



**15TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**SENIOR**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**2009-2023**

May 24, 2023 @ 7:00 pm  
SHS Auditorium & Commons



## **Congratulations Outlaws Class of 2023!**

"Plant your dreams  
like seeds and  
watch your future grow."

We wish you all the best in your  
future education and careers!

~ Sisters GRO Board of Directors

# Program Schedule

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**6:30 - 7:00PM:**

Music by SHS Junior and  
Musician Justin Bowe

**7:00 - 7:05PM:**

Welcome from Principal Steve Stancliff

**7:05 - 7:10PM:**

Celebrating 15 years with Sisters GRO  
Board Chair, Tim Ross

**7:10 - 7:20PM:**

Donor recognition and  
distribution of 5 and 15-year Anniversary Awards

**7:20 - 7:50PM:**

Presentation of SHS Seniors and  
announcement of scholarship awards

**7:50 - 8:00PM:**

Photo of scholarship recipients taken on stage  
in the Auditorium

**8:00 - 9:00PM:**

Donor and recipient meetings and  
open reception in the Commons

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# History of Sisters GRO

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There has been a long history of Sisters High School graduates receiving financial assistance for educational pursuits from local individuals, companies, and organizations. Eventually, the number of scholarships offered began to outstrip the Sisters School District's ability to adequately administer the scholarship process. In 2006, a handful of community members recognized a need and began supporting Sisters High School graduates with post-secondary education and vocational training.

In 2008, this group of individuals realized the need for an independent organization with the sole purpose of managing the selection process and the collection, disbursement, and accounting of scholarship funds. On November 10, 2008, eight co-founders established Sisters GRO, acquiring the IRS non-profit status, 501 (c)(3). It was at that point that Sisters Graduate Resource Organization stepped up to offer administrative assistance to those donors desiring help with awarding scholarships. The organization became the only nonprofit in the community focused solely on the development of financial support for higher education for Sisters High School graduates.

Since the organization was established in the fall of 2008, the first official Senior Celebration and distribution of scholarships through Sisters GRO took place in the spring of 2009. This spring marks the 15th year that Sisters GRO has helped to facilitate the scholarship program for local donors and Sisters High School students.

Sisters GRO is proud of having accomplished the following:

- Disbursement of over 1,200 local scholarship awards and over \$2,000,000 in student financial aid (as of 2022).
- Implementation of an online application process to increase access and efficiency of the program (2020).
- Hiring of an Executive Director to ensure sustainability of the program for years to come (2020).
- Maintaining a fair, streamlined, scholarship application review and selection process meeting IRS requirements.
- Instituting the Spread Process option for donors to fairly distribute scholarship awards to more applicants (2013).
- Developing lasting relationships with existing and new donors to help them support our graduates in pursuing higher education and training.
- Fundraising to establish a scholarship endowment fund - Sisters GRO Endowment for Dreams - developed with the Oregon Community Foundation (2011).
- Annual coordination of the Senior Celebration, where scholarship awards are presented and every senior applicant is individually recognized.



# Milestone Scholarships

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The following scholarships are celebrating their 5 or 15-year Anniversary with Sisters GRO. Included is the number of student recipients of each scholarship and the total amount awarded over the years.

Join us in thanking these amazing donors for their generous and unwavering commitment to Sisters High School students!

## **5 Years (2019-2023)**

### **Willitts Scholarship**

(Willitts Family)

10 recipients, \$15,500

### **SRB Building Education Fund**

(Sisters Rhythm and Brews Festival)

6 recipients, \$3,500

## **15 Years (2009-2023)**

### **Americana Project Scholarship by Sisters Folk Festival**

39 recipients, \$34,000

### **Black Butte Ranch Art Guild Scholarship**

34 recipients, \$67,000

### **Elizabeth Danforth P.E.O. Chapter FS Scholarship**

16 recipients, \$28,000

### **Frank Dale Memorial Scholarship**

(Chip & Marti Dale)

25 recipients, \$11,000

**Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship**  
(Sisters - Camp Sherman Fire District)  
61 recipients, \$48,000

**Nugget Newspaper Student of the Year Award**  
17 recipients, \$28,500

**OSEA Carlos Valdez Memorial Scholarship**  
19 recipients, \$6,650

**SEA Faculty Award**  
51 recipients, \$12,700

**Sisters Kiwanis Club Scholarship**  
132 recipients, \$174,500

**Sisters Rodeo Association Scholarship**  
43 recipients, \$107,500

**Sisters Rotary Foundation Academic Scholarship**  
41 recipients, \$70,000

**Sisters Schools Foundation Scholarship**  
21 recipients, \$20,000

**Stewart & Verle Weitzman Scholarship**  
32 recipients, \$400,000

**Three Sisters Lions Club Scholarship**  
50 recipients, \$41,550

**Veterans Appreciation Scholarship**  
(Various Scholarship & Sisters GRO General Fund Donors)  
34 recipients, \$61,550



# New Scholarships

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The following scholarships are new to the Sisters GRO community this year. Welcome, and thank you for your generosity and interest in supporting the educational endeavors of Sisters High School students!

## **Faceout Studio Creative Impact Award**

\$1,000 Scholarship

## **High Desert Chocolates Athletic Scholarship**

2 x \$500 Scholarships

## **Lamoreaux Family Scholarship**

\$5,000 Scholarship

## **Neufeldt Family Scholarship**

2 x \$12,500 Scholarships

## **She Soars Psychiatry Stop the Stigma Scholarship**

\$2,500 Scholarship

## **SHS Accounting & Business Scholarship**

\$2,000 Scholarship

## **The White Family Pay it Forward Scholarship**

2 x \$500 Scholarships

## **Wara Family Scholarship**

\$1,500 Scholarship

# 2023 GRO Scholars

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Congratulations to the 2023 GRO Scholars! Students will be called to the stage in alphabetical order as their awards are announced. They will receive formal certificates and learn of scholarship amounts from their scholarship sponsors during the reception after the presentation.

Analise Backus  
Bela Chadlek  
Olly Chapen  
Annie Cohen  
Benjamin Cooper  
Tatum Cramer  
Cadence Dahl  
Brody Duey  
Hannah Fendall  
Felix Fernandez  
Chloe Frazee  
Makenzie French  
Haleigh Froehlich  
Destinee Harris  
Devan Hepburn  
Allison Ilmberger  
Cole Jervis  
Olivia Kennedy  
Adelynn Kroytz  
Anna Landon  
Sydney Linn  
Zoey Lorusso  
Adriana Luna  
Adam Maddox-Castle  
Elana Mansfield  
Taine Martin

Dominic Martinez  
Elizabeth Mayes  
Elizabeth McCrystal  
Ashlynn Moffat  
Daisy Montecinos  
Emily Moss  
Jessey Murillo  
Olivia Newton  
Zenas Ortega  
Eduardo Pachuca  
Cooper Parkins  
Gus Patton  
Josie Patton  
Andrew Pomeroy  
Matthew Riehle  
Hayden Roth  
Thomas Schuff  
Patrick Silva  
Miliani Spencer  
Hudson Symonds  
Lauren Taylor  
Coral Walker  
Isabella Williams  
Sara Woodson  
Sage Wyland

# 2023 Scholarship Donors

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We could not do this work without the generosity and commitments from these local individuals, businesses, and organizations that sponsor Sisters GRO scholarships:

\$30,000+	Les & Lori Cooper
\$25,000+	Al & Pat Neufeldt Stewart & Verle Weitzman
\$10,000	Sisters Kiwanis
\$6,000	Sisters Rotary Foundation Three Sisters Lions Club
\$5,000	Dan & Jeri Fouts Lamoreaux Family Reed Family Robert & Elizabeth Lende Shibui Spa Sisters Rodeo Association ZoselHarper Realtors
\$4,000	Bedouin Dentists of Sisters (Dr. Kellie Kawasaki, Dr. Shannon Woods, Dr. Trevor Frideres Dr. Zach Sunitch) Intel Retirees of Sisters (Lewis Rothrock, Rod Hjelmsted, Tim Ross) Sisters Folk Festival/Americana Project
\$3,000	Build, LLC Dream Cleanz Martha Lussenhop, Gwen Hanson & Families Rand & Marcia Rietmann Sisters - Camp Sherman Fire District Sisters Schools Foundation
\$2,500	She Soars Psychiatry Wendy von Kalinowski, Mark Smeltzer, Sim & Judy von Kalinowski

\$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ace Hardware - Sisters</li> <li>Anonymous Donor</li> <li>Chip &amp; Marti Dale</li> <li>Ingham/Rummel Family</li> <li>Karen Lord &amp; John Klement</li> <li>P.E.O. Chapter FS</li> <li>P.E.O. Chapter GH</li> <li>Ponderosa Heating, Cooling, Plumbing, Electrical, and Drain Services</li> <li>Sisters Community Church</li> </ul>
\$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BestMed</li> <li>Metabolic Maintenance</li> <li>Nugget Newspaper</li> <li>Wara Family</li> <li>Willitts Family</li> </ul>
\$1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sisters Education Association (SEA)</li> </ul>
\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faceout Studio</li> <li>Friends &amp; Family of Jeremy Moyer</li> <li>Green Ridge Physical Therapy</li> <li>Hensley/Jones Family</li> <li>High Desert Chocolates</li> <li>Jack &amp; Liz Weeks</li> <li>Outlaw Booster Club</li> <li>Shawna Palanuk</li> <li>Shultz Family</li> <li>Sisters Coffee Company</li> <li>Sisters High School Art Department</li> <li>Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show</li> <li>Sisters Vacation Rentals</li> <li>The Open Door Cafe &amp; Wine Bar</li> <li>White Family</li> </ul>
\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BiMart</li> <li>Eleanor Hammond</li> <li>Metamorphosis Spa &amp; Salon</li> <li>Sisters Rhythm &amp; Brews Festival</li> </ul>

We would also like to thank donors to the Sisters GRO General Fund and Endowment that make it possible to award every student that applies with a scholarship.

# 2023 Sisters GRO Scholarships

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The scholarships being awarded this year are listed below. Included is the award amount (number of awards distributed if multiple), the name of the scholarship sponsor, and a short description of each scholarship provided by the donor.

## **Ace Hardware - Sisters Scholarship: \$1,000 (2)**

*Sisters Ace Hardware*

- The owner of Ace Hardware wants to contribute to a female student who wishes to broaden her scope of knowledge and better her future.

## **Americana Project Scholarship by Sisters Folk Festival: \$1,500 - \$2,500 (2)**

*Sisters Folk Festival / Americana Project*

- Graduating seniors who have participated in Americana Project, Americana Luthier program and affiliated programs of SFF will be eligible to apply to receive a scholarship of at least \$2,500 to attend the college/university, career training program or arts institution of their choice..

## **Bedouin / In Honor of Julie Gravley: \$4,000**

*Bedouin*

- This scholarship is in honor of Julie Gravley who was an art teacher for many years in Sisters. The donor desires to award students whose strengths are in the visual arts or writing and who want to pursue a career lead by their passion.

## **BestMed Health Professionals Scholarship: \$1,500**

*BestMed*

- This scholarship is offered by BestMed to support students who wish to pursue a career in health sciences and to help make that calling a reality.

## **Bill and Jan Reed Memorial Scholarship: \$5,000**

### *Reed Family*

- This scholarship was established in memory of Bill and Jan Reed who died in a plane crash in 2005. The Reeds were driving forces in the Sisters schools and were involved in the community in a variety of ways. Bill served on the Sisters School Board for a number of years and Jan was active in the reading program, SMART. While Bill was recognized as a “student-athlete,” the family wishes to make this scholarship available to a wide-range of students.

## **Bi-Mart Scholarship: \$500**

### *Bi-Mart*

- Bi-Mart has been part of the Northwest for over 60 years and wishes to help graduates pursue their educational goals.

## **Claire Kanzig Memorial Cross Country Scholarship: \$1,000**

### *Shawna Palanuk*

- Claire Kanzig was a vibrant woman who, from a young age, left an impact on the Sisters community, and especially Sisters' schools. Though she suffered from a debilitating autoimmune disease, her positive outlook, vibrancy, determination, and grit masked it from most people. Claire joined the cross country team, and because of her magnetic personality, drew many kids in to join her in the sport. Sisters high school cross country has as long tradition of positively impacting the lives of those involved in the sport. This scholarship will be awarded to a student whose life has been impacted by being a member of the cross country team.

## **COCC Foundation Merit Scholarship: \$2,100**

### *COCC Foundation*

COCC offers 50 scholarships per year to in-district high school seniors who have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher on their most recent transcript and plan to attend COCC in the fall following their senior year.

**Dentists of Sisters Scholarship: \$4,000**

*Dr. Trevor Frideres, Dr. Kellie Kawasaki, Dr. Zach Sunitch,  
Dr. Shannon Woods*

- These dentists in Sisters want to support a student who has an interest in studying Science and Math in college with the hope of pursuing a degree in the Dental or Medical field

**Dominic Fouts Scholar Athlete Award: \$2,500 (2)**

*Dan & Jeri Fouts*

- This scholarship is awarded to two senior students, a male and female, who have achieved a high level of both academic and athletic accomplishment.

**Dream Cleanz Business/Leadership Scholarship:**

**\$1,000 - \$2,000 (2)**

*Dream Cleanz*

- This scholarship is focused on the character qualities inherent in healthy and thriving corporations, businesses, and/or leadership positions in the community. We are a company that puts people over profits and would love to assist young people in pursuit of that philosophy. We are not limiting it to the pursuit of a business degree but preference will be given to such an applicant.

**Elizabeth Danforth P.E.O. Chapter FS Scholarship: \$2,000**

*P.E.O. Chapter FS*

- P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization dedicated to helping women increase their opportunities through higher education. While they value scholastic accomplishments, strength of purpose and financial need are high priorities for the organization.

**Enterprising Spirit Scholarship: \$1,000**

*The Open Door Cafe & Wine Bar*

- To honor a Sisters High School student who has displayed character through initiative, imagination, and work ethic. A student who understands the importance of perseverance and hard work.

## **Faceout Studio Creative Impact Award: \$1,000**

### *Faceout Studio*

- Faceout Studio has been in the design/arts/entertainment industry for over 25 years. The owner is passionate about encouraging talented artists to push into their craft, pursuing excellence, meaning and beauty along the way. The Faceout Studio Creative Impact Award is for students who are planning to pursue a career in the creative arts. This includes graphic design, photography, illustration, animation, architecture, film, product design, environmental design, etc.

## **Frank Dale Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000 (2)**

### *Chip & Marti Dale*

- This scholarship is offered in the memory of Sisters High student Frank Dale. It is intended to assist a current Sisters High School student seeking to further their formal education beyond high school. The selection process will give preference to applicants based on need with special consideration for those planning to attend a community college during their first year. Frank Dale died in a snowboarding accident in December 1999. He was 17 years old and finishing his senior year. At the time of his accident, he was taking classes at COCC and exploring opportunities for music and art schools. His passions were snowboarding, fishing, backpacking, and traveling. Frank had a gift for making people laugh, and he loved his family, friends, and teachers at SHS.

## **Green Ridge Physical Therapy Health and Wellness Scholarship: \$1,000**

### *Green Ridge Physical Therapy*

- Supports a senior pursuing a human health and wellness degree.



## **High Desert Chocolates Athletic Scholarship: \$500 (2)**

*High Desert Chocolates*

- This scholarship supports a well-rounded student that balances academics and athletics and excels at a high level in both.

## **Humanity in Action - Racial Equity Scholarship: \$3,000**

*Build, LLC*

- As a firm that provides architecture and urban planning services, BUILD LLC has an opportunity to shape our physical environment and influence communities throughout the Northwest. We strive to make places that are accessible for all, and to do so in a socially- and racially-just manner. The focus of this scholarship is to support entrepreneurial students who focus on impactful change in their communities. As we continue to navigate the most powerful social movement our country has experienced in many years, this scholarship recognizes the important work so many have undertaken in support of equity and inclusion.

## **Jeremy Moyer Memorial Wrestler Scholarship: \$1,000**

*Family & Friends of Jeremy Moyer*

- This scholarship is to honor the memory of Jeremy Moyer, who was an outstanding Sisters High School athlete and wrestling champion. He was committed to the Sisters' community and went out of his way to give back, both as a coach and a mentor. The donors wish to support students who display the attributes of a true athlete and team player in their future academic endeavors.

## **Jim Anderson Scholarship: \$3,000**

*Karen Lord, John Klement & Donors to Jim Anderson Fund*

- This scholarship honors Sisters naturalist Jim Anderson for his many years working to educate and inspire our community to appreciate the natural environment surrounding us.

### **Jim Gentry Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000 (3)**

*Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department*

This scholarship was created in the memory of Chaplain Jim Gentry, who served as the Chaplain to the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department.

### **Karen Hensley Service Scholarship: \$5,000**

*Stewart & Verle Weitzman*

This scholarship is intended to recognize a student who has a passion for giving back to the community and helping others like the person for whom this scholarship is named.

### **KLM Scholarship: \$1,000**

*Jack & Liz Weeks*

As retired educators who value post-high school education or training, these donors had the good fortune to financially support and mentor an individual who had lacked resources for continued education. This couple feels that their efforts positively helped to change a life. Their lives were also enriched through the process compelling them to offer this annual scholarship opportunity to deserving graduates.

### **Lamoreaux Family Scholarship: \$5,000**

*Lamoreaux Family*

The Lamoreaux Family Scholarship honors a goal oriented student with a strong work ethic and solid character. Students must have a clear sense of what they want to study and what their plans are for after graduation.

### **Lauren A. Shultz-Berray Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000**

*Shultz Family*

Lauren was a friend who was taken from this world way too soon. It is the hope that this scholarship inspires those who receive it to be kind, selfless, and live life to fullest, which are all things Lauren did.

## **Les & Lori Cooper Scholarship Fund: \$12,000 (6)**

*Les & Lori Cooper*

- This scholarship is for graduates of Sisters High School or residents of Sisters to pursue post-secondary education to students with financial need and who might be overlooked for other financial assistance. It is renewable for up to six years.

## **Metabolic Maintenance Health and Wellness Scholarship: \$1,500**

*Metabolic Maintenance*

- This scholarship supports a graduating senior pursuing a program in health and wellness.

## **Monarch Scholarship: \$500**

*Metamorphosis Spa*

- This scholarship supports a graduating senior pursuing a license in cosmetology.

## **Neufeldt Family Scholarship: \$12,500 (2)**

*Pat and Al Neufeldt*

- The Neufeldt Family Scholarship is intended to help hardworking students who are the first generation in their family to reach their education and occupational goals. Applicants can have siblings who are attending or have completed post-graduate education.

## **Nugget Newspaper - Student of the Year Scholarship:**

**\$1,500**

*The Nugget Newspaper*

- The Nugget Scholarship is partially funded through the advertising dollars of local merchants in support of the Student of the Month. To qualify, seniors must have been recognized as a Student of the Month, selected based on leadership and integrity, respect, extra-curricular activities and community involvement, as well as academic performance.

## **Outlaw Booster Club Spirit Scholarship: \$500 (2)**

### *Outlaw Booster Club*

- The Outlaw Booster Club Spirit Scholarship is designed to applaud those college-bound seniors who have made, and are continuing to make, a positive influence in the Sisters School District among their fellow students and in the Sisters community. The OBC Spirit Scholarship is designed to inspire others to determine how they may contribute to the betterment of their school and the Sisters community by getting involved.

## **Outlaw STEM Scholarship: \$4,000**

### *Intel Retirees of Sisters*

- This Outlaw STEM scholarship will be provided to Sisters High School students who are interested in finding a career path that includes science, technology, engineering, or math. The most important aspect of this scholarship is the applicant's demonstrated passion and involvement in their community and school through academics, athletics, employment, and/or extracurricular activities.

## **P.E.O. GH Scholarship: \$2,000**

### *P.E.O. Chapter GH*

- The purpose of this scholarship is to help women increase their opportunities through higher education. P.E.O. is a philanthropic and educational organization that values high scholastic accomplishments.

## **Ponderosa Heating, Cooling, Plumbing, Electrical and Drain Services Scholarship: \$2,000**

*Ponderosa Heating, Cooling, Plumbing, Electrical, and Drain Services*

- Established in 1988, Ponderosa Heating, Cooling, Plumbing, Electrical, and Drain Services, a Roth brand company, proudly serves the local community for their home service needs. Located in Sisters, Oregon Ponderosa has been offering a scholarship for a qualified Sisters High School senior since 2014. The Ponderosa Heating, Cooling, Plumbing, Electrical, and Drain Services Scholarship is available to a SHS senior who is interested in pursuing the trades in plumbing, electrical, HVAC, or drain services. Ponderosa is offering this scholarship because they value the trades and recognize the need for qualified people to join companies such as theirs.

## **Rietmann Family Legacy Scholarship: \$3,000**

*Marcia and Rand Rietmann*

- The family wishes to provide financial help to a deserving Sisters High School student so that they will be able to reach their educational dreams. This is an opportunity to pay forward the blessings our family has received related to education. They are looking for students who have demonstrated leadership while participating in extracurricular activities and being involved in the community. This scholarship is targeted to students who want to study Performing Arts, Earth Sciences, and Forestry/Natural Resources.

## **Ruth Golden Ingham Scholarship: \$2,000**

*Claudia Ingham, Lee Ingham, and Linda Ingham Rummel*

- This scholarship honors Ruth Golden Ingham who was a member of the Central Oregon arts community from 1982 to 2015 and supported many arts activities for youth. It will support a student who has completed two or more semesters of art and/or has been involved in arts in the community.

## **SEA Faculty Scholarship: \$200 (6)**

### *Sisters Education Association*

- This scholarship supports students planning to engage in continuing education whose parents/guardians are certified employees of the Sisters School District.

## **She Soars Psychiatry Stop the Stigma Scholarship: \$2,500**

### *She Soars Psychiatry*

- We have all been touched on a personal level by mental illness. Whether directly experienced or witnessed, the challenges of our pervasive mental health crisis can be overwhelming and devastating. We can do better. She Soars Psychiatry, LLC believes that a community's mental health ought to be a collective effort shared by healthcare, academic institutions, workplaces, places of worship, athletics, community organizations, and among families. Stamping out stigma demands that we make more of an effort to normalize mental health challenges. Providing pathways to more accessible and affordable mental health services are critical in addition to allowing for safe spaces to share difficult experiences. The purpose of these scholarships is to recognize graduating high school seniors who share the vision of reducing stigma and improving mental health outcomes for future generations.

## **Shibui/MacKintosh Scholarship: \$1,000 - \$2,000 (4)**

### *Shibui Spa / Jeannine MacKintosh*

- The Shibui Spa is providing scholarships to Sisters High School students who are interested in finding a career path that may or may not include a four-year degree. The most important aspect of this scholarship is the applicant's demonstrated passion and involvement in their community and school through academics, athletics, leadership, employment, and/or extracurricular activities.

## **Shirley J. von Kalinowski Memorial Scholarship: \$2,500**

*Wendy von Kalinowski, Sim and Judy von Kalinowski*

- Shirley von Kalinowski grew up during the Great Depression. She witnessed firsthand how the lack of financial support altered her and her sister's opportunities to attend college. After Shirley's own children were grown, she successfully returned to college and completed her education. More than 70 years later and while Shirley's last grandchild was a SHS student, she decided she wanted to help Sisters High School graduates fulfill their own post-high school education goals. Shirley believed that one of greatest challenges in continuing one's education after high school is not being accepted into an educational institution, but being able to pay for it. This scholarship aims to help fund those that are determined to pursue a high level of education yet without outside funding it may not be possible. The goal is to support ambitious students who have a critical financial need in order to pursue a college education.

## **SHS Accounting & Business Scholarship: \$2,000**

*Anonymous Donors*

- The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students who plan to major in Business (with a preference given to the study of Accounting) at a four-year college or university.

## **SHS Leadership by Example Scholarship: \$500 (2)**

*Donations to Sisters GRO General Fund*

- The best leaders lead by example. Our SHS award recognizes students who lead by example in their extracurricular activities at school and the Sisters community. They demonstrate their leadership by working hard, being kind to others and making everyone around them better.

## **Sisters Coffee Company Scholarship: \$500 (2)**

*Sisters Coffee Company*

- This scholarship is meant for students with entrepreneurial aspirations who want to design, launch and run a new venture.

## **Sisters Community Church Scholarship: \$500 - \$1,500 (2)**

*Sisters Community Church*

- This scholarship is being offered by the Men's Ministry of the Sisters Community Church for the purpose of encouraging Christian graduates of SHS to attend a faith-based college or university of their choice where the curriculum is based on the premise of the Bible as truth and taught by professors who believe in God as their personal savior.

## **Sisters Environmental/Sustainability Careers Scholarship: \$3,000**

*Gwen Hanson, Joe Bachtold, Martha Lussenhop*

- The goal of this scholarship is to encourage and support students interested in careers that advocate for or study our natural environment and human interactions within it. Careers or fields of study supported by this scholarship include environmental science, environmental engineering, environmental public policy, ecology, climate science, sustainability studies, sustainable agriculture, vocational training in clean energy technologies, stewardship of public lands, and natural resource management.

## **Sisters GRO Endowment for Dreams: \$2,500**

*Donations to Sisters GRO Endowment*

- Through fundraising efforts of Sisters GRO over the past several years and the generous donations of community members, Sisters GRO is proud to continue this endowed scholarship opportunity.



## **Sisters GRO Pegasus Scholarship: \$500 (6)**

*Donations to Sisters GRO General Fund*

- The Pegasus Scholarship is an eclectic award to students who have either evolved from various adverse situations, who have demonstrated honorable character traits or who have exhibited resiliency. Pegasus, the winged horse of Greek mythology, symbolizes power, speed, flight, and imagination. Sisters GRO would like to recognize these students for their tenacity and gritty attitudes. This scholarship is a simple gift to say we see your efforts and we believe in you. We hope this will help you take flight in your future learning.

## **Sisters High School Visual Arts Scholarship: \$1,000**

*Bethany Gunnarson & Sisters High School Art Dept.*

- The Sisters High School Art Department would like to present one or two scholarships to graduating SHS seniors.

## **Sisters Kiwanis Club and Glenn Keeran Scholarships: \$500 - \$2,000 (9)**

*Sisters Kiwanis Club*

- The Kiwanis Club of Sisters offers this scholarship to students who have exhibited involvement and interest in community service activities.

## **Sisters Rodeo Association Scholarship: \$2,500 (2)**

*Sisters Rodeo Association*

- The Sisters Rodeo Association provides scholarships to students who have exhibited: (i) an interest in and commitment to Sisters community organizations or School organizations through their volunteer participation, (ii) have shown a good work ethic in their school and community, and (iii) have demonstrated an attitude and aptitude to be successful in post-high school educational pursuits. The following interests are favorable activities and interests for scholarship selection: involvement with Sisters Rodeo, high school equestrian or rodeo activities or interests in agriculture or ranching activities.

### **Sisters Rotary Foundation Academic Scholarship: \$2,000 (3)**

#### *Sisters Rotary Foundation*

- The students selected will have demonstrated in daily life the Rotary Four-Way Test, which is: Of everything we think, say, or do: 1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### **Sisters Schools Foundation Scholarship: \$1,000 (3)**

#### *Sisters Schools Foundation*

- The Sisters Schools Foundation provides funding to enhance, enrich, and supplement academic excellence throughout the Sisters School District.

### **Sisters Vacation Rentals Scholarship: \$250 - \$500 (3)**

#### *Sisters Vacation Rentals*

- As the owner of a local business, this donor wants to give back by helping students who want to further their education. A successful applicant will have been involved in the local community.

### **SOQS Arts and Design Enrichment Scholarship: \$1,000**

#### *Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show*

- This scholarship recognizes and honors Sisters High School graduating seniors who desire to pursue college enrichment classes in the area of art and/or design. These classes may lead to a degree in art, design, or business, but this is not required.

### **SRB Building Education Fund: \$500**

#### *Sisters Rhythm and Brews Festival*

- The construction industry is losing its workforce to retirement every day. An electrician, plumber, architect, cabinetmaker, or tile layer are just a few examples of the variety of well-paying jobs available. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funds for a student seeking a career in the building trades, building industry, or building sciences.

**Stewart & Verle Weitzman Scholarship: \$12,500 (2)**

*Stewart & Verle Weitzman*

- This is a generous multi-year scholarship that is awarded to two SHS graduating seniors demonstrating motivation, commitment, and involvement in themselves and their community.

**The White Family Pay it Forward Scholarship: \$500 (2)**

*White Family*

- This scholarship honors the Schei Family whose love and support had a life changing impact on a White family member. The purpose of this scholarship is to support a student to believe in themselves, dream big, and show generosity going forward in their life.

**Three Sisters Lions Club Scholarship: \$1,000 - \$2,000 (4)**

*Three Sisters Lions Club*

- The goal of this scholarship is to offer financial support for those students hoping to receive training/education in areas that serve others or in the trades.

**TR McCrystal Culinary Arts Scholarship: \$5,000**

*Elizabeth and Robert Lende*

- This scholarship supports students planning to attend an accredited Culinary Arts or Hospitality Management program.

**Veterans Appreciation Scholarship: \$500**

*Eleanor Hammond*

- This scholarship was created to encourage students to appreciate the contributions and sacrifices that veterans have given to our country. It has been supported by various donors over the years who share a value for honoring our veterans.

## **Wara Family Scholarship: \$1,500**

*Diane and William Wara*

- The Wara Family Scholarship is offered in honor of Mildred Wickizer who advanced women in leadership positions during the 1940s and 50s when it was not fashionable. She received the first early childhood education degree awarded by the University of Minnesota and was the first person in her family to go to college. She practiced what she had learned throughout her life and went on to become the merchandising manager for a chain of 40 women's clothing stores in the mid-west and a recognized leader in her field. She was a wonderful mother and a good friend. This scholarship is dedicated to advancing the education of young women who are interested in education as a career.

## **Wayne and Irene Hensley Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000**

*Hensley/Jones Family*

- Wayne and Irene Hensley worked tirelessly to raise their family on their small Oregon farm. Neither had the privilege of acquiring high education, but they understood its importance and provided their three children with such. After retiring, Wayne proudly obtained his Associates Degree in Theology from Concordia University at the age of 67. Wayne and Irene lived their later years in the Tumalo area and were supporters of Sisters High School, often attending football and basketball games. Their family would like to honor Wayne and Irene through the support of higher education for SHS graduates.

## **Willitts Scholarship: \$1,500**

*Willitts Family*

- This scholarship supports a graduating senior who displays athletic participation, community service, extracurricular activities, and leadership skills.

## **ZoselHarper Realtors Scholarship: \$2,500 (2)**

*ZoselHarper Realtors*

- ZoselHarper Realtors is a local real estate agency that wishes to financially support Sisters High School graduates who will be attending a school in Oregon.

# **Roundhouse Enrichment Experience Scholarships**

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In addition to the post-secondary scholarship program, Sisters GRO facilitates Roundhouse Enrichment Experience Scholarships in partnership with the Roundhouse Foundation. Roundhouse scholarships are for middle and high school students in the Sisters School District. The purpose of the program is to increase engagement in and access to opportunities outside of the district that will advance student education and career exploration.

The following seniors applied for and were awarded Roundhouse Enrichment Experience Scholarships during their time as a student:

### **Brody Duey**

Leading Edge Flight Academy (2022)

### **Andrew Pomeroy**

Leading Edge Flight Academy (2022)

### **Matthew Riehle**

UNCW MarineQuest (2018 & 2022)  
Island Ecology Marine Science (2019)  
Realms of Cascadia (2017)

# General Fund Donations

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We are grateful to the following individuals for their contributions to the Sisters GRO General Fund and Endowment between September 2022 and May 2023:

Sage & Lynne Dorsey  
Brian & Lorene Harris  
Garner Hauptert  
Karen & Tim Hensley  
Linda Lamb  
Bob Norin  
Susan Parker & Brian Farrow  
Julie Scott  
Ann & Fay Thompson  
Robert & Mary Anne Woodell  
Sisters Arts Association  
Stewart & Verle Weitzman

Donations to the General Fund support student scholarships, administration and operations of the organization, resources for Senior Celebration, and sustainability of the scholarship program for future students.

# In-Kind Donations

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Thank you to the following organizations who provided in-kind donations for today's event:

Humm Kombucha  
Ray's Foodmart  
Sisters High School  
Sisters Coffee Company  
Trader Joe's - Bend

# Sisters GRO Board of Directors

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## Founding Board of Directors

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Without the time and energy of these individuals 15 years ago, Sisters GRO would not be what it is today. Because of them, the organization has been able to reduce local student debt by over \$2,000,000 since our founding in 2008.

Thank you 2008-2009 Sisters GRO Board of Directors!

Karen Hensley  
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Bob Macauley  
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# Sisters GRO Scholarship Review Committee Volunteers

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Most scholarships through Sisters GRO coordinate their own committees to review applications and make final selections. However, some scholarship sponsors are busy and need a little extra help. In that case, Sisters GRO coordinates three committees of volunteers to review and score applications based on the criteria and rubric specific to each scholarship. This year, Sisters GRO committees reviewed applications for 17 scholarships. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with this process:

Sally Blust  
Heather Bullock  
Kay Grady  
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Barb Hjelmstad  
Joe Hosang  
Connie Jones  
Wendy von Kalinowski  
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It was a pleasure to celebrate the  
Class of 2023  
with you this evening!

Photos of the event will be shared on the  
Sisters GRO website at:

[www.SistersGRO.org/Senior-Celebration](http://www.SistersGRO.org/Senior-Celebration).

If you take and post photos yourself,  
please use #SistersGRO  
to share with the Sisters GRO community.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of the  
Sisters High School graduating seniors.

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