



# The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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## Karen Cordero Scholarship

Established 2020

Dedicated educator, proud mom of two BHS graduates, environmental advocate, worldwide traveler, and Bolton High School's most enthusiastic cheerleader- we know her as Karen Cordero. Karen began her career at BHS in 1985 and is retiring at the end of this school year after 35 years of teaching. Over the years, Karen has inspired students to explore the world around them, protect the environment, enjoy the wonders of the night sky, and question the how and why of the natural world. She has taught a plethora of courses, including freshman science, UConn Environmental science, ecology, sophomore biology, and astronomy, all with a passion for teaching and an over-abundance of enthusiasm. Teaching has not simply been a job for Karen, it has been her passion and she has whole-heartedly dedicated herself to the Bolton Community for the past 35 years. Karen and her husband Tom moved to Bolton early into her teaching career in order to raise their two children, Lindsey and Colin, in the Bolton School System, but even before her children were students at the high school, and well after they graduated, Karen has thrown herself into the extracurricular life of Bolton High School. Throughout her career she has served as a class advisor, Student Council Advisor, cheerleading coach, member of the National Honors Society Selection Committee, ski club advisor, Envirothon coach, dedicated chaperone of various events and trips, supporter of the performing arts, and extreme fan at many a sporting event. She has also organized highly successful educational trips to Costa Rica, South Africa, and US National Parks, giving students and community members alike the opportunity to experience nature outside the confines of our small town. The travelers still talk about how the trips were truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunities! Simply put, Karen is the epitome of a dedicated and passionate educator who constantly goes above and beyond to ensure that BHS students have a positive and memorable high school experience.

Karen's current and former colleagues at Bolton High School have established this scholarship in celebration of her career and in appreciation of all that she has done for our community. She is loved by all and will be missed next year, although we have a feeling she still will be at most school events cheering for her beloved bulldogs!