

2020 MLEF Awards Ceremony

[Lisa] Good evening, and thank you for joining us tonight. On behalf of the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation Board of Directors, I am Lisa Staiger.

Last year, Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation was formed by the merger of 2 existing educational foundations, the Moorhead Area Education Foundation and Moorhead Schools Legacy Foundation. The newly formed Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the educational experiences of all students throughout their Moorhead Area Public Schools career and beyond. We do this through fundraising efforts. We sponsor programs including Food For Thought, Spud History, and Teacher Grants. Another important mission of the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation is Spud Scholars, which helps raise money to provide scholarships for post-secondary education to Moorhead High graduates.

Since 1991, Spuds Scholars has awarded almost 2 million dollars in scholarships to approximately 2,000 Moorhead High graduates, including 4 scholarships each year to Moorhead High graduates who are currently attending an institution of higher education. This foundation is successful because of *your* generosity and that of businesses in our surrounding community. Thank you for your support.

We are proud to announce that this year, the foundation will award 99 scholarships totaling over \$108,000. Despite all the challenges of this unprecedented time, in this aspect, *it was a good year to be a senior.*

And now I'd like to introduce Cassidy Bjorklund, Moorhead Area Public Schools, School Board President and member of the Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation board.

[Cassidy] I am privileged today to share and celebrate with you, Moorhead class of 2020 Spud Scholars. These students have shown tenacity and grit as they have worked to complete their courses that will advance them to the next level of education. As I look at the names on this list, my heart is happy, knowing all these young adults are gearing up to take on the world, I have nothing but pure confidence, we will be in great hands. Congratulations class of 2020 Spud Scholars. We are excited to watch your paths unfold.

[Lisa] Thank you Cassidy. Now, Anthony Eddleston, MHS orchestra teacher, and I will be announcing our annual scholarship award winners.

[Presenting awards, Anthony and Lisa]

[Lisa] What a privilege it is to be able to support so many of the truly outstanding MAPS seniors. And now, I'd like to introduce Janelle Leiseth, Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation Board Chairperson.

[Janelle] Thank you to Lisa and our Spud Scholars committee. As I listen to the list of these exceptional students, I am personally overjoyed to see such dedication to further one's education. The Legacy Foundation's Spud Scholars has a long history of supporting our Moorhead Schools and students. These awards are a direct result of the impact of our local businesses and donors, and it is through the generosity of our community that ensures today's students are rewarded for their hard work. You can be part of that impact by visiting our website at MoorheadLegacy.org and making a donation today. Congratulations to our 2020 Spud Scholars award winners!