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- To improve educational and scientific research.
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The Pendleton Foundation Trust is pleased to announce scholarship awards for five 2021 Pendleton High School graduates:

### Jiggs and Maxine Fisk Memorial Scholarship

**Bella Baumgartner** was awarded the Jiggs and Maxine Fisk Memorial Scholarship of \$5,000. Bella will attend Oregon State University to study Political Science and Psychology in anticipation of application to law school.



**Bella Baumgartner**



**Katelyn Kelm**

### Pendleton Foundation Trust Scholarships

**Johann Valera-Vega** was awarded one of two \$2,500 scholarships from the Pendleton Foundation Trust, to attend Barrett Honors College, Arizona State University, to study neuroscience in preparation for medical school.



**Johann Valera-Vega**

**Katelyn Kelm** was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship as she pursues a degree in Environmental Studies and minor in Spanish, at University of Oregon. She plans to attend law school to become an environmental lawyer, working for the environment and those who sustain it - including migrant workers, farmers and ranchers, ideally in rural Oregon.



**Tyler Spratling**

### David Jon Lindberg Memorial Scholarship

**Tyler Spratling** has been named the recipient of the 2021 David Jon Lindberg Memorial Scholarship.

Tyler is a graduating senior from Pendleton High School. He intends to use the \$2,500 scholarship to attend Oregon State University where he plans to major in teaching, with a minor in physics and chemistry. Tyler was involved in numerous school and community activities, including serving as an FFA Chapter Officer and receiving his FFA State Degree. In addition, he participated in the PHS swim and cross-country teams. He is the son of Tim and Kathy Spratling.

This is the 42nd anniversary of the scholarship which honors the memory of David Jon Lindberg. The people of Pendleton established a perpetual memorial scholarship in his honor and is awarded to an outstanding Pendleton High School graduate whose career embodies the standards set by Lindberg: Commitment to citizenship, scholarship and family. The Pendleton Foundation Trust is honored to manage these scholarship funds.



**Ellen Paulsen**

### Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship

**Ellen Paulsen** has been awarded the Wyland Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000. She is the daughter of Kimberly Sorensen. Ellen will attend Blue Mountain Community College in the fall.

*The Foundation thanks those who have made a contribution to Pendleton Foundation Trust. This support makes it possible to provide more grants that improve life in our Pendleton community.*

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# Forever in Blue Jeans

I am often asked why I live in Pendleton. I usually respond that I prefer “the small-town feel” or “the slower pace of life,” but the question deserves a deeper, more thoughtful answer. For the most part, I am here because I was born and raised in Pendleton. According to the US Census Bureau, 72% of Americans live in or near the place where they grew up. Beyond the statistics, why do I choose to live in a small Oregon town, not lured away to the opportunities of the big city or the year-round warmth down south? If you Google the benefits of small-town living, you see reasons from brighter stars in the night sky to less traffic and fresh air. All these are good reasons, but I haven’t hitched my wagon to Pendleton to see brighter stars. For me, it’s a blue-jeans thing. You know, when you find that pair of pants that really fit you, you just want to wear them every day. Even though you can buy another pair the same size, it’s just not the same feel. With Pendleton, it’s about our unique identity.

We have a strong sense of community and history here in Pendleton. The story of the “Old West” is kept alive by our Pendleton Underground Tours, Umatilla Historical Society, and the Tamástslikt Cultural Institute; they remind us of where our town came from. The Pendleton Center for the Arts and Crow’s Shadow enrich our lives with world-class art and the Oregon East Symphony fills our ears and hearts with beautiful music several times a year. New events are being added every year including the Cattle Barons Weekend, Pendleton Whisky Music Fest, the Old Iron Show and Oktoberfest Pendleton. And, of course, you can’t hear the name “Pendleton” without thinking of the Round-Up and the Woolen Mills.

Even beyond these cultural attractions, we have a different approach to living here. The bonds between neighbors here are stronger and the sense of belonging is more profound than you might find in the big city. In Pendleton, people make the difference and volunteerism is at the heart of being a Pendletonian. If you are not finding Pendleton as enjoyable as you would like, get involved in our community. I urge you to volunteer your time and your talents and you can also volunteer by donating. Help out and contribute to your favorite non-profit organization or simply volunteer to help your neighbor. Pendleton has a plethora of causes and organizations to support. I guarantee that you will benefit just as much as those you serve and our community will be better for it.

Getting involved and staying engaged keep our community bonds strong and together we all make Pendleton a remarkable place to live. So, just like putting on that comfy pair of blue jeans, we can all get up every day, support our community, and be thankful we are at home here in Pendleton.

- Lonnie Read, Director, Pendleton Foundation Trust Board



# Foundation Trust Grant Process

Ever wondered how you could help your fellow citizens of Pendleton and turn your worthwhile project into an asset that the community will use for many years to come? We are here to help. The Pendleton Foundation Trust receives gifts of money and property from interested persons and organizations, and in turn, invests this money and property for the benefit of citizens of Pendleton. How exactly is this done?

The Foundation Board of Directors consists of seven local citizens and operates as the governing body of the Pendleton Foundation Trust. The board solicits ideas and requests from the community at large in order to decide how to disburse to worthy organizations or agencies for worthwhile projects, the distributable income that has accrued from the trust funds the previous year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year, and the Foundation Trust Board meets to discuss funding of grant requests that have been received twice each year, in April and in October.

When you submit a grant application, what’s next? Typically, ahead of one of the two funding board meetings, the grant requests are distributed among the seven board members in order to research the projects and organizations that are requesting funding. The Foundation’s mission is to grant monies to those organizations that will promote civic, educational, or charitable uses as will most effectively assist, encourage and promote the well-being of the citizens and inhabitants of the City of Pendleton. To further

The grant application can be found on our website at [pendletonfoundationtrust.com](http://pendletonfoundationtrust.com)

this mission, Foundation Trust Board members will review each application and in turn, contact the group or organization that is requesting funds and conduct an interview and in many cases a tour of a proposed project. During the interview, and according to the Pendleton Foundation guidelines, special emphasis will be placed on projects that utilize materials purchased from local businesses, use of the completed project by the largest number of Pendleton residents possible, and durability of the project...how long will citizens of Pendleton be utilizing your project?

Following this review by an individual board member, the entire board meets at one of the funding sessions to discuss each and every grant request as a group, keeping in mind the overall qualifications and the emphasis on local impact from spending locally to utilization. If your application and interview are successful, your project can be funded! It’s that simple.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust looks forward to your group bringing in a grant application in order to fund a worthwhile project. And, as you read this, we encourage you to spread the word about the Pendleton Foundation Trust to your friends and invite them to submit an application to make the City of Pendleton a better place to live.

# Planned Giving to the Foundation Trust

Perhaps you have similar thoughts. Throughout your lifetime, you’ve given faithfully to your family, your friends, your church, and to special programs that need ongoing support. Maybe you have made memorial gifts. Each gift is an expression of your values, priorities, and gratitude of the blessings that we have for living in such a great country and community with our family and friends. The Pendleton Foundation is the oldest community foundation in Oregon and has faithfully reinvested in the people of Pendleton since 1928.

“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.”

Booker T. Washington

Planned giving benefits both the present and future of Pendleton. Planned giving does not have to be complicated, and it is not only reserved for those with great wealth. It can be as simple as a gift in memory of a friend or family member. It can enhance effective estate planning and tax reduction strategies. Your gift can help others achieve a better education and improve the livability of Pendleton. Additional ways to contribute include, simple bequests, charitable remainder trusts, life insurance, IRA beneficiaries, or simply include the Pendleton Foundation in your will.

# PFT Announces Spring Grants

The Board of Directors of the Pendleton Foundation Trust have announced allocations totaling **\$73,712.25** to nine community organizations and seven memorial trust funds.

## Recipients of Current Spring Grants

- **Tough Enough to Wear Pink – Pendleton Round-Up Assn** - **\$4,750.00** to purchase two tents, vertical flags and banner stands for use at the Pendleton Round-Up and other functions.
- **SMART Reading** - **\$798.00** to purchase paperback books for children enrolled in the SMART reading program at Pendleton Early Learning Center.
- **Oregon Trail Manor, Inc.** - **\$5,000.00** to purchase and install 4 walk-in showers for the elderly at Oregon Trail Manor in Pendleton.
- **Arts Council of Pendleton** - **\$7,800.00** to replace the exit landing from the lower multipurpose room and walkway from the lower level to the street level in front of the building.
- **Domestic Violence Services, Inc.** - **\$2,266.00** to replace one furnace at the Pendleton center.
- **Pendleton Public Library** - **\$4,397.09** to replace the upholstered furniture with easy to clean furnishings and add chairs to the computer lab.

- **Blue Mountain Community College** - **\$10,000.00** toward the purchase of a new scoreboard system for the McCrae Activity Center (MAC) Gym for athletics and other events.
- **City of Pendleton, Parks Department** - **\$25,000.00** to purchase new fencing and shade systems for the new Til Taylor Park play complex.
- **City of Pendleton Arts Commission** - **\$12,000.00** to purchase and install a commissioned sculpture called “Beacon of the Sentinels” for installation in the new Military Tribute Plaza.

## Memorial Trust Fund Allocations

- The trust board also made the following allocations of earned income from special memorial trust funds, which totals **\$1,701.16**:
- **\$786.28 - Parks and Playgrounds Fund** of the City of Pendleton;
  - **\$ 35.89 - Roy Raley Memorial Fund** of the City of Pendleton;
  - **\$272.53 - Kilkenny Fund** at Blue Mountain Community College Library;
  - **\$114.32 - Donert Memorial Fund** at Pendleton Public Library;
  - **\$223.19 - Jack Mulligan Memorial Fund** at Pendleton Public Library
  - **\$ 46.95 - Woodmen of the World Fund** at Pendleton Public Library;

- **\$222.00 - ANA Memorial Fund** at Pendleton Public Library.

## Scholarship Awards

- An additional **\$35,200.00** will be given in scholarship awards, as follows:
- **\$1,500.00 - Ole Groupe FFA Memorial Scholarship Fund** for Pendleton High School FFA Chapter, for an FFA student to attend the FFA National Convention.
  - **\$1,000.00 - The Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship Fund** provides a scholarship to benefit a Pendleton High School student, with a preference for the study of music, which is also a memorial fund of the Pendleton Foundation Trust.
  - **\$5,000.00 - Jiggs and Maxine Fisk scholarship award**
  - **\$5,000.00 - Pendleton Foundation Trust** - two awards of \$2,500 each.
  - **\$1,000.00 - University of Oregon Alumni Assoc.** - Let’er Duck Scholarship
  - **\$2,500.00 - David Jon Lindberg Memorial Scholarship**
  - **\$6,000.00 – Lee and Luella Dudek Memorial Scholarship** (2 x \$3,000 through EOU Foundation)
  - **\$13,200.00 – Lee and Luella Dudek Memorial Scholarship** (through BMCC Foundation) (2 x \$3,000.00 and 3 x \$2,400.00 selected through BMCC Foundation).