



2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Pathways To Progress



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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Reflecting on the past year fills me with gratitude as I present our annual report. We are excited to share the milestones achieved by the Phelps County Community Foundation (PCCF), which have paved the way for meaningful change and a brighter future for everyone we serve.



This past year has been marked by a pathway of achievements, starting with the success of the 2024 give2GROW event. The enthusiasm and energy from our nonprofit partners highlight the importance of our collective efforts. This year's event is approaching quickly, and the PCCF is contributing a matching pool

of \$250,000, which will increase the impact of every dollar donated. Additionally, PCCF will cover all fees for the event, ensuring that the participating organizations will receive 100% of your donation, whether online or in person.

PCCF is excited to announce the launch of our new online grant portal, designed to simplify access to funding for nonprofits. This user-friendly platform enhances our ability to support the incredible work happening in Phelps County by streamlining the application process for all involved.

This year, PCCF proudly awarded \$211,000 in scholarships to deserving students, supporting their academic pursuits and future endeavors.

We sincerely thank our generous donors and dedicated nonprofit partners. Your support drives our mission and enables impactful progress.

With gratitude,

Lacy Chapman, Executive Director

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I have been involved with the Phelps County Community Foundation for several years. It continues to grow with each passing year due to the generosity of the people of Phelps County and the surrounding areas. As we grow, we continue to stay committed to our mission statement, which is to “encourage and provide opportunities for charitable giving, to manage and distribute funds in a responsible manner, and to enhance the quality of life for people in Phelps County.”



As I was thinking about what to write in my report, I looked through our list of non-profits and agencies, and it is clear that the Foundation has had an impact on nearly every person in the county at some point in their life. From daycare to books for preschool children, to all levels of education and scholarships, sports programs, the YMCA, the Library, the Tassel, the Nebraska Prairie Museum, the Senior Center, and the care homes. All of these have benefited from the Foundation, and it is all because of you, the people who care about your community and want to make it a better place to live.

I would like to thank our staff, Lacy Chapman, Patty Freburg, and Shannon Kruback for the excellent work they do every day. Also, to the board members past and present for their service to the Foundation and the Community.

I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the Phelps County Community Foundation, and I am looking forward to celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2026.

Sincerely,

Grace Grove, President

PCCF STAFF 2024-2025



Lacy Chapman
Executive
Director



Patty Freburg
Associate
Director



Shannon Kruback
Administrative
Assistant



Taylor L'Heureux
Legal
Counsel

OUR MISSION

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PCCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-25



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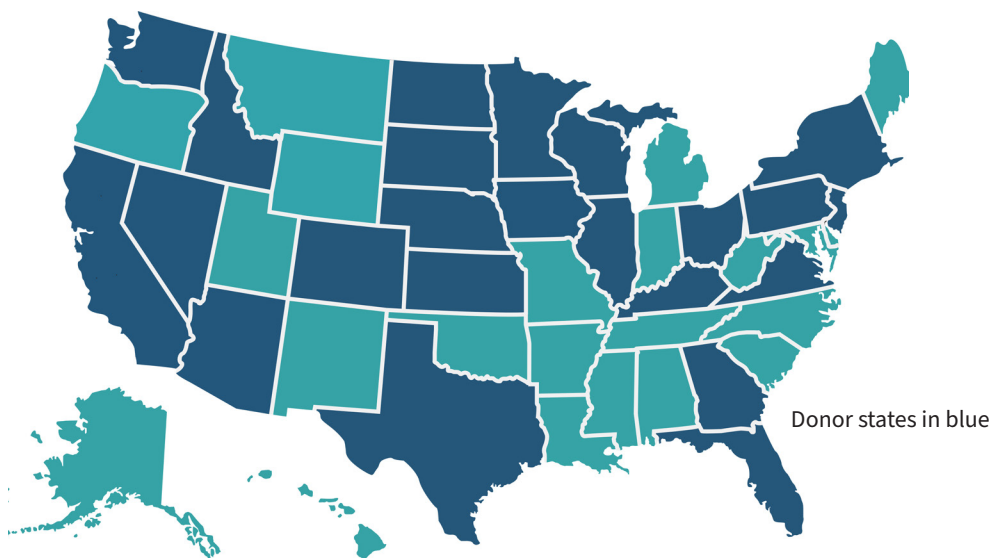


\$1,181,469

81 ORGANIZATIONS

TOP 10 ORGANIZATIONS '24

Legacy Christian School — \$199,543
Don Sjogren Community YMCA — \$83,455
Holdrege Animal Rescue — \$51,273
South Central Area Recovery — \$47,228
Nebraska Prairie Museum — \$42,588
Christian Homes — \$38,102
Christian Charity Fund — \$36,040
All Saints Catholic School — \$34,264
Tassel Performing Arts Center — \$31,954
Phelps Community Pantry — \$29,836



DONORS FROM 23 STATES!

Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Dakota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.

DONORS FROM 52 NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES!

Alma, Arapahoe, Ashland, Atlanta, Axtell, Beaver City, Bertrand, Brady, Cambridge, Cozad, Doniphan, Edison, Elkhorn, Elm Creek, Elwood, Fremont, Funk, Gothenburg, Grand Island, Gretna, Hastings, Hays Center, Henderson, Holbrook, Holdrege, Indianola, Johnson Lake, Kearney, LaVista, Lawrence, Lexington, Lincoln, Loomis, Lynch, Minden, Mullen, Nebraska City, Omaha, Orleans, Overton, Oxford, Papillion, Pleasant Dale, Randolph, Ravenna, Republican City, Smithfield, St. Paul, Sutton.

give2GROW 2025
THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 13 | 2025



Scholarships Help Burrows Reach Dream Career

As a child, the library was one of Sierra Burrows' favorite places to visit. As a teen, she worked at the Holdrege Area Public Library all four years of high school. As a young adult, she volunteered at the library for 15+ years. All of these experiences shaped her career path.

"Volunteering and working at the library showed me that a library is so much more than shelves of books," Sierra said. "It is a safe space, a gathering place, and a launch pad for creativity and growth. I was drawn to the idea of creating opportunities for others the way the library did for me."

Sierra's dream was to one day be a library director. Today, due to hard work and determination on her part, and financial support from Phelps County Community Foundation scholarships, Sierra's dream has come true. She was appointed Holdrege Area Public Library director in September 2024.

She recently completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in Library Science and Public Administration through the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is currently finishing her studies online to earn her Master of Library and Information Science degree.

"Every scholarship I have received is not just financial help, it is a reminder that I am not on this journey alone, and that what I am working toward has value for more than just me," Sierra said. "That mindset pushes me to aim higher and to work harder."

The scholarships have allowed her to attend college full-time and reduce the amount of student loans required to complete her degrees.



Sierra Burrows, Holdrege Area Public Library Director

One of the biggest challenges she faced as a nontraditional student was balancing school with a demanding full-time job. The scholarships eased that pressure.

"Without that financial support, I would have had to slow down my education or split my attention between more outside work and school," Sierra said. "Instead, I was able to stay focused and on track to complete my degree and earn a 4.0 grade point average."

After Sierra earns her library science degree, she plans to keep building on the work already started at the local library, expand programming and community partnerships,

and meet the needs of the community. With a new building project on the horizon, she sees tremendous opportunity to reshape what library services can look like for the next generation.

"I feel very rooted here, and my heart is in continuing to make our library a place where people feel welcome, inspired, and supported," she said. "Every step I take in my own education is not just for me, it is so I can bring new ideas, better services, and more opportunities back home. By guiding the library forward, I hope to create a lasting impact that will benefit our community for years to come."



Gifts Received & Grants Awarded

GIFTS RECEIVED

Donor Advised Funds
\$288,394

Designated
\$2,113,493

Field of Interest Funds
\$25,009

Fiscal Sponsorship
\$158,909

Scholarships
\$171,578

Community Impact
PCCF's Unrestricted Fund
\$170,861

Unrestricted Funds
\$85,769

TOTAL GIFTS RECEIVED
\$3,014,013

GRANTS AWARDED BY FUND TYPE

 \$233,419 Donor Advised Funds

 \$1,829,920 Designated Funds

 \$38,740 Field of Interest

 \$341,754 Fiscal Sponsorship

 \$67,640 Scholarships

 \$274,396 Community Impact
PCCF's Unrestricted Fund

 \$25,427 Unrestricted

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED | \$2,811,116

2024-25 Financial Report



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (AUDITED)

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

CURRENT ASSETS

	2023-24	2024-25
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$122,047.....	\$145,150
Investments	\$21,767,827.....	\$25,322,066
Prepaid Expenses	\$20,047.....	\$25,613
Property & Equipment	\$317,347.....	\$263,602
Other Assets.....	\$7,270,044.....	\$7,375,874
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$29,498,112.....	\$33,132,305

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable.....	\$503.....	\$5,549
Grants Payable	\$78,800.....	\$10,000
Scholarships Payable	\$211,850.....	\$247,232
Other Liabilities	\$20,195.....	\$16,917
Amounts Held for Benefit of Others	\$7,871,743.....	\$9,101,936
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Scholarships Payable	\$79,250.....	\$37,000
Grants Payable	\$70,000.....	\$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,332,341.....	\$9,418,634

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions.....	\$5,096,680.....	\$8,208,918
With Donor Restrictions.....	\$16,069,091.....	\$15,504,753
Total Net Assets	\$21,165,771.....	\$23,713,671
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS.....	\$29,498,112.....	\$33,132,305



Random Grants of Kindness

Allmands Recognized for Community Dedication

In June, the PCCF Board of Directors awarded Roger Allmand a “Random Grants of Kindness.”

Roger, along with his wife, Marlis, is a true pillar of our community, consistently willing to lend a hand and give back in meaningful ways. His dedication and selflessness inspire those around him, making our community a better place for everyone.

The PCCF board recognizes individuals, groups, and organizations that go above and beyond to enhance the lives of people in Phelps County. In honor of Roger, a donation of \$2,500 will be made to the fund of his choice at PCCF.

“Roger’s dedication to the community is truly remarkable, and the Foundation wants to recognize and thank him and Marlis for their service,” said Grace Grove, PCCF Board President.

The Phelps County Community Foundation is grateful to the many organizations and individuals who make positive impacts in Phelps County for the benefit of all residents.



Top from left: Luke Thorell, Lori Vinzant, Charles Reeser, Marlis Allmand, Lacy Chapman, Roger Allmand, Patty Freburg, Grace Grove.

Scholarship Recipients 2025

Congratulations to the 2025 PCCF Scholarship recipients!
PCCF proudly awarded \$211,000 in scholarships to 70 deserving students, supporting their academic pursuits and future endeavors.



CHLOE ANDERSON

Loomis High School — 2024

RoDonna Harden

Memorial Scholarship — \$500

PCCF College Scholarship IMO

Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp (Loomis) — \$1,500

Elementary Education, Wayne State College



MITCHELL BECK

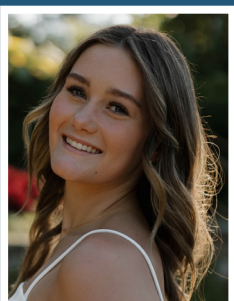
Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

J.L. Young Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Diesel Mechanics,

Southeast Community College Milford



ALEXA BENSON

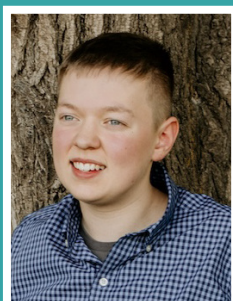
Holdrege High School — 2025

Patrick Family Scholarship — \$1,000

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$3,000

Nursing,

Southeast Community College Lincoln



ETHAN BERG

Holdrege High School — 2025

Holdrege Teammates

Ron Uribe Scholarship — \$1,000

Holdrege Teammates

Ray Ruybalid Scholarship — \$1,000

Healthcare Administration, UNK



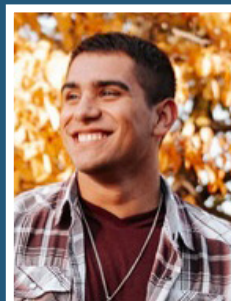
ALEXIS BILLETER

Loomis High School — 2021

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$3,000

Francis M. Ebmeier Scholarship — \$1,000

Elementary Education, UNK



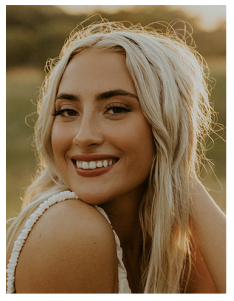
GABRIEL BOJORQUEZ

Bertrand High School — 2024

Joan Titus Swan and Jane Waller Titus
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Health Science Technologies, UNK

Scholarship Recipients 2025



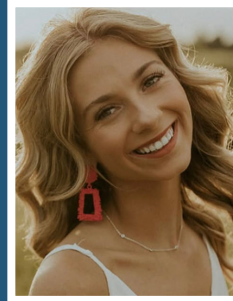
ASHLEA BOOE

Loomis High School — 2024

Joan Titus Swan and Jane Waller Titus
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Phelps Co. High Demand Jobs
Scholarship — \$2,000

Medical Technology, Fort Hays State University



NELDA BOOE

Loomis High School — 2025

DeLaun Rupkalvis
Memorial Scholarship — \$2,500

Business,
Southeast Community College Lincoln



CARA BUNGER

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

Lamoine Johnsen Retired
Employee Scholarship — \$500

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$6,000

Physical Therapy, UNK



KATELYN BUNGER

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$10,000

Nursing, UNK



MADISON BUNGER

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

Ron Lush Ag Scholarship — \$1,000

E.L. Lindsay Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Veterinary Medicine,
Kansas State University



SIERRA BURROWS

Holdrege High School — 2007

Phelps County High Demand Jobs
Scholarship — \$2,000

PCCF Non-traditional Student
Scholarship — \$1,500

Library & Information Science, UNO



ALEX CASPER

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$6,000

Agriculture & Natural Resource Conservation,
University of Nebraska-Lincoln



MATTHEW CEDAR

Wilcox-Hildreth High School

Mark Schubert
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Theology,
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Scholarship Recipients 2025



FLETCHER CLAUSEN

Axtell High School — 2025

Donald E. Sjogren Endowed Scholarship, Funk
Fridhem Lutheran Church Members — \$1,000

Agronomy,
Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

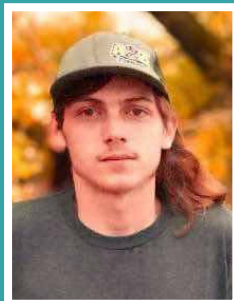


LANE CONWAY

Franklin High School — 2025

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$3,000
Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$6,000

Engineering Technology & Drafting,
Northeast Community College



HUNTER DAVIS

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

J.L. Young Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Agricultural Mechanics,
Southeast Community College Milford



MAGGIE DEFREESE

Holdrege High School — 2023

Phelps County
High Demand Jobs Scholarship — \$1,000

Education, Hastings College



MCCARTNEY ELLIOTT

Holdrege High School — 2022

Phelps County High Demand Jobs — \$1,000
PMHC Service League Scholarship — \$500
PMHC Miriam Fastenau
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000
Vincent & Mildred Abramson Memorial
Scholarship — \$1,250

Health Sciences & Technology, UNK



TYSON ESSEX

Loomis High School — 2025

PCCF Scholarship/Loomis — \$1,500

Mechanical Engineering,
Doane College

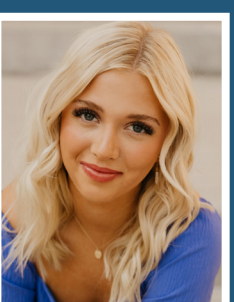


JOHANNA FORD

Bertrand High School — 2022

Harry & Evelyn Dahlstrom
Scholarship — \$2,000
PCCF College Student Scholarship IMO
Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp Bertrand — \$1,500

Animal Science, UNL



MARIE FORD

Bertrand High School — 2025

Dorothy Swanson Lewis Scholarship — \$1,000
Harvey E. & Marguerite Sandstrom
McDowell Scholarship — \$1,000
Theodore C & Minnie C. Swanson Memorial — \$1,200
Otis E. & Dora P. Mundell Scholarship — \$2,000

Nursing, Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences

Scholarship Recipients 2025



CARMIN GRAMKE

Minden High School — 2025

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Visual & Performing Arts, UNL



BRADEN HAM

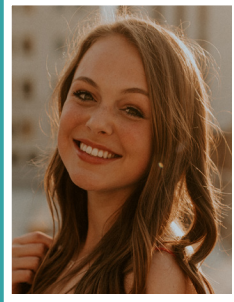
Holdrege High School — 2025

Jess & Willa Keifer Scholarship — \$1,000

HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship — \$1,500

JoAnn Frazell Memorial Scholarship — \$450

Business Administration, UNO



DELANEY HAM

Holdrege High School — 2022

Bruce Hilsabeck Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Social Sciences & Law, UNO



SYDNEY HARRIS

Loomis High School — 2025

Phelps County High Demand Jobs
Scholarship — \$1,000

Rodney E. Forsberg Memorial
Scholarship — \$1,500

Forrest & Violet Morrison Leadership
Scholarship — \$1,000

Health Sciences & Technology, UNK



LANDON HARTZOG

Holdrege High School — 2025

William & Margaret Richards
Scholarship — \$2,000

Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson Memorial
Scholarship — \$1,250

Computer Science & Math, UNL



KAYDEN HATFIELD

Bertrand High School — 2025

PCCF Scholarship Bertrand — \$1,500

Repair, Production & Construction,
Southeast Community College Milford



GRANT HENERY

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

Parker Sturgis Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

J.L. Young Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Wilcox Area Community Foundation
Scholarship — \$500

Electrical Engineering,
Northeast Community College



DANIEL HERMANSON

Loomis High School

Atlanta Community Club Scholarship — \$500

Harold & Dorothy Marshall
Scholarship — \$1,000

Walter J. & Elsie E. Stark Memorial
Scholarship — \$500

Computer Science & Math, UNL

Scholarship Recipients 2025



JERSIE HERMANSON

Loomis High School — 2023

Atlanta Community Club Scholarship — \$500

Phelps County High Demand Jobs
Scholarship — \$2,000

Patrick Family Scholarship — \$1,000

Joan Titus Swan & Jane Waller Titus
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Pre-med/Pre-pharmacy, UNK



MARCUS HERNANDEZ

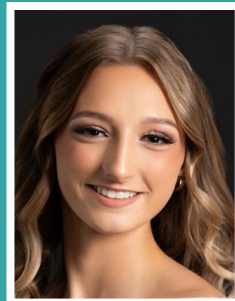
Bertrand High School — 2025

Earl & Caroline High Scholarship — \$4,000

Verner & Mildred Vinzant Scholarship — \$800

Mary Jean Anderson Memorial
Scholarship — \$1,000

Theology, Arizona Christian University

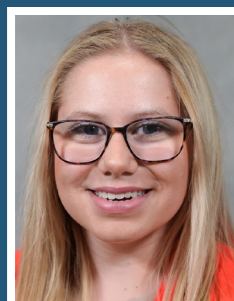


JORJANNA HIGH

Loomis High School — 2025

Lenore High Morrison
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Nursing, Loomis High School



CAROLYN HILL

Holdrege High School — 2022

Clifford, Marian & Michael Barnes
Memorial Scholarship — \$10,000

Architecture, UNK

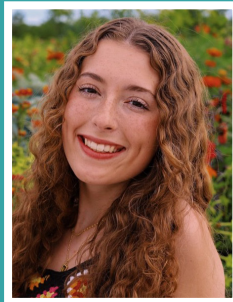


GRACEY HINSON

Bertrand High School — 2025

Robert R. Johnson
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Agribusiness,
Southeast Community College Milford



CLAIRE HUDSON

Holdrege High School — 2025

Ray Ruybalid Memorial Scholarship — \$500

HHS Class of 1965 Scholarship — \$3,000

Health Sciences & Technology, UNL



SPENCER JEZBERA

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2024

Bill Vandell Memorial Scholarship — \$300
Wilcox Area Community Foundation — \$500

Animal Science,
Iowa State University



GARRET JOHNSON

Holdrege High School — 2025

Youth Golf Scholarship — \$1,000

Undecided,
Concordia University

Scholarship Recipients 2025

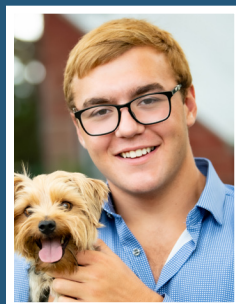


MAKAYLA JOHNSON

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

J.L. Young Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Business,
Central Community College Hastings



MASON JOHNSON

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Mortuary Science, UNK

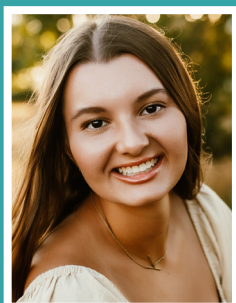


MICHAEL KING

Holdrege High School — 2025

DiAnn S. Harris Memorial Scholarship — \$500
Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,250

Social Sciences & Law, UNK



KELSEY KOMENDA

Holdrege High School — 2024

Curly Geer Scholarship — \$1,000

Agribusiness,
Southeast Community College Beatrice



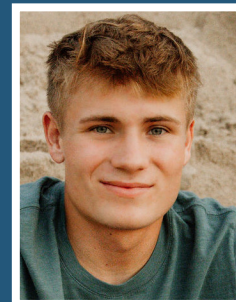
TEA KROESE

Holdrege High School — 2023

Phelps County High Demand Jobs
Scholarship — \$3,000

Howard F. Schroeder Memorial
Scholarship — \$1,250

Education, UNK

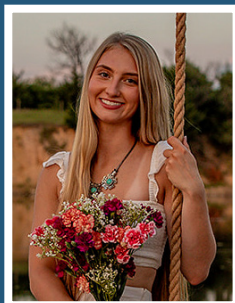


RYLAN LANDIN

Holdrege High School — 2025

Adam Harrahill
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Construction Science,
Southeast Community College Milford



MACY LENNEMANN

Franklin High School — 2025

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$6,000

Radiation Therapy,
University of Nebraska Medical Center



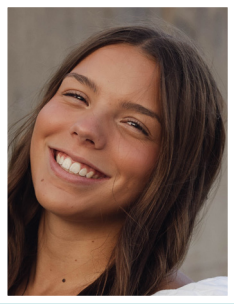
ZACH MARQUARDT

Holdrege High School — 2025

Marty Damrow Memorial Scholarship — \$500
PT Leland Gaffney Memorial
Scholarship — \$1,000

Construction Science,
Southeast Community College Lincoln

Scholarship Recipients 2025



ERIN MICHALSKI

Holdrege High School — 2025

J. Rowland & Eleanor McClymont
Memorial Scholarship — \$8,000

Linda Lum Memorial Scholarship — \$1,822.78

PCCF Scholarship — \$1,500

Health Sciences & Technology, UNL



MADELYN MOORE

Holdrege High School — 2020

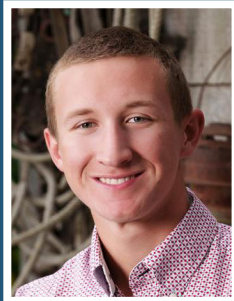
PMHC Service League Scholarship — \$500

Gary Kaup Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Joan Titus Swan & Jane Waller

Titus Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Pharmacy, UNMC



QUENTIN MUMM

Bertrand High School — 2025

Skallberg Family Scholarship — \$1,000

Diesel Mechanics,
Central Community College Hastings

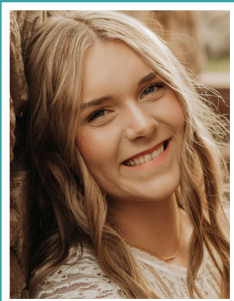


ADDISON OVERHOLSER

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

J.L. Young Memorial Scholarship — \$500

Nursing,
Central Community College Kearney



BETHANY PELTON

Bertrand High School — 2024

Phelps County High Demand Jobs
Scholarship — \$2,000

Elementary Education,
Oral Roberts University

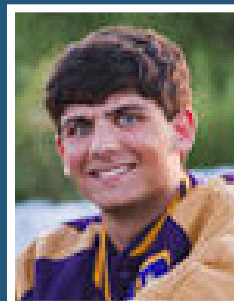


GAVIN PATTERSON

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Education,
University of Nebraska at Kearney

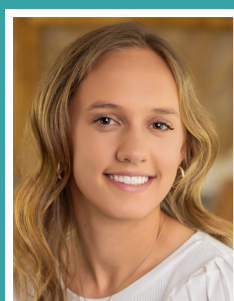


BENJAMIN POPPLE

Holdrege High School — 2025

Donald E. Sjogren Endowed Scholarship, Funk
Fridhem Lutheran Church Members — \$1,000

Computer Technology,
University of Nebraska at Kearney



AMELIA PTACNIK

Holdrege High School — 2025

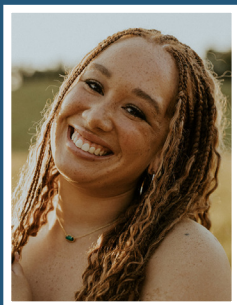
Chad Bailey Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Braden Badertscher
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship — \$1,500

Education, Concordia University

Scholarship Recipients 2025



GABBY ROOKS

Holdrege High School — 2025

Bill Vandell Memorial Scholarship Medical — \$300
Donald E. Sjogren Endowed Scholarship
Fridhem Lutheran Church Members — \$1,000
M.J. Nelson Science Scholarship — \$809.87
Otis E. & Dora P Mundell Scholarship — \$2,000
Holdrege Memorial Homes Scholarship — \$1,000

Nursing, University of South Dakota



GARRETT SCHOLZ

Bertrand High School — 2025

Arnold & Olive Wallander
Memorial Scholarship — \$2,000
Emily Swenson Memorial Scholarship — \$20,000
Holdrege Rotary Scholarship — \$1,000
LaMonte Woollen Scholarship — \$1,000
Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$3,000

Agriculture & Natural Resources, UNL



LOGAN SCHUTZ

Bertrand High School — 2025

Verner & Mildred Vinzant
Scholarship — \$800

Arnold & Olive Wallander Memorial
Scholarship — \$1,500

Psychology,
Hastings College



KEGAN STEINKE

Holdrege High School — 2025

HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship — \$1,500

Business,
Northwestern College



JADIA SULLIVAN

Loomis High School — 2025

Francis M. Ebmeier Scholarship — \$1,000

Health Sciences & Technology,
University of Nebraska at Kearney

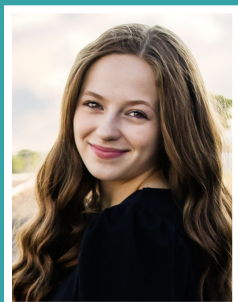


ZACHARY SUNDQUIST

Holdrege High School — 2024

PCCF College Student Scholarship IMO
Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp — \$1,500

Mechanical Engineering,
Doane College



HANNA SWEARINGEN

Holdrege High School — 2023

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$3,000

Education,
Fort Hays State University



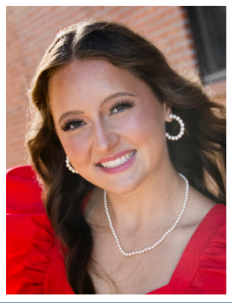
WESLEY TROMPKE

Loomis High School — 2024

Mike Lane Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Avionics, Aerospace Engineering
Oklahoma State University

Scholarship Recipients 2025



KEELEY VAUGHN

Holdrege High School — 2025

Irene Anderson Scholarship — \$800

Vincent & Mildred Abrahamson
Memorial Scholarship — \$1,250

Health Sciences & Technologies,
Bryan LGH College of Health Sciences

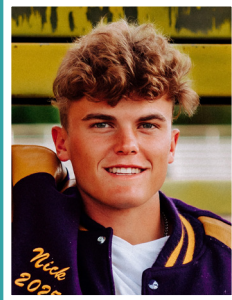


TREY WEAVER

Holdrege High School — 2024

Phelps County High Demand
Jobs Scholarship — \$1,000

Electrical Engineering,
Northeast Community College



NICK WEIDES

Holdrege High School — 2025

Holdrege Rotary Scholarship — \$1,000

HHS Class of 1966 Scholarship — \$1,500

Business Administration,
Florida State University



CHARLI WELLS

Holdrege High School — 2024

LaMonte Woollen Scholarship — \$1,000

Roger D. Olson Agricultural
Scholarship — \$1,000

Animal Science, Pre-Veterinary Medicine,
West Texas A & M University,



PYPER WELLS

Holdrege High School — 2025

Rod Smith Educational Scholarship — \$1,000

Education,
University of Nebraska-Lincoln



GRACIANNE WILCOX

Bertrand High School — 2024

Ivan & LeonaBelle Kipp Scholarship — \$500

Ag Business,
Central Community College Hastings



ZAYDEN WILSEY

Wilcox-Hildreth High School — 2025

Humpert Memorial Scholarship — \$1,000

Construction Science,
Central Community College Hastings



LEXIE WRIGHT

Holdrege High School — 2025

Nellie Cole Scholarship — \$1,000

Graphic Design,
Central Community College Hastings



Serving Our Community

PCCF Welcomes Four New Board Members

Thank You Board Members!

PCCF extends a heartfelt thank you to Patti Simpson, Roger Peterson, Cindy Collin and Luke Thorell for their years of dedicated service on the PCCF board. We are grateful for their commitment and contributions, which have made a lasting impact on our community.

The foundation welcomes four new board members: Eddie Anderson, Jim Engler, Kris Olson and Andi Sweeney.

Eddie Anderson

Eddie Anderson is a Phelps County farmer and cattle feeder in rural Loomis.



Eddie said he hopes to “be an asset on the PCCF board and a representative for Loomis and the surrounding area.”

He has served on many boards throughout the years and is interested in community projects. He currently serves as the Legion commander is on the Loomis Evangelical Free Church missionary board.

He and his wife, Marlys, have three children and seven grandchildren.

Andi Sweeney

Andi Sweeney owns Infinite Productions photography and videography business. She graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a degree in Family Consumer Science Education and taught for six years before starting her business in 2013.



She is looking forward to expanding her community involvement.

“While raising my kids and owning a business, I haven’t been involved in too

many community boards,” Sweeney said. “As they have gotten older, I have felt a need to be more involved in Phelps County and our community. I am excited for this opportunity to serve on this board.”

She brings her ability to think outside the box to her new volunteer role at PCCF.

“As a creative, I see different perspectives and can gather fresh, new ideas,” she said. “Being a photographer has been such a great outlet for me, and I am excited to take my knowledge to the board.”

Sweeney lives in rural Loomis with her husband, Andrew. They have four children ranging in age from 8-16. They love traveling together as a family and “experiencing the world” with their kids.

Jim Engler

Jim Engler of Holdrege is retired from the agricultural industry.

He is looking forward to “serving the community that has served me and my family so well” through his new volunteer role at PCCF. He said he has a “willing heart and a desire to be helpful in any way I can.”

Jim has a bachelor’s degree from Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. His current community involvements include volunteering with the Christian Charity Fund and serving at his church.

He lives in Holdrege with his wife, Lori, who taught in the Holdrege Public School district for 30 years. They have two adult children and seven grandchildren.





Kris Olson

Kris Olson is a Holdrege native who retired from a 33-year teaching career in 2021. Before her retirement, she taught senior English at Holdrege High School and directed the one-act and spring plays and was the assistant director for musicals.



Kris has a bachelor's degree in English Language Arts from Kearney State College.

She has a special interest in helping with PCCF scholarships in her new volunteer role.

"During my years of teaching seniors, I helped them with their scholarship applications, one of which was the PCCF scholarships," Kris said. "I was always amazed at the generosity of this county when it came to supporting students."

Both her father and husband served on the PCCF board, which she said has made her aware "of the great things the board has been able to accomplish through the many donations they have received through the years."

Her current community involvements include serving on the Mission Leadership Council for Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, as treasurer of the Mt. Calvary Childcare board, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church altar committee, Christian Charity Fund volunteer, Meals on Wheels volunteer and president of Chapter H P.E.O.

She lives in rural Holdrege with her husband, Rob. They have two adult sons and a 4-year-old grandson.

McQuillan Joins PCCF Staff

Former PCCF board member Heather McQuillan joined the foundation staff in early September as the Program Associate.

She will oversee the grant process and cultivate relationships with nonprofit organizations, grantees, and community members to help the foundation better serve the community.

Heather served on the PCCF Board from 2020 to 2025 and said she "enjoyed her time immensely" in that role. She has served on PCCF's Executive, Finance, Nominating, Grants, Scholarships, Facilities and Equipment, and Community Involvement committees.

"To date, all of my professional ventures have had the common goal of helping others," McQuillan said. "I think this role at the Foundation will be a wonderful opportunity to partner with donors and nonprofits to continue to make our community the wonderful place that it is."

McQuillan graduated from Holdrege High School and then earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She worked as a marriage and family therapist from 2009 to 2017 for the Child Guidance Center (2009-2011) and Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska (2011-2017). Most recently, she worked as an image consultant and franchise owner for House of Colour USA, operating a franchise in Holdrege from 2020 to 2024.

She is currently the head cheerleading coach at Holdrege High School and serves



Heather McQuillan

on the PMHC Board of Directors and the All Saints Catholic School Advisory Board. She is also a member of Holdrege's Chapter H P.E.O.

In her new role at the foundation, Heather said she is excited to help continue to make the annual Give2GROW campaign a success and identify ways to help even more nonprofits.

"The Foundation does so much good in Phelps County, and I am hopeful that we can continue to grow our impact by bringing more awareness to what is possible because of our generous benefactors," she said.

Heather and her husband, Chris, live in Holdrege and are parents to three children ranging from second grade to seventh grade.



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