

Hi, Fred Nelson for Community Comment,

Three years ago, the Eureka High School Class of Nineteen Forty Five, of which I am a member, decided to discontinue our five year reunions and take the class funds, amounting to One Thousand dollars from our bank account, donating it in the form of two Five Hundred dollar scholarships, both one-time awards, for two Eureka High School students, one for a female and the other for a male. It was stipulated that the recipients be enrolled at College of the Redwoods to further their education. Two years ago the scholarship for a deserving female student was awarded. The male award did not happen as no male applied for the money. It was decided to wait another year with the hope that a male student would apply. Sorry to say, no male applied last year, so it was decided to turn over the responsibility to find a male recipient to the College of the Redwoods for the current academic year. We were not disappointed in the results. On April Third of this year, I was honored to represent the Eureka High Class of Nineteen Forty Five at the "Scholarship Celebration" held at C.R.'s campus. This celebration was not for the formal awarding of the scholarships but a gathering of both donor and recipient so they might become acquainted with one another. I was very impressed with the young gentleman chosen to receive our award. A well-spoken and sincere individual, he is a Two Thousand Eight graduate of Eureka High School and is studying Architectural Drafting at C.R. He will leave C.R. to study Architectural Engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. While attending College of the Redwoods, he was able to procure part time work to help with his expenses. He wanted me to convey his message to the "Class of Forty Five" that the money will be spent wisely and I have no reason to think otherwise. In these trying times, where we see and hear of so many youths adrift in our society, it is gratifying to talk with someone who has set goals and is doing everything he can to stay on the path so that he may achieve them. I am still at a loss to find a reason why there are so few males attending Eureka High School that are interested in applying for the available scholarships. I have heard that our award was not the only one that went unclaimed at the High School during that period. Thanks again to my class members for agreeing to such a worthy cause as the continuing education of our youth. I would like to remind you that tomorrow night, April Twentieth, the local barbershop chorus, the Humboldt Harmonaires, will be in concert at the Arkley Center starting promptly at Seven Twenty Nine P.M. During intermission, there will be a music scholarship awarded to a deserving high school student from the area.

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