



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

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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 2021

Custer County Foundation Awards \$113,850 in Scholarships!

The Custer County Foundation held their annual Scholarship Award Ceremony on Sunday, March 28, at the One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow, NE.

Alicia Hermsmeyer, Board Member and President of the Custer County Foundation, conducted the welcome to the estimated 350 people in attendance. Alicia also introduced our guest speaker, Levi French, who grew up in Broken Bow and graduated from Broken Bow High School. Levi attended Texas A & M University where he completed his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Levi currently lives in Broken Bow, Nebraska and works as a mechanical engineer at Sargent Pipe.

Levi shared his story with the guests in attendance. He mentioned how difficult classes were and he had a real eye-opening experience after he received his first exam grade. He started asking for help, made a conscience effort to stay focused, kept a good friend group, worked hard, and set up a way to manage his time effectively, and classes started to become easier and he began enjoying them. Levi mentioned the importance of being a well-rounded student; many employers are looking more for that well-rounded student that can lead and communicate. In closing, Levi gave some great advice stating, "go ahead live your life, make those mistakes and take those leaps, but wherever you end up don't forget your roots."

This scholarship ceremony continues to be successful because of our special guests, the donors who travel from places like Kansas City and Lincoln, as well as many from Custer County. Not only are they in attendance to present their scholarships, but to share great stories about their families and offer words of advice and encouragement. Their presence also gives them an opportunity to meet the students whose lives they are directly impacting. Another unique aspect of the ceremony is the element of surprise for the students receiving the scholarships. Until their name is called, they are neither aware of the scholarship they are receiving nor the amount. This anticipation makes the event even more enjoyable.

Executive Director Lindsay Cook announced 88 scholarships would be presented to 79 students for a total amount of \$113,850 awarded! 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. She went on to explain the selection process and thanked the scholarship committee for their hard work and dedication in selecting the recipients. Over 1,300 applications were received and selecting the recipients was not an easy task. After all the awards were presented, the guidance counselors were thanked for all the assistance they offer the students with the application process. The ceremony closed by inviting attendees to enjoy refreshments and cookies, while thanking those in attendance and wishing the graduates best of luck as they begin new chapters in their lives.

As the Foundation celebrates 30 years of service, we celebrate that over \$1.3 million in scholarships have been awarded to Custer County students! Bev Williams presented the Female Academic Athletic scholarship on behalf of Jan Pederson, and said, "picture yourself 69 years from now, would you say to yourself, will I care enough that I will help someone to further their education as someone did for me in 2021?" If you would like to learn more about establishing a scholarship through the Custer County Foundation please contact the office at 308-872-2232 or custerfoundation@msn.com.

Scholarship Ceremony Photos



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 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 current grant deadline is fast approaching; please submit grant applications prior to the April 30th deadline. Pictured here is a grant recipient from the fall.



Village of Mason City received a grant for \$2,000.

Custer County Foundation Celebrates 30th Anniversary!

Thirty years ago, a group of individuals got together to discuss an idea. What if there was an organization established for the purpose of receiving and administering funds to meet the needs of Custer County residents? The funds could be donated to support civic, health, cultural, welfare and educational improvements throughout the county. And so it was done. In November 1991, the Custer County Foundation was officially organized. In 1991, the old Security State Bank building was donated by Harry and Lenora Richardson. It has served as the home of the Foundation ever since. The building was listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places in 1987. When the Foundation was formed back in 1991, it was the dream of those original founders that the Foundation would continue to grow and would make a difference in the lives of the residents of Custer County. Through the awards of grants, scholarships, and program support the Foundation has been able to help many charities, individuals and communities throughout Custer County. The Foundation remains committed to its motto: Preserving Our Heritage, Planning Our Future. As the Foundation turns 30, each



Front Row: Tedd Huston, Roy Yanagida, Beth Cole, Jim Croghan. Second row: Alvin Smolik, John Frey, Dr. Lance Jones. Third row: Dick Stone, Donna Kimball, Dr. Loren Jacobsen, Bill Watkins.

Help us Celebrate 30 years with a \$30 donation to our membership drive!

generation can expand on our history and leave a legacy for tomorrow's community.

Thank you to the following founding board members, Beth Cole, Jim Croghan, Diane Finch, Robert Hostick, Tedd Huston, Dr. Loren Jacobsen, Dr. Alanson Jones, Donna Kimball, Alvin Smolik, Dick Stone, William Watson, and Roy Yanagida.

Sustaining Members

We are well on our way in reaching our 2021 goal of **\$20,000!** 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 2022 Winter Newsletter. Your name will also appear in our 17th 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

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Thank You!

The Custer County Foundation, Inc. is a public charity and 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.

Scholarship Stats

2021 Scholarship Program at a Glance



144

Total Students Who Submitted Applications

1,336

Total Applications Submitted

88

Total Scholarships Awarded

79

Total Scholarship Winners

7 Anselmo-Merna, 5 Ansley, 8 Arnold, 33 Broken Bow, 5 Callaway,
5 Sargent, 16 College

\$113,850

Total Scholarship Amount Awarded

\$1,356,610

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Since 1991



The following students were awarded scholarships from the Custer County Foundation in 2021.

#livelikePat Memorial

Jadeyn Bubak

1952 Football

Drew Drake

Adams Land & Cattle, LLC

Alyssa Cyboron
Kassidy Cyboron
Kristyn Hazen
Madison Jackson
Caleb Moninger

Russell Adams Jr. Memorial and Angenette Adams

Cami Schweitzer
Isela Tercero

AgLand ATV Mechanical

Frazier Kaelin
Bradon Parr

Ansley Memorial

Tycen Bailey

Arrow Seed

Seth Chandler
Reagan Ross

Sam and Adaline Bailey Memorial

Andrea Maldonado

Becton-Dickinson

Gabrielle Kissell
Macy Rynearson
Cort West

Dr. Jackson J. Bence Memorial

McKenna Palmer

Anthony Blum Memorial

Emily Jonas

Margaret Bradley Memorial

Dylon Baum

Roscoe & Marguerite Bristol

Jackson Henry
Annabelle Nichols

Broken Bow High School

Tia Epley

Scott B. Cool Memorial

Eli Taylor

Joe Jr. and Laura Cupl Memorial

Brady Schaaf

Custer County Corn Growers

Dalton Kunkee

Custer County Home Extension

Delani Haines

Custer County Patriots for Freedom

Shaylee Oxford

Custer County Welding & Electrical

Carson Mason

DK Get Going

Christopher Osmond
Gillian Sherbeck

Joan Downey RN Memorial

Corrine Slagle

Pat Downey Memorial

Kade Safranek

Crystal Esch Memorial

Nicole Evans

EZ IT Solutions Information Technology

Jamie Shirley

Female Academic Athletic

Kali Staples

Forsyth Family

Abigail Flint
Katherine Holcomb

Fox Theater

Brianna Mowrey

Ann Fox Memorial

Jeffery Cunningham

Waleta L. Gies Memorial

Kylee Lehmkuhler

George & Bernice Halstead Memorial

Landyn Cole

Zane Harvey Memorial

Christopher Osmond
Nikki Peters

Hazelle Jacobsen Headley

Karina Kitt
Jacky Terrazas

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Broken Bow Lodge #119

Jadeyn Bubak
Calyn Laible

KCNI-KBBN Radio Station

Jacob Smallcomb

Bob & Verna Lewis Student Athlete

Kaitlyn Jacquot

Lance Lovitt Memorial

Tycen Bailey

Steven Douglas Metcalf Memorial Medical

Tara Geiser

Mills-Hartman

Isela Tercero

Jeanne M. Mohatt Memorial

Griffin Wright

Ivan & Helen Nelson Memorial

Avery Campbell

Nebraska State Bank

Jalea Chandler
Isak Chancellor
Kacee Dvorak
Rhett Safranek
Isaac Stallbaumer

Gene O'Brien Memorial

Abigail Piper

Nic Ostergard Memorial

Delaney Sherbeck

Earnest M. & Elizabeth A. Rains Memorial

Alexander Wenquist

Verne & Helen Reynolds

Emmalee Bartak

Dr. Duane Rice Memorial & Joanne Rice

BaiLee McMillan

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Blake Denson

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Halle Jacobsen

Lucile A. Schmitz Memorial

Graycee Oeltjen

Ralph & Lorraine Scott Family

Jeffery Cunningham

St. John's Episcopal Church

Tia Epley
Shawn Quandt
Cecilia Wonch

Dr. Howard B. & Maurine C. Stevens

Isela Tercero

Lorraine E. Still

Kaitlyn Jacquot

Richard "Dick" & Mary A. Stone Memorial

Daniel Folkers

Burrell & Anna Mae Taylor Family

Emma Schall

TEAM Physical Therapy

Jayden Burnett
Lathan Duda

Adair & Mary Ellen Tunnell Memorial

Drew Vickers

Ransom Varney Memorial Pharmacy

Jesica Spanel

Maxine Weldin Perpetual

Corra Harrold

Fred & Alice Werner

Claire Cooksley

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

Lydia Connell

Roy & Dot Yanagida

Garrison Fernau
Shay Herman

Irvin E. & Margery B. Yohn

Cami Schweitzer

Richard & Print Zutavern Memorial

Samuel Cool



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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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