

## History of the Carroll Education Foundation and Memorial Scholarship Funds.

The Carroll Education Foundation is a 501 c3 nonprofit and was founded in 2006 by John Sayers, Miriam Robeson, Sam Zook, Van Taylor, and Jay Bush to support and enhance the advancement of education through student scholarships, awards for innovative teacher-driven projects, recognition of outstanding faculty and staff and providing for non-budgeted school needs. The area of service was set up to be the geographic area served by Carroll Consolidated School Corporation, and the Foundation gives priority to students, faculty, staff, graduating students and needs of the Carroll Consolidated School Corporation in executing this Purpose.

The initial funds to support the foundation were donated by the Building Trades Board of Directors. The Carroll Junior Senior High School Building Trades class had accumulated a large sum of cash over the years from the proceeds of property sales. The Carroll Education Foundation has kept this focus on supporting vocational programs throughout its years of service.

The Carroll Education Foundation took over stewardship of the Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2006. Community members donate funds to the education foundation to support Memorial Scholarships. The Memorial Scholarship Fund was created after a tragic car accident in 1969 killed students Susan Clem and Michael Delaplane. Principal William Rector created the scholarship fund initially to remember these two students who died in this auto crash on Halloween. The Memorial Scholarship has grown from funding one scholarship per year to funding eighteen different scholarships that are designated by various donors in memory of multiple people and organizations.

In 2014, Estate of Bob and Ruth Ellen McCain donated \$2,750,000 to the Carroll Education Foundation. Those funds have been set up in a Trust and greatly increased the Education Foundations ability to fund scholarships. Multiple four year scholarships have been given out in the past two years.