



Sky Bunker is a 2017 ILHS graduate and ILEF scholarship recipient. Sky earned his Bachelor of Science in Material Science & Engineering from Michigan State University in 2021. Currently Sky is pursuing a Master's of Science in Sports Product Design at the University of Oregon. In this picture Sky's wearing a shirt he designed and made himself! This is just another success story made possible in part by the Inland Lakes Educational Foundation.

## NEW IN 2021 Career | Technical Professional (CTP) Grants

Thanks to a 1-million-dollar donation from Robert "Bob" deVore, the ILEF proudly announces the transformation of Vocational Grants to Career/Technical/Professional (CTP) grants. Bob's generous gift reminds us that local kids can accomplish big things. Bob was that "local kid" who grew up in Indian River; he did not forget where he came from and wanted to give back. Although there's still much work ahead and more funding needed, this generous donation will allow the ILEF to have an even greater impact facilitating trade careers for Inland Lakes graduates.

The first Vocational Grant was awarded in 1987 to Randy Bunker for \$1,000 toward Automotive Mechanic certification. Under the evolved CTP offering, grant recipients will pursue an even greater variety of specialized training for professional certification and/or licensing in the skilled trade industry. CTP grant expansion was driven by the ever-changing educational landscape and the Foundation's continued commitment to enhance educational opportunities for Inland Lakes graduates. These grants add an even broader dimension of funding opportunities for past and present Inland Lakes graduates. Primary and Continuing Education scholarships round out the financial offerings available for post-secondary education.

### Jackson Bottorff, Professional Technician at a Local Powersports Dealership



Jackson Bottorff has a passion for powersports and thought it would be "especially cool to do all that at school". Jackson took the new Inland Lakes powersports class and upon 2023 graduation began his career as a powersports technician! "Being able to have a professional career at my age is a big achievement for me. I was always a little nervous to leave home when it came time to do so, but having this job makes everything in my life pretty stable and saves me a lot of stress. I'm very happy I found a good job in my home town".

### What is the Scholarship Program?

Scholarships for both vocational and academic studies are awarded to graduates of Inland Lakes Schools. The scholarship recipients have pursued career goals ranging from nursing to engineering to vocational careers at the schools listed below:

- Alma College
- Alpena Community College
- Andrews University
- Aquinas College
- Texas A&M
- Central Michigan University
- Cornerstone Christian
- Eastern Michigan University
- Ferris State University
- Glen Oaks Community College
- Grand Valley State University
- Hope College
- Industrial Arts Institute
- ITT Tech
- Kirkland Community College
- Lake Superior State University
- Michigan State University
- Michigan Technological University
- North Central Michigan College
- Northern Michigan University
- University of Notre Dame
- Oakland University
- Universal Technical Institute
- University of Michigan
- University of New Orleans
- Western Michigan University
- Yale University

### The Inland Lakes Educational Foundation

An autonomous non-profit corporation established under the laws of the State of Michigan in 1986 by Indian River citizens. It is governed by a volunteer board of trustees who are responsible for establishing program policies and for raising, investing and dispensing funds.

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Scholarship awards are based on attributes recommended by the Foundation, which include Leadership, Academics, Citizenship and Financial Need. The Foundation Board is not directly involved with the selection for the scholarship awardees, leaving that decision in the hands of a committee of Inland Lakes Educators.

*Although the Foundation operates entirely independent of the Inland Lakes Board of Education, it encourages program suggestions from Inland Lakes staff and community members.*

# Inland Lakes Educational Foundation



## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

### What does the ILEF do?

The Inland Lakes Educational Foundation is organized to seek contributions and to provide a source of funding for educational programs, activities and events for the enrichment and benefit of Inland Lakes Students.

The Foundation funding does not replace tax-supported programs; but enhances educational opportunities for area young people. A scholarship program has been the major focus of the Foundation to date. The ILEF awards scholarships for college-bound graduates and Career/Technical/Professional (CTP) grants for graduates pursuing trade careers.

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Inland Lakes Graduate & Students Partner With Industrial Arts Institute (IAI) in Oneway, Using Welding Skills to Help Build New Bulldog



Pictured left to right are Connor Knight (2021 IL graduate) and seniors Jordan Knight and Grant Blumke. Connor is enrolled in the Industrial Arts Institute Comprehensive Industrial Welding program, training to become a Certified Welder (CTP). Jordan and Grant are taking IAI welding classes as part of their high-school curriculum; both have already earned several welding certificates!

# OUR MISSION:

To *SERVE* our students  
To *TOUCH* the lives of our students one at a time  
To *VALUE* their lives

### How is the Foundation Financed?

The foundation depends upon contributions such as memorial gifts, wills, trusts, and other means from individuals, organizations and businesses to support its activities. Because the ILEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, contributions are deductible under the Internal Revenue code.

To ensure a permanent source of funding, contributions are placed in an endowment fund. The interest and dividends paid on this fund is used for the scholarships awarded each year. As the endowment fund increases so does the number and size of scholarships.

To date the ILEF has awarded more than 876 scholarships in excess of 1.7 million dollars to Inland Lakes graduates. In keeping with the ever-changing educational landscape, we have broadened funding to include Career/Technical/Professional (CTP) Trade grants as well as primary and continuing scholarships.

## 2023 SCHOLARS PRIMARY WINNERS

### COLUMBUS BEACH CLUB SCHOLARSHIP Luci Bunker

Attending Grand Valley State University

### INDIAN RIVER GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP Kaden Hansel

Attending Muskegon Community College

### VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP Caitlin Jones

Attending Oakland University

### VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS Ryan Huffman

Attending Central Michigan University

### LINDSAY A. WEAVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Hannah Robinson

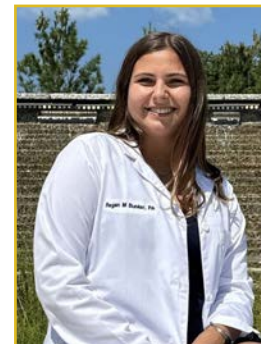
Attending Embry-Riddle  
Aeronautical Engineering University

### GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP Hayleigh Temple

Attending Ferris State University

## Regan Bunker

2017 Inland Lakes Graduate and Primary & Continuing Education Scholarship Recipient



Regan Bunker graduated from Inland Lakes in 2017. In 2020 she earned her Bachelor's in Biomedical Sciences from Western Michigan University, followed by a Masters of Science in Medicine in 2023. Regan is now a Certified Physician Assistant (PA).

2019		
Olivia Jaye Conners**	Katie Byrne**	Anna Beardsley**
Kimberly Rorick**	Alexis Passino**	Camryn Glynn**
Daisha Lubbers**	Madison Milner**	Travis Brown**
Chaz Oswald**	Jarrett Blumke**	Travis Atkinson**
Lindsay Smeltzer**	Myia Bunker**	Morgan Prokop**
Regan Bunker**	Kyle Whitman**	Ian Clancy**
Sky Bunker**	Ryan Hower**	Drew Heckman**
Casey Andrew**	Vanessa Wandrie**	Mackenzie Harrington**
Sarah Bruniquel**	Lindsay VanDaele**	Sydney DePauw**
Sophia Passino**	Falyn Mansfield*	Makenna Hebert*
Mara Clancy*	Zoe Prouse*	Cleveland Baker*
Precious Delos Santos*	Savannah Spence*	Tyra Fletcher*
2020		
Kimberly Rorick**	Sky Bunker**	Precious Delos Santos**
Mallory Bunker**	Olivia Jaye Conners**	Kyle Matthew Whitman**
Madison Milner**	Makenna Hebert**	Ryan Douglas Hower**
Lindsay Van Daele**	Jarrett Blumke**	Caeden Blumke**
Katie Byrne**	Falyn Mansfield**	Pamela May Braund**
Jonelle Beebe**	Savannah Spence**	Alexis Jane Passino**
Taylor Jankowiak**	Regan Bunker**	Sophie Passino**
Mackenzie Harrington**	Tyra Fletcher**	Josh Phillips**
Travis Brown**	Mara Clancy**	Zoe Prouse**
Taylor Braund**	Cleveland Baker**	Hannah Krussel*
Shaylee Michael*	Hope Swenor*	Levi Bunker*
Ava Hansel*	Nathaniel Wandrie*	
2021		
Falyn Mansfield**	Katie Byrne**	Precious Delos Santos**
Ian Clancy**	Olivia Jaye Conners**	Kyle Matthew Whitman**
David Burkhart**	Makenna Hebert**	Ava Hansel**
Amber Passino**	Jarrett Blumke**	Gracey Henckel**
Makayla Henckel**	Nathaniel Wandrie**	Shaylee Michael**
Camryn Glynn**	Daisha Justine Lubbers**	Taylor Braund**
Makayla Temple**	Victoria Perrault**	Josh Phillips**
Haivyn Fielder*	Cameron Wallace*	Jack Hurt*
Kelsey VanDaele*	Chase Belanger*	Ethan Oetter*
2022		
Taylor Braund**	Amber Passino**	Wesley Meckstroth**
Dominic Betke**	Ava Hansel**	Nathaniel Wandrie**
Joelle Brown**	Savannah Spence**	Gracey Henckel**
Austin Fielder**	Chase Belanger**	Katie Heckman**
Cameron Wallace**	Jack Hurt**	Cleveland Baker**
Brady Hebert**	Makenna Hebert**	Haivyn Fielder**
Shaelinn Hickey**	Jonelle Beebe**	Olivia Jaye Conners**
Daisha Justine Lubbers**	Camryn Glynn**	Matthew Skiera*
Alyssa Byrne**	Olivia Monthei*	Emily VanDaele*
Ty Thompson* 1/2	Nevin Thompson* 1/2	Megan Vigneau*
Andrew Kolly*		Ian Clancy
2023		
Alyssa Byrne**	Olivia Monthei**	Emily VanDaele**
Megan Vigneau**	Andrew Kolly**	Haivyn Fielder**
Chase Belanger**	Jack Hurt**	Shaylee Michael**
Taylor Braund**	Shane Skinner**	Amber Passino**
Wesley Meckstroth**	Dominic Betke**	Joelle Brown**
Victoria Collins**	Nathaniel Wandrie**	Jaimee Vizina**
Matthew Skiera**	Beau Vizina**	Austin Brege**
Zach Prodan	Brady Hebert**	Mason Blumke**
	Jack Hurt	
* First Year College Students		
** 2-3-4th Year College Students		
CTP (Career/Technical/Professional) Grant		
Columbus Beach Club Scholarship		Golf Club Scholarship
Father Donard Trade Scholarship		Vocational Scholarship
Lindsay A. Weaver Scholarship		General Scholarship

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