



## MENDON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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The Mendon Schools Foundation, an all volunteer organization, was established in 1985 to help the students, teachers and staff of Mendon Schools.

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# Thank-you



Marc Kramer is leaving Mendon Schools after 19 years of service. He has accepted the position of Superintendent of Quincy Schools.

Thank-you for your leadership and devotion to Mendon Students.

Good luck in your new challenges.  
You will be missed

## June 2018

The Mendon Community Schools Foundation is responsible for the administration of the endowed scholarships for Mendon students. On Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, sixteen recipients were awarded the following scholarships at the annual High School Awards Assembly.



### ***EverGreene Memorial Scholarship***

The EverGreene Memorial Scholarship was established by the EverGreene Foundation to honor Blaine and Joyce Rabbers and to help a Mendon graduate pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math or alternatively in Music. Blaine and Joyce were life-long learners, known for their love of nature and for encouraging others to pursue their passions. The EverGreene Memorial Scholarship was established in 2018 to help and encourage a Mendon Student to pursue their dreams.



Arjun Vorster, Leasa Griffith

The EverGreene Scholarship was awarded to Arjun Vorster. Arjun, son of Tom & Tanja Jones, will be attending Milwaukee School of Engineering and majoring in Civil & Environmental Engineering.

## *Jan K. Hollenbeck Teachers Scholarship*

Jan Hollenbeck was a teacher at Mendon Middle School and retired in 1991. He established this scholarship to encourage students to pursue careers in teaching and to leave a legacy of education, hard work and devotion to the community. This scholarship was first awarded in 2012.



Wyatt Cupp, MaKenzie Oatley, Roger Cupp, Micaela Steinberger, Tom Wenzel, Nikolas Andaverde and Mikki Feister. Not pictured is Sabrina Griffith.

The Hollenbeck Scholarship was awarded to 5 Seniors and 1 recent graduate.

Wyatt Cupp, son of Greg & Amy Cupp, will be attending Western Michigan University and majoring in Secondary Education.

Makenzie Oatley, daughter of Casey & Stacy Oatley, will be attending Trine University in Angola, Indiana and majoring in Elementary Education.

Micaela Steinberger, daughter of Otto & DyAnn Steinberger, will be attending Kalamazoo Valley Community College and majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Nikolas Andaverde, son of Leo & Belinda Andaverde, will be attending Western Michigan University and majoring in Secondary Education.

Dominique 'Mikki' Feister, son of Michelle Feister, will be attending Albion College and majoring in Education.

Sabrina Griffith, a 2017 graduate and daughter of Shawn & Tricia Griffith, will be attending Kalamazoo Valley Community College and majoring in Education.

## **Thank-you**

The Mendon Schools Foundation would like to thank the following teachers and staff for their help in the awarding of the scholarships:

Leigh Ann Hagenbuch  
Sandy Hiatt  
Jan Griffith  
Lisa VanZoest  
Stephen Wickey  
Art Stephenson  
Billy Rivard  
Glen Samson

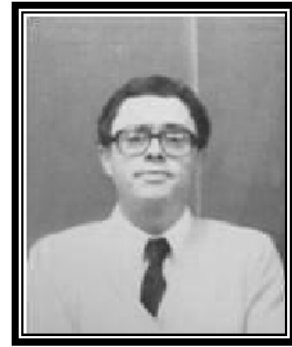


Roger Rathburn

As the school year ends, we are remembering Roger Rathburn, former Superintendent and Member of the Mendon Schools Foundation. Thank-you for your many contributions to Mendon Schools.

## ***John F. Outman Memorial Scholarship***

The Outman Scholarship was established in 1992 to honor Mendon Middle School Teacher John Outman. John was known for encouraging his students to set high goals and always do their personal best. An eagle trophy is given to symbolize the attainment of those high goals.



Kaden Frye, Bonnie Outman

The Outman Scholarship was awarded to Kaden Frye. Kaden, son of Dean & Pearlee Frye, will be attending Trine University in Angola, Indiana and majoring in Civil Engineering.



## ***Jones Family Memorial Scholarship***

The Geraldine Jones Scholarship was established in 1999, and renamed in 2012 to also honor her husband Robert. Bob and Gerry were involved in many facets of Mendon Community Life, their church and Mendon Schools.

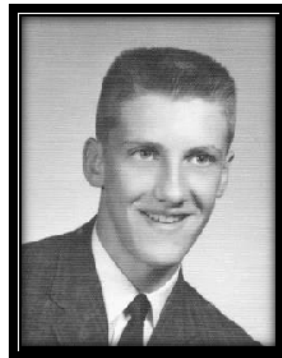


Tom Jones, Lauren Oke, Pat Conroy

The Jones Scholarship was awarded to Lauren Oke. Lauren, daughter of Thomas & Sharon Oke, will be attending Glen Oaks Community College to complete her General Studies.

## ***Doug Samson Memorial Scholarship***

Doug Samson supported many aspects of the Mendon Community including Little League and the Mendon Dust-Off. The Samson Scholarship was established in 2001 by Doug and his family to encourage Mendon graduates to pursue their passion for the sport of baseball.



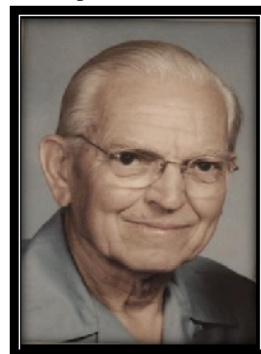
Mikki Feister, Glen Samson

The Samson Scholarship was awarded to Dominique 'Mikki' Feister. Mikki, the son of Michelle Feister, will be attending Albion College and majoring in Education.



## ***Robert Millard Memorial Scholarship***

Bob Millard never lost his zest for learning. He enjoyed learning something new every day. He had a deep curiosity about how things work, and how to make them better. The Millard Scholarship was established in 2007, so that through his scholarship, Bob could help a student on their journey of learning and discovery.



Arjun Vorster, Bonnie Outman

The Millard Scholarship was awarded to Arjun Vorster. Arjun, the son of Tom & Tanja Jones, will be attending Milwaukee School of Engineering and majoring in Civil & Environmental Engineering.



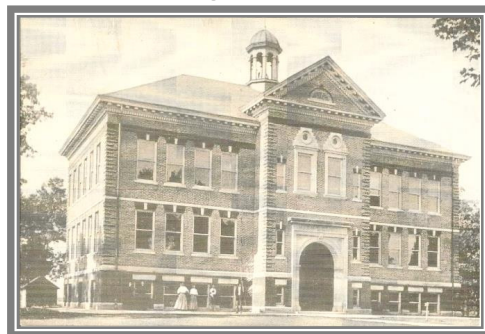
To learn about setting up a new scholarship, please contact the Mendon Community Schools Foundation at:  
eMail: [Foundation@MendonSchools.org](mailto:Foundation@MendonSchools.org)  
Phone: 496-8491

For more information about existing scholarships, including qualifications and monetary gifts, visit the school's website: <https://mendonschools.org/mendon-foundation/foundation-scholarships/>



## ***Heritage Schoolhouse Scholarship***

The Heritage Schoolhouse Scholarships were first given in 2012. They were established to honor the history of the original Mendon School built in 1906, and to encourage and support students who want to pursue a career in the Skilled Trades or to further their academic career at a college or university.



Wyatt Cool, Sydney Griffith, Roger Cupp, Emily Vendal, Connor Henckel.

The Heritage Scholarship was awarded to 4 Seniors.

Wyatt Cool, son of Kevin & Lynn Cool, will be attending Michigan State University and majoring in Business.

Sydney Griffith, daughter of Shawn & Tricia Griffith, will be attending Glen Oaks Community College to complete her General Studies.

Emily Vendal, daughter of John & Kim Vendal, will be attending Western Michigan University and majoring in Psychology and Law.

Connor Henckel, son of Matt & Robin Henckel, will be attending Glen Oaks Community College in the Early Middle College Program. He will receive his scholarship when he transfers to a 4 year program.

## ***Michael J. Vrobel Memorial Scholarship***

Mike Vrobel had a knack for being able to fix whatever needed repair. He was a Welder, Machinist, Mold Maker, Electrical & Hydraulic troubleshooter just to name a few. Mike was what we called a “Practical Engineer”. He was also a farmer and worked using his talents around the county. In 2016, Affinity Custom Molding established this scholarship in his memory to help a Mendon Graduate follow in his footsteps to develop their talents in Skilled Trades, Manufacturing & Industrial Technology as well as Natural Resources & Agriculture.



Susan Vrobel, Todd Cook, Hunter Lovell, Dave Cook

The Vrobel Scholarship was awarded to Hunter Lovell. Hunter, son of Bruce & Mary Lovell, will be attending Glen Oaks Community College and majoring in Welding.



## ***Scholarship Donations***

The Foundation Scholarships are financed by endowment funds, set up by family and friends.

The following contributions were made in 2017-2018 to the corresponding endowment funds.

<b>Donor</b>	<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Scholarship Fund</b>
EverGreene Foundation	EverGreene Memorial	Affinity Custom Molding	Michael J. Vrobel Memorial
Audrey Conroy Memorials	Jones Family Memorial	Lyle Outman Memorials	John F. Outman Memorial
Ludders Cleaners	Jones Family Memorial	Larry & Sherry Engle	John F. Outman Memorial
Lori Masnari	Jones Family Memorial	Bonnie Outman	John F. Outman Memorial
Adam & Lindsey McClain	Jones Family Memorial	Linda Lance	John F. Outman Memorial

# Funding Grants

The Mendon Schools Foundation sponsors four grant funding programs.

An example of each from the 2017 grant requests are included below.

The 2018 Request Lists for the annual Fall fundraiser will come out in October 2018.

## Teacher Requests

The Foundation has been funding requests from the Teachers for over 20 years. In 2010, we started publishing the Request List, so that donors could direct their gift to a specific request. The Teacher Requests are funded by the Foundation's annual Fall Request List Fundraiser. In 2017, all of the 22 Teacher Requests were funded.

### Teacher Request #7 Art Stephenson

30 Headphones for the Elementary computer lab. Current headphones are wearing out and don't fit on Kindergarteners and 1st graders.

This request was funded by:  
Shelly Cassel in honor of Izy Cassel.



## Student Requests

Recognizing that the students have a unique perspective on the needs of the school, in 2015 the Foundation started the Student's Request List. The Student Requests are funded by the Foundation's annual Fall Request List Fundraiser. In 2017, 5 Student Requests were included in the annual fundraiser. All 5 of the requests were funded.

### Student Request # 2

Request submitted by:

Jeremiah Vroman 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Brendan Griffith 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Stephanie Lamb 11<sup>th</sup> grade

Faculty Advisor: Billy Rivard

T-shirts for the Science Olympiad Teams, to promote team spirit and school pride, and supplies for the projects.

This request was funded by:  
American Metal Fab  
Affinity Custom Molding



## **Special Requests**

Starting in 2012, the Foundation initiated the Special Requests Program. These requests are funded by the Foundation. In 2017, 14 Special Requests were submitted. The Foundation was able to fully fund 10 requests and partially fund 2 more. Two of the Special Requests were not funded.

### **Special Request #9 Kaitlin Keck**

The Mendon Band Boosters and the Mendon Schools Foundation partnered together to fund new concert band uniforms for the Middle & High School Band.

According to Ms. Keck, "Having a uniform identifies us as a unified team and it gives the band members a sense of pride in their ensemble. "



## **Fryling Family Requests for At Risk Kids**

To honor Dan and Boo Fryling, in 2016 the Fryling Family started this program to fund requests for kids who have difficulty learning. In 2017, all 3 requests were funded.

### **Fryling Request #1 Nicci Plummer**

Games, manipulatives, behavior tools and rewards to use for my proactive behavior groups; to help teach coping skills, conflict resolution, foster relationships, create behavior plans and increase social skills.

