

THE CEDAR FALLS SCHOOLS FOUNDATION CONNECTION

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CHRISTENSEN FUNDS MAKERSPACE ITEMS



In 2002, Elna Christensen left a legacy to "perpetuate quality of life in her hometown." The Elna Christensen Memorial Fund, established in memory of her parents, Nels and Kirstine Christensen, was a \$1,370,000 endowment gift to the district.

The fund is now held with the Cedar Falls Schools Foundation. During the 2019-2020 school year, the district used \$28,559.67 from the fund to purchase Makerspace items. Students used these items to complete six challenges this year, including the Pumpkin Catapults Challenge, the Spread Joy Challenge, and the Fashion Challenge, among others. Read the full article [here](#).

ZEHNER AWARDED JOHN NERO MEMORIAL GRANT



The John Nero Memorial Grant was established after his passing in 2011 for first and second year teachers continuing graduate study. A longtime Cedar Falls High School teacher and guidance counselor, John had a desire to assist new teachers as they embarked on their first or second year of teaching. New teachers may be eligible for a grant from this fund, to be used to tuition and/or materials for graduate studies.

A John Nero Memorial Grant in the amount of \$200 has been awarded this year to Jennifer Zehner, Cedar Falls High School. Jennifer is pursuing her Master's in Special Education and will be using the grant to pay for her Summer 2020 courses. Click [here](#) for the full article.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

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The Cedar Falls Schools Foundation awarded 12 scholarships to 2020 graduating seniors. Thank you to our many donors and their families for making these gifts possible. Scholarship recipients were announced on Sunday, May 24 during the televised Honors Convocation. A recording of the event is available to watch online [here](#).

This fall, 21 new and renewed scholarships will be given to CFCS graduates for post-secondary education. To read more about our scholarships and this year's recipients, click [here](#).

Congratulations to these outstanding seniors!

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