

The Optimist Club of Richfield is dedicated to “Bringing Out the Best in Kids.” These scholarships are just one of the ways the Optimist Club supports Richfield students and schools.

Jesica Capetillo

Optimist Club Scholarship
University of St. Thomas, Psychology

Esmeralda Martinez Castellanos



Optimist Club Scholarship
Aveda Arts & Science Institute, Cosmetology

Nora Mathison

Optimist Club Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Duluth, Education

Nadine Neu

Optimist Club Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Business



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FOUNDATION**

Funding tomorrow's opportunities
for today's Spartans

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35th Annual Richfield Spartan Foundation Scholarship Award Ceremony

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Welcome

David Boie, Foundation President

Remarks

Dr. Steven Unowsky, Superintendent

Introductions of Scholarship Donors

Jerry Nye and Steve Lindgren
Spartan Foundation Board Members

Scholarship Recipients

Optimist Club Scholarships
Doug Kleist

Athena and Tom Spooner Award
Chris Peterson

Spartan Foundation Scholarships
Sara Linde, Counselor

Closing Remarks

David Boie

We extend our sincere appreciation to all the donors who share their visions of a bright future for our RHS students.

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Herby Family Education Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Duluth, Education

Michael McKnight

Officer Robert Doeden Memorial Scholarship
Gustavus Adolphus College, Marketing and Entrepreneurship

Samuel Melgar

Dick Walker Memorial Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Engineering

Karina Mendoza Lopez

Steve Grindeland Memorial Scholarship
St. Olaf College, Biology

Audrey Olson

Athena Award Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Morris, Biology/Pre-Med

Dylan Ortiz Sanchez

Technical/Community College Scholarship
Hennepin Technical College, Automotive Technology

Amelia Rheinhardt

Top Scholar Scholarship
Gustavus Adolphus College, Biology/Genetics

Perla Silverio Campos

Technical/Community College Scholarship
Northwestern Health Science University, Massage Therapy

Warner Standing Bear

Success Against All Odds Scholarship
Trinity College Dublin or University of Minnesota, History and Political Science, Pre-Law

Margaret Thompson

Success Against All Odds Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Duluth, Communication

Elijah Iheanetu

Underdog Scholarship

University of Northwestern - St. Paul, Criminal Justice

Paola Inamagua Carchi

Desmond Family Foundation Scholarship

Normandale Community College, Nursing

Sofia Isiordia Ceja

Bob Tripanier Memorial Scholarship

College of St. Benedict, Elementary Education, Communications,
and Psychology

Brenda Jaimes Morales

Yamamoto Education Scholarship

Augsburg University, Elementary Education

Aniiya Johnson

Success Against All Odds Scholarship

Minnesota State University - Mankato, Dental Hygiene

Tait Johnson

Russ Schuveiller Memorial Scholarship

University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, Actuarial Science,
Engineering

Ruby Jongsma

Top Scholar Scholarship

University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Graphic Design

Anthony Klucas

First Generation College Scholarship

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Mathematics

Samantha Krueger

Bill Davis Scholarship

University of Kansas, Psychology and Applied Behavioral Science

Spencer Lewis

Tom Spooner Award Scholarship

University of Minnesota - Duluth, Economics,
Early Childhood Studies

The Spartan Foundation's 35-year history of fundraising for Richfield Public Schools and college scholarships provides the basis of a new era for these students. This year, 30 RHS seniors will each receive \$2,000 going to their colleges of choice.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES**ATHLETIC AWARD**

Honors a student, male or female who is both a top athlete and a leader at RHS.

ATHENA AWARD

The outstanding senior female athlete.

BILL DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

Open to a senior who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to community service within or outside of RHS.

BOB TRIPANIER MEMORIAL

Given in honor of Bob, a RHS graduate, class of 1965, and a devoted Spartan. This award goes to a senior who also is devoted to RHS.

CAREER IN AVIATION

Awarded to a senior who is interested in an aviation career: airline mechanic, flight engineer, pilot, air traffic controller. Sponsored by Jon Schlegel, class of 1975, and Dave Nordmeyer, class of 1965, and Doug Nordmeyer, class of 19763, in honor of their dad, Milton Nordmeyer.

DESMOND FAMILY FOUNDATION

Given in partnership with Normandale Community College, it honors a student who endured personal challenges and will attend NCC.

DICK WALKER MEMORIAL

Awarded to a senior football player with the highest GPA, who has played at least two seasons at RHS.

FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE

Awarded to a senior who will be a part of the first generation to attend college where neither parents have graduated from college.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Given to a senior with an interest in a first responder career (i.e. firefighter, police officer, EMS personnel, or related field)

HERBY FAMILY EDUCATION

Given to students with an interest in becoming a teacher, school counselor, psychologist, social worker, or school administrator (principal, athletic director).

KARNAS FAMILY

Honors a softball or baseball player who is exceptionally team-oriented.

MICHAEL O'HAGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mike O'Hagan was a Richfield student who had a love of music. He was an outstanding student who had a positive influence on everyone he knew. This scholarship in his memory recognizes an RHS student who is a member of the high school band and shares Mike's passion for music.

OFFICER ROBERT DOEDEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of Officer Robert Doeden, who served the Richfield community from 1966-1988. Faith, family, and community were Robert's north stars, and he lived his life in service to others. This scholarship is given to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to serving their community.

RUSS SCHUVEILLER MEMORIAL

Given in honor of Russ, a RHS graduate and lifelong Spartan to a senior who demonstrated outstanding achievement in athletics, academics and leadership.

SANDAHL FAMILY

Awarded to a senior who is involved, caring and creative, who makes a difference in the lives of others.

STEVE GRINDELAND MEMORIAL

Given by RHS class of 1972 for a first generation college student in honor of Steve, their classmate who never had the opportunity to attend college.

SPOONER AWARD

The outstanding senior male athlete.

SUCCESS AGAINST ALL ODDS

Awarded to seniors who endured personal adversity by demonstrating perseverance, fortitude and determination that led to success in school.

TECHNICAL/COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Honors a student who has overcome adversity and will attend a technical or community college.

TOP SCHOLAR

Two seniors in the academic top 10% and that have demonstrated leadership as well as community involvement.

UNDERDOG SCHOLARSHIP

Given to a senior who has spent the majority of their educational years in Richfield public schools and involved in Richfield athletics. Sponsored by a tight group of six childhood friends who were shaped by their athletic and academic opportunities, these RHS alums want to give back to the place that helped make them what they are today.

YAMAMOTO EDUCATION

Given to students with an interest in becoming a teacher, school counselor, psychologist, social worker, or school administrator (principal, athletic director).

2025 Richfield Spartan Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Jayden Anderson

Karnas Family Scholarship
University of North Dakota, Commercial Aviation

Drew Bartle

Russ Schuveiller Memorial Scholarship
University of St. Thomas, Computer Engineering

Anzal Bashir

Success Against All Odds Scholarship
University of St. Thomas, Biology

Charlotte Clifford

Career in Aviation Scholarship
Arizona State University, Professional Flight, Entrepreneurship and Finance

Joanna Epler

Herby Family Education Scholarship
Minnesota State University - Moorhead, Art Education

Stephanie Espitia Hernandez

First Responders Scholarship
Inver Hills Community College, Emergency Medical Services

Alina Esquivel Martinez

First Generation College Scholarship
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Interior Design

Gustav Franklin

Success Against All Odds Scholarship
Minnesota State University - Mankato, Statistics

Emma Govenat

Sandahl Family Scholarship
University of Wisconsin - Madison, Kinesiology

Jessica Guevara Tezoquipa

Michael O'Hagan Memorial Scholarship
Augsburg University, Journalism, Social Work, Spanish