

Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

Scholarship Totals for the 2026 Award Year:

Endowed Scholarships	\$ 28,550.00
Cash Scholarships	\$ 17,500.00
Alumni Scholarships	\$ 13,475.00
Ponca Promise	\$ 1,157.40
Scholarship Total	\$ 60,682.40

Special Use Totals for the 2026 Award Year:

Endowed Special Use	\$ 18,925.00
Cash Special Use	\$ 28,181.44
General Fund Contribution	\$ 18,478.00
Special Use Awards Total	\$ 65,584.44
2026 Awards Grand Total	\$ 126,266.84

TOTAL DONATIONS
to students and staff since inception: \$1,077,762.96

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PCEF Celebrates Major Milestones

The Ponca Community Educational Foundation (PCEF) is proud to celebrate two significant milestones this year: giving back more than \$1,000,000 to support Ponca Schools and reaching 1,000 members.

Since its founding in 1984, PCEF has remained dedicated to supporting Ponca students, staff, and alumni. Surpassing the one-million-dollar mark reflects decades of generosity and community commitment, with funds awarded through scholarships, staff special use awards, emergency assistance, and long-term endowments that will benefit future generations.

Equally exciting is the celebration of 1,000 members. This milestone was reached during the Ponca Alumni Banquet, where alumni and supporters eagerly stepped forward to be part of the moment—highlighting the pride and strong sense of community that defines Ponca.

These achievements represent more than numbers. They reflect students pursuing their goals, educators bringing ideas to life, and a community that continues to invest in its future. PCEF is deeply grateful to all donors and supporters who have made this impact possible and we look forward to continuing this momentum in the years ahead.

Francine Hassler, retired from the PCEF Board

Francine Hassler officially retired from the PCEF Board after 37 years of dedicated service, following her retirement from the school two years ago. We are very grateful for her commitment and the lasting impact she has made on the Ponca Community Educational Foundation. Her work helped shape PCEF into what it is today, and her legacy will continue to benefit our students and community.



Francine Hassler

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PONCA COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

P.O. Box 568 Ponca, Nebraska 68770 www.pcef.net Phone 402-755-5702

Please give your support in any amount and
become a 2026 Honor Roll Donor.

Lifetime Membership (\$100) _____

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Emergency Student Help Fund _____

General Fund _____

Alumni Scholarship Fund _____

Memorial Membership (\$100) _____

in memory of _____



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ALUMNI ☐ YES ☐ NO YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

Establish your own endowment for scholarship or special use
with a minimum of \$15,000. Contact one of the directors for information.

All-School Reunion: Saturday, August 1, 2026
Foundation Annual Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2027, 9:00 A.M.

Our Mission...

The mission of the
Ponca Community
Educational Foundation, Inc.
is to devote itself exclusively
to the improvement and
promotion of educational
programs within the
Ponca Public School District.

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“We have no greater asset than our young people;
No better cause than their education.”

We are pleased to Announce Our Class of

Addison Marie Bostwick



COLLEGE
Northeast Community College
Norfolk, Nebraska

MAJOR
Veterinary Technology

PARENTS
Tony & Chantel Bostwick

Jaeden Lynn Hughes



COLLEGE
Wayne State College
Wayne, Nebraska

MAJOR
Special Education and
School Psychology

PARENTS
Christopher & Kelli Hughes

Mia Lou Krusemark



COLLEGE
Augustana University
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

MAJOR
Pre - Occupational Therapy

PARENTS
Barry & Cortni Krusemark

Addyson Rae Chytka



COLLEGE
Wayne State College
Wayne, Nebraska

MAJOR
Elementary Education

PARENTS
Mark & Laci Chytka

Cora Colleen Jackson



COLLEGE
Wayne State College
Wayne, Nebraska

MAJOR
Pre - Physical Therapy

PARENTS
Ryan & Stacey Jackson

Avery Ryan McAfee



COLLEGE
College of Hair Design
Lincoln, Nebraska

MAJOR
Cosmetology

PARENTS
Blake & Rachel McAfee

Sophia Marie Cleveland



COLLEGE
Southeast Community College
Lincoln, Nebraska

MAJOR
Radiology

PARENTS
Chad & Tina Cleveland

Emerson Rae Ehlers



COLLEGE
Southeast Community College
Lincoln, Nebraska

MAJOR
Nursing

PARENTS
Melissa & Bryan Hansen and
Brandon & Brooke Ehlers

Jordyn Ray Fleury

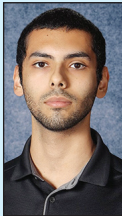


COLLEGE
Western Nebraska
Community College
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

MAJOR
General Studies

PARENT
Erin Fleury

Alexander Gyancarlo Galvez



COLLEGE
Mitchell Technical College
Mitchell, South Dakota

MAJOR
Automation Controls/SCADA

PARENTS
Alexander & Teresa Galvez

2026 Endowed Scholarship Recipients

Kingsbury Family Endowed Scholarship.....	Caden Meral.....	\$4,025.00
Wayne H. and Dorothy R. Smithey Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Cora Jackson	\$2,425.00
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Endowment Scholarship	Mia Krusemark	\$2,275.00
Carl and Eva Armstrong Family Memorial Endowment Scholarship.....	Addyson Chytka.....	\$1,875.00
Colonel Earl C. and Celia Bogard Endowment Scholarship.....	Addison Bostwick.....	\$1,500.00
Randy J. Lukken Endowment Scholarship	Alexander Galvez	\$1,300.00
Kenton and Tammy Book Family Endowment Scholarship.....	Olivia Taylor	\$1,275.00
Dan and Linda Bloomfield Family Endowment Scholarship	Addison Bostwick.....	\$1,000.00
Paula (Bourns) Harrington Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Jaeden Hughes	\$1,000.00
Steve Husen Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Richard Swick	\$1,000.00
Murray White Construction Endowment Scholarship.....	Charles Watkins	\$1,000.00
Judge John E. Newton Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Addyson Chytka.....	\$850.00
P.E.O. Chapter DG Endowment Scholarship.....	Jaeden Hughes	\$825.00
Brennan Family Endowment Scholarship	Addison Bostwick.....	\$775.00
John McKinley Family Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Avery McAfee	\$750.00
Larry and Louise Lowe & Sons Endowment Scholarship.....	Jordyn Fleury.....	\$700.00
Phil & Pat Knerl Family Memorial Endowment Scholarship.....	Lane Rohan	\$650.00
Ruth Armstrong Lentz Memorial Endowment Scholarship.....	Sophia Cleveland	\$600.00
Presbyterian Church/Lois A. (Butler) Milan Endowment Scholarship	BrieAnn Mellick	\$575.00
Clayton C. and Velma F. Bottorff Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Addison Bostwick.....	\$550.00
John and Florence Logue Memorial Endowment Scholarship	BrieAnn Mellick	\$550.00
Gordon and Lois (Taubert) Voss Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Alexander Galvez	\$550.00
Bevelhymmer Family Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Mickenon Peterson.....	\$500.00
Ed Bloomfield Memorial Endowment Scholarship.....	Charles Watkins	\$500.00
Grace Bourns Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Avery McAfee	\$500.00
Tom and Nancy Walsh Family Endowment Scholarship.....	Lane Rohan	\$500.00
John B. Peterson and Jean E. Peterson Memorial Endowment Scholarship.....	Emerson Ehlers.....	\$500.00
Endowed Scholarships Total.....		\$28,550.00

2026 Annual Cash Scholarship Recipients

Bank of Dixon County Scholarship.....	BrieAnn Mellick.....	\$1,000.00
Donna Bourn Memorial Scholarship	Mia Krusemark.....	\$1,000.00
Leon and Jenny (Meyers) Conrad Scholarship.....	Jaeden Hughes	\$1,000.00
Good Samaritan Scholarship	Olivia Taylor	\$1,000.00
Ponca Area Community Club Scholarship.....	Cora Jackson	\$1,000.00
Joan Reznicek Scholarship for Graduating Seniors	Cora Jackson.....	\$1,000.00
Joan Reznicek Scholarship for Graduating Seniors	Mia Krusemark.....	\$1,000.00
Cindy and Darrel Uthof Family Scholarship	Kaylee Sprakel	\$1,000.00
Cindy and Darrel Uthof Family Scholarship	Jordyn Fleury.....	\$1,000.00
Larry Buhl Memorial Scholarship.....	Mickenon Peterson.....	\$500.00
Dennis Carnell Memorial Scholarship	Isaac Nelson.....	\$500.00
Cedar Hills Designs & Bar & Grill Scholarship.....	Avery McAfee	\$500.00
Gene Day Memorial Scholarship.....	Isaac Nelson.....	\$500.00
Good Ol' Boys Community Scholarship	Richard Swick	\$500.00
Good Ol' Boys Community Scholarship	Olivia Taylor	\$500.00
David L. Huston Memorial Scholarship	Sophia Cleveland.....	\$500.00
Doug Keller Memorial Scholarship	Olivia Taylor	\$500.00
Knerl Health Professional Scholarship.....	Emerson Ehlers.....	\$500.00
Wyatt Lee Mackling Memorial Scholarship	Sophia Cleveland	\$500.00
Allen "Curt" Neill Memorial Scholarship	Isaac Nelson.....	\$500.00
Ponca Athletic Booster Club Scholarship.....	Emerson Ehlers.....	\$500.00
Ponca Athletic Booster Club Scholarship.....	Lane Rohan	\$500.00
Ponca Education Association Scholarship	Addyson Chytka.....	\$500.00
Ponca Rodeo Association Scholarship	Addison Bostwick.....	\$500.00
Ponca Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Scholarship.....	Mickenon Peterson.....	\$500.00
Dick and Twila Taylor Memorial Scholarship	Kaylee Sprakel	\$500.00
Cash Scholarships Total		\$17,500.00

On-Going Commitment

Honor Roll of Donors

The Honor Roll of Donors was initiated in 1993 to recognize people who give annually to the Foundation. The number of consecutive years of giving is shown in parentheses. You need not be a member of the Foundation to make the Honor Roll.

With on-going support from annual donors, the Foundation can make a significant impact on the quality of education in our school.

Please join this very important
PCEF Honor Roll of Donors by
making a contribution in any amount
and become a 2026 Honor Roll Donor.

GOLD Honor Roll

(Gifts of \$500 to \$1,000)

Bank of Dixon County (33)
James Brennan (26)
Larry Buhl Memorial (5)
Nikki (Von Minden) Carnell (26)
Sharon Coale (2)
Susie Day – Gene Day Memorial (8)
Richard & Joni (Curry) Dohma (33)
Nancy (Armstrong) Dunn (25)
Dr. Luther & Sarah Frerichs (7)
Lorrie Huston (8)
David Huston Memorial (2)
Journey Christian Church (8)
Virginia (Harison) Keller - Doug Keller Memorial (33)
Jeff & Kathie (Gibbs) Knerl-Knerl Health Professional (33)
Todd & Carol Kratke - Cedar Hills Designs & Bar & Grill (3)
Barry & Cortni Krusemark (2)
Blair & Lindsay Lockwood (30)
Kirk & Jeanne (Bottorff) Mabeus (17)
Wyatt Mackling Memorial (15)
Larry & Cindy McManis (2)
Diane (Carnell) Neill (29)
Allen "Curt" Neill Memorial (20)
Ryan Olander (7)
Therese Olander Memorial (6)
Ponca Future Business Leaders of America (13)
Ponca Rodeo Association (33)
Ponca Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department (32)
Ben & Julie Schamp (3)
Kim Uhing (4)
Ashley (Smith) Uthof (20)
Evan Uthof (20)
Brian & Deanna Voss (10)
Jordan & Jenna (Dohma) Walsh (15)
Murray & Pam (Conrad) White (3)
Cody & Mallory Wortmann (8)

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HONOR SOCIETY (Gifts of \$2,500 or more)

Howard & Frances Armstrong (25)	James & Gwen (Heckens) Kingsbury (25)
Kelly Asmussen (1)	John & Myra Kingsbury (33)
Bruce & Nicole Ericksen (11)	Craig & Heather L. Craig Oldsen (33)
Justin & Jamie (Bennett) Hamar (22)	Joan Reznicek (7)
David Harrington (31)	Salem Lutheran Church (11)
Julie Sydow (13)	

PLATINUM

Honor Roll

(Gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,500)

Les & Cheri Albrecht (2)	Donley Bourn - Donna Bourn Memorial (4)	P.E.O. Chapter DG (22)
Bob & Cindy Anderson (15)	Leon & Jenny (Meyers) Conrad (7)	Ponca Area Community Club (33)
Dave & Jane Armstrong (22)	Good Ol' Boys (7)	Ponca Athletic Booster Club (28)
Kim (Von Minden) Bainbridge (33)	Tim & Jodi (Beacom) Lamprecht (17)	Ponca Education Association (31)
Colonel Earl & Celia Bogard (23)	Randy Lukken (27)	Jeff & Heidi (Schweers) Rush (20)
Bryce & Britney Book (12)	Samuel McClary (12)	Rhonda Stark (4)
Kenton & Tammy (Harder) Book (26)	Kathryn J. McKinley (33)	Merrily Tunncliff (7)
Ron Bottorff (2)	John Newton (1)	Darrel & Cindy Uthof (18)

SILVER

Honor Roll

(Gifts of \$100 to \$500)

Cheryl Arends (33)	Jada (Rush) & Blake Hamar (8)	Katie Pick (1)
Brent & Angie Bennett (6)	Dave & Fran (Davey) Hassler (29)	Adam & Katie Poulosky (8)
Amanda Benson (1)	Robert & Kristie Hayes (18)	Cynthia (Arends) Purucker (1)
Jim Bevelhymmer (1)	Kristie (Schram) Henjes (1)	Katie Rotherham (8)
Craig Bobier (1)	Alexis Hirschman (2)	George Rush (1)
Lanell (Bevelhymmer) Bobier Memorial (1)	Chuck & Kathryn Hoekstra (8)	Maya Rush (8)
Duane & Patricia Boyle (18)	Joe & Carol (McKinley) Incremona (30)	Karen (Lamprecht) Rush (22)
Tanner & Krystal (Richards) Boyle (2)	Rebecca Irwin (8)	Carol Ryan (8)
Mike & Jeanne Brandt (8)	Morris Jacobsen (3)	Annette (Daniels) Schnoor (8)
JoAnn Brennan (26)	Bill & Susan (Gibbs) Jammer (10)	Brian & Carmen Schweers (9)
Mike Brennan (21)	Dacia Jensen (3)	Victoria (Volkman) Simmons (10)
Doris Buhl (33)	Denice Johnson Memorial (1)	Kevin Smith Memorial (1)
Beth (Finnegan) Burki (1)	John Kastning (18)	Allison (Smith) Stansberry (3)
Brian & Lindsay Burrell (20)	Andrew Knerl (7)	Glenn W. Stapleton (11)
Brendan & Megan Calahan (5)	Brendan & Megan Calahan (5)	Matt and Cassi Stark (1)
Brady Carnell (8)	Matt Koeppel (1)	Randy Stark Memorial (1)
Kris & Stacey Carnell (8)	Phil & Julie (White) Kramper (26)	Tony & Anne Stark (3)
Leon Conrad Memorial (1)	Zach Kramper (1)	Jessica Steckly (4)
Anne Craig (1)	Dan & Deb Krause (26)	Chris & Andrea (Smith) Stewart (11)
Gurn & Leann Curry (8)	Mia Krusemark (1)	LaRita Stewart (8)
Katie Curry (1)	Andrew Lamprecht (9)	John Street (8)
Suzette Curry (5)	Dalton Lamprecht (2)	John Stroud (6)
Rob Davey (15)	Dave Lane (15)	Doug & Elizabeth (Froseth) Swenson (8)
Scott & Ginny (Kayl) Debates (1)	Karen Lehman (28)	Don & Carla Taylor (1)
Audrey (Bauman) Dohma Memorial (1)	Terry & Judy Logue (27)	Kelli Taylor-Noble (1)
Kevin Dohma (12)	Phil & Kari Lowe (24)	Kathy (Harder) Thompson (9)
Lindsay Eagan (1)	Dennis & Teri (Rahn) Lukken (5)	Julia Tracy (1)
Troy Evans (8)	John Mahler (1)	Keith Trusty (8)
Sandy Finseth (6)	Randy & Lynell (Froseth) Martin (2)	Sandra Vondrak (4)
Roger & Pam Fleury (21)	Sean & Wendy Masin (14)	Aaron Voss (7)
Clint & Sue Fox (11)	Rick McArdle (1)	Ruth (Harison) Voss (5)
Douglas & Genie Froseth (26)	James McManis (1)	Sadie (O'Neill) Voss (6)
Mark & Joli Gehring (29)	Joy (Buhr) Myers (1)	Mat & Jessi Walsh (9)
Howard Gibbs Memorial (1)	Nebraska Journal Leader (5)	Presley Walsh (1)
Nichole Gotch (1)	Jean E. Peterson (23)	Tom & Nancy Walsh (33)
Mary Granato (8)	Jon Peterson (1)	Quinn Wragge (2)

BRONZE

Honor Roll

(Gifts of less than \$100)

Amy Coates (2)	Cinda (Brill) Hudson (26)	Ron & Deb Mahler (2)
Connie Fincher (1)	Kenny & Sandy (Bottorff) Jensen (12)	Adam Simington (8)
	Linda (McKinley) Kastning (33)	

Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

Memorials

Memorials may be donated in the name of a loved one. They may be any amount, \$100 or over.

Albrecht, Harold	Dohma, Donald '39	Iverson, Buff '43
Albrecht, Martha	Dohma, Kim '84	Iverson, Gary
Anderson, David	Eastop, Norma "Jeanne"	Janssen, Cheri
Anderson, Lloyd	Ehle, Dean '39	Jeffords, John L. '46
Armstrong, Carl J. '28	Ehlers, O. Kirk	Jennison, Jack
Armstrong, Jane '39	Ehlke, Edward '36	Jennison, Kit
Armstrong, Julee '66	Eiler, Jack	Jennison, Margaret (Carr) '36
Armstrong, Lyle	Elliott, Robert	Jones, Paul Dale '55
Armstrong, Terry	Fields, Harold V.	Jones, Ruth (McKinley) '34
Anderson, Darold	Fields, Mary Ann '50	Kayl, Darrell '85
Anderson, Susan	Fields, Orin C.	Keller, E.J.
Armstrong, Greg	Fields, Wendell "Dutch" '32	Keller, Margaret
Backman, Evan	Finch, James R.	Kemper, Lyle
Bauman, Albert '50	Finch, Janet L.	Kingsbury, Francis
Bauman, Larry	Finnerty, Margaret B. (Rush) '50	Kingsbury, Vernice
Beller, Frances (Velte) '29	Fincher, Lowell	Klatt, Stewart
Berens, Helen	Fleury, Myron '71	Knerl, Bonnie (Davey)
Bennett, Jacob	Fleury, Russ '41	Knerl, Jack
Bennett, Joanne '65	Foley, Cheryl (Albrecht) '79	Knerl, Jerry '39
Benscoter, Gail (Gregg) '75	Fravel, Ethel L.	Knerl, Margaret
Bensen, Shirley	Froseth, Alma E.	Knerl, O.N.
Bevelhymr, Steve '76	Froseth, Arden	Knerl, Pat
Bevelhymr, William C. '47	Froseth, Lester G.	Knerl, Phil
Biggerstaff, Darlene (Fackelman) '49	Froseth, Lionel	Knerl, Robert
Birkley, Joy	Froseth, Patricia J.	Koch, Ron
Blatchford, Mae	Gasser, Vernon	Koeppel, Werner "Tarz" '51
Bloomquist, Dorothy (Malcom) '49	George, Merless (Briney) '39	Kramper, Frances
Book, Meryl '46	Gibbs, B. J.	Kramper, John
Bothe, Wanda (Fields)	Gibbs, Byron	Krause, Clarence
Bottomoff, Clayton '44	Gibbs, Casper	Krause, David '76
Bourns, Grace (Schenck) '26	Gibbs, Darlene	Krause, Dorothy (Harberts) '59
Bousquet, Mary (Sullivan) '39	Gibbs, Geneva	Kruse, Byron
Brennan, Delmar '39	Gibbs, Ida Louisa '42	Kruse, Dolores (Dunn) '48
Buettner, Clarence L. '31	Gibbs, Ida Louise (Heidy)	Lahrs, Kenneth
Brunton, Sylvia	Gibbs, Maude	Leigh, James D. '39
Buhl, Larry	Gibbs, William J. Sr. '42	Liewer, Betty
Buhr, Bonnie (Rahn) '48	Ginsberg, Joseph '25	Liewer, Francis
Butler, Arden N. (Polly) '18	Gleason, Dale G.	Logue, Florence (Hurley) '26
Carnell, Bill '48	Golden, Jack '65	Logue, John
Carnell, Frances '42	Golden, John A. '63	Lowe, Irene (Watchorn) '73
Carnell, Max '42	Great House, Richard	Lowe, Larry '54
Conrad, Kenneth	Gregg, DeRoy	Lowe, Jack '45
Cook, Alice (Rush)	Hageman, Bonnie	Mabeus, Luvern
Cooper, Darrell G.	Harder, Kevin "Nard" '77	Mabeus, Marilyn (Lowe) '50
Cooper, Judith R. (Davey)	Harder, Margaret	Mahler, Nina "Bethine" (Gilliland) '41
Courtier, Doris (Engle)	Harder, Maude (Putman) '26	Makousky, Joe
Courtier, Harry	Harder, Rudy	Makousky, Linda
Crosley, Larry L.	Harrington, Paula (Bourns) '63	Malcom, Walter L.
Crosley, Rose M.	Harvey, Helen (McKinley) '33	Marquez, Salvador
Curry, Donna	Heald, Donald	McCabe, Dan
Curry, Ethel	Heenan, Jim '39	McClary, Dean E.
Davey, Florence	Heidy, Clara L.	McClary, Dorothy (Miille) '31
Davey, Francis Patrick "Pat" '54	Hughes, Deanna	McKee, Robert L. '41
Day, Gene	Hurley, Edward Bernard "Barney"	McKinley, Wilford (Bill) '30
Dillon, Norma (Gibbs) '44	Hurley, Robert '42	McKinley, Emmalyn '25
Dirato, Muriel (Carr) '42	Husen, Steve	McKinley, Harold R. '23
Dixon, Mabel Motts	Huston, David	

McKinley, Harriette '32	Schulte, Sue (Voss) '72
McKinley, Irving S. '23	Schultz, Mary Lou '50
McKinley, John	Shanahan, Michael F. '44
McKinley, John D. '27	Sievers, Frank Jr.
McKinley, Lena (Engel)	Sluka, Mardell (Rickett) '58
Mendenhall, John '22	Smith, Doug
Meyers, Cecil	Smithey, Dorothy
Miller, Claire V.	Smithey, Wayne H. '40
Neill, Allen "Curt"	Sproul, Ann
Nelson, Arden	Sprugel, Lovice (Kingsbury) '43
Nelson, Larry W. '69	Stammer, Amy
Nelson, Marchelle (Krause) '74	Stark, Betty
Nichols, Joan (Peterson) '48	Steinbrecher, Bob '70
Nolan, Jim '39	Stenwall, David Sr.
Northrup, James Daniel	Stenwall, Steven M.
Klatt, Stewart	Stewart, Augusta (Coolidge)
Odle, Richard '62	Stewart, Beth (Curry) '38
Oldsen, Evelyn (Christopherson) '39	Stewart, Dr. Sterling E. '38
Olson, Bonnie (Gibbs) '42	Stratis, Anton J.
Olson, Marge (Pearson)	Stroup, Molly
Olson, Warren J.	Sullivan, Daniel "Manny"
Pearson, Dorothy (Bottorff)	Sydow, Jerry
Pearson, Jerry '57	Sydow, Ryan
Pearson, Margaret (Lowe) '33	Taylor, Jeff '73
Pearson, Vincent "Rip"	Taylor, Richard '45
Pease, Ruth	Taylor, Twila
Perrin, Sherri (Conrad) '79	Temple, Pete
Peterson, James '43	Thompson, William
Peterson, Jean E.	Tophoj, Michael E. '94
Peterson, Kim E.	Townsend, A.D.
Peterson, Victoria (Carr)	Townsend, Bessie
Putman, Harold E. '26	Townsend, Lula
Putman, John	Townsend, Millard '18
Reed, Nadia Ann (Conrad)	Townsend, Neva
Rickett, Aubrey A.	Tracy, Pauline
Rickett, Dean	Van Buskirk, Mary Ann (Elliott)
Rickett, Gayl	Van Dusen, Grace
Rickett, Norma	Verzani, Brad '75
Rockwell, Gertrude (Pletsch) '15	Verzani, Lou Ann
Rockwell, Robert Francis '39	Von Minden, Darlene (Ellis)
Rush, Helen	Von Minden, Harold
Rush, John	Voss, Aubrey '69
Rush, Kevin John '84	Voss, Lois (Taubert) '50
Ryan, Ed '75	Walsh, John Alfred '45
Ryan, Winona (Gibbs) '43	Walsh, Joseph Irving '49
Saxon, G. Everett '26	Walsh, Lawrence "Nobbe" '44
Saxon, James '57	Walsh, Mary Jane
Saxon, Rachel M.	Watchorn, Don '44
Schieffer, Georgia V. (Stolpe)	Watchorn, Doug '90
Schieffer, Peter J.	Watchorn, Walter W.
Schram, Ruth Pennington	Weber, Patrick '87
Schram, Samuel '67	Wendte, Jeanelle (Carter)
Schweers, Steven '82	Wendte, Tony '39
Scollard, Erma	Wente, Frances Jean (Gilliland) '46
Scollard, Pat '80	White, Merle '44
Schnittker, Frances (Miille) '39	White, Mildred "Millie" '48
Schram, Anson '39	Wilcox, Shirley '39

2026 Scholarship Recipients

BrieAnn Madison Mellick	Isaac Curtis Nelson
	
COLLEGE Wayne State College Wayne, Nebraska	COLLEGE Iowa Lakes Community College Estherville, Iowa
MAJOR Chemistry and Art History	MAJOR Watercraft Technician
PARENTS Wyatt & Lynn Mellick	PARENTS David & Christy Nelson
Caden Anthony Merical	Mickenon Lee Peterson
	
COLLEGE University of Nebraska Kearney, Nebraska	COLLEGE Metropolitan Community College Omaha, Nebraska
MAJOR Engineering	MAJOR Utility Lineman
PARENTS Trista Nelson & Seth Merical	PARENTS Emilee & Jared Peterson

2026 Alumni Scholarship Recipients

Harold & Darlene Von Minden Family Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Brady Carnell	\$1,025.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2024 – Wayne State College, Wayne, NE)		
Joan Reznicek Alumni Scholarship	Brady Carnell	\$1,000.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2024 – Wayne State College, Wayne, NE)		
Joan Reznicek Alumni Scholarship	Dalton Lamprecht ..	\$1,000.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2024 – University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE)		
Joan Reznicek Alumni Scholarship	Mattie Milligan	\$1,000.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2023 – Morningside University, Sioux City, IA)		
Asmussen Family Memorial Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Claire Burrell	\$825.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2023 - Wayne State College, Wayne, NE)		
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Breanna Jones	\$650.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2020 - Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ames, IA)		
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Miguel Balvantin	\$600.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2024 - South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD)		
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Gage McGill	\$600.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2019 - University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD)		
Dr. A. B. and Gladys L. Scheffel Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Isabella Eifert	\$575.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2025, Southeast Technical College, Sioux Falls, SD)		
Dr. A. B. and Gladys L. Scheffel Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Zain Stark	\$575.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2025, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA)		
Dr. A. B. and Gladys L. Scheffel Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Brody Taylor	\$575.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2024, Evangel University, Springfield, MO)		
Kim Dohma Memorial Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Alexa Swick	\$550.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2025, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD)		
Jack and Rosie Lowe Memorial Endowment Scholarship	Grace Pokorny	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2020 - Morningside University, Sioux City, IA)		
Therese Olander Memorial Scholarship	Abbie Hrouda	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2023 - Wayne State College, Wayne, NE)		
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Brailyn Hogan	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2025 - Northeast Community College, Norfolk, NE)		
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Ellesyn Hrouda	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2025 - Wayne State College, Wayne, NE)		
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Peighton James	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2024 - Morningside University, Sioux City, IA)		
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Alyssa Schamp	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2023, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE)		
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship	Grant Sprakel	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2024, Wayne State College, Wayne, NE)		
Ponca Education Association Alumni Scholarship	Claire Burrell	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2023 - Wayne State College, Wayne, NE)		
Sue Schulte Memorial Scholarship	Addison Stewart	\$500.00
(P.H.S. Class of 2025 - Entourage Institute of Beauty and Esthetics, Lincoln, NE & Bryan College Of Health Sciences, Lincoln, NE)		
Alumni Scholarships Total		\$13,475.00

Lane Ryan Rohan

COLLEGE Northeast Community College Norfolk, Nebraska
MAJOR Electrical Construction & Control
PARENTS Ryan & Dawn Rohan

Kaylee Marie Sprakel

COLLEGE SOHO Hair Academy Omaha, Nebraska
MAJOR Cosmetology
PARENTS Adam & Mari Sprakel

Richard Leroy Swick

COLLEGE Northeast Community College Norfolk, Nebraska
MAJOR Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Technician
PARENTS Ryan Swick & Mary Tjarks

Olivia Marie Taylor

COLLEGE Southeast Community College Lincoln, Nebraska
MAJOR Dental Hygienist
PARENTS Seth & Korene Taylor

Charles Patrick Watkins

COLLEGE Metropolitan Community College Omaha, Nebraska
MAJOR Plumbing
PARENTS JJ & Maria Watkins

PCEF Announces 2027 Funding Opportunities

The Ponca Community Educational Foundation (PCEF) announces its 2027 Funding Opportunities for Ponca graduating seniors, Ponca alumni, and Ponca Public School staff. One of the primary purposes of PCEF is to promote and support educational opportunities for students of the Ponca Public School District. The foundation's main avenue of support continues to be funding scholarships for Ponca High School graduating seniors.

Additional information about each funding opportunity, as well as applications, can be found at: www.pcef.net. Individuals may also contact the Ponca Public School High School Guidance Office for assistance at 402-755-5702.

Application Deadlines:

- **Graduating Seniors & Alumni:** Friday, February 26, 2027 at 4:00 PM
- **Staff Applications:** Friday, March 19, 2027 at 4:00 PM

Completed applications and all supporting documentation should be submitted to Quinn Wragge either in person at Ponca Public School or via email at quinnwragge@poncaschool.org.

Funding Categories Include:

1. Awards for PHS Graduating Seniors
2. Awards for PHS Alumni
3. Awards for Staff at Ponca Public School

A Scholarship Selection Committee reviews each application using a scoring system based on academics, activities, and overall application strength. Many awards also include specific eligibility criteria established by donors.

We could not do this without the continued generous support of our members. If an individual, family, or business is interested in contributing to PCEF, please contact Foundation President Richard Dohma at 402-755-2224. Thank you!

Congratulations
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Interactive White Boards Shine in Jackson

Last year, the Ponca Community Educational Foundation proudly awarded the largest amount of Special Use Awards in its history, further demonstrating its commitment to supporting innovation and meaningful learning experiences across Ponca Schools.

One of the biggest highlights from last year’s awards was the installation of new 75” Interactive Panels in every classroom at Jackson. These modern panels replaced SMART Boards that were more than 15 years old, bringing updated technology and enhanced functionality into classrooms. PCEF was able to fund 6 of the 8 interactive boards that were installed, helping make this important upgrade possible.

These new interactive panels have already made a noticeable difference in classrooms. Their user-friendly design allows students of all ages to engage more easily, giving even our youngest learners the opportunity to participate more actively in lessons and activities. As second grade teacher Katie Rotherham shared, “The new interactive boards have been the focal point of our classroom this year. We use ours for every subject, every activity, and all the fun stuff, too!”



Our preschool class using the new Interactive Board.



A kindergarten student working on an activity.

Scholastic Book Club
Special Use Award

Kindergarten students Jacoby Curry, Henley Hinz, Charlotte Millard, and Jax Thoene proudly display the Scholastic Book Club books they receive through a Special Use Award. After completing a variety of classroom activities with the books, they get to take them home to grow their personal libraries.



Lifetime Members continued

- Knerl, Chris '01
- Knerl, Daniel '97
- * Knerl, Dr. Jeffrey '70
- * Knerl, Jack '37
- * Knerl, Jerry '39
- Knerl, K. J.
- Knerl, Kathie (Gibbs) '71
- * Knerl, Kelly '75
- Knerl, Margaret
- Knerl, Molly '76
- Knerl, Paige L. (Neill) '92
- Knerl, Patricia
- * Knerl, Phil
- * Knerl, Robert '42
- Kock, Mary
- Koehn, Cherrrie Ann (Bengston) '47
- * Kollbaum, Royce - Kollbaum Garage
- Koeppel, Don G. '56
- Koeppel, Doris E. (Bergerson) '59
- Korth, Korah (Taylor) '99
- Korth, Patrick
- Kotkan, Samantha (O'Neill) '04
- Kramper, Father Jim
- Kramper, Isaac
- Kramper, Julie (White) '78
- Kramper, Korah '11
- Kramper, Miles
- Kramper, Phil
- Kramper, Zachary '07
- Kratke, Carol (Kayl)
- Kratke, Todd
- Krause, Dale '11
- Krause, Dan '78
- * Kruse, Byron – Gambles
- * Kruse, Dolores (Dunn) '48
- Krusemark, Barry
- Krusemark, Cortni
- Kully, Frances (Gleason) '39
- Lahn, Cassandra
- Lahn, Derek
- Lahrs, Kenneth J. – Lahrs Insurance Agency
- Lamprecht, Andrew '17
- Lamprecht, Carol (Olson) '55
- Lamprecht, Dalton '24
- Lamprecht, Jodi (Beacom) '86
- Lamprecht, Tiffany
- Lamprecht, Tim '87
- Lamprecht, Wayne '56
- Lane, David
- Larsen, Paula
- Lawrey, Deborah (Leigh) '78
- Lehman, Karen (Townsend) '59
- Leigh, Carol (Taubert) '58
- Leigh, Nancy (Rahn) '81
- * Leigh, Stanley '54
- Leigh, Steve '80
- Lentz, Brian
- Lentz, Kerrie
- Less, Gerhardt '39
- Lieber, Olivia (Hrouda) '20
- Lindley, Lily (Douthitt) '39
- Linster, Carl '39
- Lockwood, Blair '71
- Logue, Chris '93
- * Logue, John
- * Logue, Robert '65
- Logue, Tami
- Logue, Terry '57
- Logue, William (Bill) '60
- Logue, Willy
- Lowe, Betty R. (Malcom) '50
- Lowe, Bill '82
- Lowe, Bruce '81
- Lowe, Elise (O'Neill) '01
- Lowe, Kari
- Lowe, Karla
- Lowe, Mitch '00
- Lowe, Phil '69
- Lowe, Rosalla "Rosie" (Curry) '45
- Lowe, Tim '06
- * Lowry, Catherine (Lowe) '26
- Lukken, Dennis
- Lukken, Randy '70
- Lukken, Teri (Rahn) '71
- Lund, Tommy
- Lux, Mary (Cory) '27
- Luze, Lori
- Luze, Patrick
- Mabeus, Jeanne (Bottorff) '79
- Mabeus, Julie '70
- Mabeus, Kirk '77
- Mahler, Mary Kay (Hurley) '62
- * Mahler, Ron '65 – Debron Sportswear
- Mahon, Marcia L. (Fleury) '79
- * Makousky, Joseph
- Martin, Lynell J. (Froseth) '83
- Masin, Sean
- Masin, Wendy
- * Mattison, George D. '39
- McAfee, Blake
- McAfee, Rachel (Walsh) '04
- McCabe, Katherine
- * McCarthy, Dr. Frank D. '24
- McCarthy, Jack '39
- McClary, Gregg Dean '76
- McClary, Samuel A. '69
- McCormick, Bonnie (Knerl) '79
- McGill, Neil '39
- McGill, Ron '69
- McKinley, Kathryn J. '67
- * McKinley, Margaret '31
- * McKinley, Wilford '30
- McManis, Cindy (Kingsbury) '72
- McManis, Larry G. '72
- * Mendenhall, Fern '30
- Merritt, Jean (Pearson) '39
- * Meyers, Richard R. '47
- * Miille, Leo '28
- Miille, Robert J. '45
- * Milan, Lois (Butler) '22
- Miller, Pauline
- Miller, Wilma Dixon
- * Mohr, Jr., Donald O. '44
- Mohr, Marilyn C. (Schultz) '52
- Mohr, Sarah
- * Nagle, Kathleen (McQuillen) '20
- Naylor, Faye E. (Von Minden) '43
- Nazareth Home – Knights of Columbus
- * Nazarenus, Eleanor L.
- * Neill, Diane A. (Carnell) '66
- Nelson, Christina (Schweers) '84
- Nelson, Christy S. (Neill) '97
- Nelson, Doug
- Nelson, G. Bradley '72
- Nelson, Gale (Miille) '37
- Nelson, James
- Nelson, Larry W. '69
- Nelson, Marchelle (Krause) '74
- Nelson, Mary E. (Smith) '47
- Nelson, Sandy (Gibbs) '81
- Niemeier, Angie
- Niemeier, Kevin
- * Nguyen, Dr. Bang Tu
- Noe, G. Leslie
- Noll, Deb
- Northrup, Gertrude H. (Lowe) '27
- O'Brien, Marian (McQuillen) '33
- O'Neill, Deb (Jones) '75
- O'Neill, Joan
- O'Neill, Joseph '75
- Olander, Ryan
- Oldsen, Craig D. '66
- * Oldsen, Heather L. (Craig) '66
- Olsen, Ida (Gasser) '39
- Olson, Bonnie (Gibbs) '42
- * Olson, Lucy (Pearson) '24
- * Pack, Donald '55
- * Pack, Zeta (Hurley) '23
- Partnership Solutions, Inc.
- * Pavlushik, Teresa (Walsh) '71
- * Payne, Jeanine (Lund) '87
- * Persinger, Mary E.
- Persinger, Sheryl (Gibbs) '85
- Peters, Jeff
- Peterson, James M. '43
- * Peterson, Jerry
- Peterson, John B. '49
- Peterson, Jon '89
- * Peterson, Lawrence
- Phillips, Jody
- Pick, Jeff '92
- Pick, Tami (Voss) '93
- * Polkinghorn, Royce '51
- * Ponca Alumni Association
- * Ponca Area Community Club
- Ponca Education Association
- Ponca High School Student Council
- * Ponca Historical Society
- Potter, Terry '68
- Poulosky, Adam '00
- Poulosky, Katie
- Powers, Mardell (Curry) '47
- Putman, Carl A. '53
- * Putman, Dale '44
- Putman, John H. '59
- * Putman, Lucille (Miille) '32
- * Putman, Virgil '28
- * Rahn, Mary '38
- Reuter, Kristin
- Reznicek, Joan M.
- Richards, Daniel '09
- Richards, Gary '80
- Richards, Kari (Rush) '80
- Rickett, Dennis '87
- Rickett, Doug '81
- Rickett, Jody (Peterson) '82
- Rickett, Norma
- Rickett, Tina (Rager) '87
- Rinas, Michelle
- Robinson, Brooke (Irby) '95
- Rockwell, Elizabeth P. (Wellenstein) '42
- Rockwell, William G. '43
- Rohan, Bonnie
- Rohan, Dawn (Walsh) '00
- Romanelli, Zona (Olson) '37
- Roncka, Christy
- Ronning, Andrea
- Rotherham, Katie
- Rowland, Patricia (Carr) '46
- Rush, Heidi (Schweers) '90
- Rush, Jeffrey '88
- Rush, John F. '48
- * Rush, Karen (Lamprecht) '57
- Rush, Mary E. '21
- Rush, Maya '17
- Russell, Doug '76
- Russell, Karen
- Ryan, Carol
- Salem Lutheran Church
- Salmen, Hallie
- * Saxon, Margaret (Havranek) '61
- Schamp, Ben
- Schamp, Julie
- * Scheffel, Dr. A. B. '15
- Scheffel, Gladys (Armbright)
- Schnoor, Annette (Daniels) '84
- * Schoon, Beulah (Bauman) '40
- Schulte, Donald
- Schulte, Susan (Voss) '72
- Schweers, Austin '13
- Schweers, Brian '86
- Schweers, Carmen
- Schweers, Dietrich "Dick"
- Schweers, Helen (Grosvenor) '62
- Schweers, Hunter '17
- Schweers, John
- Schweers, Marcella (Richards) '81
- Schweers, Rick '81
- Schweers, Steven J. '82
- Schweers, Verna (Grosvenor) '57
- Schwiesow, Elmer
- Scollard, Gene '49
- Semenek, Christy (Leigh) '79
- Shadbolt, Erma (Beckner) '39
- Shanahan, Michael F. '44
- Simington, Adam
- Simmons, Victoria (Volkman) '00
- Sitzman, Debbie Elmshausen
- Skaats, Mary (Christopherson) '39
- Smith, David '08
- Smith, Diane
- Smith, Clayton '39
- Smith, Gary
- Smith, Jim '76
- Smith, LaRae
- Smith, Lin
- Smith, Mary Lou (Voss) '77
- Smith, Susan (Dohma) '78
- * Smithey, Wayne H. '40
- * Snyder, Lawrence A. '26
- Sprakel, Mari (Mackling) '97
- * Sprugel, Lovice (Kingsbury) '43
- * St. Joseph's Catholic Church
- Stanford, Marge (McQuillen) '60
- Trading Post Market
- * Stanley, Charm '15
- Stansberry, Allison (Smith) '05
- Stapleton, Glenn W.
- Stark, Anne (O'Neill) '76
- Stark, Jennifer (Richards) '07
- Stark, Ralph
- Stark, Randy '72
- Stark, Rhonda
- Stark, Thomas R. '65
- Stark, Tony
- Steckly, Jessica
- Stenwell, Judy (Elliott) '65
- Stewart, Andrea (Smith) '99
- Stewart, LaRita
- Street, John
- Stroud, John
- Struhenberg, Donna
- * Sullivan, Geraldine (Stark) '42
- * Sullivan, Mary E. (Wellenstein) '41
- Sullivan, Myrna (Schwiesow) '62
- Sullivan, Nicholas '59
- Swenson, Elizabeth A. (Froseth) '80
- Sydow, Julie
- Taylor, Ben '05
- Taylor, Carla
- Taylor, Courtney (Dohma) '07
- Taylor, Donny '71
- Taylor, Gaylord F.
- * Teel, Mary Kay (Rakow) '62
- Temple, Cletus J.
- * Temple, Marilyn
- Templeman, Jessica
- Thoenes, Jamie (Keller) '00
- Thompson, Kathy (Harder) '72
- Thompson, William
- * Tiedemann, Bonnye (Heald) '42
- Todd, Brian
- Todd, JoAnn
- Townsend, Lewis '58
- Trizila, Marion L. (Stewart) '39
- Trobaugh, Connie (Benson)
- Trusty, Keith
- Tsiobanos, Vickie (Bottorff) '75
- Udey, Susan (Schwiesow) '69
- "Undivided" Musical Group
- Uthof, Ashley (Smith) '00
- Uthof, Cindy
- Uthof, Darrel
- Uthof, Evan '01
- Uthof, Katie (Smith) '04
- Uthof, Tyler '03
- Van Dyke, Doyle
- Van Dyke, Jennifer
- Verzani, Francis Jean
- Volkman, Judy
- * Volkman, Richard - Nebraska Journal-Leader
- * Von Minden, Harold '39
- * Von Minden, Jan '65
- Von Minden, Susan (Curry) '65
- Vondrak, Sandra
- Voss, Aaron '00
- Voss, Aubrey '69
- Voss, Gordon '45
- Voss, Lois (Taubert) '50
- Voss, Ruth (Harison) '70
- Voss, Sadie (O'Neill) '08
- Walsh, Holly (Taylor) '83
- Walsh, Jenna (Dohma) '07
- Walsh, Jessi
- Walsh, John Alfred '45
- Walsh, Jordan '06
- Walsh, Josephine
- * Walsh, Lawrence E. '44
- Walsh, Mathew '02
- Walsh, Nancy K.
- Walsh, Thomas E. '79
- Walsh, Thomas W.
- Watchorn, Betty R. (Foulks) '47
- * Watchorn, David C. '65
- * Watchorn, David R. '43
- * Watchorn, Donald C. '44
- Watchorn, Edward
- Watchorn, Virginia (Rush) '44
- Waters, Mary Ann (Rockwell) '47
- * Wellenstein, William '60
- * Wendte-Nielsen, Clarice (Carr) '37
- Wenger, Lisa
- Wente, Dan '80
- Wente, Jim '81
- Wente, Mary Kay
- White, Larry '72
- White, Murray '75
- White, Pam (Conrad) '76
- * Wickstrom, Jack H. '37
- * Wickstrom, Lucille '18
- Wragge, Quinn
- Wilcox, Shirley M. (Fields) '39
- Wineland, Phil
- Wortmann, Cody
- Wortmann, Mallory
- Z Mart - Zaid Rashid

Ponca Promise Expands Opportunities for Students

Ponca Promise continues to make an impact by helping senior students offset the cost of college credits earned during high school. With more students than ever taking advantage of dual credit opportunities, it's exciting to see so many taking their future into their own hands and getting a head start on their college journey.

In even more exciting news, the program is growing. Ponca Promise will now offer reimbursement for junior students who are taking college credit courses as well. This expansion allows even more students to benefit from early college experiences and financial support, reinforcing our commitment to helping Ponca students succeed beyond high school.



From left to right: Jaeden Hughes, Sophia Cleveland, Emerson Ehlers, Addison Bostwick, Addyson Chytka, Cora Jackson, Olivia Taylor. Not pictured: Alex Galvez.

PCEF Participates in High 5 Friday

PCEF Board Members had a great time participating in High 5 Friday this April, welcoming Ponca students as they arrived at school and starting their day on a positive note. Along with plenty of smiles and high fives, board members handed out fun squish toys to students.

Each toy featured the message “Dream Big,” a motto that reflects the heart of PCEF’s mission. We love partnering with Ponca Schools to encourage and support students as they pursue their goals and turn their dreams into reality.



3rd Graders: Haivyn Stansberry, Beau Poulosky, and Hartley Hirschman enjoying High 5 Friday!

2026 New Cash Scholarships

Good Samaritan Scholarship

This cash scholarship will annually award funds to a graduating senior for going above and beyond in service to those in need in our communities. The recipient will have exemplified going out of their way to serve and benefit others in need.

Cindy and Darrel Uthof Family Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to a Ponca High School graduating senior at the discretion of the PCEF scholarship Selection Committee.

2026 New Endowment Scholarship

Howard and Fran (Pearson) Armstrong Endowment Scholarship

This new scholarship establishes a lasting legacy of support with the potential to fund multiple scholarships each year for Ponca High School graduating seniors and/or PHS alumni as determined by the PCEF Scholarship Selection Committee. This endowment represents a sustained commitment to ongoing support and a lasting investment in the future of deserving students.

2026 New Special Use Endowment

Howard and Fran (Pearson) Armstrong Special Use Endowment

Funds from this endowment will provide flexible, ongoing support for special use projects across the district, giving the board the ability to place resources where they are needed most. This endowment will make a real difference in multiple ways, both now and in the future.

Jeanne Brandt, Keith Trusty, and Lorrie Huston Retire



Jeanne Brandt

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Jeanne Brandt has been a valued member of our school community for 23 years, beginning her career as a special education para. For the past decade, she has served as our high school administrative assistant, playing a key role in keeping the daily operations of the school running smoothly. Her organization, dedication, and steady presence have supported students, staff, and families in countless ways. Jeanne will be greatly missed in her retirement, and we are deeply grateful for her many years of service to Ponca.



Keith Trusty

Keith Trusty

Keith Trusty is retiring after an impressive 39-year career in education, including 34 years dedicated to Ponca High School. As our high school science teacher, he has impacted generations of students, helping them grow in both knowledge and curiosity. His commitment to teaching and his steady influence in the classroom have left a lasting mark on our school community. He will be greatly missed, and we thank him for his many years of service and dedication.



Lorrie Huston

Lorrie Huston

Lorrie Huston is retiring after 18 years of outstanding service as our business manager. During her time with the district, she has strengthened our financial and HR systems and helped establish strong protocols that will benefit Ponca for years to come. Her work has positioned the district well for a smooth transition, and her impact will be both significant and long-lasting. We are grateful for her dedication and wish her the very best in retirement.