

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
***Scholarship Sub Total** \$ 49,850.00

*Totals do not include reallocated amounts.

2025 TOTAL DONATIONS
 to students and staff since inception:

\$951,496.12

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Bryce Book

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.



Tammy Book



Quinn Wragge



Barry Krusemark

We are excited to welcome our newest Board Members

SPECIAL USE SELECTION

Julie Kramper, Chairperson
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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

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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.



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



DONATE HERE

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

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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.

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."



Cheri Janssen

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 Special Use Memorial Endowment.....	\$775.00
*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

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.



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



HONOR SOCIETY

(Gifts of \$2,500 or more)

Dave & Jane Armstrong (21)
Howard & Frances Armstrong (24)
Bank of Dixon County (32)
Colonel Earl & Cedia Bogard (22)
Bruce & Nicole Erickson (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 Tunnicliff (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)
Sean & Wendy Masin (13)
Dave & Fran (Davey) Hassler (28)

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)

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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, Julie '66
Armstrong, Lyle
Armstrong, Terry
Anderson, Darold
Anderson, Susan
Armstrong, Greg
Backman, Evan
Bauman, Albert '50
Bauman, Larry
Beller, Frances (Velte) '29
Beren, Helen
Bennett, Jacob
Bennett, Joanne '65
Bencsoter, Gail (Gregg) '75
Bensen, Shirley
Bevelhymer, Steve '76
Bevelhymer, 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
Bouquet, Mary (Sullivan) '39
Brennan, Delmar '39
Buettnar, 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
Ehlike, 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, Margarette 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 Louise '42
Gibbs, Ida Louise (Heidy)
Gibbs, Maude
Gibbs, William J. Sr. '42
Ginsberg, Joseph '25
Gleason, Dale G.
Golden, Jack '54
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" '42
Hurley, Robert '42
Husen, Steve
Huston, David

Iverson, Buff '43
Iverson, Gary
Jeffords, John L. '46
Jennison, Jack
Jennison, Kit
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Jones, Paul Dale '55
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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

MEMORIALS

Norma "Jeanne" Eastop Memorial	Cheri Janssen Memorial	Jerry Pearson Memorial '57
O. Kirk Ehlers Memorial	Phil Knerl Memorial	William Thompson Memorial
	Werner "Tarz" Koeppel Memorial '51	

Albrecht, Allie '13
Albrecht, Cheri
Albrecht, Leslie '73
Albrecht, Martha
American Legion Auxiliary
Anderson, Cindy Morgan
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
Armstrong, Don '39
Armstrong, Edwin '39
* Armstrong, Frances
Armstrong, Frances (Noe) '32
Armstrong, Frances (Pearson) '59
* Armstrong, Howard '58
Armstrong, Jane
Armstrong, Patrick
Armstrong, William D '39
Asmussen, Emmett
* Asmussen, Joyce
Asmussen, Kelly '70
* Ausdemore, Kenneth '58
Backman, Stanley F '51
* Bainbridge, Kim (Von Minden) '75
Balvantin, Lisa
Balvantin, Miguel
* Bank of Dixon County
Bauman, Barbara
Bauman, Garry '59
Bauman, James J '47
Bauman, Mark '90
Beckner, Michelle
Beckner, Pete
Bennett, Angie
Bennett, Bailey '17
Bennett, Brent '85
Bennett, Gary '64
Bessmer, Dr. Aaron
Bevelhymer, James A '81
Bianchini, Corliss (Asmussen) '67
* Biggerstaff, Jim '49
Binkard, William
* 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
Bogard, Celia
Bogard, Col. Earl C. Jr.
Boock, Kathie (Kruse) '70
Book, Britney
Book, Bryce '06
Book, Jeanene (Stallbaum) '54
Book, Kelven M '75
Book, Kenton '76
* Book, Larry '53
Book, Tammy (Harder) '76
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, Michaela (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
Brandt, Jeanne

Harder, Daniel '04
Harder, David - Ponca Auto, Inc.
Harder, Janelle (Krause) '59
Harder, Teri (Hamar) '76
Harding, David
Harding, Julie
* Harrison, 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. (Bevelhymer) '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
Kay, Daryl F '31
* Kay, Harold V '57
* Keller, Virginia (Harison) '65 - Keller Pharmacy
Kephart, Clif
Kephart, Kylene
Kilton, Jodie (Courtier) '64
Kilton, Johni Beth '00
Kingsbury, Abby (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



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 Tibbets, Andrew Pinkelman, Chance Fairchild, William Stroud and Nolan Schweers.

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!

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, 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!



Gentry Viergutz and Owen Brand demonstrate strider bikes.

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. 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

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.