



*Assisting with Higher Education  
and Investing for the Future*

*May 13, 2009*

**DEB ALLMAN MEMORIAL** - This scholarship was first awarded in 2000. Deb Allman was an elementary teacher at Benton Community from 1995 – 1999. She was the wife of Steve Allman and the mother of Katie & Joel Allman. Deb passed away in 1999 after a courageous battle with breast cancer. As a very dedicated teacher, she made learning fun for her students. Deb was an inspiration to us all & will live on in our hearts.

**ATKINS LUMBER COMPANY** - The Tom Lange family, owners of Atkins Lumber, reached permanent status in 2004. Their hope is to assist students in furthering their education.

**ATKINS TELEPHONE COMPANY** - The Atkins Telephone Company awarded their first permanent scholarship in 1999. They continue to be an annual supporter of the BSF.

**BENTON MUTUAL INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP** – Achieved permanent status in 2005. Benton Mutual Insurance Association goal is to help provide students with the opportunity to further their education in their chosen fields. Their selections are based on academics, participation in extra curricular activities, and financial need. Benton Mutual Insurance Association congratulates all the students who earned scholarships today, and wishes them the best of luck in all of their continued educational efforts.

**BENTON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** – This scholarship started in 2001 on behalf of Benton Scholarship Foundation Board members. Each year board members contribute to this scholarship fund. Our mission is to help provide higher education for Benton graduates through the generous donations from businesses, patrons and friends of Benton Community in the form of scholarships.

**LILLIAN CHRISTIANSON STONER MEMORIAL** – Lillian Christianson Stoner graduated from Norway High School in 1901. She taught in the high school before leaving Norway in 1908. Her father was thought to have built the first grain elevator in Norway and also built one in Watkins. Lillian & her husband lived in Albany, New York where Mr. Stoner taught ornithology and Lillian assisted him in his work.

**RAY & GERTRUDE DETLEFSEN MEMORIAL** – Ray & Gertrude Detlefsen owned and operated Ray’s Foodland in Norway from 1938 until 1989. For many years, they supported several community activities in Norway including the annual Halloween contest. They took a great interest in the many students they employed at the store and always encouraged good work ethics.

**RON & SALLY DONALD SCHOLARSHIP** – Ron Donald retired in 1999 after teaching 33 years. He taught twenty-seven of those years at Benton Community. He stated, “I give to the Benton Foundation because when I was a senior, one of my teachers gave me \$100 for college. That made a tremendous impact on my life and, hopefully, I can now help others with their education.”

**FINAL SEASON SCHOLARSHIP** – Established in 2007 from funds generated from making of the movie: “The Final Season”, based on Norway School Districts final baseball season.

**GAHRING MACHINE** – This company was one of the first to endow a scholarship with the BSF reflecting their concern for the students of BC pursuing higher education.

The following banks have reached permanent scholarship status and continue to make annual contributions to the Foundation. The year following there name indicates the first year in which they contributed to the Foundation.

Atkins Savings Bank, 1990	Bank Iowa, 1995
Benton County State Bank, 1990	Chelsea Savings Bank, Van Horne, 1995
Keystone Savings Bank, 1990	Palo Savings Bank, 1995
Watkins Savings Bank, 1995	Wells Fargo, 1999

*To obtain more information on establishing a permanent scholarship, please contact:*

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***Benton Scholarship Foundation Board Members:***

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**VAN HORNE TELEPHONE SCHOLARSHIP** – Van Horne Cooperative Telephone Co. is proud to have reached permanent status in 2006. We are glad to be a part of the Benton Scholarship Fund to encourage students to further their education.

**DR. DONALD & VERNA WAGNER MEMORIAL** -- This scholarship was created in 2009. Dr. Wagner was a veterinarian for many years in the town of Atkins where he and his wife, Verna, raised nine children, Mary, Ann, John, Mike, Carol, Laura, Donna, David, and Julie. All of their children graduated from Benton Community, which provided them with a solid foundation in academics, fine arts, civic activities, and sports. This preparation helped all of the Wagner children pursue higher education and careers to lead successful lives. The scholarship is given to help students with their financial needs as they begin their college careers.

**DAVID WEICHMAN MEMORIAL** – David was an attorney and long time resident of Newhall, Iowa. He was a pilot in the United States Air Force during World War II. Before his death in 2000, David requested that a scholarship be set up to help area youth further their education.

**CHAD HENNINGS SCHOLARSHIP** – Chad Hennings graduated from Benton Community High School in 1984. He is a 1988 graduate of the US Air Force Academy and swerved 45 missions flying in support of Operation Provide Comfort in N. Iraq. He currently serves as a Major in active reserves in the capacity of promoting the Air Force and Air Force Academy. He played 9 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys as a starting defensive lineman and participated in 3 Super Bowl Championship Teams. Chad serves on the Board for Happy Hill Farm Academy Home and speaks to civic and non-profit groups on values and motivation. He wrote a book titled “It Takes Commitment” which talks about his former teachers and the importance of education. This award was established in 2006.

**HUMPHREY BOYS** – Established in 2009.

**KENNETH and ETTA LEE MEMORIAL** – This award was established in 2006.

**MANSFIELD CHARITABLE TRUST** – The Mansfield Charitable Trust has generously donated to the Benton Scholarship Foundation each year since 2001.

**MASONIC LODGE SCHOLARSHIP** – The dispensation for the organization of the Blairstown Masonic Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge of Iowa on August 25, 1866. The Charter was granted June 5, 1867. On June 4, 1998, Lincoln Lodge consolidated with Vinton Lodge No. 62. In May of 1998, Lincoln Lodge gave \$50,000.00 to the Benton Scholarship Foundation. Prior to that time, Lincoln Lodge had presented scholarships to the Benton Community School each year.

**DORIS & TERRY MARKWITZ SCHOLARSHIP** – This award was established in 2007. Terry and Doris would like to congratulate all the graduates for their academic achievement. They encourage everyone to look fondly back on your years at Benton and also look forward with hope as you enter the next step of your educational journey.

**RICK & CINDY NOLAN SCHOLARSHIP** – Rick Nolan is a 1975 graduate of Benton Community. He married Cindy in 1976 and they have made rural Van Horne their home. They have raised 3 children in the Benton Community School District. Rick farms and his two sons are now farming with him. Cindy has worked in the health field. They have one daughter who works with at-risk children.

**ALBERTA OWENS SCHOLARSHIP** – Alberta is very fond of Benton County. After graduating from Iowa State University, she lived here all of her life. She is always ready to help a cause in Benton County, especially if it benefits young people. Therefore, donating to the Benton Scholarship Foundation is important to her.

**MELISSA PALMERSHEIM MEMORIAL** - This scholarship is in memory of Benton Community student, Melissa Palmersheim. Melissa died in 2000 from injuries sustained in a car accident on her way to work one evening after school. Melissa was a dedicated student and a member of National Honor Society. She was a junior at Benton Community. After high school, she planned to attend college with aspirations of becoming a physician's assistant. Her parents have established this scholarship with the hope that it will help another Benton Community student achieve their college goal.

**RUDOLPH PINGEL MEMORIAL** - 2005 marked the first year for this scholarship. Rudy, as he preferred to be called, was a life time resident of rural Keystone who passed away in 2003. He served his country in the Army from 1942 to 1946, after which he farmed until he was 70 years old. Rudy liked to spend his time dancing, buying clothes and going to different nursing homes talking to people. His generosity was very widespread; his estate gave to over a dozen local entities and 18 of his heirs.

**IRENE POHLMAN MEMORIAL** - Irene passed away in 2007. She worked in the Keystone school as a head cook for 25 years. With only an 8th grade education, she always regretted her lack of education but was so proud of the 13 college degrees that her children and grandchildren earned. So to honor her and her regard for higher education, the family dedicates this scholarship in her name.

**PRUSHA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP** – Jo & Todd Prusha believe that education creates opportunities that are unlimited. As graduates of BC, we appreciate the investment that the school district made to our lives and now to our own children. We are grateful to both the BSF and BC, and their partnership with the payroll deduction, for us to provide this scholarship for other graduates of BC.

**RAUSCH FINANCIAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP** – Established in 2006, we believe strongly in the importance of students continuing their education. As parents of Benton alumni we appreciated what the Benton Foundation provided for our children and what they do for all the students at Benton Community.

**H. O. SCHLOEMAN MEMORIAL & RUTH SCHLOEMAN MEMORIAL** - This scholarship was first awarded in 2004 to any ISU ag student. Henry Schloeman (1892 – 1983) and Ruth Jones Schloeman (1891-1987) were active in the Norway community & Benton County for more than 60 years. Henry was a director of Benton County Savings Bank for over 50 years. He also served on the board of Lenox Mutual Insurance Company and was president of South Slope Telephone Company when it went into service in 1958. Ruth came to Norway as a high school teacher after attending the University of Iowa. She was very artistic and was also very active in the community. Their motto was “Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy.”

**LINNIE SCHLOEMAN/YOUNG CORN MEMORIAL** – Established in 2006. Linnie E. Schloeman was the first woman Superintendent of schools in Benton County. Grant Wood’s famous “Young Corn” painting was painted as a memorial to Linnie E. Schloeman. Linnie Schloeman was a junior high math teacher at Wilson Jr High in CR. Her students and a few teachers collected (apprx) \$200 and asked Grant Wood to paint a tribute 'Young Corn' at the time of her death in 1930. The sight of the painting is in Iowa County north of High Amana across from the Lenex Cemetary where she is buried. The Schloeman’s, long-time residents of Norway and dedicated servants to Benton County, have continued to give back to the people of this area.

**BRUCE SCHULTE MEMORIAL** - This scholarship was first awarded in 2004. It was established by Bruce’s family after he was killed in a farm accident in 2002. Bruce was a graduate of LaSalle high school and farmed in the Norway area all his life. He loved to work with young people, especially helping with their FFA & 4-H projects.

**JASON SEBOLT MEMORIAL** – 2005 was the first year for this scholarship. Jason was a 1988 graduate of Benton Community and a member of the Benton Community athletics Hall of Fame. Jason passed away September 4th, 2002. His friends (Matt Miner, Chad Wauters, Todd Becker, and John McGivern) started an annual golf outing in October of 2004 at Tara Hills Country Club to raise money for a scholarship to be awarded in his memory. Jason’s family and friends would like to congratulate you for showing your excellence in achieving this award. God bless you in all your future endeavors. Life is awaiting you to achieve the best that you can be and we hope that this will help. Thank you.

**SINDT IMPLEMENT** - This scholarship was first awarded in 2004. The three children of Darold and Paulette Sindt were among the first to benefit from the Benton Community merger. The Sindt family has a long history of supporting higher education.

**BEN & NINA SMITH MEMORIAL** – 2005 was the first year for the Smith scholarship. Nina was a graduate of Vinton High School class of 1928. Ben and Nina were married in May of 1935 and lived on a farm outside of Van Horne. Ben passed away in 1990 and Nina stayed on the farm until 1993 when she moved to Vinton. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Vinton and a lifetime member of the Historical Society and the Izaak Walton League. Nina passed away in March of 2005.

**DUSTIN STODDARD MEMORIAL** – 2006 was the first year for this scholarship. It was established by the Jim and Cindy Stoddard family in memory of their nephew and cousin Dustin, who died in a boating accident on July 17, 2005. Dustin was a 1998 Benton Community graduate who was involved in football and baseball. Dustin's future goal was to one day own and operate his own transmission and auto repair shop."Life Is Not Measured By Length But By Depth"

**MR. & MRS. OTIS TUTTLE MEMORIAL** – Otis Tuttle graduated from Norway High School in 1907. He attended Coe College, then transferred, and graduated from Iowa State University. He served as an officer with the Army in WW1, then farmed near Norway for 57 years. In May, 1921, he married May Collins, a Home Economics teacher in Norway. Otis was very dedicated to the community, contributing generously to the Norway Public Library and other community projects. He loved baseball. His one regret was that he and May were unable to have children of their own, so he became interested in helping other children. He often said, “I try to keep abreast of the young folks and their activities for that is the way to stay in touch with the community.” Otis died at the age of 103.

**ROYAL & HAZEL TUTTLE MEMORIAL** – The original Tuttle Scholarship was established by Royal & Hazel Tuttle in memory of their son, William, who died in a farm accident in 1951. Royal graduated from Norway High School in 1910 and attended Coe College. He married Hazel Gilchrist in 1924 and they settled on the family farm near Norway. He and Hazel had 5 children. Royal was a WW 1 veteran and a member of the Last Man’s Club. He organized the Florence Hawkeyes 4-H Club and was active with the club for 40 years. He was active in the community and loved baseball. Royal touched the lives of many young people in Norway and always had a positive attitude. He died at the age of 93.