

2012 Scholarship Recipients:

Avery Bartyzal \$500 NPAEF	Kendra Havlicek \$500 RICOH-USA, Inc.	Nikki Russell \$1000 NPAEF \$400 Kopp Family HS Dept. Nom.	Luke Tietz \$1000 NPAEF
Megan Bissell \$500 NPAEF	Ty Heimerl \$1000 NPAEF	Stevie Salaba \$500 Ed & Marietta Sharkey Endowed Scholarship	Michaela Vivant \$500 NPAEF
Dan Buvarp \$400 Kopp Family HS Dept. Nom.	Anna Loose \$1000 NPAEF \$400 Kopp Family HS Dept. Nom. \$500 PROUD Scholarship	Lauren Schoenbauer \$1000 NPAEF	Molly Wick \$500 NPAEF
Amber Day \$500 NPAEF	Paxton Malecha-Novak \$500 Paul Holasek Memorial	Gail Schumacher \$750 NP Fire Department	Kathleen Widmer \$1000 NPAEF
Nicole Devine \$500 NP Chamber	Mikayla Reimers \$500 NPAEF \$500 Jeff Gravon Memorial Girls \$400 Kopp Family HS Dept. Nom.	Michelle Staley \$1000 NPAEF	Congratulations Graduates!
Maria Friedges \$500 Cedar Summit Farm & Dairy	Adam Revak \$500 NPAEF	Cailin Sullivan \$500 RICOH-USA, Inc.	To Make a Scholarship Contribution, visit therootstogrow.org
Matt Gullickson \$500 Roundbank	Jason Rhein \$500 NPAEF	Mattie Tietz \$1000 New Prague Rotary Club \$750 Profe Tammy Dudley Scholarship	
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2011-2012 Report to the Community

A Message From Our President

On behalf of the board of the New Prague Area Education Foundation (NPAEF), I am pleased to share our annual report. First, I sincerely thank all of our local educators and staff for their devotion to our youth. The gratitude they deserve cannot be fully expressed.

The NPAEF's role is to promote excellence for the over 4,200 area students by enriching their education with tangible programs that go beyond the standard classroom experience. We do this by managing our community's generous contributions to provide support and funding that result in our students receiving truly exceptional opportunities.

Over the past year, we funded eleven grant requests, more than double the five requests granted the previous year. In total, the NPAEF has now funded over \$23,000 in local grants. We also increased the scholarships awarded to area students by 24%, totaling \$20,500. Further, the NPAEF established an investment fund for the sustainability of the foundation and the educational enrichment of our area youth for future generations.

As we enter the 2012-13 fiscal year, we have expanded our board and will continue to operate on a volunteer basis. This allows us to incur very few expenses and invest more in our students – making the most of the time and money from our supporters. Our goals for the coming year include: raising additional funds to enable approval of more grant requests from area teachers, completing the NPAEF display at New Prague High School, continuing our Distinguished Speaker event with free admission for all, increasing the number of scholarships, and growing our investment fund. Please visit our website, therootstogrow.org, for more information, an event calendar, and ways to help our cause.

Next, I thank our supporters. I am inspired by the numerous donors who have invested in the future of our students. With our community's continued generosity, we will continue to prepare our youth for success.

Finally, Jane Dittberner's passion as NPAEF President and Paul Sirek's dedication as NPAEF Treasurer over the last two and half years must be recognized. I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to work with Jane and the rest of the board to make our local educational experience superior!

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Bishop
President
New Prague Area Education Foundation



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Author William Kent Krueger to speak Monday, February 11, 2013

Krueger writes a mystery series set in the north woods of Minnesota. His protagonist is Cork O'Connor, the former sheriff of Tamarack County and a man of mixed heritage—part Irish and part Ojibwe.

His work has received a number of awards including the Minnesota Book Award, the Loft-McKnight Fiction Award, the Anthony Award, the Barry Award, and the Friends of American Writers Prize.

Northwest Angle, released in August of 2011, was a New York Times bestseller. The twelfth book in the series, Trickster's Point, was just released on August 21, 2012.

Distinguished Speaker Series Welcomed General Richard C. Nash

General Richard C. Nash, adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard spoke to students and community members at a free event on May 24, 2012.

General Nash spoke on "Building Leaders in our Schools, Communities and Workforce."

General Nash lives in New Prague with his wife, Jeanette, who is a teacher at Falcon Ridge Elementary School.

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With great appreciation, we recognize the individuals, businesses, and other supporters for their contributions to the New Prague Area Education Foundation. We believe our donor list to be accurate and complete. However, please accept our sincere apology if we have inadvertently omitted your name or listed your gift incorrectly. Please contact us as soon as possible so that we may update our records.

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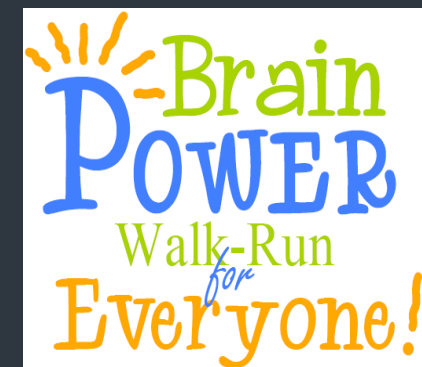
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