

Al Zierler Memorial Scholarship



Al Zierler was born January 26, 1956. He and his wife Judy (Verhagen) grew up in Kaukauna and raised their three daughters, Michelle, Kathy & Kelly, in Little Chute. Al worked at Capital Credit Union for 40 years and was President/CEO for 27 of those years. During Al's tenure, Capital Credit Union grew from a \$56 million, three-office organization into a \$1.1 billion organization with 22 offices and over 400 employees.

Al was very active in his community. He served for 8 years on the board of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, including serving as chairman for a year. For many years, Al was also the chairman of the Great Wisconsin Cheese Festival and volunteered for Special Olympics. He was an active member of St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church in Little Chute and was a previous member and chairman of the finance committee. He also coached his daughters' volleyball and basketball teams while they attended St. John Grade School.

During his lifetime, Al received many awards. He was the 2011 Fox Valley Technical College Alumni of the Year, 2013 speaker for the Fox Valley Technical College winter graduation, 2014 Heart of the Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year, and 2014 Kaukauna High School Rally Master for his 40th class reunion.

In his free time, Al enjoyed spending time with his family. He attended all his children and grandchildren's events. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing up north at his cabin, cheering on his favorite Wisconsin sports teams, going for long walks with Judy, riding his Harley, happy hour on the patio, and spending winters at their condo in Fort Myers since retirement.

Because of Al's strong community involvement, he was involved in the awarding and presenting of many scholarships over his lifetime. He believed strongly in higher education and loved presenting scholarships to students.

Al's family established this scholarship in his memory. The awards will benefit students from four area high schools in which Al had a connection: Kaukauna High School, where Al & Judy graduated; Little Chute High School, where his three daughters graduated; and Kimberly & Hortonville High Schools, where his grandchildren will attend.

Eligibility:

Graduating seniors from Hortonville, Kaukauna, Kimberly and Little Chute public high schools who plan to pursue a career in business and attend an accredited college, university or technical school. The following will be taken into consideration to determine the recipient:

- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Participation in extra-curricular activities
- Participation in community service and volunteering

Award Amount:

One \$750 award for a student from each of the four schools listed above, to be used for tuition and books.

Selection:

Recipients will be selected each spring by members of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region Scholarship Selection Committee along with one family member.

Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payments will be released after submission of the following to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region: completed scholarship verification form (located at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships) along with verification of full-time student status (class schedule with credits listed). After approval of submitted documentation, the scholarship check will be paid directly to the school the recipient will be attending during the first semester. Most communications between the Community Foundation and the student will be via email. Please keep us advised of your current email address.

Loss of Eligibility:

Failure to maintain full-time student status pursuing a career in business.

Further Information:

For more information regarding this scholarship please visit the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's website at www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships or contact us at scholarships@cffoxvalley.org or call 920-702-7619.