



The Bolton Scholarship Fund

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Helen Winkler, Elaine Otter and Lorrie Rogers Honorary Women's Scholarship Established 2019

This scholarship was created to honor Helen Winkler, Elaine Otter and Lorrie Rogers. These three strong, intelligent and thoughtful women began working with the Bolton Scholarship Fund committee in the mid 1970s and early 1980's. Helen and Elaine continue to serve on our Board, and Lorrie served until she moved two years ago. These three women each held leadership positions for well over a decade. Elaine Otter served as secretary, Lorrie Rogers as Treasurer, and Helen Winkler, a former BHS teacher, as President for 14 years. Under their leadership, the Bolton Scholarship Fund grew in the number of Board members, annual amount of scholarships awarded and in the number of memorial and named scholarships offered.

Helen, Elaine and Lorrie each brought something different to the table. Helen lead the organization with an open mind and a dedication to establishing and maintaining a relationship with named/memorial fund donors - which I believe helped strengthen and expand these funds. Elaine captured all the details of our meetings in the minutes, and mastered the ever changing rules surrounding bulk mailing - not an easy task. Lorrie was our numbers whiz and not only managed our books and banking needs, but masterfully handled the detailed scoring and weighting system used in scholarship selections. She is an Excel master. All three women dedicated vast amounts of time, energy and passion into the BSF to support the kids of our community, and specifically BHS graduates.

These women have been patient, thoughtful, and generous mentors to me. Helen, who I first spoke to about joining the committee in 2002, has taught me everything BSF from the history of scholarships to all the understated ways she kept memorial families involved. She offered me guidance along the way whenever I asked, and I'm sure bit her tongue on many occasions. Elaine passed on her expertise in handling our extensive bulk mailings – and I can tell you, there is a lot more to it than you would think. And Lorrie taught me as much as she could about Excel (I'm no master) and shared her infectious passion for furthering student's education.

The contributions made by Helen, Elaine and Lorrie, I cannot express clearly enough especially their deep dedication to students in our community. Thank you to all three of these amazing women for their long lasting impact on countless students and families.

It is my pleasure to honor these three women with this scholarship, the Helen Winkler, Elaine Otter, and Lorrie Rogers Honorary Women's Scholarship. I hope you will find a way to make an impact on your community throughout your life.

I wish you all the best.
Mrs. Brudz