

## Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

### Financial Support Totals for the 2025 Award Year:

Endowed Scholarships Total	\$ 29,400.00
Annual Cash Scholarships Total	\$ 12,250.00
Alumni (Endowed & Cash) Scholarships Total	\$ 8,200.00
*Reallocated Scholarships Total	\$ 375.00
<b>*Scholarship Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,850.00</b>

\*Totals do not include reallocated amounts.

<b>Ponca Promise Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.00</b>
Special Use Endowed Award Sub Total	\$ 16,650.00
Annual Cash Special Use Total	\$ 21,600.00
General Fund Contribution	\$ 16,074.00
<b>Special Use Total</b>	<b>\$ 54,324.00</b>
<b>*2025 Awards Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 107,924.00</b>

**2025 TOTAL DONATIONS**  
to students and staff since inception:

# \$951,496.12

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### President

Richard Dohma

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Brendan Calahan

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Tammy Book

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### GUIDELINES

### & ACCEPTANCE

Julie Sydow,

Chairperson

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Jenna Walsh



**Bryce Book**

We're excited to welcome Tammy Book, bringing her many years of bookkeeping experience that will help support the continued success of the Foundation. We also welcome Quinn Wragge, Ponca High School Guidance Counselor. We have already benefited from her innovative thinking and student focus. Lastly, our newest addition to the board is Barry Krusemark. Barry brings a passion for investing, and a focus on growing our funds to positively impact students in our district.

### We are excited to welcome our newest Board Members



**Tammy Book**



**Quinn Wragge**



**Barry Krusemark**

## Special Recognition

The PCEF Board would like to thank Bryce Book for his 11 years of service as PCEF Director and Treasurer. Bryce was instrumental in setting up our Aplos accounting system, coordinating audits with our CPA, and overseeing our investments. His countless volunteer hours helped make the PCEF as strong as it is today. We'll miss you Bryce, but know you're looking forward to spending more time with Britney and your four beautiful children.

### SPECIAL USE

#### SELECTION

Julie Kramper,

Chairperson

Tammy Book

Brendan Calahan

Sue Fox

Julie Sydow

Ashley Uthof

### MEMBERSHIP

### & FUNDRAISING

Jenna Walsh,

Chairperson

Tammy Book

Julie Schamp

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### SELECTION

Quinn Wragge,

Non-Voting

Chairperson

Kim Bainbridge

Mark Gehring

Linda Kastning

Michelle Rinas

# Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

PONCA, NEBRASKA

May 1984 ~ 2025

## It Starts With You...It Grows With Them.



**Sam O'Neill - 2008**  
Attorney



**Christiana (O'Neill) Koepp - 2013**  
Music Teacher



**Bryce Finnegan - 2014**  
State Trooper



**Abby (Hayes) Bodlak - 2014**  
Cosmetologist



**Christian Rush - 2014**  
Firefighter



**Shelby Rickett - 2017**  
Dental Hygienist



**Alison (Brennan) Tremayne - 2018**  
Physician Assistant



**Michael Logue - 2019**  
Electrician

## 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 2025 Honor Roll Donor.

Lifetime Membership (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

General Endowed Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Student Help Fund \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial Membership (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ALUMNI ☐ YES ☐ NO YEAR OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.



DONATE HERE

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 2, 2025**  
**Foundation Annual Meeting: Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 9:00 A.M.**

Established For 41 Years To Provide  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**SPECIAL AWARDS**  
**TEACHERS' ENDOWMENT GRANT**  
**EMERGENCY HELP GRANT**  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL PROJECTS**

Through  
**MEMBERSHIPS**  
**MEMORIALS**  
**DONATIONS**  
**ENDOWMENTS**  
**BEQUESTS**



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



Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

Honoring A Legacy

The Cheri Janssen Memorial Award

The Ponca Community Educational Foundation is proud to announce the creation of a new award that will begin granting funds in the 2024-2025 school year. The Cheri Janssen Memorial Special Education Award will stand as a tribute to the life and legacy of Cheri Janssen. Cheri was a beloved paraeducator for many years who dedicated her time to Ponca Schools’ Special Education programs. Her unexpected passing was felt keenly by staff and students. Thanks to the generosity of her husband Alan and their children Morgan, Austen, and Nolan, Cheri’s passion for helping students will live on.



Cheri Janssen

Through this award, each Special Education Department at Ponca High School, Ponca Elementary School, and Jackson Elementary School will receive funds annually in her memory. These funds will be used to create fun experiences and opportunities for students, ensuring that those who need extra support receive not only the resources they need but also joyful experiences that make learning so special.

Andrea Stewart, a teacher at Ponca Schools and a dear friend and colleague of Cheri’s, reflected on the impact of this memorial award: “That’s such a beautiful sentiment. Cheri’s legacy is clearly one of kindness, generosity, and impact. It’s wonderful to think that the opportunities these students are receiving are directly tied to her and her family’s support. Her influence will live on in the lives she touched, and it’s amazing to see how her contributions continue to shape the future. What a powerful reminder of how one person’s compassion can create a ripple effect in the world.”

2025 Special Use Awards

(CRITERIA BASED)

John & Myra Kingsbury Exceptionalism Cash Award.....	\$10,000.00
(for programs to promote Exceptionalism)	
Oldsen “Ag in the Classroom” Fund.....	\$8,100.00
(for agricultural career programs)	
Cheri Janssen Memorial Special Education Award .....	\$2,000.00
(for the special education department)	
Oldsen Family Farm Special Use Fund.....	\$1,650.00
(for agricultural career programs)	
Paula (Bourns) Harrington Memorial Cash Award .....	\$1,500.00
(for girls’ athletics)	
Lionel & Patricia Froseth Endowment .....	\$1,175.00
(for PCEF administrative/operating expenses)	
Julee Armstrong Memorial Endowment.....	\$1,050.00
(for the music department)	
Guidance & Counseling Endowment.....	\$750.00
(for the counseling department)	
Gurn N. & Donna D. Curry Family Memorial Endowment.....	\$650.00
(for the athletic department)	
Howard & Darlene Gibbs Memorial Endowment.....	\$600.00
(for the music department)	
Dean & Norma Rickett Family Endowment.....	\$550.00
(for the hot lunch program – alternate years to elementary classrooms)	
John & Myra Kingsbury Endowment for Exceptionalism .....	\$475.00
(for programs to promote Exceptionalism)	
Peter J. & Georgia V. Schieffer Special Use Endowment.....	\$375.00
(for agricultural career programs)	
John & Helen (Grosvenor) Schweers Endowment .....	\$325.00
(for after school programs)	
Marian (Leigh) Bauman Memorial Endowment .....	\$325.00
(for the elementary library)	
Jerry, Margaret, & Molly Knerl Family Endowment .....	\$250.00
(for the business department – alternate years to music department)	
Ponca Rodeo Association Endowment.....	\$100.00
(for the elementary school)	
Special Use (Criteria Based) Awards Sub Total .....	\$29,875.00
(NON-CRITERIA BASED)	
*Dr. A.B. & Gladys L. Scheffel Memorial Endowment.....	\$1,575.00
*Ponca Community Educational Foundation Inc.....	\$1,025.00
School Projects Endowment	
*Bank of Dixon County Endowment .....	\$900.00
*Ponca Community Educational Foundation Inc.....	\$825.00
Teacher Endowment	
*Margaret C. (Carr) Jennison & John H. Jennison.....	\$775.00
Special Use Memorial Endowment	
*Helen Berens Memorial Endowment.....	\$550.00
*Julie Sydow Special Use Endowment.....	\$500.00
*Ponca Alumni Association Endowment.....	\$425.00
*Lamp Oil Special Use Endowment .....	\$425.00
*Virgil & Lucille Putman Memorial Endowment .....	\$350.00
(2025 award combined with the Harley D. & Helen (Wendte) Bossman Family Memorial Endowment and the Byron & Delores (Dunn) Kruse Family Endowment)	
*P.H.S. Student Council Endowment .....	\$325.00
*Ponca Improvement Club Endowment .....	\$275.00
*John and Kevin John Rush Family Memorial Endowment.....	\$225.00
*Class of 1939 Endowment.....	\$200.00
Special Use (Non-Criteria) Awards Sub Total .....	\$8,375.00
Special Use Total.....	\$38,250.00

\* Use is determined by PCEF Board of Directors

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 2025 Honor Roll Donor.

GOLD Honor Roll (Gifts of \$500 to \$1,000)

Cheryl Arends (32)  
Ron Bottorff (1)  
Larry Buhl Memorial (4)  
Richard & Joni (Curry) Dohma (32)  
Dr. Luther & Sarah Frerichs (6)  
Mary Husen (17)  
Journey Christian Church (7)  
Jeff & Kathie (Gibbs) Knerl (32)  
Tim & Jodi (Beacom) Lamprecht (16)  
Blair & Lindsay Lockwood (29)  
Kirk & Jeanne (Bottorff) Mabeus (16)  
Larry & Cindy McManis (1)  
Diane (Carnell) Neill (28)  
Allen “Curt” Neill Memorial (19)  
Ryan Olander (6)  
Therese Olander Memorial (5)  
P.H.S. Student Council (13)  
Ponca Area Community Club (32)  
Ponca Athletic Boosters (27)  
Ben & Julie Schamp (2)  
Kim Uhing (3)  
Ashley (Smith) Uthof (19)  
Evan Uthof (19)  
Jordan & Jenna (Dohma) Walsh (14)  
Murray & Pam White (2)  
Cody & Mallory Wortmann (7)

BRONZE Honor Roll (Gifts of less than \$100)

Nancy (Armstrong) Dunn (24)  
Cinda (Brill) Hudson (25)  
Linda (McKinley) Kastning (32)  
Ron & Deb Mahler (1)  
Ponca Rodeo Association (32)

Check out our website @ [www.pcef.net](http://www.pcef.net)



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

Dave & Jane Armstrong (21)  
Howard & Frances Armstrong (24)  
Bank of Dixon County (32)  
Colonel Earl & Cedie Bogard (22)  
Bruce & Nicole Ericksen (10)  
Justin & Jamie (Bennett) Hamar (21)  
John Kastning (17)  
James & Gwen (Heckens) Kingsbury (24)  
John & Myra Kingsbury (32)  
Terry & Judy Logue (26)  
Randy Lukken (26)  
Craig & Heather L. Craig Oldsen (32)  
Joan Reznicek (6)  
Salem Lutheran Church (10)  
Julie Sydow (12)

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

Les & Cheri Albrecht (1)  
Bob & Cindy Anderson (14)  
Kim (Von Minden) Bainbridge (32)  
Kenton & Tammy (Harder) Book (25)  
Donley Bourn - Donna Bourn Memorial (3)  
James Brennan (25)  
Sharon Coale (1)  
Leon & Jenny (Meyers) Conrad (6)  
Kevin Dohma (11)  
Good Ol’ Boys (6)  
David Harrington (30)  
Bill & Karla Lowe (5)  
Samuel McClary (11)  
Kathryn J. McKinley (32)  
P.E.O. Chapter DG (21)  
Ponca Education Association (30)  
Jeff & Heidi (Schweers) Rush (19)  
Randy & Rhonda Stark (3)  
Merrily Tunncliff (6)  
Darrel & Cindy Uthof (17)

SILVER Honor Roll (Gifts of \$100 to \$500)

American Legion  
Chapelle Post #117 (31)  
Kathryn Armstrong (1)  
Marlene (Jensen) Beacom (1)  
Brent & Angie Bennett (5)  
Gary Bennett (19)  
Bryce & Britney Book (11)  
Duane & Patricia Boyle (17)  
Tanner & Krystal Boyle (1)  
Mike & Jeanne Brandt (7)  
JoAnn Brennan (25)  
Mike Brennan (20)  
Doris Buhl (32)  
Brian & Lindsay Burrell (19)  
Claire Burrell (2)  
Brendan & Megan Calahan (4)  
Dennis & Nikki (Von Minden) Carnell (25)  
Brady Carnell (7)  
Kris & Stacey Carnell (7)  
Amy Coates (1)  
Evan Colfack (1)  
Gurn & Leann Curry (7)  
Suzette Curry (4)  
R.C. Curry Farms -  
Carol S. Curry Memorial (12)  
Rob Davey (14)  
Susie Day -  
Gene Day Memorial (7)  
Audrey (Bauman) Dohma (16)  
Norma “Jeanne” Eastop Memorial (1)  
O. Kirk Ehlers Memorial (1)  
Sally Eiler - Jack Eiler Memorial (1)  
Troy Evans (7)  
Tom & Bonnie Ferry (2)  
Sandy Finseth (5)  
Roger & Pam Fleury (20)  
Clint & Sue Fox (10)  
Douglas & Genie Froseth (25)  
Mark & Joli Gehring (28)  
Mary Granato (7)  
Blake & Jada (Rush) Hamar (7)  
Dave & Fran (Davey) Hassler (28)  
Robert & Kristie Hayes (17)  
Alexis Hirschman (1)  
Chuck & Kathryn Hoekstra (7)  
Ellesyn Hrouda (1)  
Lorrie Huston (7)  
David Huston Memorial (2)  
Joe & Carol (McKinley) Incremona (29)  
Rebecca Irwin (7)  
Morris Jacobsen (2)  
Bill & Susan (Gibbs) Jammer (9)  
Cheri Janssen Memorial (1)  
Dacia Jensen (2)  
Kenny & Sandy (Bottorff) Jensen (11)  
Amanda Jones (1)  
Craig Jones (1)  
Virginia (Harison) Keller -  
Doug Keller Memorial (32)  
Chris & Abbey Kingsbury (1)  
Andrew Knerl (6)  
Knerl Health Professional (32)  
Molly Knerl (1)  
Phil Knerl Memorial (1)  
Dan & Mary Kock (4)  
Werner “Tarz” Koeppel Memorial (1)  
Phil & Julie (White) Kramper (25)  
Todd & Carol Kratke - Cedar Hills Designs & Bar & Grill (2)  
Dan & Deb Krause (25)  
Barry & Cortni Krusemark (1)  
Andrew Lamprecht (8)  
Dalton Lamprecht (1)  
Dave Lane (14)  
Paula Larsen (7)  
Karen Lehman (26)  
Brian & Kerrie Lentz (1)  
Phil & Kari Lowe (23)  
Dennis & Teri Lukken (4)  
Patrick & Lori Luze (5)  
Wyatt Mackling Memorial (14)  
Randy & Lynell Martin (1)  
Sean & Wendy Masin (13)  
Nebraska Journal Leader (4)  
Jerry Pearson Memorial (1)  
Jean E. Peterson (22)  
Jeff & Tami Pick (1)  
Ponca Future Business Leaders of America (12)  
Ponca Volunteer Fire Department (31)  
Ponca Volunteer Rescue Squad (31)  
Adam & Katie Poulosky (7)  
Katie Rotherham (7)  
Maya Rush (7)  
Karen (Lamprecht) Rush (21)  
Carol Ryan (7)  
Georgia V. Schieffer Trust (2)  
Annette (Daniels) Schnoor (7)  
Brian & Carmen Schweers (8)  
Adam Simington (7)  
Victoria (Volkman) Simmons (9)  
Allison (Smith) Stansberry (2)  
Glenn W. Stapleton (10)  
Tony & Anne Stark (2)  
Jessica Steckly (3)  
Chris & Andrea (Smith) Stewart (10)  
LaRita Stewart (7)  
John Street (7)  
John Stroud (5)  
Doug & Elizabeth (Froseth) Swenson (7)  
Kathy (Harder) Thompson (8)  
William Thompson Memorial (1)  
Keith Trusty (7)  
Vickie (Bottorff) Tsiobanos (4)  
Sandra Vondrak (3)  
Jan Von Minden (1)  
Aaron Voss (6)  
Brian & Deanna Voss (9)  
Ruth (Harison) Voss -  
Aubrey Voss Memorial (4)  
Sadie (O’Neill) Voss (5)  
Mat & Jessi Walsh (8)  
Tom & Nancy Walsh (32)  
Quinn Wragge (1)

Impact of the Cheri Janssen Memorial Special Education Award



At left, Wyatt Anderson is pictured with his “Snack Wagon.”

At right, Ella Watkins is making “keychains for cool kids!”

These are just two examples of the many ways students will be impacted.





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  
Albrecht, Martha  
Anderson, David  
Anderson, Lloyd  
Armstrong, Carl J. '28  
Armstrong, Jane '39  
Armstrong, Julee '66  
Armstrong, Lyle  
Armstrong, Terry  
Anderson, Darold  
Anderson, Susan  
Armstrong, Greg  
Backman, Evan  
Bauman, Albert '50  
Bauman, Larry  
Beller, Frances (Velte) '29  
Berens, Helen  
Bennett, Jacob  
Bennett, Joanne '65  
Benscoter, Gail (Gregg) '75  
Bensen, Shirley  
Bevelhymmer, Steve '76  
Bevelhymmer, William C. '47  
Biggerstaff, Darlene (Fackelman) '49  
Birkley, Joy  
Blatchford, Mae  
Bloomquist, Dorothy (Malcom) '49  
Book, Meryl '46  
Bothe, Wanda (Fields)  
Bottorff, Clayton '44  
Bourns, Grace (Schenck) '26  
Bousquet, Mary (Sullivan) '39  
Brennan, Delmar '39  
Buettner, Clarence L. '31  
Brunton, Sylvia  
Buhl, Larry  
Buhr, Bonnie (Rahn) '48  
Butler, Arden N. (Polly) '18  
Carnell, Bill '48  
Carnell, Frances '42  
Carnell, Max '42  
Conrad, Kenneth  
Cook, Alice (Rush)  
Cooper, Darrell G.  
Cooper, Judith R. (Davey)  
Courtier, Doris (Engle)  
Courtier, Harry  
Crosley, Larry L.  
Crosley, Rose M.  
Curry, Donna  
Curry, Ethel  
Davey, Florence  
Davey, Francis Patrick "Pat" '54  
Day, Gene  
Dillon, Norma (Gibbs) '44  
Dirato, Muriel (Carr) '42

Dixon, Mabel Motts  
Dohma, Donald '39  
Dohma, Kim '84  
Ehle, Dean '39  
Ehlke, Edward '36  
Eiler, Jack  
Elliott, Robert  
Fields, Harold V.  
Fields, Mary Ann '50  
Fields, Orin C.  
Fields, Wendell "Dutch" '32  
Finch, James R.  
Finch, Janet L.  
Finnerty, Margarete B. (Rush) '50  
Fincher, Lowell  
Fleury, Myron '71  
Fleury, Russ '41  
Foley, Cheryl (Albrecht) '79  
Fravel, Ethel L.  
Froseth, Alma E.  
Froseth, Arden  
Froseth, Lester G.  
Froseth, Lionel  
Froseth, Patricia J.  
Gasser, Vernon  
George, Merless (Briney) '39  
Gibbs, B. J.  
Gibbs, Byron  
Gibbs, Casper  
Gibbs, Darlene  
Gibbs, Geneva  
Gibbs, Ida Louisa '42  
Gibbs, Ida Louise (Heidy)  
Gibbs, Maude  
Gibbs, William J. Sr. '42  
Ginsberg, Joseph '25  
Gleason, Dale G.  
Golden, Jack '65  
Golden, John A. '63  
Great House, Richard  
Gregg, DeRoy  
Hageman, Bonnie  
Harder, Kevin "Nard" '77  
Harder, Margaret  
Harder, Maude (Putman) '26  
Harder, Rudy  
Harrington, Paula (Bourns) '63  
Harvey, Helen (McKinley) '33  
Heald, Donald  
Heenan, Jim '39  
Heidy, Clara L.  
Hughes, Deanna  
Hurley, Edward Bernard "Barney"  
Hurley, Robert '42  
Husen, Steve  
Huston, David

Iverson, Buff '43  
Iverson, Gary  
Jeffords, John L. '46  
Jennison, Jack  
Jennison, Kit  
Jennison, Margaret (Carr) '36  
Jones, Paul Dale '55  
Jones, Ruth (McKinley) '34  
Kayl, Darrell '85  
Keller, E. J.  
Keller, Margaret  
Kemper, Lyle  
Kingsbury, Francis  
Kingsbury, Vernice  
Klatt, Stewart  
Knerl, Bonnie (Davey)  
Knerl, Jack  
Knerl, Jerry '39  
Knerl, Margaret  
Knerl, O.N.  
Pat Knerl  
Knerl, Robert  
Koch, Ron  
Kramper, Frances  
Kramper, John  
Krause, Clarence  
Krause, David '76  
Krause, Dorothy (Harberts) '59  
Kruse, Byron  
Kruse, Dolores (Dunn) '48  
Lahrs, Kenneth  
Leigh, James D. '39  
Liewer, Betty  
Liewer, Francis  
Logue, Florence (Hurley) '26  
Logue, John  
Lowe, Irene (Watchorn) '73  
Lowe, Larry '54  
Lowe, Jack '45  
Mabeus, Luvern  
Mabeus, Marilyn (Lowe) '50  
Mahler, Nina "Bethine" (Gilliland) '41  
Makousky, Joe  
Makousky, Linda  
Malcom, Lucille  
Malcom, WALTER L.  
Marquez, Salvador  
McCabe, Dan  
McClary, Dean E.  
McClary, Dorothy (Miille) '31  
McKee, Robert L. '41  
McKinley, Wilford (Bill) '30  
McKinley, Emmalyn '25  
McKinley, Harold R. '23  
McKinley, Harriette '32  
McKinley, Irving S. '23

McKinley, John  
McKinley, John D. '27  
McKinley, Lena (Engel)  
Mendenhall, John '22  
Meyers, Cecil  
Miller, Claire V.  
Neill, Allen "Curt"  
Nelson, Arden  
Nelson, Larry W. '69  
Nelson, Marchelle (Krause) '74  
Nichols, Joan (Peterson) '48  
Nolan, Jim '39  
Northrup, James Daniel  
Kingsbury, Vernice  
Klatt, Stewart  
Knerl, Bonnie (Davey)  
Knerl, Jack  
Knerl, Jerry '39  
Knerl, Margaret  
Knerl, O.N.  
Pat Knerl  
Knerl, Robert  
Koch, Ron  
Kramper, Frances  
Kramper, John  
Krause, Clarence  
Krause, David '76  
Krause, Dorothy (Harberts) '59  
Kruse, Byron  
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Leigh, James D. '39  
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Logue, Florence (Hurley) '26  
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McKinley, Wilford (Bill) '30  
McKinley, Emmalyn '25  
McKinley, Harold R. '23  
McKinley, Harriette '32  
McKinley, Irving S. '23

Schultz, Mary Lou '50  
Shanahan, Michael F. '44  
Sievers, Frank Jr.  
Sluka, Mardell (Rickett) '58  
Smith, Doug  
Smithey, Dorothy  
Smithey, Wayne H. '40  
Sproul, Ann  
Sprugel, Lovice (Kingsbury) '43  
Stammer, Amy  
Stark, Betty  
Steinbrecher, Bob '70  
Stenwall, David Sr.  
Stenwall, Steven M.  
Stewart, Augusta (Coolidge)  
Stewart, Beth (Curry) '38  
Stewart, Dr. Sterling E. '38  
Stratis, Anton J.  
Stroup, Molly  
Sullivan, Daniel "Manny"  
Sydow, Jerry  
Sydow, Ryan  
Taylor, Jeff '73  
Taylor, Richard '45  
Taylor, Twila  
Temple, Pete  
Tophoj, Michael E. '94  
Townsend, A.D.  
Townsend, Bessie  
Townsend, Lula  
Reed, Nadia Ann (Conrad)  
Rickett, Aubrey A.  
Liewer, Betty  
Liewer, Francis  
Logue, Florence (Hurley) '26  
Logue, John  
Lowe, Irene (Watchorn) '73  
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McCabe, Dan  
McClary, Dean E.  
McClary, Dorothy (Miille) '31  
McKee, Robert L. '41  
McKinley, Wilford (Bill) '30  
McKinley, Emmalyn '25  
McKinley, Harold R. '23  
McKinley, Harriette '32  
McKinley, Irving S. '23

Schultz, Mary Lou '50  
Shanahan, Michael F. '44  
Sievers, Frank Jr.  
Sluka, Mardell (Rickett) '58  
Smith, Doug  
Smithey, Dorothy  
Smithey, Wayne H. '40  
Sproul, Ann  
Sprugel, Lovice (Kingsbury) '43  
Stammer, Amy  
Stark, Betty  
Steinbrecher, Bob '70  
Stenwall, David Sr.  
Stenwall, Steven M.  
Stewart, Augusta (Coolidge)  
Stewart, Beth (Curry) '38  
Stewart, Dr. Sterling E. '38  
Stratis, Anton J.  
Stroup, Molly  
Sullivan, Daniel "Manny"  
Sydow, Jerry  
Sydow, Ryan  
Taylor, Jeff '73  
Taylor, Richard '45  
Taylor, Twila  
Temple, Pete  
Tophoj, Michael E. '94  
Townsend, A.D.  
Townsend, Bessie  
Townsend, Lula  
Reed, Nadia Ann (Conrad)  
Rickett, Aubrey A.  
Liewer, Betty  
Liewer, Francis  
Logue, Florence (Hurley) '26  
Logue, John  
Lowe, Irene (Watchorn) '73  
Lowe, Larry '54  
Lowe, Jack '45  
Mabeus, Luvern  
Mabeus, Marilyn (Lowe) '50  
Mahler, Nina "Bethine" (Gilliland) '41  
Makousky, Joe  
Makousky, Linda  
Malcom, Lucille  
Malcom, WALTER L.  
Marquez, Salvador  
McCabe, Dan  
McClary, Dean E.  
McClary, Dorothy (Miille) '31  
McKee, Robert L. '41  
McKinley, Wilford (Bill) '30  
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McKinley, Harold R. '23  
McKinley, Harriette '32  
McKinley, Irving S. '23

Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

2025 Endowed Scholarship Recipients

Kingsbury Family Endowed Scholarship.....	Zain Stark .....	\$3,850.00
Wayne H. and Dorothy R. Smithey Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Ellesyn Hrouda .....	\$2,375.00
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Endowment Scholarship .....	Alexa Swick .....	\$2,175.00
Carl and Eva Armstrong Family Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Isabella Eifert .....	\$1,700.00
Colonel Earl C. and Celia Bogard Endowment Scholarship .....	Bradley Lentz .....	\$1,400.00
Randy J. Lukken Endowment Scholarship .....	Connor Schamp .....	\$1,250.00
Kenton and Tammy Book Family Endowment Scholarship .....	Josilyn Martin .....	\$1,175.00
Dan and Linda Bloomfield Family Endowment Scholarship .....	Ashten Finseth .....	\$1,000.00
Paula (Bourns) Harrington Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Ellesyn Hrouda .....	\$1,000.00
Steve Husen Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Zachary Luze .....	\$1,000.00
Murray White Construction Endowment Scholarship .....	Bryce Pokorny .....	\$1,000.00
Judge John E. Newton Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Alexa Swick .....	\$725.00
Brennan Family Endowment Scholarship .....	Preston Davis .....	\$725.00
Larry and Louise Lowe & Sons Endowment Scholarship .....	Brailyn Hogan .....	\$700.00
John McKinley Family Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Tucker McGill .....	\$700.00
Phil and Pat Knerl Family Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Ava Voss .....	\$625.00
Dr. A. B. and Gladys L. Scheffel Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Isabella Eifert .....	\$575.00
Dr. A. B. and Gladys L. Scheffel Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Emma Uthof .....	\$575.00
Dr. A. B. and Gladys L. Scheffel Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Dannika Touney .....	\$575.00
Ruth Armstrong Lentz Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Connor Schamp .....	\$575.00
Clayton C. and Velma F. Bottorff Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Ashten Finseth .....	\$550.00
Gordon and Lois (Taubert) Voss Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Brailyn Hogan .....	\$550.00
John and Florence Logue Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Bradley Lentz .....	\$550.00
Presbyterian Church/Lois A. (Butler) Milan Endowment Scholarship .....	Bradley Lentz .....	\$550.00
Grace Bourns Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Ava Voss .....	\$500.00
Tom and Nancy Walsh Family Endowment Scholarship .....	Austin Dendinger .....	\$500.00
John B. Peterson and Jean E. Peterson Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Zain Stark .....	\$500.00
Jack and Rosie Lowe Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Heydon Velez .....	\$500.00
Larry W. Bauman Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Tucker McGill .....	\$500.00
Ed Bloomfield Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Dannika Touney .....	\$500.00
Bevelhymmer Family Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Trystan Bevelhymmer .....	\$500.00
Endowed Scholarships Sub Total.....		\$ 29,400.00

2025 Annual Cash Scholarship Recipients

Donna Bourn Memorial Scholarship .....	Ashten Finseth .....	\$1,000.00
Leon and Jenny (Meyers) Conrad Scholarship .....	Addison Stewart .....	\$1,000.00
Ponca Area Community Club Scholarship .....	Josilyn Martin .....	\$1,000.00
Bank of Dixon County Scholarship .....	Preston Davis .....	\$750.00
Larry Buhl Memorial Scholarship .....	Jace Wahls .....	\$500.00
Dennis Carnell Memorial Scholarship .....	Chance Fairchild .....	\$500.00
Cedar Hills Designs & Bar & Grill Scholarship .....	Emma Uthof .....	\$500.00
Gene Day Memorial Scholarship .....	Trystan Bevelhymmer .....	\$500.00
Morgan (Swick) Harthoorn Memorial Scholarship .....	Alexa Swick .....	\$500.00
David L. Huston Memorial Scholarship .....	Brailyn Hogan .....	\$500.00
Knerl Health Professional Scholarship .....	Tucker McGill .....	\$500.00
Wyatt Lee Mackling Memorial Scholarship .....	Addison Stewart .....	\$500.00
Allen "Curt" Neill Memorial Scholarship .....	Gracie Coughlin .....	\$500.00
P.E.O. Chapter DG Scholarship .....	Isabella Eifert .....	\$500.00
Ponca Athletic Booster Club Scholarship .....	Addison Stewart .....	\$500.00
Ponca Athletic Booster Club Scholarship .....	Austin Dendinger .....	\$500.00
Ponca Education Association Alumni Scholarship .....	Josilyn Martin .....	\$500.00
Ponca Future Business Leaders of America Scholarship .....	Heydon Velez .....	\$500.00
Ponca Rodeo Association Scholarship .....	Dannika Touney .....	\$500.00
Ponca Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department Scholarship .....	Jace Wahls .....	\$500.00
Dick and Twila Taylor Memorial Scholarship .....	Emma Uthof .....	\$500.00
Cash Scholarships Sub Total.....		\$12,250.00

PCEF Increases Minimum Scholarship Award for the First Time in 41 Years

Ponca Community Educational Foundation (PCEF) is increasing the minimum amount for cash scholarships and endowment awards from \$100 to \$500. This historic change reflects the foundation's commitment to supporting students in an era of rising educational costs.

“For 41 years, we have proudly awarded scholarships to help Ponca students pursue their dreams,” said Richard Dohma, PCEF President. “With the cost of education continuing to rise, we felt it was the right time to make this change.”

The PCEF believes this adjustment will have a greater impact on students as they prepare for college, trade schools, and other career pathways. The foundation remains fully funded through donations, memorials, and endowments, and community support is more important than ever.

2025 New Special Use Award Cheri Janssen Memorial Special Education Award

This award will annually fund special projects and opportunities for students in each of the Special Education departments at Ponca High School, Ponca Elementary School, and Jackson Elementary School.

2025 New Cash Scholarship Dennis Carnell Memorial Scholarship

Funds from this scholarship will support students attending a technical school with preference to those going into the farm implement mechanic field.

Special Recognition

Thank You, Joann Todd



After 30 incredible years of shaping young minds, Mrs. Joann Todd is retiring from her role as Ponca’s kindergarten teacher. Joann has made an unforgettable impact on countless students and families, setting the foundation for learning with warmth, patience, and heart. We are so grateful for her years of dedication. Congratulations Mrs. Todd; you will be dearly missed!

Thank You, Sandy Jensen



With 28 years of service as a paraeducator in our district, Sandy Jensen is retiring. Sandy brought creativity, kindness, and a can-do spirit to everything she did, always ready to step in wherever needed. From lending a helping hand in the classroom to baking her legendary monster cookies, Sandy’s presence has brought joy to so many. We thank her for her service and wish her all the best in this next chapter!

2025 Alumni Scholarship & Grant Recipients

Joan Reznicek Alumni Scholarship .....	Brady Carnell .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2024 - Wayne State College, Wayne, NE) .....	\$1,000.00
Joan Reznicek Alumni Scholarship .....	Dalton Lamprecht .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2024 - University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE) .....	\$1,000.00
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship.....	Grace Rooney .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2022 - University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD) ..	\$625.00
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship.....	Breanna Gill .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2020 - University of Nebraska PPVM, Lincoln, NE/ ..	\$600.00
		Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine)	
Ponca Community Educational Foundation Alumni Endowment Scholarship.....	Dalton Tremayne .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2018 - Chadron State College, Chadron, NE) .....	\$600.00
Kim Dohma Memorial Alumni Endowment Scholarship .....	Matthew Lentz .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2022 - University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE) .....	\$525.00
Harold & Darlene Von Minden Family Alumni Endowment Scholarship .....	Megdalin Keller .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2020 - Morningside University, Sioux City, IA) .....	\$500.00
Harold & Darlene Von Minden Family Alumni Endowment Scholarship .....	Bailey Logan .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2022 - University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD) ..	\$500.00
Therese Olander Memorial Scholarship.....	Madelin Bacon .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2022 - Wayne State College, Wayne, NE) .....	\$500.00
Good Ol’ Boys Community Scholarship.....	Abbie Hrouda .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2023 - Wayne State College, Wayne, NE) .....	\$500.00
Good Ol’ Boys Community Scholarship.....	Miguel Balvantin .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2024 - South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD)	\$500.00
Ponca Education Association Alumni Scholarship .....	Hannah Arnold .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2021 - Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA) .....	\$500.00
Sue Schulte Memorial Scholarship.....	Alyssa Schamp .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2023 - University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE) .....	\$500.00
Asmusen Family Memorial Alumni Endowment Scholarship .....	Claire Burrell .....	(P.H.S. Class of 2023 - Wayne State College, Wayne, NE) .....	\$350.00
<b>2023 Reallocated Scholarship Recipient</b>			
Dr. A. B. & Gladys L. Scheffel Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Chance Fairchild .....	<b>Alumni Scholarships Sub Total .....</b>	<b>\$8,200.00</b>
<b>2024 Reallocated Scholarship Recipient</b>			
Ed Bloomfield Memorial Endowment Scholarship .....	Gracie Coughlin .....	<b>2023 Reallocated Scholarship Sub Total .....</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>2024 Reallocated Scholarship Sub Total .....</b>			<b>\$175.00</b>



## We are pleased to Announce Our Class of

## Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

### Trystan Michael Bevelhymer



**COLLEGE**  
Northeast Community College  
Norfolk, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Building Construction

**PARENTS**  
Chris & Leanna Bevelhymer

### Gracie Ann Coughlin

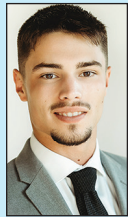


**COLLEGE**  
Western Iowa Tech  
Community College  
Sioux City, Iowa

**MAJOR**  
Career Interest: Diagnostic  
Medical Sonography

**PARENTS**  
Blake & Terri Coughlin

### Preston Michael Davis



**COLLEGE**  
South Dakota State University  
Brookings, South Dakota

**MAJOR**  
Agricultural Business

**PARENTS**  
Jerod & Jennifer Davis

### Austin Thomas Dendinger



**COLLEGE**  
Wayne State College  
Wayne, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Business

**PARENTS**  
Matt & Paula Dendinger

### Isabella Kathryn Eifert



**COLLEGE**  
Southeast Technical College  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**MAJOR**  
Diagnostic Medical Sonography

**PARENTS**  
Martin & Rose Beacom

### Chance Everett Fairchild



**COLLEGE**  
Northeast Community College  
Norfolk, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Electrical Construction  
and Control

**PARENTS**  
Justin Martin and  
Kristie Schram-Henjes

### Ashten Kay Finseth



**COLLEGE**  
Northwestern College  
Orange City, Iowa

**MAJOR**  
Nursing

**PARENTS**  
Dave & Sandy Finseth and  
Joshua Finseth & Carrie Parisien

### Brailyn Kay Hogan



**COLLEGE**  
Northeast Community College  
Norfolk, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Nursing

**PARENTS**  
Brent & Kamber Hogan

### Ellesyn Rae Hrouda



**COLLEGE**  
Wayne State College  
Wayne, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Food Science

**PARENTS**  
Brad & Codi Hrouda

### Bradley Ryan Lentz



**COLLEGE**  
Northwestern College  
Orange City, Iowa

**MAJOR**  
Music Education

**PARENTS**  
Brian & Kerrie Lentz

### Zachary Richard Luze



**COLLEGE**  
Morningside University  
Sioux City, Iowa

**MAJOR**  
Business Management  
and Exercise Science

**PARENTS**  
Patrick & Lori Luze

### Josilyn Marie Martin

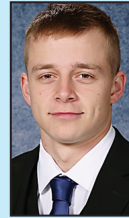


**COLLEGE**  
Wayne State College  
Wayne, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Early Childhood Education

**PARENTS**  
Justin Martin and  
Kristie Schram-Henjes

### Tucker Reed McGill



**COLLEGE**  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Pre-Med

**PARENTS**  
Reed & Amy McGill

### Bryce Stanley Pokorny

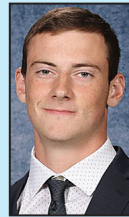


**COLLEGE**  
Northeast Community College  
Norfolk, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Building Construction

**PARENTS**  
Rachel Kneifl and  
Scott Pokorny

### Connor Savage Schamp



**COLLEGE**  
South Dakota State University  
Brookings, South Dakota

**MAJOR**  
Mechanical Engineering

**PARENTS**  
Ben & Julie Schamp

### Zain Drew Stark



**COLLEGE**  
Northwestern College  
Orange City, Iowa

**MAJOR**  
Business Management  
and Finance

**PARENTS**  
Andy & Kayla Stark

### Addison Darlene Stewart



**COLLEGE**  
Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Nursing

**PARENTS**  
Chris & Andrea Stewart

### Alexa Marie Swick



**COLLEGE**  
South Dakota State University  
Brookings, South Dakota

**MAJOR**  
Psychology & Ministry

**PARENTS**  
Jeffrey & Stacey Swick

## Lifetime Members continued

Kneifl, Chad  
Kneifl, Emma '18  
Kneifl, Irene (Bousquet) '39  
Kneifl, Julie  
Kneifl, Nicholas '15  
Knerl, Andy '99  
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, Cherrie 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  
Kully, Frances (Gleason) '39  
Lahm, Cassandra  
Lahm, Derek  
Lahrs, Kenneth J. - Lahrs Insurance Agency  
Lamprecht, Andrew '17  
Lamprecht, Carol (Olson) '55  
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  
\* Nazarene, 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  
Logue, Willy  
\* 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  
\* 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.  
(Vollenstein) '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 (Armbricht)  
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  
Thoeke, Jamie (Keller) '00  
Thompson, Kathy (Harder) '72  
Thompson, William  
\* Tidemann, Bonny (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 (Harrison) '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. (Fouls) '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  
Wilcox, Shirley M. (Fields) '39  
Wineland, Phil  
Wortmann, Cody  
Wortmann, Mallory  
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Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

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Albrecht, Cheri  
Albrecht, Leslie '73  
Albrecht, Martha  
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Anderson, Darold  
Anderson, Lucille (Harder) '39  
Anderson, Milo '43  
Anderson, Robert  
Anderson, Sharon  
\* Anderson, Virgil P.'40  
\* Andrews, Wilson E.'32  
\* Arends, Cheryl '64  
\* Armstrong, Carl '28  
Armstrong, David M.'71  
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Armstrong, Edwin '39  
\* Armstrong, Frances  
Armstrong, Frances (Noe) '32  
Armstrong, Frances (Pearson) '59  
\* Armstrong, Howard '58  
Armstrong, Jane  
Armstrong, Patrick  
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Asmussen, Emmett  
\* Asmussen, Joyce  
Asmussen, Kelly '70  
\* Ausdemore, Kenneth '58  
\* Backman, Stanley F.'51  
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Bauman, Garry '59  
Bauman, James J.'47  
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Beckner, Pete  
Bennett, Angie  
Bennett, Bailey '17  
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Bennett, Gary '64  
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\* Biggerstaff, Jim '49  
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\* Bird, Merle D.'54  
\* Birkley, Milo '45  
Blackstock, Marti (Buhr) '79  
Blatchford, Marilyn  
Blatchford, Paul  
Blecker, Lucille '24  
Bloomfield, Dan  
Bloomfield, Linda  
Bobier, Robert '71  
Bodlak, Abby (Hayes) '14  
Boeshart, George E.'63  
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Bogard, Col. Earl C. Jr.  
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\* Book, Larry '53  
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Boring, Clarice (Gibbs) '76  
\* Bossman, Harley  
\* Bossman, Helen (Wendte) '33  
Bossman, William '68  
Bostwick, Bonnie (Backman) '55  
Bostwick, Sharon (Meyers) '62  
Bostwick, Troy '82  
\* Bottorff, Clayton '44  
Bottorff, Ron '66  
Boulay, Michaelleen (Lowe) '58  
Bourn, Don '80  
Boyle, Duane  
Boyle, Krystal (Richards) '13  
Boyle, Patricia  
Boyle, Tanner '13  
Bradley, Crystal (Asmussen) '78  
Bradley, Georgia (Stroup) '51  
Brady, Nancy (Walsh) '74  
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The Educational Foundation was established in 1984 to enhance the quality of education in the Ponca School District. We solicit donations, bequests and endowed funds for scholarships, memorials, and other special uses. A \$100 donation will make you a LIFETIME MEMBER. Your membership is a commitment to quality education and counts as your first year of Honor Roll support.

New Members			
LIFETIME MEMBERS			
Marlene (Jensen) Beacom '75	Ellesyn Hrouda '25	Barry Krusemark	Jeff Pick '92
Evan Colfack	Amanda Jones	Cortni Krusemark	Tami (Voss) Pick '93
Alexis Hirschman	Craig Jones '74	Dalton Lamprecht '24	Quinn Wragge
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Norma "Jeanne" Eastop Memorial	Cheri Janssen Memorial	Jerry Pearson Memorial '57	
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	Werner "Tarz" Koeppel Memorial '51		

Brandt, Mike  
Brennan, Delmar '39  
Brennan, Jill (Rush) '86  
Brennan, Jo Ann '74  
Brennan, John C.'71  
Brennan, Rebecca (Froseth)  
Brewer, Billie (Brown) '65  
Brinkmann, Marni (Harder) '88  
Brinkmann, Steve '87  
Brockhaus, Sophie (Kramper) '18  
Brockhaus, Thersa (Lieber) '89  
Bromander, Connor '22  
\* Brondum, Virginia (Curry) '44  
\* Brown, William  
Bruening, Jackie  
\* Buettner, Clifford M.'36  
\* Buhl, Doris  
Burrell, Brian  
Burrell, Clair '23  
Burrell, Lindsay  
Calahan, Brendan  
Calahan, Megan  
Calvert, Charlotte (Mahon) '39  
Camargo, Jill  
Camburn, Idamae Watson (Jennison) '40  
Carnell, Frances (Crofoot) '42  
Carey, Thomas A.  
Carnell, Brady  
Carnell, Charles '68  
Carnell, Dennis '66  
Carnell, Kris '88  
Carnell, Nikki (Von Minden) '67  
Carnell, Stacey  
Carr, Donald '39  
\* Carter, George W.'37  
Chappelle Post 117 – American Legion  
Charlson, Jack '17  
Charlson, Melanie (Taylor) '87  
Class of 1957  
Class of 1969  
Clausen, Ann M. (Von Minden) '49  
Coates, Amy Lee (Gibbs) '81  
Conrad, Jenny (Meyers) '48  
\* Conrad, Kenneth '45  
\* Conrad, Leon '48  
\* Cook, Mark–Cook's Country Store  
Creative Sites, LLC  
Crofoot, Maurice  
Crosgrove, Kent L.'82  
Curry, Darrel G.'45  
\* Curry, David L.'59  
Curry, Donald M.'53  
\* Curry, Florence (Ellis)  
\* Curry, Gurn N.'50  
Curry, Gurn Robert '05  
Curry, Jared Henry '10  
Curry, Judy L. (McQuillen) '58  
Curry, Judy '84  
Curry, Justin John '07  
Curry, Leann  
Curry, Pam  
Curry, Phyllis E. (Gunderson) '57  
Curry, Robert Gurn '75  
\* Curry, Roger '55  
\* Curry, Roy–Curry Construction  
Curry, Steven S.'63  
Curry, Suzette  
\* Daniels, Ralph C.'31  
Davey, Lawrence P.'77  
Davey, John M.'76  
Davey, Richard P.'84  
Davey, Robert '86  
Day, Susie  
Debates, Ginny (Kayl) '83  
\* Delaval, Hazel (Merchant) '40  
Decker, Colleen

Harder, Daniel '04  
Harder, David– Ponca Auto, Inc.  
Harder, Janelle (Krause) '59  
Harder, Teri (Hamar) '76  
Harding, David  
Harding, Julie  
\* Harison, Bonnie (Harder) '46  
Harned, Pamela (Kilton) '97  
Harrington, Paula (Bourns) '63  
\* Hartnett, Alma Jean (Carter) '47  
Harvey, Helen (McKinley) '33  
Hassler, David  
Hassler, Francine (Davey) '82  
Hatcher, Jacque  
\* Hathaway, Ruth (Carr)  
\* Havranek, Ruth  
Hayes, Kristie  
Hayes, Robert  
Heald, Stacey  
Heaton, Scott  
Hegge, Kim (Walsh) '05  
Herfel, Jamie '08  
Herfel, Jeff '78  
Herfel, Justin  
Herfel, Kayla '10  
Herfel, Sheila  
Hinds, Marcia  
Hoekstra, Kathryn (Froseth)  
\* Hogan, Joanne (Verzani) '63  
Hohenstein, R. H.'66  
\* Horse, Mary V. (Jacobs) '49  
Hrouda, Abbie '23  
Hrouda, Brad  
Hrouda, Codi  
Hughes, Christopher  
Hughes, Jeremiah '03  
Hughes, Kellie (Lamprecht) '91  
\* Hull, Lorene (Bottorff) '37  
Hurley, Cathy (Ryan) '73  
\* Hurley, Charles B.'39  
Hurley, Dennis '73  
Husen, Mary  
Hudson, Cinda K. (Brill) '72  
Huston, David  
Huston, Lorrie  
\* Hutchings, Mary F. (Bevelhymmer) '44  
Iddings, Maxine (Rockwell) '35  
Incremona, Carol (McKinley) '60  
Irby, Robert '72  
Irby, Vicki (Mabeus) '72  
Irwin, Fr. Robert  
Irwin, Rebecca  
\* Iverson, Virginia (Mikesell) '20  
Jammer, Susan (Gibbs) '74  
\* Jennison, John H.'36  
\* Jennison, Margaret C. (Carr) '36  
Jennison, Morris C.'38  
Jensen, Dacia  
Jensen, Sandy (Bottorff) '78  
Johansen, Jason  
Johnson, Dennis  
Johnson, Kelsea M. (Fethkenher) '16  
Johnson, Kevin  
\* Johnson, Dr. Robert  
Kamrath, Elmer '42  
Kasperbauer, Kianna (Kramper) '15  
Kastning, Colton '09  
Kastning, John '95  
Kastning, Linda (McKinley) '64  
Kayl, Daryl F.'31  
\* Kayl, Harold V.'57  
\* Keller, Virginia (Harison) '65 – Keller Pharmacy  
Kephart, Clif  
Kephart, Kylee  
Kilton, Jodie (Courtier) '64  
Kilton, Johni Beth '00  
Kingsbury, Abbey (Taylor) '03  
\* Kingsbury, C. M.'26  
Kingsbury, Chris  
\* Kingsbury, F.A.'39  
\* Kingsbury, F.R.'14  
Kingsbury, Gwen (Heckens) '65  
Kingsbury, James A.'63  
\* Kingsbury, John F.'65  
Kingsbury, Myra Alley  
Kingsbury, Thomas '65  
Kingsbury, Vernice J.  
\* Klatt, Harold P.'39

2025 Scholarship Recipients...




**Dannika Rae Touney**

**COLLEGE**  
Northeast Community College  
Norfolk, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Veterinary Technician

**PARENTS**  
Gina & the late Ryan Touney




**Heydon Pedro Velez**

**COLLEGE**  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Computer Science

**PARENTS**  
Cathy Velez




**Jace Dylan Wahls**

**COLLEGE**  
Northeast Community College  
Norfolk, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Architectural Drafting

**PARENTS**  
Charles Wahls and  
Andrea Wahls




**Emma Lou Uthof**

**COLLEGE**  
Capitol Beauty School  
Omaha, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Cosmetology

**PARENTS**  
Evan Uthof and  
Ashley Uthof



**Ava Rose Voss**

**COLLEGE**  
Northeast Community College  
Norfolk, Nebraska

**MAJOR**  
Undeclared

**PARENTS**  
Brandon & Brooke Voss

Congratulations



to the 2025 PCEF  
Scholarship Recipients!

Investing in the Future: Ponca Promise Program

Now in its fourth year, the Ponca Promise Program continues to support seniors who are enrolled in college credit courses by offering financial assistance to offset their expenses. Each semester, eligible students can apply for reimbursement to help cover costs associated with their college credit classes.

This year, we are thrilled to see a record number of students apply, a testament to both the growing ambition of our students and the increasing value of this program. Since its launch, the Ponca Promise Program has awarded a total of \$3,750 in reimbursements!

We are excited to announce that starting in the 2025-2026 school year, the reimbursement amount will increase from \$75 to \$100 per semester for eligible seniors. This enhancement reflects our commitment to supporting students as they take on the challenge of college-level coursework while still in high school.

With this increase, we look forward to providing even greater financial support to our students in the years ahead.



Ponca Promise recipients - Fall Semester 2024: Back, l-r: Connor Schamp, Zachary Luze, Tucker McGill, Zain Stark, Bradley Lentz. Front: Ashten Finseth, Josilyn Martin, Alexa Swick, Brailyn Hogan, Isabella Eifert, Gracie Coughlin, Ellesyn Hrouda. Not pictured: Emma Uthof.



# 2024-2025 ... A Great Year for Ponca Community Educational Foundation, Inc.

## Building a Stronger Community: Ponca Community Educational Foundation Supports Hands-On Learning



At the PCEF we believe in the power of education to inspire, equip, and empower students both in school and in our community. One of the ways we make a difference is through our Special Use Awards, which provide funding for projects that enhance learning opportunities and real world skills.

Last year, the PCEF awarded a Special Use grant to Mr. Ryan Olander, the Industrial Technology teacher at Ponca High School, to purchase a commercial grade sander. This investment has had a positive impact on students, allowing them to take on an ambitious project that benefits the entire community.

Students have been hard at work this school year crafting bookshelves that will soon find a home at Ponca Carnegie Library. With the help of the sander that the PCEF funded, they have been able to refine their woodworking skills, and provide new bookshelves that will last for years to come.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment demonstrated by the students and teacher. This project is a perfect example of how educational grants can turn classroom learning into hands-on experience that benefits both students and the community. Through continued support from our generous donors, we can keep making projects like this possible!

Mr. Olander's construction class working on installing the shelves at the library.



**Hands-On Learning.** Left to right: Conner Schamp, Thomas Beavers, Zachary Luze, Mickenon Peterson, Tayler Tibbetts, Andrew Pinkelman, Chance Fairchild, William Stroud and Nolan Schweers.

## Strider Bikes: Inclusion and Freedom in Physical Education

Our PE program at Ponca Schools received a special use grant to add two Strider bikes to its equipment lineup. These balance bikes are being used in a variety of ways to promote inclusivity for our students. Whether it's offering a reward, a sensory break, or simply a new way to participate, the bikes provide students with opportunities they may not have had before.

Jessi Walsh, Ponca PE teacher, commented, "I have seen how the bikes foster independence,



Gentry Viergutz and Owen Brand demonstrate strider bikes.

build confidence, and create moments of joy. I love that it gives all of our students the freedom to be a part of class in a way that works for them." PCEF is proud to support tools like these that make a real difference, one ride at a time!

## Fueling Success for NSCAS Testing



Each spring, PCEF helps provide a **healthy breakfast** for students in grades 3-8 before they take the NSCAS state tests. A nutritious start to the day helps students stay focused, energized, and ready to do their best.

What makes it even more special? **Our dedicated teachers come in early to prepare and serve the breakfast themselves**—a gesture our students truly appreciate. It's a meaningful way to show support, ease nerves, and start the day with encouragement.

This small act makes a **big impact**—supporting both student wellness and academic success. Thanks to our donors and our amazing staff, we're giving kids the fuel they need to shine on testing day!



## PCEF Announces 2026 Funding Opportunities

The Ponca Community Education Foundation (PCEF) announces its 2026 Funding Opportunities for Ponca Graduating Seniors, Ponca Alumni, and School District Employees. One of the purposes of the PCEF is to promote and support educational opportunities for the students of the Ponca Public School District. The main avenue of support has always been funding scholarships to Ponca High School graduating seniors.

Additional information about each funding opportunity, as well as the applications can be found on the following website: [www.pcef.net](http://www.pcef.net). Any person can also contact the Ponca High School Guidance Office at 402-755-5702 for assistance.

**Completed applications and supporting documentation must be returned to Quinn Wragge by Friday, February 27th, 2026 at 4:00 PM.** This can be done in person at Ponca Public School or via email at: [quinnwragge@poncaschool.org](mailto:quinnwragge@poncaschool.org)

### Funding Categories Include:

1. Awards for PHS Graduating Seniors
2. Awards for PHS Alumni
3. Awards for Certified Staff at Ponca School
4. Awards for Non-Certified Staff at Ponca School

We could not do this without the continued generous support from our members. Should an individual, family, or business wish to contribute to the PCEF, please contact Foundation President Richard Dohma, 402-755-2224. Thank you!

*A Scholarship Selection Committee reviews each application using a scoring system based on academics, activities, and the overall strength of the application. Many awards have specific eligibility criteria set by donors.*