

# \$19,000 in Scholarships awarded to local students from NCCF

The Norton County Community Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of their 2025 scholarship awards. Thanks to the generosity of local donors and families, 22 scholarships totaling \$19,000 have been awarded to area students pursuing higher education.



Ella Clark  
Della Connell Scholarship



Jeffrey Fick  
Della Connell Scholarship  
Rotary Scholarship  
Candace Gay Scholarship



Mareesa Hempler  
Della Connell Scholarship

This year's awards were made possible by eight different scholarship funds, each established to honor the legacy of community members and support the next generation of leaders. Scholarships were awarded to both graduating high school seniors and current college students, representing a wide range of academic interests and career goals.

**Della Connell Scholarship**

Ten students received support through the Della Connell Scholarship Fund, including six high school students who each received \$1,000: •Ella Clark •Jeffrey Fick •Mareesa Hempler •Jaida Peterson •Colton Stover •Natalie Wonderly

**Four college students were also awarded \$1,500 each:**

•Tana Breiner •Cooper Frack •Rylee Haresnape •Ryann Manning

**Rotary Scholarship:**

The Norton Rotary Club awarded \$400 scholarships to: •Payton Bailey •Jeffrey Fick •Colton Stover

**Bowman Family Scholarship:**

•Ella Juenemann received the \$1,300 Bowman Family Scholarship

**Candace Gay Scholarship:**

Jeffrey Fick was selected to receive the \$500 Candace Gay Scholarship

**Durham Family Scholarship:**

•Natalie Simmons received the \$500 Durham Family Scholarship

**NCHS Alumni Scholarship:**

This fund awarded \$500 scholarships to: •KcAnna Keiswetter •Rylie Linner •Traxton Ragland •Natalie Wonderly

**Deines-Smiley Scholarship:**

•Allison Peterson was awarded the \$500 Deines-Smiley Scholarship

**Gladys M. Harper Scholarship**

•Leron Atwell was selected as the recipient of the \$1,000 Gladys M. Harper Scholarship



Jaida Peterson  
Della Connell Scholarship



Colton Stover  
Della Connell Scholarship  
Rotary Scholarship



Natalie Wonderly  
Della Connell Scholarship  
NCHS Alumni Scholarship



Tana Breiner  
College Scholarship



Cooper Frack  
College Scholarship



Rylee Haresnape  
College Scholarship



Ryann Manning  
College Scholarship



Peyton Bailey  
Rotary Scholarship



Ella Juenemann  
Bowman Family Scholarship



Natalie Simmons  
Durham Family Scholarship



KcAnna Keiswetter  
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Rylie Linner  
NCHS Alumni Scholarship



Traxton Ragland  
NCHS Alumni Scholarship



Allison Peterson  
Deines-Smiley Scholarship



Leron Atwell  
Cladys M. Harper Scholarship

## USD 212 Northern Valley June school board meeting

A Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Northern Valley Schools was held Monday, June 9, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Long Island Middle School, 627 Washington, Long Island, KS 67647.

Board members present included: Shanna Hammond, Brandi Keith, Christopher Rogers, Laquita Smith, Hilary Van Patten, Rich Wenzl, and Steven Whitney.

Also in attendance were: Ken Tharman (HS Principal/Superintendent), Marvin Gebhard (PreK-8 Principal), and Amber Brown (Board Clerk).

I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Agenda

I recommend the board approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

I recommend the board approve the minutes as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Brandi Keith, Carried.

IV. Approval of Bills

I recommend the board approve the bills as presented. This motion, made by Christopher Rogers and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

V. Hearing of Visitors

VI. Old Business

A. Transportation

Mr. Tharman updated the board on the status of the green pickup, Bus #10, the Husqvarna Mower, and Van #4. All are on PurpleWave and will be closing out on Tuesday, June 10th.

B. Basketball Warm-ups

I recommend the board approve the basketball warm-up quotes as presented. This motion, made by Rich Wenzl and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

C. Graduation Cords

Board members discussed the pros and cons of allowing non-school organization honor cords at graduation. No decision was made at this time.

D. Norton Revitalization Program

The Norton County Revitalization Program was brought up again; the pros and cons were discussed. I recommend the board adopt the Resolution of the Norton County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan as presented. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Christopher Rogers, Carried.

VII. Personnel

A. Staffing

I recommend the board go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel matters to protect the privacy

interests of the individual to be discussed; retaining Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Tharman and returning to open session in this room at 7:05 p.m. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

At 7:05 PM the board returned to open session; no action taken.

B. Teacher PDC Transcripts

I recommend the board approve the teachers' PDC transcripts as presented. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Brandi Keith, Carried.

C. Supplemental

I recommend the board approve Dean Lewis for the Head HS Volleyball coach position. This motion, made by Steven Whitney and seconded by Shanna Hammond, Carried.

VIII. New Business

A. Negotiations

I recommend the board approve the Negotiated Agreement items ratified by the Northern Valley Education Association. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Christopher Rogers, Carried.

B. Summer Projects

Mr. Tharman went over several of the items that are going on this summer: New carpet in HS Social Studies and FACS classroom/ Exterior concrete repairs in Long Island and in front of the HS cafeteria/epoxy coating and flecks in bathrooms and ramp and steps at auditorium/ GS gyms scraping off plaster and adding sheeting to walls/ boiler updates and repairs/ Classroom cleaning/ touch up paint/ new breaker box in MS band room/ New phone system/ Cat 6 cable

pulls.

C. Science Curriculum

I recommend the board approve the K-5 and JH & HS Science Curricula as presented. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Steven Whitney, Carried.

D. End of the Fiscal Year Meeting

I recommend the board approve Mr. Tharman to make the necessary end-of-the-year transfers without a special board meeting. This motion, made by Laquita Smith and seconded by Rich Wenzl, Carried.

IX. Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent / 9-12 Principal Report

Mr. Tharman shared the following: Morning basketball camps/ weightlifting/ KIDS training/ Driver's Education complete (7 passing)/ working

on Cardiac Emergency Response Plan - Due at the July meeting/Budget meeting (June 18th).

B. K-8 Principal Report

Mr. Gebhard went over the following: Graduation went well (Congratulations to the 8th graders and thank you to Mrs. Lowry and Mrs. Mordecai)/ Funday was very windy but went well/ Used a different company for the book fair but it went well; Inservice had a lot of productive teacher collaboration/ Staff and bus driver check-outs finishing up.

X. Reports of Board Members

XI. Adjournment

I recommend the board adjourn. This motion, made by Shanna Hammond and seconded by Laquita Smith, Carried.

**Match Day 2025**  
June 25, 2025  
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Heaton Building (Norton)

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**\$100,000 MATCH**  
Generously provided by  
**Jim & Lida Sharp and the Patterson Family Foundation**

### Participating Organizations

- Crayons for Classrooms
- DSNWK (Norton County)
- Economic & Entrepreneurship Fund
- Empower Norton
- Grandstand Revitalization Project
- Jim & Barb Johnson Family Fund (Almena)
- Leap of FaithE
- NCCF Operating Endowment
- NCCF Properties (Heaton Bldg & Lyons House)
- NCHS Alumni Association (Scholarship)
- North Star Nutrition Fund
- Norton Area Child Care Assoc. (Sunshine)
- Norton Cares
- Norton County 4-H Shotgun Club
- Norton County Arts Council
- Norton County Health Department
- Norton County Historical Society
- Norton County Hospital
- Norton County Ministerial Alliance
- Norton Development Corporation
- Norton Flowers
- Norton Mini Speedway
- Norton Regional Health Foundation
- Norton Rotary (Scholarship)
- Norton Theatre Association
- Promoting Norton County Fund
- Secure Sebelius Lake Fund

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### •PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLENN LEWIS SCHULZE  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Case No. NT-2025-PR-000018

In the Matter of the Estate of GLENN LEWIS SCHULZE aka, GLENN L. SCHULZE, deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed in this Court by Timothy F. Schulze, as an heir of the decedent, Glenn Lewis Schulze, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the assets of said Glenn Lewis Schulze, deceased; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 8th day of July, 2025, at 2:30 o'clock p.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Timothy F. Schulze, Petitioner

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