

## Al Zierler Memorial Scholarship Fund for FVTC

### Background:

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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 earned his associate degree in accounting from Fox Valley Technical College and was a huge advocate for technical college education. Al's family established this scholarship in his memory.

### Eligibility: (taken into consideration to determine recipients)

- Students currently enrolled at Fox Valley Technical College
- Pursuing a degree in business
- Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA
- Participation in extra-curricular activities
- Participation in community service and volunteering

### Award Amount:

Two scholarships will be awarded for cost of attendance; one in the spring and one in the fall. Amount varies.

### Selection:

Recipients will be recommended each spring by Fox Valley Technical College Scholarship Selection Committee.

### Payment Procedure:

Scholarship payment will be made directly to Fox Valley Technical College Foundation upon their request.

### Loss of Eligibility:

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

### Further Information:

- Fox Valley Technical College Foundation
- Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
  - Website [www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/](http://www.cffoxvalley.org/scholarships/)
  - Email [scholarships@cffoxvalley.org](mailto:scholarships@cffoxvalley.org)
  - Call 920.702.7629