




**Stout University Foundation**

# Scholarships

## Sonja Marie Bengtson Scholarship

From a very early age, Sonja Marie Bengtson '99 loved clothing, fashion and drawing. She chose to attend UW-Stout because of its fashion design program. She especially valued her exchange experience at the American College in London. According to her parents, she gained valuable technical and professional skills while thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to experience the fashion world of London.

In addition to formal educational opportunities, Sonja kept abreast of the fashion world through subscriptions to more than 10 fashion magazines. She seemed to have a natural gift for fashion trends. In a letter to a prospective employer she wrote, "I am drawn to this position because I will be able to use my creative abilities and strong sense of future trends in design and color to assist in the apparel designing process."

Two months after graduating from UW-Stout, Sonja died of injuries suffered in an

automobile accident. Sonja had charisma and a powerful spirit. She used these strengths to make others feel loved and encouraged them to reach their full potential.

The Bengtson family, in memory of Sonja Marie, has endowed a scholarship to fund international exchange opportunities for students majoring in apparel design/manufacturing. Donna Albrecht, a faculty member in the apparel design/manufacturing program noted "Sonja was a creative designer. She loved life and particularly loved her study abroad experience. Her energies and talents are missed. We're very grateful to the Bengtson family for their generosity and their vision to help other students further their educational experiences by providing the study abroad scholarship."

The first travel scholarship will be awarded in the fall.



Bengtson

## David Tillman Graphic Arts Scholarship

David Tillman '75 has established a scholarship in the graphic arts area. "I am excited to be able to create the scholarship for the talented students who major in graphic arts," Tillman said. "I have enjoyed my career in the field and it has given me the opportunity to work with great people all over the United States. Jean and I are having fun with our young son, Joshua, teaching him all the wonderful things the world has to offer."

Tillman received a BS in Industrial Technology and an MBA from the College of St. Thomas in 1981. "I have worked in sales and management at the Banta Catalog Group in

St. Paul for 23 years," he said. "For years I have had the desire to give something back to UW-Stout. It is my way to say thank you to all the great teachers and students along with all the life's little lessons I learned during my days at UW-Stout."

Tillman's scholarship will support an individual majoring in graphic communications management and the first scholar will be selected this fall.



Tillman

## Arland and Eleanor Larson Manufacturing Engineering Endowed Scholarship

Arland Larson worked for McDonough Manufacturing during his lifetime and enjoyed designing and building machinery for the plant. He also built his home. Arland passed away three years ago. In his memory, Eleanor has endowed a scholarship for talented students majoring in manufacturing engineering who enjoy the challenge of designing and creating.

Eleanor worked for many years at Uniroyal

as a statistical operations officer. Both enjoyed traveling after retiring from their respective employment. Eleanor indicated, "Arland would have enrolled in Stout's manufacturing engineering program if he had the chance. It would have been the right major for him."

The first scholar will be announced this fall.

## American Edge Real Estate Scholarship

American Edge Real Estate Services Inc., was established September 1989. Initially formed as a property management company, American Edge has developed into a full service real estate company. They provide brokerage representing sellers or buyers; property management of residential, commercial and retail property; construction management; general contracting; and land development services.

"The community and real estate profession has been good to us," explained owners Emilie and Peter Wiese who have served as officers for the local Board of Realtors,

coordinated fundraisers for the community groups and participate in a variety of local organizations. "We wanted to give back something which would benefit the students at UW-Stout."

The first American Edge scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded this fall. Chancellor Charles W. Sorensen noted, "So many students are in need of financial assistance, and we're very appreciative of Emilie and Peter's effort to provide assistance to help students earn their degree."



American Edge

## The James E. and Kathryn A. Cook Endowed Scholarship

James E. Cook enrolled at Stout in 1949 and received the first Alumni Scholarship Award in the amount of \$75 dollars. He said, "I was always grateful for the help, and in 1949 that was a substantial scholarship." Following graduation in 1953, he moved to Michigan and established the industrial arts department at Bangor High School. He taught all the general comprehensive shop classes. He moved to Monroe, Mich., and rebuilt the high school drafting program. After completing his doctorate in 1971, the family moved to Battle Creek, Mich., and he was hired by the Kellogg Community College. He remained there until retirement in 1986. During his tenure at the community college, he served as dean of instruction, vice president for research and development and executive vice president.

Since retirement, Kathryn and James enjoy traveling and participating in the RV Care-A-Vanners, helping build homes with Habitat for Humanity.

The first scholarship will be awarded in

September 2000 to a student majoring in technology education, vocational technical and adult education or industrial technology, and who is in need of financial assistance and has attained at least sophomore status.

"The education and training received by Stout's many graduates enables them to do great things and be leaders in their field. James E. Cook was such a graduate, and the James E. and Kathryn A. Cook Endowed Scholarship is an exemplary example of a graduate coming full circle," said Howard Lee, interim dean of UW-Stout's College of Technology, Engineering and Management. "The scholarship will enable a student in the College of Technology, Engineering and Management to subsidize the high cost of today's education. We would, no doubt, expect great things from the recipient, as James E. Cook has demonstrated."



The Cooks

## Kimberly Clark Packaging Scholarship

UW-Stout is proud of its many partnerships with business and industry. Kimberly Clark is such a partner and has been a strong advocate of UW-Stout throughout the years. Kimberly Clark hires many Stout graduates who are working in the packaging division.

In appreciation for the quality graduates, Kimberly Clark has established an endowment which will fund a \$1,000 scholarship each year for a qualified major. The first award will be presented at the Foundation's scholarship award reception in September.

## Rudiger Family Endowed Scholarship

E. Robert Rudiger earned his BS and MS degrees at Stout, and an Ed.D. degree from the University of Missouri. He returned to teach at Stout in 1952 and retired in 1982. While at Stout he developed the department of industrial teacher education and the Stout Extension Program. He was active in professional organizations related to the NAITTE, and was chair of the Wisconsin Vocational Education Advisory Council for eight years. He served as the executive secretary of the Stout Alumni Association for 14 years and was instrumental in establishing the Distinguished Alumni

Awards program.

His late wife Ann, also received her BS and MS degrees from Stout. She taught at Stephens College and at Stout prior to her retirement. Their daughter, Roberta, received an MS degree in from Stout in 1987.

The Rudiger Family Scholarship will be available to students pursuing a vocational and technical education major, and the first award will be made this fall.



Rudiger

## Carl and Laura Seitz Endowed Business Administration Scholarship

Laura and Carl '47 Seitz, have endowed a scholarship for a junior or senior majoring in general business administration. Carl was president and CEO of Welders' Supply Company in Beloit, for many years before retiring to Arizona. Since retirement both he and Laura have enjoyed the antique business, and he especially enjoys golfing almost daily. While in Beloit, the Seitz's were involved in the UW-Stout Rock River Alumni Association and they currently attend alumni functions in

the Tucson, Ariz., area.

Karen Ferree, general business administration program director, remarked, "We are excited to have the scholarship for this program. The general business administration program is exceptional, and such a scholarship will honor students who are outstanding achievers. We are indebted to the Seitz's for their generosity."

The \$750 annual scholarship will be awarded in September.

