

Astoria High School Scholarships, Inc. Donor's Biographies

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AHSSI was established in 1976 to honor three retiring long time AHS teachers, Margorie Halderman, Rose Tolonen, and Anna Marie Fredericks. This non-profit corporation was founded by Michael Foster, with the help from other AHS teachers and Astoria community members. The mission of AHSSI is to provide financial assistance to worthy Astoria High graduates who wish to continue their post high school education. In 1976, after putting on a fund-raising event that earned \$500, AHSSI awarded two \$250 scholarships to the graduating class of 1977. The recipients must complete an application, have a realistic educational goal, and demonstrate community service. Financial need is not a factor in the selection of recipients. This year 107 AHS graduates will receive financial assistance from AHSSI, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$8,500 per student.

Below is the list of donors and scholarships that provide the funds for this year's awards.
THANK YOU Donors!!

AHS FFA Alumni Scholarship

Astoria High FFA Alumni and Supporters' goal is help local FFA members learn more, do more, and serve more. Together, we are growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture. Since 1968 Astoria FFA has been part of Astoria High School by providing enriching career and technical studies through agricultural education and FFA. Astoria FFA Alumni and supporters, established in 2018, provides needs to assist students and educator(s) by creating an environment where people and communities can develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

ABATE of Oregon Scholarship

The **North Coast Chapter of the ABATE of Oregon Motorcycle Club** is a motorcycle organization that promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. They started offering scholarships in 2014 to Clatsop County and Pacific County graduates who were interested in pursuing a career in motorcycle, automotive or diesel engine mechanics or other vocational fields.

The **Ashlynn Anderson Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2017 by her grandfather, Don Wing, along with the support of family and friends, in memory of Ashlynn Dawn Anderson. Ashlynn died tragically at the age of 4. She was a bright and shining star, full of beauty and spirit. The family would love the recipient of this scholarship to shine brightly in Ashlynn's honor.

The **Gary & Faurest Anderson Scholarship** was established in memory of a father and son who were successful businessmen in this community. They owned and operated Anderson's & Son Jewelry Store here in Astoria, located where Holly McHone Jewelers is today.

AHS Class of '52 Scholarship

In 2002, at their 50th Class Reunion, the **Astoria High School Class of 1952** established a scholarship to be awarded to an outstanding individual who has overcome great obstacles during high school, has been self-motivated to do their best, has a clear vision of their future goals and is excited to continue their education in order to fulfill that dream.

AHS Class of '79 Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2015 in memory of classmate Dana Goss who passed away in February, 2015.

AHS Class of '88 Scholarship

The **Class of 1988 Scholarship** was started in 2008, when they accepted the challenge from the AHS Class of 1952 to raise \$50,000 for the scholarship fund by their 50th class reunion. They are off to a good start. Mr. Gustafson and his AHS Class of 1952 presents this challenge to ALL Astoria High School alumni classes.

The Astoria Clowns Scholarship

The **Astoria Clowns**, famous for their appearances at the Astoria Regatta and many other Pacific Northwest festivals, along with their Clown Bread, established the **Astoria Clowns Scholarship** in 1999. This scholarship is to be given to a student who has been active in community service, has a positive outgoing personality, and plans to attend Clatsop Community College.

The **Jean-Marc Bourgouin Scholarship** was established by the Astoria le Cercle Francais in 2018 in his memory. Jean-Marc Bourgouin, born and raised in France, moved to the US in 1983, starting out in Alaska where he fished in the Bering Sea and managed and co-owned Sak's Restaurant in Anchorage. He moved to Astoria in 2001 and lived here until his passing in 2018. He was a long-time waiter in the area. He won "best waiter" in the Coast Weekend many years while he was living in Astoria. Jean-Marc was an active member of the Astoria community, a generous, welcoming, and gregarious spirit. Everyone he met became a friend. He would talk to anyone, and made everyone feel at ease, essaying to serve the needs of others as a caring person. He also served as a host at community social events. Jean-Marc was a consummate professional in the dining room, where his exacting standards were never overbearing, but designed to provide his diners with the best possible restaurant experience. Jean-Marc was also a founding member of le Cercle Francais, a community French conversation group that has been meeting twice monthly since 2006. Jean-Marc had a passion and joy for language, both in maintaining his French after moving to the USA, and in his fluency in English and Spanish, as well as dabbling in Russian.

The **Baked Alaska Culinary Arts Scholarship** was established by Chris and Jennifer Holen in 2016. This award is given to a student wishing to further their education in the field of Culinary Arts or any other vocational training field.

Bing Gong Fong Scholarship

Mr. Fong was born in China in 1937 and immigrated to the United States in 1950. Once arriving in Astoria, Mr. Fong owned, operated, managed and cooked at many restaurants in the local area. Mr. Fong greatly appreciated the help he received when he moved here from China and he enjoyed giving back to the community when he was able to help others new to our area.

The **Carl Bondietti Scholarship** was established by the family of Sheriff Bondietti. Mr. Bondietti served as the sheriff of Clatsop County for 24 years. This scholarship is to be awarded to an AHS graduating student interested in all phases of law enforcement, including Fish & Game, Forensic Science and 911 Emergency Services.

Dena Bondietti-Marsch Memorial Scholarship

Another young lady to go through the Astoria school system, graduating from Astoria High School in 1972, then graduating from OCE (Western Oregon University) in 1976 with a Bachelors of Science Degree is **Dena Bondietti**. Dena returned to Astoria,

working in the medical field for 4 years before she started her teaching and coaching career at Astoria High School in the spring of 1981. Dena taught for 28 years at Astoria High before retiring in 2009. Dena was inducted into the AHS Hall of Fame in September of 2014 for her many contributions to the AHS Athletic program. Unfortunately, we lost this beautiful lady, who touched the lives of so many.

John & Peg Christie Memorial Scholarship

John and Peg Christie moved to Clatsop County in 1955 and quickly became entrenched in the community. John had studied Botany at Yale University and Forestry at Oregon State University. Peg had graduated from the University of Connecticut and worked as an extension agent in New York State before moving to Oregon to work in the same field. John's first jobs were with Weyerhaeuser and then the Oregon Department of Forestry in Astoria. He later taught Forestry at Clatsop Community College. Both John and Peg were 4-H leaders in forestry and gardening, respectively; they encouraged young people to understand, enjoy and respect plant life, and, in turn, themselves. The environment was important to them and, although both New England natives, they set out to learn as much as they could about the local flora, fauna, and water systems. Their saying was: Peg could identify all the plants from the waist down and John could name those from the waist up. As youngsters their children were taught to identify plants, trees, birds and animal tracks. After dinner canoe trips up and down the Youngs River were routine. Following the purchase of the Big Walluski Tree Farm, John practiced environmentally-friendly forest management and Peg learned to forage edible mushrooms. It was managed to be an environment hospitable to all forms of life while still being an active tree farm. Both of them believed in the power of education for the opportunities it could provide to individuals and to communities.

Coastal Family Health Center Scholarship

Coastal Family Health Center is a Primary Health Care Center driven by the mission to ensure that the most vulnerable populations have access to Primary Care in the communities that they serve. They know that Workforce is critical to this effort. Coastal Family Health Center has realized that one way to "give back" to the community that they serve is to insure that there are future health care workers in our area. On behalf of the Coastal Family Health Center Board of Directors and the entire staff, they are pleased to contribute to AHSSI to help build a health care workforce in our community. This scholarship is for students entering into post-secondary education in a health-related field of study.

Robert Cummings Memorial Scholarship

Robert Cummings was a native Astorian who graduated from Astoria High School in 1966. He went on to Oregon State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry in 1970. He then entered the US Navy and retired from the Navy Reserves as a Lieutenant Commander in 1990. After returning to Astoria from active duty, Mr. Cummings worked for various employers including Prairie Market, Bayside Foods, Hauke's Sentry Market, Safeway and Astoria Builders Supply. Mr. Cummings loved cameras and photography, traveling, family history and his pets. After passing in 2019, Mr. Cummings left his entire estate to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, Clatsop County Historical Society, and Astoria High School Scholarships, Inc. We are very grateful for Mr. Cummings' deep love for his community and generosity.

The **Marie Dahlgren Memorial Scholarship** is awarded in memory of Marie Dahlgren, a long-time Astorian. Marie graduated from Astoria High School, received her Bachelor's Degree at Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon University today) and her Master's Degree from the University of Oregon. The student receiving the Marie Dahlgren Scholarship must have demonstrated leadership, citizenship and service to the school and community.

The **Brian Damon Scholarship** is for an Astoria High School graduate who will be attending a Technical, Vocational or Trade School. Brian graduated from AHS in 2003, and in 2004 he graduated from Wyotech, in Laramie, Wyoming where he received an Associates Degree.

The **Days of Fishermen's Past Scholarship** was established by the **AHS Class of 1976** at their 20-year class reunion in memory and honor of the 22 classmates who had passed away since graduation. Unfortunately, most of these losses had been due to substance abuse. It is the hope of the Class of 1976 to use this scholarship to help future graduates escape this same tragedy.

Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1992 by the **Alpha Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma**, an organization of women educators, to provide financial assistance to young women who wish to attend a two or four-year accredited institution.

The **Kenneth & Lucy Drucker Scholarship** was established in 1996. Mr. Drucker was known internationally for his vision, inventions, and contributions to the advancement of modern-day medical equipment. One of Mr. Drucker's inventions was the centrifuge,

which is used in every hospital and medical lab worldwide today. Both Kenneth & Lucy loved history and the Astoria area. They did not have children of their own but took a keen interest in the Astoria schools and their students. .

The **Robert Drucker Scholarship** was established in 2010 as part of the Drucker Family Scholarship Fund. Robert's brother Kenneth was the inventor of the centrifuge, as well as numerous other pieces of medical equipment. Robert, Kenneth & Lucy Drucker purchased the Old Navy Hospital property on Hwy. 202 following WWII. This property is currently the River Point community. There, Kenneth, Lucy and Robert owned and operated the Phillips-Drucker Co., which was a medical equipment manufacturing plant. After Kenneth Drucker passed away, his estate went to his brother Robert and AHSSI. Robert Drucker then witnessed the impact the Kenneth & Lucy Drucker Scholarship had on shaping the future for AHS graduates. When Robert passed away, he left the entire Drucker Estate to AHSSI. AHS Scholarships, Inc. is very grateful for the generosity of the Druckers and the effect they are having on the lives of these young AHS graduates.

Vince Dulcich Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Vince Dulcich joined the Astoria School District in 1962 as head football and wrestling coach at the high school. He also taught social studies, biology and physical education. He coached football until his appointment as athletic director in 1969. Mr. Dulcich taught at AHS for 23 years. **The Vince Dulcich Scholarship** is given each year to a boy or girl who has been outstanding in athletics as a positive role model, demonstrated good sportsmanship and has achieved high scholastic and athletic success.

The **Phyllis Edy Scholarship** is awarded to an outstanding academic student who has a clear and passionate dream for her future. Mrs. Edy graduated from Seaside High School in 1941, went to Oregon State and graduated in 1945. Phyllis and her family moved to Astoria when her husband became the Astoria manager of Knapton Tug and Barge, at the foot of 14th Street at the Ferry Landing. Mrs. Edy was an English teacher in the Astoria School District for many years, teaching at both the high school and middle school. She was the kindest, sweetest lady you would ever meet.

Cheri J Folk Memorial Scholarship

Cheri J Folk lived in the Astoria area for over 50 years. She worked her way up in banking with the Bank of Astoria from a teller to a loan officer, branch manager and then CEO. She retired after 36 years with the bank as President and CEO and member

of the BOD. Cheri was the first woman bank CEO in Oregon. She served her community through the AAUW, the board of Liberty Restoration Inc, and over 15 years on the Astoria High School Scholarship Inc Board. She also served on the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park Association and the Astoria Golf and Country Club – Ladies Golf Club. She also served on the Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific, the Clatsop County Historical Society, was knighted a Royal Rosarian and is Director Emeritus -The Columbia River Maritime Museum. Cheri had a passion for serving others, traveling, her family and her church membership. Cheri passed away in June of 2019 at the age of 74.

The Michael Foster Memorial Scholarship

Michael Foster was born and raised here in Astoria. He graduated from Astoria High School in 1958, received his Bachelor's Degree from Willamette University and his Master's Degree from the University of Oregon. He taught social science classes at Astoria High for 2 years, then taught 4 years for the State Department in Kabul, Afganistan. He then returned to AHS to teach again and serve as the librarian, until retiring in 1996. Michael was very active in Astoria's growth and development as we see it today. His list of civic involvement is too long to list here tonight, but he is the spirit of Astoria. As mentioned earlier, he is the founder of Astoria High School Scholarships, Inc. Michael also started the Walldorf-Astoria Student Exchange Program, in which Ian has taken a very active part.

The **Goodall-Gramms Scholarship** was established by Astoria High School graduates **Don Goodall** (AHS Class of 1936) and **Gracie Gramms** (AHS Class of 1937). The scholarship is in memory of their English teacher, Miss Fern Curry, who taught at Astoria High from 1929-1961. Miss Curry shaped the future of the donors by her insistence on accuracy in and personal responsibility for what students wrote and spoke.

Goodenberger Memorial Scholarship

John L. & Peggy Goodenberger strongly believed in secondary education. Both John L. & Peggy were musicians. John L. received a Bachelor's Degree in History before earning a Master's Degree in Divinity. Peggy volunteered in local historical societies. Peggy was especially interested in the arts and encouraged her children to pursue it. She earned a Masters in Christian Education.

Herman & Mary Lou Haggren Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in the memory of **Herman and Mary Lou Haggren**, long-time residents of Astoria. Mr. Haggren was a commercial fisherman his entire life, fishing the West coast and throughout Alaska. Mrs. Haggren was very active in various

organizations in Astoria: founding member of the Scandinavian Festival and Scandinavian Dancers, member of Sons and Daughters of Norway, a member of the Anchor Club and a past president of the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Miss Marjorie Halderman Scholarship

Miss Halderman was born in Astoria, graduated from AHS, received her Bachelor's Degree in English Literature from the University of Oregon. In 1950 she earned a Master's Degree from the University of Southern California in Library Science. She was the librarian at AHS until she retired in 1977. Her family home, built by her grandfather in 1863 still stands on the corner of 5th & Bond.

The **Edward R. Hall Scholarship** was established in honor of Mr. Hall, a 1956 graduate of Astoria High School. Mr. Hall was a lawyer and successful businessman who was known for his compassion and generosity and who was sensitive to the needs and goals of those around him. This scholarship is intended to carry on Mr. Hall's commitment to help others realize their highest potential.

The **George & Alice Harvey Scholarship** goes to outstanding students at Astoria High School based on high academic achievement, leadership and community service.

Dr. Blair Henningsgaard

Erik Hubbard was a sophomore at Astoria High School when he died in a car accident on Hwy 30. Eric enjoyed football, motor cross racing, electronics, music, woodworking, mechanics and was an avid hunter. He enjoyed being with his friends and was willing to lend a helping hand to anyone.

The Hunt's Home Furnishings Scholarship was established in 1990 by business owner Mike Brownlie. This scholarship was the first scholarship offered by a local business with AHSSI. Mr. & Mrs. Brownlie wished to emphasize the importance of continuing one's education after high school and rewarding a student for their outstanding achievements while in high school. Hunt's Home Furnishings was located where Roby's Furniture is today.

The **Lilian Johnson Scholarship** was established by her husband, Capt. Robert Johnson, and friends. **Lilian Johnson** was born and raised in Rangoon, Burma and came to the United States in 1969 at the age of 18. She exemplified the immigrant spirit by being

accepted to Linfield College only months after arrival in the United States. She put herself through school and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Linfield. After graduation she held junior management positions in the Portland area. She came to Astoria with her husband, who is a bar pilot, and felt strongly about this community and the importance of education. Robert & Lilian Johnson have 2 daughters who graduated from Astoria High.

Capt. Robert Johnson Scholarship

Capt. Johnson was born and raised in Eugene, Oregon. He was exposed to seafaring by his father, who sailed during WWII, and an uncle, who spent his life at sea. From grade school on Capt. Johnson dreamed of a career at sea. To this end he was accepted at the US Merchant Marine Academy and after graduation he lived his dream sailing throughout the world for 15 years on merchant ships. In 1987 he was accepted into the Columbia River Bar Pilots and served there for 30 years. He was well known for his passion for the sea. He appreciated Astoria, its people and traditions as home for himself and his family.

The **George & Inez Kesti Scholarship** was established in 1996 in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Kesti, who were life-long residents of Astoria. Mr. Kesti graduated from Astoria High School 106 years ago, AHS Class of 1912. He was a commercial fisherman, worked as the plant manager for a local dairy and was a millwright at the Astoria Plywood Corporation.

The **Nancy Kem Scholarship** was established in memory of Nancy Kem, who was an educator and artist specializing in watercolor painting and block printmaking. After receiving her Master's Degree, Nancy taught at various schools in Oregon before coming to Astoria and teaching at Astoria High. She educated students on the fundamentals of art and then inspired them to continue their art education after high school. Nancy was a great person who was loved by both her students and colleagues.

The **Eldon Korpela Fisheries Scholarship** is awarded to Astoria High School's top Fisheries and Marine Biology student. Mr. Korpela was a lifelong commercial fisherman here in Astoria and Alaska. He taught in the Astoria School District for over 25 years, starting the first high school fisheries and hatchery program in the state of Oregon here at Astoria High. Mr. Korpela loved the outdoors from fishing to skiing.

Bob & Gayle Landwehr Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2008 by Bob & Gayle's family and friends to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Bob graduated from Astoria High School and Gayle from Gresham High School in 1966. They met their freshman year at Western Oregon University (OCE), where they both graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Bob earned a Master's Degree from Lewis & Clark College in 1974 and Gayle earned her Master's Degree from the University of Portland in 1982. Gayle taught at Astor Elementary School for 30 years while Bob taught at Astoria Middle School for 14 years and Astoria High School for 17 years. Bob coached basketball and track & field at AHS and both were involved with the Walldorf – Astoria Student Exchange Program. After retiring from teaching, they enjoyed traveling to Europe and volunteering for many local organizations. Gayle was very active in PEO and Bob was an Astoria Cruise Host, served on the Clatsop CC Foundation board of directors, the Liberty Restoration, Inc. board of directors, and has been on the board of directors of Astoria High School Scholarships, Inc. since 2002. They have 2 children, both AHS graduates, and two grandchildren, who keep them young and active. Bob & Gayle moved to Central Oregon in 2015, but still call Astoria home.

The **Kelly & Grace Larson Scholarship** is awarded to an outstanding student who wishes to continue their education with a focus in the study of forestry and related vocations.

Honour Lavis – Margaret Navarro Memorial Scholarship

In the spring of 1992 Honour Lavis and Margaret Navarro were tragically killed in an automobile accident near Young's River Falls. **The Lavis-Navarro Scholarship** was established in their memory and spirit and is to be awarded to a student who has been active in school and has a clear vision to the future.

Dr. Jeffrey Leinassar Health Sciences Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1984 to provide financial assistance to worthy graduates who wish to continue their formal education in the sciences with a special interest in the healing arts. Financial need is not a determining factor in selecting a winner of this scholarship. Applicants must have made specific plans for majoring in the sciences or healing arts.

The Robert Lovell Scholarship was established by his family and many friends. Mr. Lowell was a long-time active and well-respected Astoria business leader. He owned the Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac, Chevrolet and GMC automobile dealership here in Astoria,

where the Fort George Brewery is now located. Mr. Lovell was a Boy Scout leader for many years and was active in many other community organizations.

The **Eugene Lukoszyk Scholarship** was established in honor of Mr. Lukoszyk (Luke) by his family and friends. Mr. Lukoszyk taught math, industrial arts, home construction and was a football coach here at Astoria High. Luke graduated from Pacific University in Forest Grove in 1952 and started teaching at AHS that fall.

Lum's Auto Center

Lum's Auto Center was founded by David and Shirley Lum in 1969. It is a family owned business, and their three daughters are now successfully managing the award- winning dealership. Lum's has grown into a multi franchise auto dealership including Toyota, Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, RAM and quality pre-owned vehicles along with a state-of-the-art service and parts facility. The Lum's proudly supports our community focusing on education, children, senior citizens and healthy living. The Lum girls firmly believe knowledge is the beginning of a bright future! This scholarship was established in 2013 and is intended for students who excel in academics, are good role models and make a difference in our community.

The **Mary F. Lum Scholarship** was established in 2001 by the Lum family. Mrs. Lum and her husband operated the Lum-Quing grocery store here in Astoria. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church. Mary's children and 10 grand-children are all graduates of Astoria High School.

The **McGowan Family Scholarship** was started in 2013 in memory of **John S. McGowan**. Mr. McGowan graduated from Astoria High School and spent his career working in the local commercial fishing industry. He was an executive with C.R.P.A. and Bumble Bee Seafoods. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student in Science and or Fisheries Technology.

Jade Marie Morgan, also known as "Jaderbug" or "Puddens" was born September 22, 1988. She was raised in Astoria and the surrounding area. Jade was a junior at Astoria High when she passed away in September of 2015. Jade loved the beach and spending time with her friends and family. She was beautiful, goofy and full of sarcasm. She told you exactly how it was and didn't hold anything back. Jade was always smiling.

The **Oswald & Loretta Niemi Scholarship** was established in 1991 in memory of Loretta Niemi. Mrs. Niemi was a long-time teacher at Lewis & Clark Elementary School and Oswald Niemi was a local building contractor. Both had a great love for Astoria and wished to help outstanding students pursue their dreams.

The **Wayne Olmscheid Scholarship** was established in 2017 by Mr. Olmscheid's family and friends. Wayne Olmscheid was born in 1927 in Fargo, North Dakota. His family moved to Seattle, WA where he later graduated from Broadway High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII and later worked as a store manager at Fred Meyer in Portland, OR. Mr. Olmscheid received his Bachelor's Degree in 1953 and then his Master's Degree in 1961 from the University of Portland in education. In 1965, after teaching and coaching in Athena, OR, Mr. Olmscheid moved to Astoria and became the principal of Capt. Robert Gray School and then later, the principal at John Jacob Astor. Mr. Olmscheid retired from the Astoria School District in 1987.

Edna Wilson Peterson Scholarship

This scholarship was established through the generosity of Edna Wilson Peterson, a local beautician in Astoria for many years. It was established in 1996 for any student who is interested in continuing their education in the field of cosmetology or barbering. The applicant must be admitted to an accredited beauty college or institution which offers study in cosmetology.

Ed & Eda Ross Scholarship

As Astoria High School Scholarships, Inc. celebrates the 43rd Anniversary in awarding scholarships this year, it should be noted that we did not provide the first scholarships to graduating seniors at Astoria High. In the December 23, 1925 edition of the Astor Post, an article titled, "A History of AHS", appeared. This article states, "Someone in the Faculty had a bright idea. As a result, the Faculty Scholarship Fund was started in 1922." Maurine Buchanan and Rolf Klep each received a \$100 scholarship. In 1923, two students received \$150 each and in 1924, three students each received \$170. *The complete article of the "History of AHS" was reprinted in the Summer 2015 edition of the Clatsop County Historical Societies CUMTUX magazine.*

Edwin Ross was a student at Astoria High in the early 1920's. Ed was an active student at AHS, taking part in the debate team of 1923. After graduating from AHS and then college, Mr. Ross had a successful career. In 1959 **Ed and Eda Ross** established a scholarship to help graduating students from Astoria who needed assistance in

furthering their post high school education. Since 1959, the Ed & Eda Ross Scholarship has provided financial assistance to more than 50 students. Ed & Eda Ross were the current day inspiration for the formation of AHSSI.

The **Robert Scott Scholarship** was established in 2007 in memory of Robert Scott. Mr. Scott was famous for his unique personality and was enjoyed by both students and staff. He taught mathematics and physics at Astoria High School for 33 years. This scholarship is available to any AHS graduate who has a deep desire to continue their education majoring in the field of mathematics, science or education.

Carol Seppa Memorial Scholarship

Carol Seppa was a 1955 AHS graduate and attended Oregon State University. She, and her husband Hugh, settled in the Lewis & Clark area near the family farm, Seppa Dairy. Carol and Hugh had 5 children, all AHS graduates. Carol was active in the Assistance League, PEO, Astoria Golf & Country Club and served on the Astoria High School Scholarships, Inc. board of directors for 13 years. She enjoyed the scholarship interview process and took great pride in the success of the many scholarship recipients she was able to meet. Carol loved the outdoors and always had a huge smile and positive attitude towards life.

Elsie Silver & Annie Silver Scholarships

These scholarships were established in 1997. The two sisters were born in Finland and came to Oregon as children with their family. Both girls went through the Astoria school system and graduated from Astoria High School.

Elsie Silver, after graduating from AHS, went on to Eugene and graduated from the University of Oregon. Elsie then returned to Astoria and taught in the Astoria School District for 18 years as an elementary teacher.

Annie Silver received her Bachelor's Degree from Oregon State College and later her Master's Degree from New York University. Annie taught elementary school here in Astoria for 31 years.

The **Hal & Jeansye Snow Family Scholarship**, was established in 2020. Both Hal and Jeansye were born and raised here in Astoria. **Harold "Hal" Snow** graduated from AHS in 1959, served in the Oregon National Guard, and graduated from University of Oregon Law School in 1968. **Jeansye Reith Snow**, graduated from AHS in 1963, the University of Oregon in 1967, and earned her Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Willamette University College of Law in 1970. Jeansye passed the Oregon State Bar exam that year with the

highest score in the history of the exam. After 50 years Jeanyse's academic prowess still remains highly regarded by the Willamette U. College of Law alumni. Hal and Jeanyse returned to Astoria and started the law firm of Snow & Snow. They raised two boys, who also graduated from Astoria High, and both boys were very active in soccer and baseball. Hal was the "silent partner" with Michael Foster, in the formation of Astoria High School Scholarships, Inc. Both Hal & Jeanyse were deeply involved in many community activities and organizations, such as the Friends of the Astoria Column, the Liberty Restoration, Inc., the Columbia River Maritime Museum, as well as AHSSI. Hal and Jeanyse were also very instrumental in the establishment of the community soccer complex in Warrenton.

The **Michael Stoner Scholarship** was established in 1985 by Michael's grandfather, William Russell Perry. Michael was a student at Astoria High when he died in an automobile accident. Michael loved working on cars and had an endless supply of car parts as his other grandfather, Harold Stoner, owned a wrecking yard at Miles Crossing, where Clatsop Power Equipment is located today.

Paul Strong Memorial Scholarship

Paul Strong was an exchange student from Australia at Astoria High School in 1985. His stay in Astoria was sponsored by the Astoria Rotary Club and he enjoyed the variety of things that Astoria and the State of Oregon had to offer. He died in 1995 in Tasmania, Australia.

Sanford Swain Memorial Scholarship

The **Sanford Swain Scholarship** was established in 2001 in memory of Sanford, a graduate of Astoria High School. Sanford was an outstanding student in math, science and history and this scholarship goes to a student who has excelled in those academic areas.

The John & Jan Swanson Scholarship

Dr. John and Mrs. Jan Swanson have been awarding scholarships to AHS students since 1988. Dr. Swanson was a well-respected orthopedic surgeon here in Astoria for many years and Mrs. Swanson was a homemaker and teacher. Mrs. Swanson serves on the board of AHSSI. Both know the value of a college education and are happy to support and encourage an outstanding graduating senior in pursuing their goals and degree.

The **Denny Thiel Scholarship** was started by Denny's family and friends to honor the spirit of Denny and his belief in the importance of music. Denny owned Thiel's Music Shop located on the corner of 14th & Commercial streets here in Astoria. Denny was very active in the local music scene his entire life and was a member of the North Coast Symphonic Orchestra and other smaller groups.

The **Casey Thompson Scholarship** was established by his family and friends after Casey passed away from illness a few years after graduating from Astoria High School. Casey loved to play golf! He was a member of the AHS golf team and was loved by the members of Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Rose Tolonen Scholarship

Mrs. Rose Tolonen was another one of the retiring teachers for which AHSSI was organized in honor of. She too attended Astoria schools and graduated from AHS. After college she returned to Astoria High to teach Social Science classes. She was also a past president of the Astoria Classroom Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma and was involved with many other local organizations.

The **Weinstein Family Scholarship** was established in 2017 by Michael Weinstein, in honor of his parents, Phil and Trudy Weinstein. The parents owned and operated Jerome's, a clothing store on the corner of 12th & Commercial, where Curruthers Restaurant is today. Michael graduated from Astoria High in 1959, graduated from the Willamette University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1963, served in the US Army with a tour in Vietnam, then taught for 30 years in the Portland Public School system, the last 20 years at Roosevelt High School as a teacher, football and track & field coach. Mr. Weinstein is passionate about helping the graduating students at Astoria and Roosevelt High Schools.

The **Ruth Wirth Scholarship** was established in 1999 in memory of Mrs. Wirth. Ruth Wirth taught in the Oregon Public School System for 46 years, 44 years here in Astoria. This scholarship is to be awarded to a graduating senior who plans to go into education.

The **Stella Wright Scholarship** was established in memory of Mrs. Wright, who taught music at Astor, Gray and Lewis & Clark Elementary Schools and at Astoria High School. This scholarship is awarded to a student who has a deep passion for music.

Arvid & Nellie Wuonola Scholarship

Arvid & Nellie Wuonola were long time Astoria residents who were very involved in community activities. Mr. Wuonola owned a commercial sign making shop on Marine Drive, across the street from the current Union 76 gas station, and he enjoyed watercolor painting. Mr. Wuonola was also an Astoria School Board member from 1963 – 1968.

WWC Business Solutions Scholarship

In 2015 Mike Wallis established the **WWC Business Solutions Scholarship** to aid an AHS graduate interested in pursuing a career in accounting or business. AHSSI appreciates the growing support for our graduates from Mr. Wallis and the local Astoria business community.