

# Tatro Family Scholarship

Inspired by experiences of growing up in Mason City and excellent teachers, the Tatro family wishes to award a yearly scholarship to deserving MCHS students.

Norb Tatro from the graduating class of 1961 committed to fund this scholarship in honor of his parents and their commitment to education. In addition, Norb felt his family truly benefited from the education received in Mason City.

The \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to one graduating senior annually based on the following criteria: Recipient must display financial need and must have been very active in music or journalism (print, TV or online) in high school and demonstrated an intent to major in one of these fields in college.

In choosing the criteria, Norb, tributes two former instructors, Paul Behm (band director) and Neil Puhl (journalism instructor) as his inspiration and instrumental in deciding his career as a journalist.

Norb also cited economics as another driving force in his decision, " Legislatures covered about half the cost of higher education at state school. Today that share is closer to one quarter, forcing up tuition rates to plug the gap -- and pricing out a percentage of middle income students."

"Hopefully, the Tatro Family Scholarships will help provide the financial support a few MCHS students need to afford a first-class college education," Norb added.