

CAMPBELL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Campbell Family Scholarship was established by the family to honor three generations of Mason City High School graduates beginning with Harold and Esther (Riefe) Campbell. The scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving Mason City High School senior based on scholastic merit, demonstrated leadership and community service. Leadership can be demonstrated in many ways whether in school, community, sports or social activities. Service to community was instilled in the extended Campbell families with Harold and Esther Campbell as role models.

Harold Campbell was born and raised in Coggon, Iowa, a small farming community in eastern Iowa. As a young man, he moved to Mason City and began a long retail career with Gildner's, a men's clothing store, eventually becoming the store manager. He married Esther Elizabeth Riefe who graduated from MCHS in 1915. They both actively supported community and youth programs as well as their church. Harold served as President of the Boy Scout's North Iowa Council and served as President of the Mason City Chamber of Commerce. Esther served on the YMCA Board and was active in Girl Scouts, the Occident Club, Women's Club and PEO. They raised three MCHS graduates: Robert (1936); Dorothy (1938); and Donald (1940).

Bob Campbell (MCHS 1936) graduated from Iowa State College in 1940 with a BS degree in chemical engineering. He immediately started a 12-year career with DuPont Chemical Company working in locations throughout the eastern and southern United States. In 1953, he and his wife, Frances "Lucy" Motley, moved back to Mason City to raise their young family. He worked for nearly 20 years at Northwestern States Portland Cement Company as Plant Manager and later as Vice President of Operations. Bob served his community well. He served on the Mason City School Board and the boards of the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, and Junior Achievement. A 50-year member of the Boy Scouts, Bob was honored with both the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards for his many years of local and regional service to the Boy Scouts. Like his father, Bob served as the President of the Boy Scout's Winnebago Council. Lucy was also very active in community activities as PTA President, a Girl Scout troop leader as well as working programs for the Friends of the Library and the MacNider Art Museum. They raised three MCHS graduates: Carol (1968); Bruce (1969); and Scott (1971). Carol, a retired US Air Force Brigadier General, was honored as a Distinguished MCHS Alumnus in 2008. All three children graduated from Iowa State University. Bob and Lucy were selected as Iowa State University's Parents of the Year for 1971. Later in life, Bob remarried. He married Mary Jane Pauley Cox, a MCHS 1935 graduate.

Dorothy Campbell (MCHS 1938), known as "Teeter" by her family and friends, attended Grinnell College and the University of Iowa receiving a degree in speech pathology. She and her husband, Howard Clark, raised three sons in Burlington, Iowa. After raising her family, Dorothy became a speech pathologist serving schools in Iowa and later with the Visiting Nurse Service in Phoenix, Arizona.

Don Campbell (MCHS 1940) served with the 109th Evacuation Hospital, US Army Medical Corps, in the European Theater during World War II. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1946 with a BA degree in business. He began a 30-year management career with Pontiac Motor Division of the General Motors Corporation, first in Colorado and then in California, rising to Zone Business Manager. He and his wife, Bonnie Mae Beckman from Hampton, raised four sons in California. They were both very active in Boy Scouts, their church, and hospital community service. Don received the Silver Beaver Award for his long-time service to Boy Scouts in the San Fernando Valley.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to the Education Foundation of Mason City Public Schools, Campbell Family Scholarship, 1515 S Pennsylvania, Mason City, Iowa 50401.