

NSEF Newsletter

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Norwalk Student Education Foundation

NSEF is an independent community organization dedicated to provide resources to enhance educational experiences and opportunities for students in the Norwalk Community schools. The foundation was formed in 2010 as a school foundation in order to receive charitable, tax-deductible donations to supplement and enhance educational opportunities for students in Norwalk.

Since our founding in 2010, NSEF has provided students, organizations and teachers with support and resources that allow Norwalk Schools to reach beyond budget limitations. NSEF provides scholarships to outstanding graduates; awards education enrichment grants twice per year for programs/projects to enhance student learning; provides workshops to strengthen talents of students and allow them to develop new skills; supports academics, special needs, athletics, the arts, and existing educational organizations in the district. NSEF is committed to providing long-term support to the school district by bringing grass-roots based support for education in Norwalk schools. Each year our investment and earning power grows thanks to contributions from members of the Norwalk community and family members of Norwalk students. As a result of that growth, we have greater ability to fund the scholarships and grants. We encourage you to consider investing with NSEF. If we all work together, we can truly have a significant impact on our students.

Teacher Grants

Recently, the NSEF awarded three grants to deserving Norwalk teachers. Two math teachers, Kari Dawson from Eastview and Kelli Bass from Norwalk Middle School, applied for grants to purchase graphing calculators for their classrooms. Each received \$500, and both have the goal of eventually purchasing entire classroom sets of calculators.



Kari Dawson, recipient of a \$500 grant to purchase calculators.

Jude Braune and Joe Kuhn also received a \$500 grant to be used for Functional Community Living field trips for special needs students.



Jude Braune and Joe Kuhn, also received a \$500 grant from NSEF.

Congratulations to all grant winners!

Senior Scholarships

On Thursday, May 22, numerous seniors received scholarships and awards at Academic Honors Night. NSEF happily sponsored the following scholarships and awards:

Rachel Lundberg

Dedication Scholarship
Norwalk Business / Simon Estes
Business Scholarship

Tyler French

Principal's Award

Morgan Westvold

Vivian Anderson Schneider
Memorial Scholarship

Thomas Scallon

Meinecke Soccer Scholarship
Eltjes Scholarship for Academic and
Athletic Excellence

Emily Tunender

Meinecke Soccer Scholarship

Salem Hildebrandt

Meinecke Cross Country
Scholarship
Eltjes Scholarship for Academic and
Athletic Excellence

Clarissa Lewis

Meinecke Cross Country
Scholarship

Chris Higgins

Norwalk Business / Simon Estes
Community Service Scholarship

Elizabeth Frame

Norwalk Business / Simon Estes
Wartburg Scholarship

Jordan Patterson

Norwalk Business / Simon Estes
Music Scholarship

Andrew Noble

Norwalk Business / Simon Estes
Peer Scholarship

This year NSEF offered many new scholarships. One of our goals in the next few years is to offer every senior attending a secondary education program a scholarship of some type. Here is how two Norwalk families have helped us in our mission:

Michelle and George Meinecke provided four scholarships this year. The money was donated through transfers of stocks.

"NSEF made it simple to donate to help our kids pursue vocational or college education opportunities. NSEF asked some basic questions for scholarship criteria and handled the rest. All we had to do is feel good about it."

- Michelle and George Meinecke

Jodi and Scott Eltjes have been donating to NSEF through their company's annual giving program.

"As a family we wanted to create a mechanism to help support students in the Norwalk school district. We understand the importance of a strong education and its impact on a person's

future. We believe academics, athletics and community involvement are important in developing an individual for future success."

- Jodi and Scott Eltjes

Congratulations to all scholarship winners, and thank you to everyone who has helped create these scholarship opportunities!

Facebook and Twitter

You can now stay up to date with NSEF's latest activities through our Facebook and Twitter accounts! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/NorwalkSEF> and follow @_NSEF on Twitter to read relevant information concerning the actions NSEF is taking to better students' experiences at Norwalk.

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