



# The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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## Pam Browning Social Activism Scholarship

Established 2020

The Pam Browning Social Activism Scholarship is awarded to a Bolton High School senior who has demonstrated the desire and the will to make the world around them a better place. Pam retired last year after dedicating 35 years of her life to Bolton students in grades 4 through 7.

For more than ten of those years, she also served on hawkwing's board of directors, working tirelessly to support the Cheyenne River Lakota Sioux tribe. Her work with hawkwing brought her to South Dakota where she was blessed to teach a few classes in a local school. There she saw firsthand the importance of delivering essential school supplies, toys, and winter clothing to children who would otherwise receive nothing over the holidays.

Later in her career, Pam took special interest when the state's Choice program gave students from Hartford an opportunity to attend school in Bolton. She believed that for new students to succeed academically, they needed to feel a sense of belonging socially. To that end, Pam voluntarily planned after school activities to help socially integrate Hartford students with their Bolton classmates. These activities ranged from providing transportation for kids to attend evening concerts and other extracurricular events to day trips to see a Boston Red Sox game.

In the five years leading up to her retirement, Pam joined forces with Elaine Allegretti to create their Girls' Empowerment Camp, which was designed to give middle school girls a safe space to discuss issues, learn interpersonal skills, and build self-awareness and esteem as they navigated early adolescence.

Pam's former students, friends and colleagues hope that this scholarship, in honor of her retirement, will inspire its recipient to bold action that will bring positive change to our world.