

## Dick DeVore



Looking for a way to give back to the community, the DeVore brothers, Dick and Bob were the founders of ILEF in 1986. In 1987 the ILEF presented its first scholarships of \$1,000 each; one for trades and one for traditional college. Dick has poured his heart into this foundation throughout the years and this year we will have given out almost 2 million in scholarships.  
Dick.....the Kids THANK YOU!



## 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.

### Beau Vizina

Beau wanted to share: "I am incredibly grateful for receiving the vocational scholarship that allowed me to attend Alpena Community College. This opportunity has been life changing, enabling me to complete my education and gain the skills needed for my career. Thanks to this support, I was able to secure a job with Consumers Energy, where I am excited to start a new chapter as a lineman and contribute to the community. Thank you for believing in my potential and providing the resources to achieve my goals."



### 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



## 2024 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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Alyssa Byrne



Alyssa Byrne. Is currently in her third year at the University of Michigan-Flint. Studying health sciences. She is waiting to hear on the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at U of M - Flint, that she has applied for. If accepted she will begin graduate school fall of 2025. Doing the accelerated 3+3 pathway which allows the student to get both undergraduate degree in health sciences and DPT degree in 6 years. She has also had the opportunity to volunteer & observe at UM-Flint's Pro-Bono PT/OT clinic.

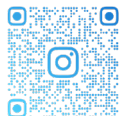
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**OUR MISSION:**  
To SERVE our students  
To TOUCH the lives of our students one at a time  
To VALUE their lives

**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 901 scholarships in excess of \$1,976,394 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.

**2024 SCHOLARS  
PRIMARY WINNERS**

**COLUMBUS BEACH CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**  
Teague Meckstroth

**INDIAN RIVER GOLF CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**  
Conner Wallace

**VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
Claire Feagan  
Charlotte Hanel

**LINDSAY A. WEAVER  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
Madison Thompson

**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
Hanna Hinman  
Marissa Kolly

**CAREER TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP**  
Grant Blumke

Siblings, Vanessa and Nathaniel were valedictorians, primary scholarship recipients and have recently graduated from college. Here is where they attended and what they are doing now.

**Vanessa Wandrie**  
Siena Heights University  
Bachelor of Science (Biology) with a minor in Chemistry



Michigan State University  
Masters of Science (Epidemiology)

Job - Research Development Specialist at Corewell Health Hospital

**Nathaniel Wandrie**  
University of Michigan Dearborn  
Bachelor of Science in Engineering (Electrical Engineering)



Job - ITC Holdings Corporation - Associate Engineer

2020		
Kimberly Rorick**	Sky Bunker**	Precious Delos Santos**
Mallory Bunker**	Olivia Jaye Conners**	Kyle Matthew Whitman**
Madison Milner**	Makenna Hebert**	Ryan Douglas Howery**
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 Prause**
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 Burkhardt**	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		
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*		
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**
2024		
Alyssa Byrne***	Olivia Monthei***	Emily VanDaele***
Megan Vigneau***	Andrew Kolly***	Haivyn Fielder***
Chase Belanger***	Jack Hurt***	Shaylee Michael***
Beau Vizina***	Brady Hebert***	Jaimee Vizina***
Wesley Meckstroth***1/2	Austin Brege***	Hayleigh Temple*
Grace Nola**	Kaden Hansel*	Hannah Robinson*
Hannah Krussel*	Kelsey VanDaele***	Bryana Mansfield*
Luci Bunker*	Cassidy Belanger*	