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To promote effective and responsible county government for the people of lowa.

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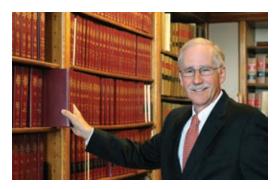
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What's Certain

This magazine is likely arriving a little late. Its tardiness is due to the uncertainty of, well, everything. The least of these concerns is golfing in June. But golfing in June for the children of county officials and employees in Iowa can mean money for college. Each year the ISAC Education Foundation hosts a fundraiser that raises the vast majority of the ISAC scholarship money that is awarded annually. The way things are looking at the time of publication, the ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser will likely be cancelled for several reasons that will be reported when that decision is made. However, we want to move forward with the publishing of this magazine because the Education Foundation is important. It's a lot more than golfing, and at a time of uncertainty and concern, it's certain that these scholarships help your colleagues' kids attend college with less worry.



William R. Peterson
Executive Director
bpeterson@iowacounties.org

Throughout the magazine we'll feature events that may later be canceled. We would love for everything to move forward as planned, but we know that for the safety and wellbeing of our staff, members, vendors, and the general public, this likely won't be the case. We'll be sure to keep everyone informed of any changes, and more importantly, we'll continue to explore other ways to fund the scholarships so that this important program can remain strong. Some of them will be featured here, but please reach out to us if you have any other ideas or sources of scholarship money that we may be overlooking. We are in this together and know that we are working hard to continue to support you.



2020 ISAC Scholarship Recipient - District 2 and Top Scholarship Winner: Lauren Erickson, Parents: Corie and Kathy Erickson. Kathy works for Humboldt County Community Services.

Donate to the SAC SAC SALL Education Foundation, Inc.

Make a charitable, tax-deductible donation NOW!

The lowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) annually awards college scholarships to high school seniors who are children of county officials or county employees. The ISAC Education Foundation is an organization whose only mission is to raise money to support ISAC's scholarship program. The ISAC Education Foundation is a public charity exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations to the ISAC Education Foundation are tax deductible under I.R.C. § 170. ISAC and all county officials ask that you consider supporting the ISAC Education Foundation and ISAC's scholarship program with a tax-deductible donation. All donors will receive a receipt and, unless they choose not to, will also be recognized in at least one issue of ISAC's monthly magazine, on the ISAC website, and during at least one of ISAC's semi-annual conferences. Your generous support is appreciated.

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2020 ISAC Scholarship Awards

The 2020 ISAC Scholarship ceremony took place on March 12 during the 2020 ISAC Spring Conference General Session. The winners and their families were invited to come before the membership to be recognized and accept their certificates. Each winner had a short Q&A with presenter, Lonny Pulkrabek, Johnson County Sheriff and ISAC Past President. The 2020 ISAC Scholarship recipients are highlighted throughout the issue.



2020 ISAC Scholarship Recipient - District 1: Whitanie Nederhoff, Parents: Heidi and Mark Nederhoff. Heidi is a Grundy County Supervisor.



2020 ISAC Scholarship Recipient - District 3: Hailey Kellen, Parents: Bobbi and DJ Kellen. Bobbi works in the Plymouth County Treasurers Office.

The ISAC Education Foundation has been awarding a variety of scholarships to the children of county officials and employees since 1997. Throughout the magazine we will list all of the past winners. See what names you recognize that are now leaders in your communities and throughout the United States.

2019 - \$20,000

Cierra Johannes, Story County (\$2,000)
Alexis Stirling, Butler County (\$2,000)
Kade Griesse, Lyon County (\$2,000)
Connor Shipley, Adams County (\$2,000)
Madison Lozano, Lee County (\$2,000)
Erin O'Keefe, Johnson County (\$2,000)
Jillian Cosgrove, Webster County (\$1,000)
Julia La Rue, Bremer County (\$1,000)

Sydney Herrig, Clay County (\$1,000)
Mason Vanatta, Fremont County (\$1,000)
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Who is invited to sponsor?

Preferred Vendors, Vendors, and ISAC Affiliates

What is the cost to sponsor?

View full package options and pricing below

When and where do the events take place?

ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser - Wednesday, June 24
Toad Valley Golf Course in Pleasant Hill
ISAC Annual Conference Casino Night -Thursday, August 27
Hilton Des Moines Downtown

ISAC is excited to announce our new Friends of the Education Foundation program. This program was designed to raise funds for the ISAC Education Foundation, which awards scholarships to high school seniors who are children of county officials or county employees. There will be two events held to benefit the Foundation this year; the 16th Annual ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser on June 24, and the ISAC Annual Conference Casino Night on August 27. ISAC encourages you to consider supporting the Foundation through one of the tax deductible sponsorship packages below.

Questions regarding Friends of the Education Foundation? Contact Jacy Ripperger at jripperger@iowacounties.org or 515.244.7181.

SUPPORTER

GOLF HOLE AT ANNUAL ISAC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF FUNDRAISER

CASINO TABLE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE CASINO NIGHT

LOGO IN SPRING CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

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THE ISAC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF Fundraiser or annual Conference Casino Night

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CASINO TABLE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE CASING NIGHT

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> LOGO IN EVENT Programs

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TITLE - SOLD

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SCHOLARSHIP GOLF
FUNDRAISER AND ANNUAL
CONFERENCE CASINO NIGHT

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CASINO TABLE AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE CASINO NIGH

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\$5,000

GOLF SPONSORSHIPS

| TITLE SPENSOR | |
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CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

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MAGAZINE, ANNUAL REPORT,

AND WEBSITE

\$1,250

\$2,500

Interested in being an ISAC Scholarship Judge?

The ISAC Education Foundation awards annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors that are children of county officials and employees. Each year, the current ISAC president selects volunteers to be on the ISAC Scholarship selection committee. This committee consists of six district judges (one judge per district) that are each from a different county office. A seventh judge is selected as a representative from the ISAC Board of Directors.

The duties of the selection committee are to:

- Review and rank applicants
- Attend in-person interviews (early February)
- Attend the scholarship ceremony during the ISAC Spring Conference

If you are interested in being an ISAC Scholarship judge or would like additional information, please contact Katie Cook at 515.244.7181 or kcook@iowacounties.org.

Testimonial from Steve Dolezal, Chief Deputy, Johnson County Sheriff's Office:

I have had the honor of being an ISAC scholarship selection committee judge for three years, and I would like to share my experience with you. This experience actually started not as a judge but in 2009 when my daughter Danielle applied for the ISAC scholarship. She was selected to come before the ISAC Scholarship Committee and interview. After the interview, I had plenty of questions about the process for my daughter as we drove home. I thought it was great that fellow county employees from across the state of lowa gathered to interview and judge these senior students. After that moment, I knew that I wanted to give back my time and participate in the process. In 2017, I applied and was lucky



enough to be selected as the District 6 ISAC scholarship judge. I must say that ISAC does an amazing job of getting the judges the applications and information to review. ISAC provides some review and scoring examples, but the judges have the freedom to review and rank each applicant as they choose. The judges' information is tabulated, and the list of applicants is narrowed down to the top two. A February date is set, and the judges then have the honor and privilege to interview the top two candidates from each district in person. Reviewing applications and speaking with the talented young adults is so refreshing. I say that because in my day-to-day job I often deal with people at their lowest points. But, it is truly a fulfilling day to meet and speak with some of lowa's brightest...and they are children of county employees! As I prepare to retire at the end of 2020, serving as an ISAC scholarship judge is one of the things I will really miss.



Testimonial from Denny Wright, Retired Sioux County Supervisor: I was privileged to serve on the ISAC Scholarship Selection Committee for several years, and I can tell you that the scholarships are being awarded to some of the finest young people in Iowa. These scholarship recipients are going to make significant contributions to their communities and to the state of Iowa in the future. Interviewing these young people from all over the state was a terrific experience and certainly makes one feel that our future is in great shape with these "brightest and best" young leaders taking charge. ISAC Scholarships are just one small way we can all help these future leaders get the skills and knowledge they need to enhance their contributions to society.

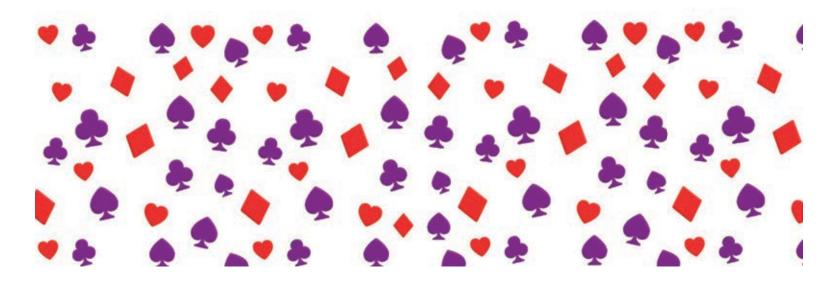
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AUGUST 27, 2020 HILTON DES MOINES DOWNTOWN

Join us on Thursday, August 27 at the Hilton Des Moines Downtown for the ISAC Casino Night Fundriaser. This event will be taking place in conjunction with the ISAC Annual Conference on August 26-28. The option to register for this event will be available once ISAC Annual Conference registration opens on June 3.

You want to miss this fun and memorable event!

Event questions? Contact Kelsey Sebern, ksebern@iowacounties.org Sponsorship inquries? Contact Jacy Ripperger, jripperger@iowacounties.org



2018 - \$20,500

Grayson Cutler, Hardin County (\$2,000)
Hannah Folkers, Bremer County (\$2,000)
Dylan Kruger, Lyon County (\$2,000)
Madolyn Clark, Page County (\$2,000)
Brooke Stout, Washington County (\$2,000)
Ethan Lowder, Linn County (\$2,000)
Maia Schossow, Calhoun County (\$1,000)
Chase Eisenman, Hancock County (\$1,000)
Katelyn Raymond, Plymouth County (\$1,000)
Marshall Curnes, Clarke County (\$1,000)
Katelyn Sandholt, Marion County (\$1,000)
Ben Kelly, Buchanan County (\$1,000)
Skylar Andrea, Cerro Gordo County (\$2,500 - Past President)

2017 - \$23,500

Sarah Schrupp, Boone County (\$2,500) Claire Beyer, Allamakee County (\$2,500) Allison Freeman, Palo Alto County (\$2,500) Sara Ingoldsby, Mills County (\$2,500) Alyssa Wessel, Lee County (\$2,500) Nolan Lyness, Delaware County (\$2,500)
Amy Wieland, Polk County (\$1,000)
Paige Penning, Hancock County (\$1,000)
Walker Raymond, Plymouth County (\$1,000)
Matilyn Wheeler, Union County (\$1,000)
Andrew Patterson, Lee County (\$1,000)
Kinsey Gudenkauf, Delaware County (\$1,000)
Zachary Hengesteg, Worth County (\$2,500 - Past President)

2016 - \$25,000

Nate Bishop, Jasper County (\$2,500)
Krista Moellers, Fayette County (\$2,500)
Lily Friedrichsen, O'Brien County (\$2,500)
John Clark, Page County (\$2,500)
Micaela Folkerts, Lucas County (\$2,500)
Alexander Stephens, Linn County (\$2,500)
Leah Cosgrove, Webster County (\$1,250)
Madelaine Disney, Wright County (\$1,250)
Paul Freeman, Palo Alto County (\$1,250)
Marshall Rasmussen, Pottawattamie County (\$1,250)
District 6: Noah Heitshusen, Iowa County (\$1,250)
Rachael Adams, Mitchell County (\$2,500 - Past President)



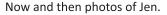
2020 ISAC Scholarship Recipient - District 4: Sydnee Nicholl, Parents: Charles and Jodi Nicholl. Charles works in the Madison County Planning and Zoning Department.



2020 ISAC Scholarship Recipient - District 5: Faith Royer, Parents: Duane Royer and Tara Arreola. Duane works in the Washington County GIS Department.



Now and then photos of Andrew.





Now and then photos of Trey.



ISAC Scholarship Past Winner Highlights

Andrew Miller, 2015 Winner

Currently, I am in my fifth and final year of the Architecture Professional Program at Iowa State University, and I expect to graduate Magna Cum Laude this Spring. In addition to receiving my Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, I will also receive a minor in sustainability. Upon graduation, I plan on seeking employment somewhere in the Midwest. Outside of school, I love all sorts of athletics and outdoor recreation, and I rarely turn down the opportunity to go to an Iowa State sporting event. My college experience has been tremendous, and I will look back on these years very fondly. The ISAC Scholarship played a part in making this all possible, and for that I am extremely grateful. Your generosity went a long way in ensuring that I maximized my opportunities at Iowa State University.

Jen (Kuenstling) Herrera, 2012 Winner

I graduated from Iowa State University in May 2016 with a degree in civil engineering. Since then, I have been working for The Weitz Company in the Des Moines area as a project engineer doing construction management. I have worked on several projects, including the Hilton Des Moines Downtown, renovations at Prairie Meadows, and the Casey's General Store Corporate Headquarters renovation and expansion. I am married, and my husband and I recently adopted two cats from the ARL. In our free time, we enjoy skiing and biking, particularly mountain biking - which you can do in Iowa!

Trey Alessio, 2012 Winner

My name is Trey Alessio, and I graduated from Lincoln High School and received the ISAC scholarship in 2012. My journey has been pretty interesting. Right out of high school, I attended the University of Missouri for journalism. I transferred to Iowa State University after a semester and graduated with a degree in journalism and mass communications in 2016. During my time at Iowa State, I wrote for the Iowa State Daily, DJ'ed and broadcasted for 88.5 KURE, and started my own pop culture blog and podcast R | U | NTRTND. Right out of college, I got a job as a producer with iHeartMedia and worked for 1040 WHO and 1460 KXnO. Since then, I took a job out of my field and continue to work as a telecommunications specialist at Polk County in Des Moines. However, I still come home every night and pursue my passions. I continue to record podcasts for my brand, and I discovered a true love for screenwriting along the way. My goal is to sell a script and break into the film industry.

Thank you, ISAC, for helping me along the way. Also, I'd like to take this opportunity to tell anyone reading...never give up on your dreams. Find your passion, find a way to make it work, and never give up. Life is full of ups and downs, but you've got to enjoy the ride.

2015 - \$23,500

Joshua Hagedorn, Polk County (\$2,500)
Andrew Miller, Kossuth County (\$2,500)
Alex Vander Stoep, Lyon County (\$2,500)
Annalise Minnick, Decatur County (\$2,500)
Cole Erickson, Des Moines County (\$2,500)
Mackenzie Intelkofer, Jackson County (\$2,500)
Samuel Waid, Hamilton County (\$1,000)
Madeline Buffington, Hancock County (\$1,000)
Molly Ruser, Crawford County (\$1,000)
Kaleb Cook, Union County (\$1,000)
Alexandria Sinn, Washington County (\$1,000)
Anders Frieberg, Jackson County (\$1,000)
Keyra Cook, Wright County (\$2,500 - Past President)

2014 - \$23,000

Charlie Rupp, Warren County (\$2,500)
Beth Benschoter, Kossuth County (\$2,500)
Abby Lubeck, Cherokee County (\$2,500)
Monica Witzman, Cass County (\$2,500)
Sara Gragg, Keokuk County (\$2,500)
Samuel Bennett, Scott County (\$2,500)
Zachary Thomas, Story County (\$1,000)
Carson Miller, Fayette County (\$1,000)

Erik Drost, Palo Alto County (\$1,000) Alison Hanner, Guthrie County (\$1,000) Ashlyn Frank, Louisa County (\$1,000) AJ Petersen, Scott County (\$1,000) Jordan Hillock, Story County (\$1,000 - ICIT) Alex Heuton, Carroll County (\$1,000 - ICIT)

2013 - \$26,700

Kendria Peterson, Boone County (\$2,500) Kayla Lueder, Fayette County (\$2,500) Taylor Holmes, Cherokee County (\$2,500) Zane Rau, Pottawattamie County (\$2,500) Zach Gish, Louisa County (\$2,500) Sarah Morek, Linn County (\$2,500) Molly O'Brien, Tama County (\$1,000) Zachariah Lillquist, WinnebagoCounty (\$1,000) Summer Wulf, Crawford County (\$1,200) Shelby Wollmuth, Osceola County (\$1,000) Sam Dreher, Audubon County (\$1,000) Madison Pullis, HenryCounty (\$1,000) Noah Hagen, Benton County (\$1,000) Ashley Dvorsky, Johnson County (\$1,000 - ICIT) Vince LaRue, Bremer County (\$1,000 - ICIT) Matthew O'Brien, Tama County (\$2,500 Past President)



2020 ISAC Scholarship Recipient - District 6: Emma DeWitt, Parents: Gabrielle and Jason DeWitt. Gabrielle works in the Black Hawk County Health Department.



2020 ISAC Scholarship Recipient - Past Presidents Winner: Andrea Benner, Parents: Kenton and Missy Benner. Kenton works in the Lee County Secondary Roads Department.

2012 - \$32,000

Trey Alessio, Polk County (\$3,000)

Carissa Kelm, Bremer County (\$3,000)

Amanda Kesterson, Crawford County (\$3,000)

Amanda Steffes, Audubon County (\$3,000)

Jenny Kuenstling, Marion County (\$3,000)

Sean DeVries, Jones County (\$3,000)

Jennifer Metzger, Story County (\$1,500)

Cole Schwartz, Winnebago County (\$1,500)

Connor Rowley, Dickinson County (\$1,500)

Paige Kennon, Cass County (\$1,500)

Tyler Folkerts, Lucas County (\$1,500)

McKinley Kuhlman, Scott County (\$1,500)

Ethan Westering, Cass County (\$2,000 - ICIT)

Michaela Kennedy, Pottawattamie County (\$3,000 - Past

President)

2011 - \$32,000

Sara Waid, Hamilton County (\$3,000)

Cody Alan Sacquitne, Decorah County (\$3,000)

Luke Peterson, Pocahontas County (\$3,000)

Ciara McCarty, Adams County (\$3,000)

Brandon Honeyman, Muscatine County (\$3,000)

Aaron Johnson, Johnson County (\$3,000)

Justin Hagedorn, Polk County (\$1,500)

Anna Kollasch, Kossuth County (\$1,500)

Emilee Berry, Ida County (\$1,500)

Dray Carl, Adams County (\$1,500)

Molly Thomas, Appanoose County (\$1,500)

Bess Fevold, Johnson County (\$1,500)

Dillon Schmidt, Lyon County (\$2,000 - ICIT)

Stephanie Fisher, Johnson County (\$3,000 - Past President)

2010 - \$37,500

Bailey Herrstrom, Boone County (\$7,500)

Victoria Dahlen, Winneshiek County (\$5,000)

Hilary Zarr, Cherokee County (\$5,000)

Erica Frederiksen, Audubon County (\$5,000)

Amelia McGee, Lucas County (\$5,000)

Amy Keierleber, Buchanan County (\$5,000)

Kayla Sieverding, Jackson County (\$2,000 - ICIT)

Austin Ewalt, Marshall County (\$3,000 - Past President)

2009 - \$37,500

Michael Tlach, Hancock County (\$7,500)

Kelly Peddy, Polk County (\$5,000)

Mark Cronin, Ida County (\$5,000)

Erin Westering, Cass County (\$5,000)

Ryan Bell, Washington County (\$5,000)

Daniele Dolezal, Johnson County (\$5,000)

Samuel Kruger, Osceola County (\$2,000 - ICIT)

Harrison Hargett, Dickinson County (\$3,000 - Past

President)

2008 - \$37,500

Kaitie Crile, Washington County (\$7,500)

Sean Biggins, Hamilton County (\$5,000)

Sarah Martin, Cerro Gordo County (\$5,000)

Jack Geelan, Palo Alto County (\$5,000)

Chelsey Stotts, Pottawattamie County (\$5,000)

Abby Martin, Linn County (\$5,000)

Trent Parker, Floyd County (\$2,000 - ICIT)

Josh Harmon, Jasper County (\$3,000 - Past President)

2007 - \$36,000

Alissa Caltrider, Carroll County (\$7,500)

Sarah Clague, Emmet County (\$5,000)

Kelly Evans, Buena Vista County (\$5,000)

Justin Sukup, Mills County (\$5,000)

Tosha Kirchner, Lee County (\$5,000)

Kelli Kregel, Delaware County (\$5,000)

Margaret Smit, Washington County (\$2,000 - ICIT)

Samantha Nahra, Delaware County (\$1,500 - BureauCats)

2006 - \$34,000

Elyse Fitzgerald, Taylor County (\$7,500)

Stephanie Seidl, Carroll County (\$5,000)

Aaron Slaichert, Hancock County (\$5,000)

Andrew Stewart, Lyon County (\$5,000)

Jane Ohde, Louisa County (\$5,000)

Ashley Losch, Linn County (\$5,000)

Glenn McCrea, Muscatine County (\$1,500 - BureauCats)

2005 - \$11,750

Sara Voss, Winneshiek County (\$2,500)

Ashley Hickle, Boone County (\$1,500)

Michael Cronin, Ida County (\$1,500)

Alicia Davison, Taylor County (\$1,500)

Katie Lorber, Henry County (\$1,500)

Anne Porter, Johnson County (\$1,500)

Elizabeth Walker, Harrison County (\$250 - Alumni Assoc)

Ivy Martinson, Iowa County (\$1,500 - BureauCats)

2004 - \$12,250

Anna Kuennen, Worth County (\$3,000)

Mary Widman, Polk County (\$1,500)

Penny Zaugg, Pocahontas County (\$1,500)

Nathan Stouder, Mills County (\$1,500)

Danielle Boeding, Lee County (\$1,500)

Ryan Grekoff, Linn County (\$1,500)

Katie Lester, Wright County (\$1,500 - Past President)

Emily Bakke, Muscatine County (\$250 - Alumni Assoc)

NACo News

"Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable." - George Bernard Shaw

This is a tough one. All that we talked about and learned at last month's NACo Legislative Conference seems to be almost insignificant now that we are dealing with one very significant virus. But, I just read Governor Reynolds encouraging letter to county officials. What we do at the local level is very critical to keeping our communities running as best we can. Whether it's recording real estate documents, issuing vehicle registrations, preparing for elections, or doing all that Public Health and Emergency Management have to deal with now. Stress and trauma are increasing, and our resilience and good work will pay off for our counties.

We had several Supervisors attend their first NACo Conference. One of them, Dean Kluss from Wright County presented a resolution to the



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Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee urging Congress to require Fish and Wildlife to pay their share of drainage assessments. I attempted this several years ago and was unsuccessful. Dean's proposal passed overwhelmingly. Way to go, Dean! It's great to see more Iowa officials engaging with NACo and the good work they do at the federal level. If you haven't been to a NACo Conference, you should try it sometime.



In the Ag and Rural Affairs Steering Committee were several speakers talking about commodity trade agreements. NAFTA and USMC. Also, the Farm Workers Modernization Act and the H2A Program. Much of the food we consume is harvested by hand labor. Keeping that labor force productive is just as important as keeping our transportation infrastructure in good shape for the products we produce here in Iowa. The committee passed a resolution supporting the Seeding Rural Resilience Act to reduce the growing rate of farmer and rancher suicides. Farmers and ranchers have the highest rate of suicide of any other occupation. This Act would implement a Farmer-Facing Training Program for those USDA employees who work directly with

farmers. It would be a mental health first aid program that could be used for stress management. Maybe Ag lenders could use it too. I'm sure many farmers have stories to tell, but the one told at our meeting was very moving and heart wrenching. Kittson County, Minnesota Commissioner Theresa Gillie told of her and her husband's struggle on the farm, with weather, low prices, and debt. She was a city girl, but her husband was a farm boy who always wanted to farm and nothing else. It was his life. Then, one day, he took his own life.

The rest of the conference was more upbeat. Bill Northey was one of the speakers at the Rural Action Caucus. Afterwards, we all had our picture taken with Bill (see above). It was nice to see him again. We also got an update on

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the Test-IT app. It is changing the FCCs broadband map. Mental health in county jails and loss of Medicaid benefits was discussed at the NACo Board Forum. Sherry Ann Kelley from the Association of Chambers of Commerce spoke on their efforts to engage more with local governments on mental health and early childhood education issues. Our Supervisor, Scott Belt, has always advocated that these are workforce and economic development issues that our business communities should be concerned with.

The General Session was highlighted by two renowned figures. Colin Powell did a Q&A with NACo Executive Director Matt Chase. He related to us some of his great leadership experiences from his past positions and mentioned

some of his "13 Rules" that are outlined in his book, "It Worked For Me." All members in attendance received a free copy. The following speaker was President Trump. Some were afraid that he would use the occasion as a rally. Not so. When others started shouting "Four more years," he quieted the crowd then continued to talk about the good work we are doing at the local level, how much he values it, and how his administration is striving to work closely with county officials. It was a great event, and the ballroom was packed.

The topic at the Arts and Culture Committee was about mental health, trauma, and the Arts. There are arts programs for military vets suffering from PTSD, Arts and health care, and the arts and ju-



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venile justice. A Commissioner from Franklin County, Ohio (Columbus) explained their arts program for women in jail. It is an extensive six-week program. It helped these women mentally and emotionally. What is really telling about the program is that the recidivism rate has dropped to nearly zero. For some of them, jail had a revolving door connected to the street or emergency room. Now they have found themselves, so to speak, rejoined their families and the community. I thought back to the farm wife who lost her husband to suicide or others experiencing stresses or traumas, which made me wonder, could the arts have helped them in some way? Or, what we are all experiencing now as our whole way of working and living has changed in just a few short weeks. Taking part in some artistic endeavor wouldn't hurt any of us. I'll leave you

with Grant Veeder's limerick he read at the end of the Board of Director's meeting.

So what will it take to unite A nation divided by spite? Will Corona virus Infect and inspire us? We might be united by fright.

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Jessica Koschmeder, Iowa County (\$3,000)
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Gretchen Spies, Muscatine County (\$1,500)
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Brandi Schippers, Mahaska County (\$1,500)
Jessica Gerlach, Jackson County (\$1,500)
Bri Rewerts, Story County (\$1,500 - Past President)

ISAC Brief

Summary of Minutes – ISAC Spring Conference General Session – March 12, 2020

The General Session was called to order by ISAC President Burlin Matthews, and he led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Matthews introduced the ISAC Executive Committee and the remainder of the ISAC Board of Directors. He then introduced Bill Peterson.

Bill Peterson gave announcements. He then presented the FY 2021 ISAC Budget. Bill explained the budget process and a general overview of the FY 2021 budget that included no changes in county dues, an increase in conference registration fees, and an increase in staff salaries. He opened the floor for questions, and the ISAC membership unanimously accepted the FY 2021 ISAC budget.

Lonny Pulkrabek, Johnson County Sheriff and ISAC Past President, presented the 2020 ISAC scholarships and had a short Q&A with each of the recipients. The winners and their families were invited to come before the membership to be recognized and accept their certificates in the following order.

- District 1: Whitanie Nederhoff, Parents: Heidi and Mark Nederhoff. Heidi is a Grundy County Supervisor.
- District 3: Hailey Kellen, Parents: Bobbi and DJ Kellen. Bobbi works in the Plymouth County Treasurers Office.
- District 4: Sydnee Nicholl, Parents: Charles and Jodi Nicholl. Charles works in the Madison County Planning and Zoning Department.
- District 5: Faith Royer, Parents: Duane Royer and Tara Arreola. Duane works in the Washington County GIS Department.
- District 6: Emma DeWitt, Parents: Gabrielle and Jason DeWitt. Gabrielle works in the Black Hawk County Health Department.
- Past Presidents Winner: Andrea Benner, Parents: Kenton and Missy Benner. Kenton works in the Lee County Secondary Roads Department.
- District 2 and Top Scholarship Winner: Lauren Erickson, Parents: Corie and Kathy Erickson. Kathy works for Humboldt County Community Services. Lauren gave a speech on leadership.

President Pulkrabek encouraged donations to the Education Foundation and participation in Education Foundation fundraising events.

2001 - \$7,500

Jessica Keierleber, Buchanan County (\$2,500) Brian Deegan, Jasper County (\$1,000) Jessica Griggs, Kossuth County (\$1,000) Emily Oliver, Monona County (\$1,000) Stacy Bowers, Union County (\$1,000) Josie Farmer, Keokuk County (\$1,000)

2000 - \$7,500

Sara Gerlach, Jackson County (\$2,500)
Nikki Schaa, Hamilton County (\$1,000)
Jenny Krebill, Lee County (\$1,000)
Bonnie Jacobsen, Shelby County (\$1,000)
Jenni Christensen, Buena Vista County (\$1,000)
Rachel Vernon, Wright County (\$1,000)

1999 - \$9,000

David Cecil, Scott County (\$2,500) Gina Schultes, Carroll County (\$1,000) Aaron Bonfig, Chickasaw County (\$1,000) Carrie Hamman, Monona County (\$1,000) Adam Boden, Union County (\$1,000) Erin Lundy, Marion County (\$1,000) Lisa Ciavarelli, Cerro Gordo County (\$1,500 - Past President)

1998 - \$9,000

Brooke Crowley, Jones County (\$2,500)
Jodi Dielschneider, Grundy County (\$1,000)
Erin Solomon, Howard County (\$1,000)
Chelsea Kruse, Lyon County (\$1,000)
Brooke Sproul, Harrison County (\$1,000)
Ryan Foor, Louisa County (\$1,000)
Nichole Boylan, Wright County (\$1,500 - Past President)

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2020 calendar

April

19-22 POSTPONED! ISSDA Civil School

(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)

29 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting

(Webinar)

May

6-8 CANCELED! Treasurers Conference

(Cedar Rapids)

June

24 YTBD! ISAC Scholarship Golf Fundraiser

(Toad Valley Golf Course, Pleasant Hill)

July

8 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting

(ISAC Office)

17-20 NACo Annual Conference

(Orange County, Florida)

August

26-28 ISAC Annual Conference

(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit

Union Convention Center, Des Moines)

September

13-16 ISSDA Jail School

(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines

30-2 ISAC Board of Directors Retreat

(Clay County)

October

4-7 ISAA Assessors Fall School

(Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines)

November

18-19 ISAC Board of Directors Meeting

(ISAC Office)

December

2-4 Iowa Engineers Conference

(Veterans Memorial Community Choice Credit

Union Convention Center, Des Moines)

6-9 ISSDA Winter School

(Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport)

If you have any questions about the meetings listed above or would like to add an affiliate meeting to the ISAC calendar, please contact Kelsey Sebern at ksebern@iowacounties.org.

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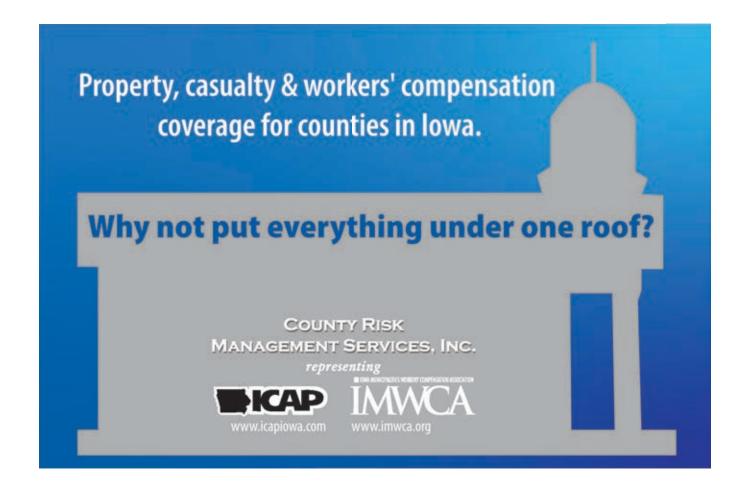
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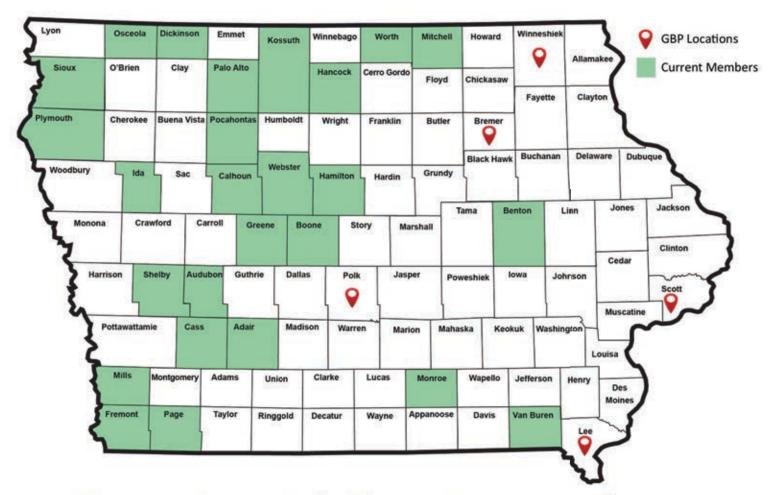
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