming a Sustaining Member today. Thank you!

**When we circle together,
we CAN make a difference!**



Yes! I want to support the efforts of the Custer County Foundation!



Individual • Family • Business MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ☐ \$1,000+ | DIAMOND |
| ☐ \$500-\$999 | PLATINUM |
| ☐ \$250-\$499 | GOLD |
| ☐ \$100-\$249 | SILVER |
| ☐ \$50-\$99 | BRONZE |
| ☐ \$ | Other Contribution |

Name(s) _____
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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Scholarship Stats

2020 Scholarship Program at a Glance



125

Total Students Who Submitted Applications

727

Total Applications Submitted

83

Total Scholarships Awarded

69

Total Scholarship Winners

9 Anselmo-Merna, 7 Ansley, 6 Arnold, 19 Broken Bow, 6 Callaway,
8 Sargent, 1 Litchfield, 13 College

\$106,600

Total Scholarship Amount Awarded

\$1,247,760

Total Scholarship Amount Awarded
Since 1991



The following students were awarded scholarships from the Custer County Foundation in 2020.

1952 Football

Drew Drake

Adams Land & Cattle, LLC College Level

Alyssa Cyboron

Adams Land & Cattle, LLC Employee

Destry Miller

Kaleb Rosentrader

Adams Land & Cattle, LLC

Madison Neely

Grant Reynolds

Russell Adams Jr. Memorial and Angenette Adams

Brianna Mowrey

Emily Trotter

AgLand ATV College

Hunter Maynard

AgLand ATV Mechanical

Wyatt Porter

Ansley Memorial

Cortnee Eberle

Arrow Seed

Jace Leibhart

Blake Racicky

Sam and Adaline Bailey

Delanie Pinkerton

Becton-Dickinson

Tina Baxter

Colby Coons

Cooper Coons

Dr. Jackson J. Bence

Emily Fox

Anthony Blum Memorial

Caitlyn Eggleston

Roscoe & Marguerite Bristol

Sarah Lewis

Laney Stunkel

Broken Bow High School

Patrick Powers

Custer County Foundation Board of Directors

Sydney Carrizales

Karlee Stunkel

Scott B. Cool Memorial

Lorraine Wonch

Joe Jr. and Laura Cupl Memorial

Lindsay Schauda

Custer County Corn Growers

Trevor Ross

Custer County Home Extension

Tara Geiser

Custer County Patriots for Freedom

Darla Nichols

Custer County Welding & Electrical

Landry Smith

DK Get Going

Hope Ottun

Joan Downey RN Memorial

Shelby Schneider

Pat Downey Memorial

Wyatt Porter

EZ IT Solutions Information Technology

Jamie Shirley

Female Academic Athletic

Majesta Valasek

Forsyth Family

Danielle Osmond

Emily Trotter

Majesta Valasek

Ann Fox Memorial

Bridget Slagle

George & Bernice Halstead Memorial

Addison Starr

Zane Harvey Memorial

Julie Kreitman

Autumn Young

Hazelle Jacobsen Headley

Jessie Sallach

Bailey Schneider

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Broken Bow Lodge #119

Garrett Phillips

Rhett Safranek

KCNI-KBBN Radio Station

Jace Connell

Bob & Verna Lewis Student Athlete

Alexis Zimmer

Lance Lovitt Memorial

Melissa Hollander

Steven Douglas Metcalf Memorial Medical

Ellie Wells

Mills-Hartman

Brianna Mowrey

Jeanne M. Mohatt Memorial

Gracie Williams

Ivan & Helen Nelson Memorial

Garrett Phillips

Nebraska State Bank

Natalie Trumbull

Nebraska State Bank Business

Alexis Zimmer

Nebraska State Bank College

Jalea Chandler

Nebraska State Bank Hometown

Hagen Ell

Nebraska State Bank Youth Leadership Custer County

Delanie Pinkerton

Gene O'Brien Memorial

Danielle Osmond

Nic Ostergard Memorial

Courtney Kastens

Earnest M. & Elizabeth A. Rains Memorial

Emily Fox

Verne & Helen Reynolds

Seth Miller

Dr. Duane Rice Memorial & Joanne Rice

Siera Rush

Harry & Lenora Richardson

Grant Reynolds

Lucile A. Schmitz Memorial

Brianna Ryan

Ralph & Lorraine Scott Family

Darla Nichols

St. John's Episcopal Church Vocational

Brianna Glendy

St. John's Episcopal Church Bachelor

Taylor Conroy

St. John's Episcopal Church Scholarship Mid-Plains

Hunter Weinman

Dr. Howard B. & Maurine C. Stevens

Lauren Reynolds

Lorraine E. Still

Corrine Slagle

Richard "Dick" & Mary A. Stone Memorial

Sidney Vincent

Burrel & Anna Mae Taylor Family

Lindsay Schauda

TEAM Physical Therapy

Julie Kreitman

Mykael Stoddard

Tiffany Theater

Julie Kreitman

Adair & Mary Ellen Tunnell Memorial

Grant Jones

Lorraine Wonch

Maxine Weldin Perpetual

Erin Clay

Fred & Alice Werner

MaShayla Burnett

Dr. Clyde W., Ethelyn E. Wilcox & Carol Ann Wilcox-Stiff Memorial

Lydia Connell

Roy & Dot Yanagida

Yance Garner

Richard & Print Zutavern Memorial

Kaylee Kruml



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"Preserving Our Heritage...
Planning Our Future."

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Our Mission

The Custer County Foundation is a non-profit community trust which is structured to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. The funds are administered in the areas of health, arts and culture, social welfare, environment, education, and civics.

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