

Hello Auxiliary members,

As I write this, I am glad to see things turning green and growing again outside. A time for new beginnings and waking from the hibernation of winter. At least I think winter is done?!

I continue to be amazed by all the fantastic things our youth are doing, even during the pandemic. I had the great honor of reading 48 wonderful scholarship applications for the Department Education program. These arrive from all over the state and show the notable projects and high character of our young people.

Five \$500 scholarships were awarded to the following: Lukas Mavity of Dickinson High School, Ashlee Presser of Turtle Lake – Mercer High School, Jady Sandy of Velva High School, Anne Schauer of Lewis and Clark Berthold High School, and Jocelyn Trnka of Central Cass High School.

The Department scholarship committee also received and reviewed 17 applications for National Auxiliary scholarships. Thank you to Department President Sharon White Bear and Department Secretary Marcy Schmidt for helping with the scholarship selection process. The submission process for the Children of Warriors Scholarship changed this year and I believe it encouraged more applicants.

Three scholarship packets were sent to the NW Division for judging. Alexis Kraemer from Grand Forks Central High School, a Junior Auxiliary member was the Spirit of Youth selection. Cassidy Strommen of Flasher Public High School was the Children of Warriors National Presidents' selection. Sophie Sparrow, a current college student and Auxiliary member, was the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship selection.

We are pleased to share that Sophie Sparrow was recently announced as a National Winner! Way to go!

We wish to congratulate these students on their hard work, dedication, and commitment to academics and their communities. Please continue to support the youth in your area and promote both scholarships and educational opportunities.

Keep in mind, the National Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship is designed to reward Junior members who retain Auxiliary membership after they turn 18. It specifically targets Auxiliary members who are currently college students. Do not lose track of your Juniors after they graduate from high school. Encourage them to apply! They are the future of our great organization.

I sincerely hope you all have a great summer and stay well. As I leave this chairmanship in June, I want to say that it has been my honor and privilege to serve in this capacity. I was truly blessed being able to hear about these wonderful students.

Yours in Service,

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Department Education Chairman