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**DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS \$181,250  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO DCG CLASS OF 2023**

*Record-Setting Amount Awarded at Annual Scholarship Event*

**GRIMES, IOWA** (July 6, 2023) - The Dallas Center-Grimes Class of 2023 received the largest amount of financial support to-date from the DCG Education Foundation (DCGEF) during the annual scholarship event held May 24, 2023 at the DCG High School Auditorium.

During the awards ceremony, students received 124 scholarships sponsored by local businesses, organizations, community members, and fundraising efforts. The scholarships awarded totaled \$181,250.

“We are extremely grateful to our local community for their support of DCG students,” said Mike Wemhoff, outgoing DCGEF board president. “It is the mission of DCGEF to support students in the pursuit of higher education through financial scholarships. With the growing interest in our programs and fundraisers, we are able to have a larger impact each year.”

The highlight of the awards ceremony was the announcement of the recipients for the DCGEF RED Scholarship. The RED scholarship is a community-funded, renewable scholarship that totals \$12,000 over four-years of post-secondary school. This year, DCGEF was able to award three of these scholarships in thanks to the generosity of local supporters who participated in the annual RED Dinner and Auction last November.

RED scholarship recipients are selected based on a matrix of criteria including grade-point average, activities, leadership, volunteerism, and a student-written essay. This year's RED scholarships were awarded to Elle Gannon, Kiley Crivaro, and Sage Abrahamson-Stratton.

"The RED scholarship wouldn't exist without the generosity of Dallas Center and Grimes residents," said Tiffany Hamil, incoming DCGEF board president. "Each November we invite the community to join us for a dinner and auction event to raise money for this scholarship. We have been overwhelmed by the growing support, which enabled us to offer an additional 4-year renewable scholarship this year."

DCGEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, volunteer-run, and operated separately from the Dallas Center-Grimes school district. By working directly with members of the district, DCGEF provides the recruitment and administration of scholarship funds for DCG students.

"Studies show that financial concern is the top reason students exit post-secondary schools early," said Hamil. "As the cost of schooling continues to rise, our work becomes even more important in growing awareness of DCGEF's mission, so we can support as many students in their educational plans as possible."

There are many ways to become involved in DCGEF, including scholarship sponsorship, donating items for the RED Dinner and Auction, or volunteering for a committee or board seat.

The DCGEF Board would like to thank Mike Wemhoff for his many years of service and commitment to the successful futures of DCG students. Wemhoff has served as president since 2019.

Visit [www.dcgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org) to learn more about DCGEF and upcoming events.

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### **About Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation**

Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation (DCGEF), a 501(c)3 non-profit, works with local organizations, businesses, and community members to fundraise for and manage scholarship programs for students in the DCG school district planning to attend a trade school, college or university following high school. Since 2014, DCGEF has awarded

more than \$800,000 in scholarships to DCG students and alumni. Learn more about DCGEF at [www.dcgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org).