

Rosebud School of the Arts

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ROSAs

2026





Message From the Education Director

Welcome to this year's ROSAs!

This year marks my first as Education Director at Rosebud. It will be the first of many opportunities I have to celebrate the achievements, hopes, and dreams of our students, and to celebrate the community that makes this journey possible. Artistic training asks a great deal of our students, but none of them travels the road alone. This story belongs to all of us, whether we are taking our first steps, or have been on the path for years. Thank you for joining me in applauding these remarkable people, and for being a part of the Rosebud legacy.

We are so grateful for the generous donors who provide the scholarships and awards being presented today. Your support encourages our students to keep growing, creating, taking risks, and pursuing their calling with confidence. We're also deeply thankful for the families, friends, faculty, staff, and wider Rosebud community who support our students in countless ways, both seen and unseen.

Your encouragement, prayers, generosity of spirit, and your presence matter more than you can know. So today, we celebrate our students and their accomplishments; we celebrate the people who believe in them and support them; and we celebrate the community that surrounds and encourages them.

Thank you to everyone who helps make Rosebud such a special place to learn, create, and grow. We are blessed to be a part of such a remarkable community.

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Chad Vankoughnett

Education Director

If you wish to honour a loved one with a memorial scholarship or sponsor a meaningful existing scholarship, your contribution makes a direct difference in a student's life.

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Archie Plamondon Memorial Scholarship

Established by Léa Jensen

Awarded for musical achievement.

Archie Plamondon was born on November 30, 1949. At a very young age his natural talent for music was quite evident. He would often sing along with his older siblings. When Archie was three, and his family went into the general store, the proprietor would lift Archie onto the counter and have him sing.

As a young adult, Archie continued to display his natural talent for music. He played a variety of instruments in a number of bands. When he married Beverly and started a family, Archie discontinued playing regularly; however, music remained an important part of his life. Archie would often fill in when an extra musician was needed. He continued composing, and you could always count on him to write a song for any special occasion. A highlight of his musical career was a trip down the Mackenzie River in 1967 aboard the Centennial Entertainment barge as a member of the band "The Centenaries."

Archie was a cheerful person: no matter what challenges were thrown at him, he remained positive, always smiling with a word of encouragement for whoever needed one. He was always there to lend a helping hand if someone was in need.

Archie died in an unfortunate accident in 1988, at the age of 39, leaving a wife, five children and a large extended family. He is deeply missed. At his funeral, it was said that "the one unique gift he gave us all was his music, whether it was vocal, instrumental or just the sound of his laughter."

Recipients

Mackenna Hansel (2026), Elle Seatter (2025), Ryder Torgerson (2024), Lacey Cornelsen (2023), Danai Allan (2021-2022), Daniel Craig (2020), Kalena Lewandowski (2019), Anne Salkeld (2018), Cassandra Garbutt (2017), Isajah MacDonald (2016), Bethany Wickens (2015), Kaitlyn Sloboda (2014), Jillian Schock (2013), Kaitlyn Sloboda (2012), Lauren de Graaf (2011), Laura Gillespie (2009-2010), Dan Derksen (2008), Rachel Peacock (2007), David Boda (2006), Kelsey Krogman (2005), Rachel Peacock (2004), Karalee Braun (2003), Jessica Benini (2002), Kristi-Lee Vander Gaast (2001), Shelley Mae Hiebert (2000), Anita Gerber (1999)

Arnold & Clara Erickson Memorial Scholarship

*Awarded for marked improvement
in a student's education.*



Arnold and Clara retired and moved to Rosebud in 1982 to support Rosebud School of the Arts. Arnold helped with construction on many of the School buildings. He loved working alongside the students.

They founded churches in the Peace River country and Edmonton. Arnold pastored churches across the province and both were bible teachers. They had a life-long interest in the arts and in motivating young people to reach their God-given potential.

Recipients

Ella Williams (2026), Kaila Martin (2025), Christopher Allan (2024), Justin Scribner (2023), Koayla Cormack (2022), Autumn Gillis (2021), Anja Jonsson (2020), Shayleigh Sihlis (2019), Keisha Wright (2018), Oliver van Diepen (2017), Anne Salkeld (2016), Natalie Kloster (2015), Stuart Giesbrecht (2014), Christina Muldoon, Risa Bissenden (2013), Erin Dunphy, Amy Burks (2012), Natalie Gauthier (2011), Lennette Randall (2010), Kimberly Giebler, Shannon Klassen (2009), Belinda Jackson & Sammantha Reinhardt (2008), Justin Born (2007), Scott Schreiner (2006)

Recipients of the Clara Erickson Memorial Scholarship

Carmen Paterson (2005), Diana-Marie Stolz (2004), Giovanni Mocibob (2003), Hayley Stoof (2002), Erin Bourke (2001), Andrew Cooper (2000), Kristi-Lee Vander Gaast (1999), Anita Gerber (1998), Heather Martin (1997)



Ascend Entrance Scholarships

Awarded to a new student whose life experience and work ethic are particularly notable throughout their RSA application process.

Ascend is a public accounting firm with a coast-to-coast network that serves small communities across the country. With a high value placed on meaningful relationships, Ascend is committed to offering clients the highest level of expertise and support. The Ascend Entrance Scholarships are awarded to new students whose life experience and work ethic are particularly notable throughout their RSA application process.

Recipients of the Ascend Entrance Scholarships

Immanuel Halterman & Ashe Schaafsma (2026)

Recipients of the RSA Entrance Scholarship

Andrew Grams (2025)

Recipients of the BDO Entrance Scholarship

Ryder Torgerson (2024), Connor Dixon (2023), Jack Loney (2022), Karyssa Komar & Noah Vankoughnett-Moulard (2021), Travis Edwards & Judite Vold (2020), Islay McKechnie (2019), Keelan Ballantyne & Emilee Nelson (2018)

Recipients of the Calvista Entrance Scholarships

Amy Pohl & Chris Friesen (2017), Rebbekah Ogden & Sarah J Robinson (2016), Anna Dalgleish & Esther Koepnick (2015)



Bill & Naoma Hite Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a student who has completed at least one year in an RSA programme for exemplifying the spirit of cheerleading amongst peers by seeing, encouraging and supporting others in need.



Bill Hite and Naoma Mockford were born in Alberta in the dirty 30's, Bill in Lloydminster and Naoma, nicknamed Nomy, in Coronation. It was a tough start for their families, but Bill and Nomy grew into strong and resilient young adults, eventually meeting up at a church youth group in Edmonton. After marrying in 1959, they settled in St. Albert where they raised three children, the eldest being Shauna who came to live in Rosebud with her husband Patrick and three children in 1996.

Bill and Nomy were instrumental in the Murphy's move to Rosebud by showing them a Calgary Herald ad for the position of a Chef at the Rosebud Country Inn. Pat got the job and later became Executive Chef at the Mercantile Dining Room, while Shauna served as an instructor and accompanist for numerous Rosebud Theatre shows.

Bill and Nomy made many trips to visit, attending shows and helping with the raising of their grandchildren. They pitched in wherever help was needed: cleaning windows, scrubbing the fridge, mending clothes, tending the yard, etc. and Nomy often brought the family's favorite lasagna and cookies. More than that, they spoke words of love and encouragement, cheering the family's journey at every turn.

Both Bill and Nomy were active in their community as members of the Kinsmen and Kinette clubs and The United Church. They showed their community the same kind of care and attention they gave their families and so this scholarship honours the student that does the same: shows care and kindness to their fellow students and others in need.

Through this scholarship the Hite children—Shauna, Cameron and Brent—celebrate and honour their parents lives while supporting an RSA student who exhibits a similar cheerleading spirit.

Recipients

Ella Williams (2026), Elle Seatter (2025), Karyssa Komar (2024), Ryan Leenheer (2023), Danai Allan (2022), Claire Cech (2021), Dale Clark (2020), Rebecca Hellekson (2019), Frances MacDonald (2018), Heidi MacDonald (2017)



CARTA
Calgary Retired
Teachers' Association

Calgary Retired Teachers Scholarship

*To a Canadian student in their first year at Rosebud to support
their exploration into the world of theatre arts.*

Calgary Retired Teachers' Association (CARTA) provides opportunities for retired teachers and friends to enrich their retirement years through a wide range of events. To honour our deep attachment to education and in support of the next generation of learners, CARTA has established awards at several post-secondary institutions in Calgary.

For many years CARTA members and friends have attended two plays a year at Rosebud Theatre & School of the Arts. In recognition of the challenges presented to arts organizations, CARTA created this award to support student explorations in the theatre arts.

Recipients

Kayla McTavish (2026)



Charles & Marguerite Watson Scholarship

Awarded to a student with a recognized disability or demonstrated difficulties in their background, who has developed and continues to develop a successful approach to their arts and performance training.



Marguerite was raised on a ranch in the Neutral Hills south of Czar, Alberta, while Charles is a farmer's son and lived all of his life in the Namaka area. Marguerite and Charles met while attending Olds School of Agriculture and were married in 1962. They farm east of Namaka where they raised two children.

The Watsons' connection with Rosebud began when their daughter Cheryl was awarded a scholarship from the Strathmore Lions Club to attend the summer Art and Canoe Camp. Their son David attended the RSA high school program, after which he continued his studies at Augustana University College in Camrose.

In speaking about Rosebud, Charlie & Marg say, "We consider being part of the 'Rosebud Family' to be a privilege, an honor and a pleasure. We believe in the Christian foundation and hard work ethic that gives Rosebud School of the Arts its strength. We admire the dedication and love of the arts of those who give Rosebud life."

This scholarship is given in honor of past students whose "Rosebud Experience" has helped overcome a challenge in their lives, and is dedicated to future students who are in need of encouragement and recognition.

Recipients

Kayla McTavish (2026), Kaila Martin (2024-25), Alvyna Zimmer (2023), Noah Vankoughnett-Mouland & Judite Vold (2022), Christopher Allan (2021), Katie Winters (2020), Danai Allan (2019), Shelly-Ann Morgan (2018), Frances MacDonald (2017), Rebekah Brisbin & Wade Webster (2016), Esther Koepnick & Justin Lanouette (2015), Jenica Coleman & Geordie Cowan (2014), Geordie Cowan & Kelsey Rish (2013), Alysia Glenn (2012) Erin Dunphy (2011), Alixandra Cowman (2010), Brynn Linsey & Kimberly Giebler (2009), Kimberly Giebler (2008), Serena Snively (2007) Sienna Holden (2006)





Constance E. Lewis “Rookie of the Year” Award

Established by Lennette Randall, FRSA

*Awarded for demonstrated achievement, fortitude, generosity of spirit,
and delight in story-telling during their first year of studies.*

Constance Ebon Lewis was a highly respected lifelong educator and mentor. Drawn to teaching, she demonstrated that narratives have the power to change minds, enrich lives and bring our ever-divided world a little closer. She believed in education as a basic right, especially the education of girls and women, which she called a great equalizer for any progressive society.

Always full of witty anecdotes and biblical references, she was a fountain of knowledge with an uncanny ability to put even the most dire of circumstances into a perspective that reminded us to trust in God and not give up hope. She believed that people came into the world with a story to tell and through the right nurturing, they could stand in the fullness of their story and contribute to making the world a little better than they found it.

It is her family's wish that her memory lives on in those bursting with a story to tell. We hope that this contribution helps a person go on to share their story like she did—generously, graciously and delightfully—with the world.

Recipients

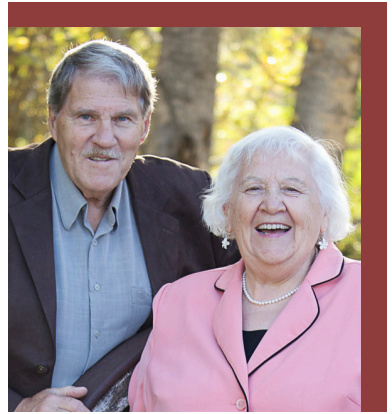
Quartz Primrose (2026), Elle Seatter (2025), Joshua Erhardt (2024), Matthew Boardman (2023), Karyssa Komar (2022), Travis Edwards (2021), Islay McKechnie (2020), Emilee Nelson (2019), Renée Cyr (2018)



David & Myrtle Wiebe Memorial Writing Scholarship

Established by Randall Wiebe

*Awarded for excellence in writing, whether in
playwriting, poetry, fiction or non-fiction.*



David and Myrtle Wiebe were enthusiastic supporters of Rosebud and at one time were both employed by Rosebud School of the Arts. David worked in finance and Myrtle worked in the Mercantile and Gift Shop.

Being mostly self-educated, David was a voracious reader. Myrtle enjoyed many creative activities, including writing, throughout her life. And as long-time owners of Wisemen's Way Bookstore in Camrose, both also had an interest in supporting writers and literature.

Much of their life's energy had also been committed to investing in young people, from raising their own children and spoiling their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to leading youth groups and counseling those in need of help.

Their delight would be to see this legacy carried on by an investment in future writers and creators.

Recipients

*Quartz Primrose (2026), Katherine Corrigan (2025), Ryan Leenheer (2023-24),
Alvyna Zimmer (2022), Jehlani Cormack (2021), Rebecca Hellekson (2020), Koayla
Cormack (2019)*



Dr. Grant Colpitts Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for demonstrated entrepreneurial skill.

Dr. Grant Colpitts was a Christian medical doctor who raised a large family and was very generous in his support of Christian work, especially overseas missions. He used to vacation (take leaves of absence) to give of his medical expertise overseas. Dr. Colpitts died suddenly in the mid 1980s. His wife, Berna, established this scholarship in his memory.

Recipients

Katherina Stegerman (2018), Renée Cyr (2014), Lennette Randall (2011), Paul Zacharias (2008), Travis Friesen (2005), Adam Bergquist (2002), Lyf Stolte (2000), Jeanette Hoepfner (1999)

Dr. Olfert Scholarship

Awarded for demonstrated involvement in community or church theatre.

Dr. Lawrence A. and Agnes Olfert of Drumheller are long-time supporters of Rosebud Theatre and Rosebud School of the Arts.

Recipients

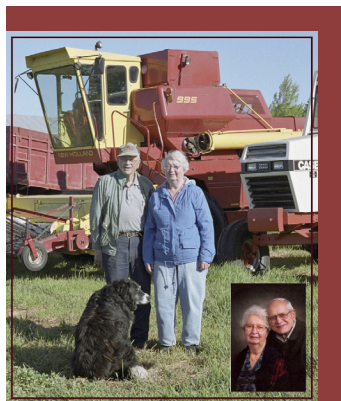
Hannah Nordell & Ashe Schaafsma (2026), Carmina Blue (2025), Titus Eastwood (2024), Connor Dixon (2023), Matthew Boardman & Kristin Jackson (2022), Noah Vankoughnett-Moulard (2021), Claire Cech (2020), Koayla Cormack (2019), Allison Gordon (2018), Kalena Lewandowski (2017), Chantal Hartman (2016), Zachary Habermehl (2015), Heidi MacDonald (2014), Esther Purvis (2013), John Moerschbacher (2012), Kelti Graham (2011), Sarah Spicer (2010), Jesse Anderson (2009), Alex Hart (2008), Brad Sidoruk (2007), Dan Derksen (2006), Laurentia Janovick (2005), Benjamin Hudson (2004)



Edward & Arlene Ertman Memorial Scholarship

Established by Morris Ertman

*Awarded for the discovery of purpose in
sight, sound, and words on the stage.*



Whether a person is a director, designer, playwright or actor, the strongest contribution one makes to the stage is an understanding of the whole of the expression. It's not enough that a person exhibits leadership, visual, sonic, writing or performance talent. Singular talents must find their context within the whole theatrical expression. That's what makes a true and lasting theatre artist.

My parents were people who loved words, music, and beauty. They would drive for miles to hear a good preacher or hear some great music. They loved the beauty in nature. But they were people who saw their lives within a greater context, be that social, familial or spiritual. They knew they were a part of a much bigger story, and lived their lives accordingly. That was the sight they passed on to my brother and I, and it was what fuels the work of their two sons to this day.

Recipients

Katherine Corrigan (2026), Jack Loney (2025), Karyssa Komar (2024), Christopher Allan (2022-23), Sarah Robinson (2021), Katherina Stegerman (2019), Esther Koepnick (2017), Anna Dalglish (2016), Caleb Gordon (2015), Kaitlyn Sloboda (2014), Alysa Glenn (2013), Brynn Linsey (2012), Jesse Anderson (2011), Alysa van Haastert (2010), Sienna Holden (2009), Kelsey Krogman (2008), Rebecca Wohlgemuth (2007)





Florence Mannix Pallesen Bursary

Established by Peter Pallesen

*Awarded to a student in Mentorship level 2 or 3
or an FRSA candidate for professional attitude,
confidence, and a desire to succeed.*

The Florence Mannix Pallesen Bursary was established by Florence's son, Peter Pallesen, in her honor. Florence lived in Calgary and supported many arts events. The bursary is used to assist rural students in their studies, with priority given to applicants from rural areas to which the Pallesen family has strong ties.

Recipients

Ashe Schaafsma (2026), Koayla Cormack (2024), Travis Edwards (2021), Holly Langmead (2019), Zach Habermehl (2018), Kalena Lewandowski (2017), Anja Jonsson (2016), Zachary Habermehl (2015), Fraser Beebe (2014), Jesse Peachment (2013), Grace Malmberg (2012), Alysa Glenn (2011), Danielle Roy (2010), Cassia Schramm (2009), Darcy Faulkner (2008), Alysa van Haastert (2007), Carla Brundage (2006), Rebecca Wohlgemuth (2005), John McIver (2004), Richard Henderson (2003), John McIver (2002)



The Giant's Heart Scholarship

Awarded to a student in the Mentorship Programme who is not only passionate about excelling in their craft, but who strives to live thoughtfully as a Christian in today's world and impacts all those around them with their Giant Heart.



Established September 2013, this scholarship is funded by the graduates who received their FRSA in 2011: Heather Zacharias, Alysa van Haastert, Cassia Schramm, Sienna Holden, and Natalie Blanchard. They made their Rosebud debut in a Theatre359 show called The Giant's Heart by George MacDonald.

Recipients

Quartz Primrose (2026), Katherine Corrigan (2024), Karyssa Komar (2023), Em Nelson (2022), Lacey Cornelsen (2021), Shelly-Ann Morgan (2020), Rebbekah Ogden (2019), Mikayla Whitehouse (2018), Heidi MacDonald (2017), Cassandra Garbutt (2016), Stephanie Lanting (2015), Brynn Linsey (2014), Lauren de Graaf (2013)

Recipient of the Heather Zacharias Acting Scholarship

Amy Burks (2012)





Gladys and Art Dahlen Memorial Scholarship

*Awarded for outstanding achievement
in the area of hospitality.*

*Awarded for outstanding service in area of
dinner music in the Mercantile Dining Room.*

Gladys and Arthur Dahlen were the parents of Arlene Erickson. Art was a Lutheran minister and before moving to Rosebud served numerous churches in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

When they moved to Rosebud in 1981, Gladys took over the responsibility of cooking for the

high school students at Rosebud School of the Arts. That job expanded with the addition of the first Dinner Theatre in the summer of 1983. Gladys loved to cook and loved to work with the students and volunteers in the kitchen. "Mrs. D.", as she was affectionately called by staff and students, was well known for her home made buns and her warm hugs. She was always willing to pitch in wherever needed. When she retired from managing the kitchen, she volunteered in the Gift Shop and continued to help in the kitchen.

Music played a huge role in Art's life: he loved to sing and play the guitar. After moving to Rosebud, he and Gladys continued to travel and sing. Art was a member of the Rosebud Minstrels who did dinner music in the dining rooms and also played guitar and sang in a couple Rosebud Theatre productions. His dream was to do the "Polka Mass" in Rosebud. This didn't happen before his passing but Shauna Murphy conducted it in the fall of 2010 in his honor as an annual event. His graduate studies earned him a Doctorate at 80 years of age.

Gladys was killed in a car accident in February 1998 and Art passed away in August of 2010.

Recipients – Hospitality

Quartz Primrose (2026), Elle Seatter (2025), Judite Vold (2024), Jack Loney (2023), Hayley Rosenau (2022), Claire Cech (2021), Amy Pohl (2020), Janet Kundert (2019), Anne Salkeld (2018), Keisha Wright (2017), Rebekah Brisbin (2016), Stephanie Lanting (2015), Maggie Mackenzie (2014), Kevin Cambridge & Stuart Giesbrecht (2013), Sarah Robertson (2012), Christina Muldoon (2011), Alys van Haastert & Lauren de Graaf (2010), Shannon Klassen & Nathan Thiessen (2009), Shannon Klassen (2008), Sammantha Isaman & Natalie Blanchard (2007), Sabina Bromley & Rachel Peacock (2006), Rachel Peacock (2005), Julie Serger & Bill Daugherty (2004), Jordan Cutbill & Levi Johnson (2003), Dale Marushy & Angie Ouwinga, Mike Thiessen (2002), Karl Sine (2001), Natalie Johnstone (2000), Cindy Skaug (1999)

Recipients – Dinner Music

Kate Corrigan (2026), Katherine Corrigan (2025), Amelia Bradford (2024), Lacey Cornelsen (2023), Karyssa Komar (2022), Danai Allan (2021), Emilee Nelson (2020), Allison Gordon (2019), Holly Langmead (2018), Anne Salkeld (2017), Shayleigh Sihlis (2016), Caitlyn O'Connor (2015), Naomi Esau (2014)

The Good Spirit Scholarship

*Awarded for the ability to give the gift of laughter
and demonstrating a passion for comedy.*

Jason and Diane Knibb are owner and operators of Knibb Developments Ltd., a construction company located near Rosebud, Alberta. From the moment that Jason, Diane and their two sons moved into the area in '99, their impact in the community has been heartfelt.

Jason Knibb served on the RSA Board of Governors from 2003 to 2012, many years as Chair, where he was valued for bringing clarity of thought and simplicity of expression to complex issues. Jason's service on the planning committee for the new Rosebud Centre (currently the Haskayne-Kenney Rosebud Mercantile) was invaluable.

Jason and Diane's creative approach to life is evidenced in a love of music, landscape architecture, and an ability to connect with people from different walks of life. Most of all, their creativity and love for people is expressed through practical jokes—often elaborate & outrageous schemes—which bring mirth and levity to the recipients, and create a legacy of stories for years to come.

Recipients

Ella Williams (2026), Hayley Rosenau (2025), Titus Eastwood (2024), Hayley Rosenau (2023), Ryan Leenheer (2022), Lacey Cornelsen & Connor Magee (2021), Connor Magee (2020), Holly Langmead (2019), Dexter Deugau & Rachel Franson (2018), Rebbekah Ogden (2017), Duncan Hicks (2016)





Gordon E. Taylor Scholarship

*Awarded for talent, skills, and exemplary
servanthood among peers.*

Gordon E. Taylor was originally a pioneer school teacher in the Drumheller area. From the 1940s to 1970, he served the Drumheller region as MLA and

from 1970 to 1985 as MP.

Mr. Taylor was a strong Rosebud supporter. In 1989, Rosebud School of the Arts awarded him with the honorary title of Fellow of the Rosebud School of the Arts (FRSA), which he proudly displayed after his name. He was also the Honorary Chairman of the Canadian Badlands Passion Play Society.

Mr. Taylor passed away on July 27, 2003. Many at Rosebud remember Mr. Taylor's energy, enthusiasm and sense of humour.

Recipients

Katherine Corrigan (2026), Jack Loney (2025), Hayley Rosenau (2024), Justin Scribner (2023), Noah VanKoughnet-Mouland (2022), Christopher Allan (2021), Emilee Nelson (2020), Rebecca Hellekson (2019), Frances MacDonald (2018), Anna Dalglish (2017), Emily Cambridge & Mikayla Whitehouse (2016), Maggie MacKenzie (2015), Alysa Glenn & Sarah Robertson (2014), Meghan Hanet (2013), Jennifer Daigle (2012), Risa Bissenden (2011), Jesse Anderson (2010), Justin Born (2009), Michael Bartz & Alysa van Haastert (2008), Sammantha Reinhardt (2007), Sammantha Isaman (2006), Aaron Krogman (2005), Melanie Stolz (2004), John McIver (2003), Erin Bourke & Levi Johnson (2002), Phil Abusow, Karl Sine (2001), Dawn Clark (2000), Shelley Mae Hiebert & Lyf Stolte (1999), Inga Richardson (1998), Becky Ariss (1996)



Greeno Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for overall performance in all areas of study.

Lois Greeno established this scholarship in memory of her husband Russel, one of Rosebud's founding donors. Lois and Russel's son Allen and his wife Katie were also big Rosebud supporters. Allen was an ordained pastor and pedigreed seed farmer.

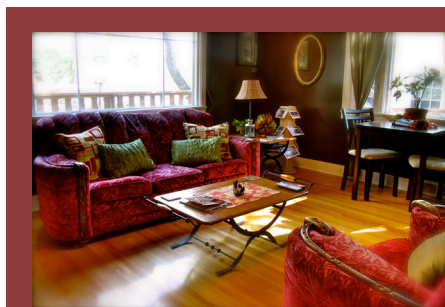
Katie and Allen were killed in a car accident in 1986, leaving behind four children: Valerie (19), Les (17), Sherry Lynn (15) and Doreen (13). The children ran the farm together with help from their church family and relatives. This family has suffered many tragedies, in spite of which they have never wavered.

LaVerne Erickson participated in Allen and Katie's wedding and the Greeno family has remained long-time friends with the Erickson family. The Greeno family first donated money for Rosebud founders to purchase property in Rosebud and launch what has become Rosebud School of the Arts.

Recipients

Quartz Primrose (2026), Katherine Corrigan (2024-25), Karyssa Komar (2022-23), Travis Edwards & Sarah Robinson (2021), Emilee Nelson (2019), Rebecca Hellekson (2018), Joel Braun (2017), Emily Cambridge & Anna Dalglish (2016), Stephanie Lanting & Jesse Peachment (2015), Chantal Marsolais (2014), Naomi Esau & Kaitlyn Sloboda (2013), Alixandra Cowman (2012), Christina Muldoon (2011), Laura Gillespie (2010), Cassia Schramm (2009), Cassia Schramm (2008), Kelsey Krogman & Lindsey Kurpjuweit (2007), Kelsey Krogman (2006), Jessa-Lynn Loewen (2005), Julie Serger (2004), Diana-Marie Stolz, Leigh Wardhaugh (2003), Dale Marushy (2002), Andrew Cooper (2001), Adam Bergquist (2000), Sara Simpson (1999), Leah Hearne (1998), Tyler Halterman (1996)





Home, Sweet Home Award

Awarded to a new Guild member who has experienced personal growth through their time in Rosebud and feels a heart connection to the community.

Valerie Speer is a visual artist and bed and breakfast operator in Rosebud, Alberta, where she has lived since 2004. Known for her attention to detail, through visual presentation and exceptional service, Valerie shares her love of beauty with hundreds of guests from across Canada.

Valerie believes in the importance of community to create safe places for people to be themselves and express their deepest longings. Through the Arbour Guest House, Valerie aims to provide that place for visitors, by making them feel accepted and at home, even if it's just for one night.

As a visual artist, Valerie is known for her stylistic landscapes. She serves as curator of Rosebud's Akokiniskway Gallery and is the former manager of the Mercantile Dining Room and Wild Horse Jack's restaurant.

Valerie loves the outdoors, immersing herself in the natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains. Backcountry hiking trips allow her to pay attention to something as small as the intricacy of an alpine flower or taking in the grandeur of the overwhelming landscape. "The mountains help me understand how dependent I am in God. I see how generous God is with us and how we can trust Him to shelter us in our vulnerability," says Valerie.

Valerie established this award to welcome former students back to their Rosebud home.

Recipients

Jack Loney (2026), Ryan Leenheer (2025), Lacey Cornelsen (2024), Em Nelson (2022), Anja Jonsson (2021), Katherina Stegerman (2020), Mikayla Whitehouse (2019), Maggie MacKenzie (2018), Sarah Robertson (2017)



Illerbrun Scholarship

Awarded for aptitude and passion in costume construction, costume design, or another area of technical theatre.



The Illerbrun Scholarship was established in 2013 by Diane and Garth Illerbrun, long time friends & alumni, board members, and Rosebud supporters.

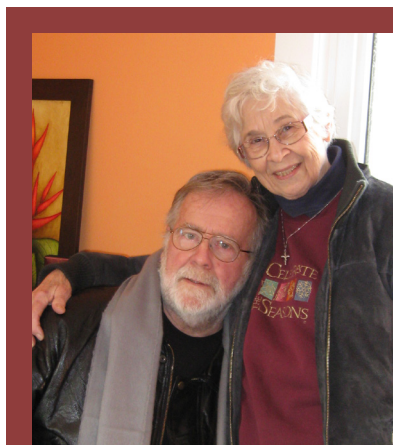
In 1973, Diane attended one of the first weekend retreats of Rosebud Camp of the Arts, where she came to faith during the summer of 1974, and she continued to attend weekend and summer camps all through high school. Garth and Diane were married in 1982 and served on the first Board of Governors established in 1988, and two terms again several years later. As loyal supporters, Garth has served as Chair of the Board and Diane has stitched costumes for numerous shows, helped with props, attended workshops and special music and art events.

Understanding creativity as an expression of faith, the Illerbruns love seeing Christian people create theatre as a way of worshipping God, the ultimate artist. This scholarship is meant to encourage artists who work behind the scenes, especially those who have a passion and aptitude for costume construction or design. If no costuming candidate is found, the scholarship can be awarded to another “worker bee” in the theatre, such as props, lights, sound, or set construction.

Recipients

Immanuel Halterman & Hannah Nordell (2026), Carmina Blue (2025), Amelia Bradford & Joshua Erhardt (2024), Joshua Erhardt & Hayley Rosenau (2023), Danai Allan & Hayley Rosenau (2022), Alvina Zimmermann (2021), Anja Jonsson (2020), Anja Jonsson & Katherina Stegerman (2019), Katherina Stegerman (2018), Joel Braun & Katherina Stegerman (2017), Anna Schroeder & Bethany Wickens (2016), Anna Schroeder (2015), Anna Schroeder (2014), Risa Bissenden (2013)





The James Russell & Colleen Walsh Hearne Memorial Scholarship

Established by Leah T. Hearne, FRSA

Awarded to a literature-loving Mentorship student, who possesses a grounded faith, a passion for learning and an open-hearted acceptance of the spiritual journey of others.

James Russell Hearne (Jim) was born in Columbus, Indiana in 1932. Colleen Walsh Hearne was born in Los Angeles, California in 1933, moving to Oregon as an infant. James and Colleen met in 1951 as students at Seattle Pacific College in Seattle, Washington. They both graduated in 1955: James with a B.A. in English Literature and Greek, and Colleen with a Bachelor of Education. Shortly after graduation, Jim and Colleen married and moved to Iowa where their three daughters were born: Helen, Caitlin, and Leah

The Hearne family immigrated to Canada where Jim was ordained as priest of the Anglican Church. His ministry intersected with his life by practicing an open-hearted acceptance of the spiritual journey of others. His love of literature was evidenced in a vast and eclectic personal library. Jim possessed an innate curiosity to hear people's stories and was a lively raconteur whose own stories delighted his family, friends and parishioners.

Colleen had a rich career as a primary school and music teacher. She was passionate about literacy and her deep faith in God was an integral part of her identity. After retiring from full-time teaching, Colleen began her own business helping adults with learning disabilities learn to read. She is remembered for her generosity, kindness, and deep faith, as well as her ability to enjoy the silliest of moments.

Lifelong learning was vital to Jim and Colleen's personal development as well as their life together. In addition to their work in the church, they were faithful patrons of the arts, attending hundreds of live performances of opera, concerts, and live theatre.

Recipients

Shelley-Ann Morgan (2026), Katherine Corrigan (2025), Alvina Zimmermann (2024), Koayla Cormack (2022-23), Dale Clark (2021), Matthew Schaaf (2020), Joel Braun (2019)

Jeany Van Meltebeke Award

Established by Dale Clark, FRSA

*Awarded to a third or fourth-year student for using
theatre in presenting the Gospel of Christ.*

Dale found her way to Rosebud School of the Arts in 2015 where she was able to realize a long-held dream of studying theatre full-time. What surprised her most was the way in which her studies and the student ensemble took root in deepening and enriching all aspects of life, with the greatest impact felt in her spiritual life. Through observing Rosebud Theatre rehearsals, participating in a breadth of coursework, and especially through learning in the Drama Ministry class, led by Jeany Van Meltebeke, Dale began to appreciate the depth of spiritual insight that can be gained by bringing Scripture to Script.

Dale established this scholarship to encourage students to explore ways that theatre can be a light on the prism of the gospel and a compelling and provocative means of bringing people to faith.

Recipients

Saige Butler (2026), Katherine Corrigan (2025), Matthew Boardman (2023-24), Koayla Cormack (2022), Sarah Robinson (2021), Sarah Robinson (2020), Shayleigh Sihlis (2019)



Jim Jack Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for excellence in a particular area of study.

Betty Jack established this scholarship in honour of her husband Jim, a leading Calgary businessman and one of Rosebud's most faithful supporters. He died of cancer in 1993. Rosebud School of the Arts staff members sang at the funeral. He was like family to all in Rosebud and Betty is one of the dearest ladies you could meet. Awarding this scholarship is very meaningful to her.

W. James "Jim" Jack was born in 1914 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He moved to Calgary in 1954 with Continental Can Co. where he served as Sales Manager for Western Canada until his retirement in 1978.

A guiding principle in Jim's life was to "respect others for what they can do better than you and respect yourself for what you can do better than they." Jim strove for excellence and encouraged it in others, always quick to acknowledge one's accomplishments and offer words of praise. For Jim, life was a journey filled with wonderment. He approached each day with a positive attitude and an open mind.

Out of Jim's love for music and theatre grew a special relationship with Rosebud School of the Arts. Because of his admiration for the accomplishments of the students and administrators of the school, it is his family's wish that Jim's spirit of integrity and pursuit of knowledge be kept alive through the endeavors of the recipient of this award.

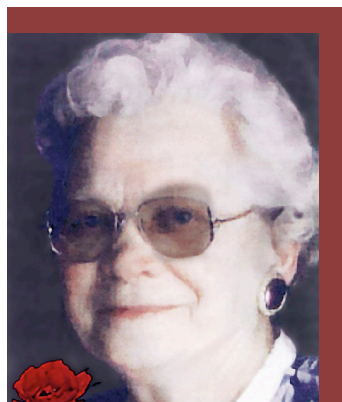
Recipients

Kaila Martin & Quartz Primrose (2026), Matthew Boardman (2025), Justin Scribner (2024), Christopher Allan (2023), Christopher Allan & Alvyna Zimmer (2022), Lacey Cornelsen (2021), Holly Langmead (2020), Matthew Schaaf (2019), Rebecca Hellekson (2018), Keisha Wright & Maggie MacKenzie (2017), Natalie Kloster (2016), Kaitlyn Sloboda & Jesse Peachment (2015), Jocelyn Jay & Justin Lanouette (2014), Naomi Esau & Sarah Spicer (2013), Jesse Anderson (2012), Emma Cobb & Conrad Belau (2011), Sienna Holden & Natalie Blanchard (2010), Emma Cobb & Natalie Blanchard (2009), Belinda Jackson & Justin Born (2008), Kelsey Krogman & Megan Craig (2007), Lindsey Kurpuweit (2006), Karli Jore (2005), Dale Marushy (2004), Dale Marushy & Giovanni Mocibob (2003), Karl Sine (2002), Angela Dennis (2001), Dawn Clark (2000), Shelley Mae Hiebert (1999), Jeanette Hoepfner (1997), Larry Heather (1996)

Johnson Scholarship

Awarded for demonstrated financial need.

Evelyn was born in 1915 on the family homestead, the eldest of seven children, raised in the Donalda area. She moved to Edmonton and started her career with the Alberta Motor Vehicles branch and retired in 1975. In 1956 she married Marvin Johnson and they lived in St. Albert, Edmonton, and Camrose.



She was known for her keen competitiveness: in cards, especially crib and bridge, board games, chicken dominoes and horseshoes. She enjoyed the social aspect and camaraderie that went along with these games. Her love of nature, birds and gardening brought her peacefulness and serenity in her life.

In the late sixties, Evelyn and her husband Marvin built a beautiful cottage home on Pigeon Lake. The following years provided many happy memories for the family and friends that enjoyed their gracious hospitality. Evelyn passed away suddenly at her home in Camrose on March 1, 2003 at the age of 88 years.

Evelyn attended Rosebud Theatre regularly and established this scholarship as her way of showing appreciation for the work of Rosebud School of the Arts. She was a quiet lady who expected no fanfare for her giving. She did not want her name Evelyn associated with the scholarship. "Just call it the Johnson Scholarship" was her request.

Recipients

Kayleigh Shelley (2026), Kaila Martin (2025), Rose Reimer (2024), Koayla Cormack (2023), Alvyna Zimmer (2022), Connor Magee (2021), Rachel Franson (2019), Allison Gordon (2018), Oliver van Diepen (2017), Hayley Rosenau (2016), Frances MacDonald (2015), Sarah Robertson (2014), Esther Purvis (2013), Kevin Cambridge (2012), Alysia Glenn (2011), Bethany McMurray (2010), Emma Piper (2009), Natalie Blanchard (2008), Alysia van Haastert & Rebecca Wohlgemuth (2007), Chelsey Faire (2006), Belinda Jackson (2005), Carolyn Fraser (2004), Marilee Kauenhofen & Jennifer Schmidt (2003), Jordan Cutbill & Giovanni Mocibob (2002), Jordan Cutbill & Shiloh Peter (2001), Chrystal Seutter (2000), Angela Dennis (1999)



Kuhn Scholarship

Awarded for musical achievement.

Dennis Kuhn is a business man and farmer who loves music. Both of his children have taken music lessons and he wishes to help Christians in their music training. He is a board member of the NABC church in Wetaskiwin and is a strong promoter of Christian education. He is a hunting and sports enthusiast and loves good humour. His wife Estelle is a nurse.

Recipients

Elle Seatter (2024), Janet Kundert (2019), Rebekah Brisbin (2016), Caitlyn O'Connor (2014), Laura Gillespie (2011), Sienna Holden (2009), Marlee Braithwaite (2007), Scott Schreiner (2005), Jon Wolfe (1999), Jason Bertsch (1998)



Lauren Hamm Photography Headshot Award

*Awarded to an MP3 student who demonstrates
a clear plan to pursue a professional career.*

As one of the few OG Rosebuddies, Lauren was raised with a deep appreciation for the art of storytelling. She believes that the ability to live a life centered around the arts is a joy, a privilege, and a responsibility. Lauren believes deeply in the concept of community over competition, and in the collaboration that is possible between creators. Her hope is that this award will support an FRSA recipient or Mentorship student pursuing their career in the arts.

Recipients

Jack Loney (2025), Sarah Robinson (2022), Emilee Nelson (2021)

Recipients of the Royal Sproule Professional Headshot Award

*Amy Pohl (2020), Rebbekah Ogden (2019), Joel Braun (2018),
Sarah Robertson (2017)*

LaVerne Erickson Medal

Awarded to a senior student who displays a unique perspective on things, who thinks outside the box, and evokes qualities of a dreamer or visionary; demonstrates the ability to motivate him/herself and others, a self-starter; shows interest in ideas, philosophies, and can articulate a vision for himself/herself; demonstrates spiritual leadership and/or spiritual growth; incorporates the ideas of connecting people with art through innovative marketing.



LaVerne Erickson, along with his brother Tim, was the original founder of Rosebud School of the Arts. An artist, visionary, philosopher, and man of faith, LaVerne was dedicated, energetic and tireless in pursuit of his dreams.

Born in Manning, Alberta, in 1943, the son of an independent preacher in homesteading country, LaVerne learned early in life about the value of sharing. Money, food, shelter, love, faith and prayer are gifts meant to be shared. LaVerne holds a teaching certificate and two degrees from the University of Lethbridge, in music and visual arts/sculpture. LaVerne earned a scholarship to Banff School of Fine Arts as Alberta's top tenor and completed a Masters Degree in philosophy from the University of Calgary.

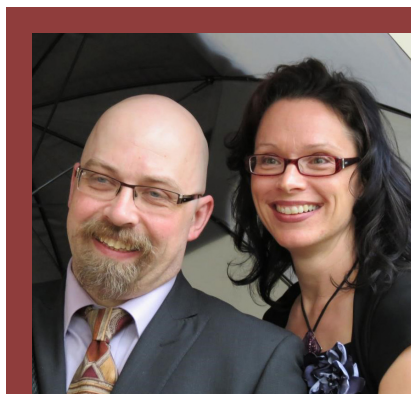
While serving as a youth pastor at Crescent Heights Baptist Church, LaVerne was inspired to organize the first Summer Fine Arts Camp in Rosebud in 1973, using the old general store (Mercantile). By 1977, the camp had evolved into an accredited fine arts high school for visual arts and music. In 1983, the first production of Rosebud Theatre was launched, and by 1988 the Government of Alberta passed the Rosebud School of the Arts Act, enabling the school to offer post-secondary education.

LaVerne's vision and passion expanded from Rosebud to Chemainus Theatre on Vancouver Island which he founded in 1993. In 1994, after five years of organizing, the Canadian Badlands Passion Play debuted its first performance in Drumheller.

Rosebud School of the Arts established the LaVerne Erickson Medal when LaVerne retired from his Executive Director position in 2003.

Recipients

Hayley Rosenau (2025-26), Shelly-Ann Morgan (2024), Matthew Boardman (2023), Em Nelson (2022), Rebecca Hellekson (2021), Dale Clark (2020), Joel Braun (2019), Esther Koepnick (2018), Stephanie Lanting (2017), Sarah Robertson (2016), Caleb Gordon (2015), Sarah Robertson (2014), Alixandra Cowman (2013), Jesse Anderson (2012), Amy Burks (2011), Heather Zacharias (2010), Dan Derksen (2009), Kelsey Krogman (2008), Aaron Krogman (2007), Travis Friesen (2006), Diana-Marie Stolz (2005), Leigh Wardhaugh (2004), Karl Sine (2003)



Lewandowski Supportive Artist Award

Awarded to an FRSA candidate for demonstrating practical support of other artists while not losing sight of their own artistic goals.

Mark (FRSA 1992) & Trisha Lewandowski (Diploma 1992) met as students in 1989 when RSA was a newly formed post-secondary school. Mark came on staff as the Tour Administrator in 1992 having developed the touring department as a student. In 1995, he became the Theatre Manager and developed the production department by taking the best of traditional theatre and mixing it with unique ideas to make it work for Rosebud. In addition to working in management and in whatever technical area needed help, Mark continued performing on stage as an actor and musician, eventually moving more into directing. Trisha worked throughout the Mercantile, in wardrobe, or wherever help was needed and still acted in shows and sang in choirs.

Through the years, Mark & Trisha remain passionate about supporting and mentoring students. Their home is open for students to drop by for a meal, a chat, or a cry/prayer session. From the start, Mark advised students on their final projects, guiding over 110 students through the process. They are so pleased to help graduating students as they move on post-Rosebud..

Recipients

Jack Loney (2026), Karyssa Komar (2025), Dale Clark (2022), Kalena Lewandowski (2021), Joel Braun (2020), Heidi MacDonald (2019)



Lois P. Kenney Haskayne Entrance Scholarship

*Awarded to a new student to Rosebud who
has demonstrated ability in theatre arts
and a cooperative community spirit.*



Recipients

Mackenna Hansel & Elias Hildebrand (2026), Andrew Grams & Ella Williams (2025), Aidan Plato & Elle Seatter (2024), Kate Corrigan & Joshua Erhardt (2023), Matthew Boardman & Amelia Bradford (2022), Kenzie Baker & Acacia Sproule (2021), Lacey Cornelsen & Travis Edwards (2020), Islay McKecknie (2019), Keelan Ballantyne & Emmelia Ohlhauser (2018), Rebecca Hellekson & Holly Langmead (2017), Joel Braun & Rebbekah Ogden (2016), Wolfe Bamberry & Anna Dalgleish (2015), Emily Boyle & Bethany Wickens (2014)

Lois P. Kenney Haskayne Diversity Scholarship

*Awarded to a RSA student with indigenous or black heritage, who demonstrates
proficiency in their studies and a promising future in the arts.*

Recipients

Kayleigh Shelley (2026), Devon Guilbault (2025), Shelly-Ann Morgan (2024), Judite Vold (2023), Kristin Jackson (2022), Judite Vold (2021), Jalita Lynne (2020), Rebbekah Ogden (2019), Zach Running Coyote (2018)



Lois P. Kenney Haskayne Mentorship Scholarship

*Awarded to an all-around student(s) in their second or third year
based on achievement, service, aptitude and need.*

Lois Haskayne (Kenney) grew up in the community of Redland just west of Rosebud. She has fond memories of attending the former United Church (now the Akokiniskway Gallery) where she went to Sunday School as a child and later played the organ. Lois enjoyed the many community events (including rifle marksmanship!) held at the former community hall which is now the Rosebud Opera House.

Lois has a passion for giving youth a chance to succeed. She is thrilled to support young people with a passion to share their own stories in a specialty education setting around her childhood home.

Richard (Dick) Haskayne has been an important contributor to Alberta's business community. He believes that quality of life and opportunities should be enjoyed by all Albertans, particularly those in rural Alberta.

Dick's ethical compass and sense of community comes from his childhood in Gleichen, Alberta. He was born on December 18, 1934 as the province was struggling through the final years of the Great Depression. His parents operated butcher shops in Gleichen and Bassano and followed their hearts when it came to helping families unable to afford meat. Working alongside his parents and his uncle, Dick learned valuable lessons about having compassion for others, maintaining scrupulously honest practices while working hard to create a successful business.

Throughout his career, Dick has taken care to ensure a healthy balance between work, family and giving back to the community. Dick has always taken care to follow the advice of his father, who always told him "good ethics make good business. You never know who is watching."

Recipients

Amelia Bradford & Kaila Martin (2026), Amelia Bradford & Shelly-Ann Morgan (2025), Joshua Erhardt & Jack Loney (2024), Jack Loney & Karyssa Komar (2023), Christopher Allan & Lacey Cornelsen (2022), Autumn Gillis & Alvina Zimmermann (2021), Islay McKechnie & Sarah Robinson (2020), Amy Pohl & Shelly-Ann Morgan (2019), Joel Braun & Amy Pohl (2018), Mikayla Whitehouse & Sarah Robinson & Esther Koepnick & Rebekah Ogden (2017), Esther Koepnick & Maggie MacKenzie (2016), Cassandra Garbutt & Anna Schroeder (2015), Caleb Gordon & Meghan Hanet (2014)

Recipients of the Haskayne Mentorship Scholarship

Jennifer Daigle & Sarah Robertson (2013), Alysa Glenn & Sarah Spicer (2012), Jesse Anderson & Zoe Burnham (2011), Natalie Gauthier & Lennette Randall (2010)

Recipients of the RSA Mentorship Scholarship:

Jennifer Nishi & Alysa van Haastert (2009), Heather Zacharias & Kendra Hutchinson (2008), Kendra Hutchinson & Kelsey Krogman (2007), Rebecca Wohlgemuth (2006), Glenda Warkentin (2005), Karli Jore & Carmen Paterson (2004), Stephanie Dennis & Jessica Benini (2003), Jessica Benini & Andrew Cooper (2002), Adam Bergquist (2001), Angela Dennis (2000)

McLean Family Scholarship

*Awarded for excellence in one of the following areas of study:
academic achievement, acting, directing, marketing, producing,
stage management, design, or any aspect of technical theatre.*

Howard and Janet McLean have had an appreciation of theatre and arts for many years. With close ties to the community of Stratford, Ontario, Janet came to appreciate all aspects of performing arts from the on-stage acting to behind-the-scenes work that it takes to make productions successful. Howard came to appreciate the power of story-telling through the entertaining tales of his father.

Long-time patrons of Rosebud Theatre and former Board members, the McLeans have come to appreciate and support the work of students toward their craft.

Recipients

Saige Butler (2026), Amelia Bradford (2025), Matthew Boardman (2024), Koayla Cormack (2023), Lacey Cornelsen (2022), Dale Clark (2021), Koayla Cormack (2020), Keisha Wright (2019), Rebbekah Ogden (2018), Anna Dalglish (2017), Justin Lanouette (2016), Bethany Wickens (2015), Brynn Linsey (2014), Christina Muldoon (2013), Naomi Esau (2012), Laura Gillespie (2011), Cassia Schramm (2010), Carmen Belanger (2009), Belinda Jackson (2008), Rachel Peacock (2007)





Oliver Christensen Scholarship

*Awarded to a student from a rural community
who is studying theatre arts.*

Oliver was a long-time Rosebud supporter since the late 1970s. He donated many hours, dollars, and resources to the School, especially when it was initially developing in the 1980s. Oliver worked in many roles from peeling potatoes and washing dishes in the kitchen, to digging water or sewer systems and foundations with his backhoe. He also purchased and then donated the 40 acres of land where the church, set shop, and wardrobe department are located today. Oliver's three children each attended high school at Rosebud School of the Arts.

Oliver Christensen always believed in the power of a dream, whether that dream was becoming a cowboy or studying the theatre. His legacy is one of embracing life. Oliver passed away in 2017 at the age of 93.

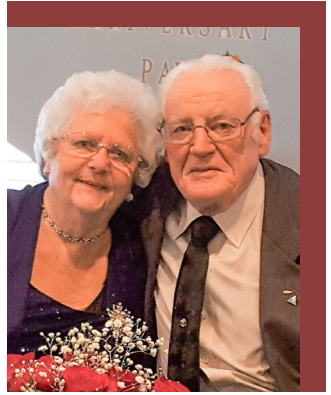
Recipients

Mackenna Hansel (2026), Elle Seatter & Hayley Rosenau (2025), Elle Seatter (2024), Hayley Rosenau (2023), Tim Boileau (2022), Justin Scribner (2021), Alvina Zimmerman (2020), Dexter Deugau (2019), Rebbekah Ogden (2018), Greg Van Deurzen (2017), Hayley Rosenau (2016), Kyla Convey (2015), Natalie Kloster (2014), Stuart Giesbrecht (2013), Stuart Giesbrecht (2013), Jennifer Daigle (2011), Montana Tolman (2010), Lawrence Bergquist (2009), Carmen Belanger (2008), Marlene Braithwaite (2007), Landon Sell (2006), Carla Brundage (2005), Rebecca Wohlgemuth (2004), Carmen Paterson (2003), Levi Johnson (2002), Dale Marushy (2001)



Paul & June Rubak Leadership Award

Awarded for demonstrated integrity and commitment in a leadership role, while reflecting the qualities of empathy, gratitude, and kindness in helping others.



Established March 2021 by Dave Rubak, son of Paul and June Rubak, this scholarship honours the legacy of leadership left by his late father.

Paul Rubak was born August 12, 1929 in Wayne Alberta and grew up in Dalum. In 1951 Paul married the love of his life June Varty. June was a stay-at-home mom for their three children, while Paul made a name for himself in the transportation industry.

Paul had a love for driving, and trucks were high on the list. His career in the trucking industry spanned over 65 years and earned him many awards. Paul started working for Canadian Freightways in 1955 at a switch freight terminal in the Crowsnest pass, retiring in 1993 as Vice President of the company. He always found time to come back to the Dalum area every fall to help out with the harvest.

After retirement Paul became involved with the Alberta Chapter of the American Truck Historical Association. During this time, he wrote many stories about the pioneers of the industry, culminating in the book Big Wheels Across the Prairie, published in 2004.

Paul and June saw their family grow to the fourth generation. June still resides in the home where they raised their kids, and Paul is there with her in spirit as he was called home to be with the Lord in May of 2020. Paul always said that he had lived a good and long life, and that he did.

Recipients

Katherine Corrigan & Elias Hildebrand (2026), Katherine Corrigan (2025), Matthew Boardman (2024-25), Hayley Rosenau (2023), Ryan Leenheer & Noah VanKoughnett-Mouland (2022), Em Nelson (2021)





Roger Throness Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for the ability to do well in music and theatre.

Lloyd and Hazel Throness established this scholarship in memory of their 26 year-old son, Roger, who was killed in a car accident in 1992.

Roger was an acknowledged artist (painter), actor and singer in spite of his young age, having won prestigious awards. He was an outspoken Christian committed to youth work. Many young people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour at Roger's funeral. Roger was a cousin to LaVerne Erickson, the Executive Director of Rosebud School of the Arts. Roger was cast in the leading role in Grande Prairie Regional Theatre's 1992 production of *My Fair Lady* at the time of his tragic death.

Recipients

Saige Butler (2026), Jack Loney (2025), Amelia Bradford (2024), Karyssa Komar (2023), Sarah Robinson (2022), Katie Winters (2021), Allison Gordon (2019), Chris Friesen (2018), Natalie Kloster (2017), Bethany Wickens (2016), Kaitlyn Sloboda (2015), Jillian Schock (2014), Kevin Cambridge (2013), Laura Gillespie (2012), Amy Burks (2011), Conrad Belau (2010), Alex Hart (2009), Heather Zacharias (2008), Dan Derksen (2007), Megan Craig (2006), Lindsey Kurpuweit (2005), Jessa-Lynn Loewen (2004), Melanie Doll (2003), Melissa Deleff (2002), Matthew Erickson (2001), Phil Abusow (2000), Cindy Skauge (1999), Cindy Skauge (1998), Duane Kraikamp (1996)



Roger Wiebe Memorial Visual Arts Award

Established by Randall Wiebe

Awarded for excellence in Visual Art.



Roger was a big fan of Rosebud, and even while living in Japan he would bring groups with him on his summer vacation to experience the town and theatre. Once while a show was delayed due to a power outage, he stood on the steps of the theatre and entertained the crowd until the show could begin.

Some may have considered him a little eccentric, being a theological professor, a cross-cultural English teacher, and an aspiring trumpet player with a taste for heavy-metal Christian music and Weird Al Yankovic. He was an extremely popular teacher who was always interested and involved in the welfare and advancement of his students and sought new and inspiring ways of teaching.

His love for the arts and his generosity played a large role in the development of his brother Randall's visual arts career.

Roger died in a traffic accident in Japan in 1997 and his ashes are buried in the Rosebud cemetery.

Recipients

Quartz Primrose (2026), Kaila Martin (2024), Karyssa Komar (2023), Katie Winters (2021), Anja Jonsson (2019-20), Kalena Lewandowski (2018), Rebbekah Ogden (2017), Anna Schroeder (2016), Mei Esau (2015), Chantal Marsolais (2014), Caleb Gordon (2013), Christina Muldoon (2012), Angela Gillis (2011), Jesse Anderson, Sarah Bryan (2010), Conrad Belau (2009)





Rosebud Church Award

Awarded for taking an active role in the ministry of Rosebud Church.

In recognition of the vital relationship between Rosebud School of the Arts and Rosebud Church, the Rosebud Church Award is presented to a returning Rosebud student or a recent graduate of any RSA program, who is enrolled in post-secondary studies for confident and humble service to the Rosebud Church community.

Recipients

Joshua Erhardt (2025), Katherine Corrigan (2024), Danai Allan (2023), Katie Winters (2021), Kalena Lewandowski (2018-20), Frances MacDonald, Mikayla Whitehouse (2017), Kelti Berry (2016), Cassie Garbutt (2015), Anna Schroeder (2014), Kaitlyn Sloboda, Sarah Spicer (2013), Natalie Gauthier (2012), Lennette Randall (2011), Heather Zacharias (2009-2010), Sienna Holden (2008), Rachel Peacock (2006), Melanie Doll (2005), Jessica Benini (2004), Andrea Enns (2003), Chrystal Seutter (2001)

Rosebud Legacy Arts Administration Award

Awarded to a social entrepreneur who exhibits the heart of an artist, the mind of a businessperson, and the compassion of a community builder in the creation of social value. Their education, dedication and pursuit of excellence enables them to see the sublime in the mundane. They are legacy builders.

Rosebud Legacy is a legacy charity supporting artists and projects related to the well-being of Rosebud and beyond. The Legacy is a home charity for all friends and alumni of the Legacy's many incarnations: campers, theatre patrons, alumni and graduates of Rosebud School of the Arts (high school and post secondary), and Canadian Badlands Summer School participants.

Recipients

Matthew Boardman (2026), Karyssa Komar (2025), Hayley Rosenau (2024), Hayley Rosenau (2023), Dale Clark & Hayley Rosenau (2022)

Recipients of the Erickson Arts Administration Award

Travis Edwards (2021), Rebecca Hellekson (2020), Rebbekah Ogden, Katherina Stegerman (2019), Heidi MacDonald (2018), Katherina Stegerman (2017), Maggie MacKenzie & Bethany Wickens (2016), Emily Boyle (2015), Naomi Esau (2014), Alixandra Cowman (2013), Amy Burks (2012), Lennette Randall (2011), Matthew St. Jean (2010), Matthew Schaffer (2008), Scott Schreiner (2007), Rachel Peacock (2006), Carmen Paterson (2005)

Rosebud Theatre Production Awards



Awarded to students in Mentorship based on merit, attitude, and assistance to the theatre department in the operations of Rosebud Theatre.

Recipients

Amelia Bradford, Katherine Corrigan, Jack Loney, Kaila Martin, and Hayley Rosenau (2026) and dozens of past Rosebud School of the Arts students who have apprenticed with Rosebud Theatre

Rose Cottage Award

Awarded to a student who displays a servant's heart and compassion and active engagement in spiritual leadership and/or spiritual growth.

John and Sue Miller are long-time residents of Rosebud. Sue is an original student from the boarding school days of 1980-81, while John started working for RSA in June 1994.

John and Sue's sons, Justin and Morgan, grew up in Rosebud and learned from an early age to welcome strangers and offer hospitality, for in this way, "some have entertained angels unawares."

The Miller's bed and breakfast—the Rose Cottage—has been home to many students, patrons, guests, and travelers to Rosebud since 1997, offering a place of rest, warm spirit and welcoming grace.



Recipients

Elias Hildebrand (2026), Matthew Boardman (2025), Titus Eastwood (2024), Matthew Boardman (2023), Kathlyn Corazon (2022), Jalita Lynne (2020), Karlene Cormack (2019), Renee Cyr (2018), Stephanie Lanting (2017), Jessica Krause (2016), Mikayla Whitehouse (2015), Cassie Garbutt (2014), Rosina Johansson (2013), Meghan Hanet (2012), Kelti Graham (2011), Rhea Warholik (2010), Lennette Randall (2009), Shannon Klassen (2007), Kendra Hutchinson (2006), Joanna Siemens (2005), Travis Friesen (2004)

RSA Anne Severns Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for demonstrated excellence in teaching among one's peers.

Anne Severns was a school teacher whose dream was to have a private school like Rosebud. She married later in life and upon retirement sent \$500 per month (her retirement cheque) to Rosebud School of the Arts, saying, "It is my husband's Christian duty to support me so that I can give away my money to good causes." Mr. Severns was one of Rosebud's original Board members.

When her husband passed away in 1990 Anne had to stop her giving, but the school established this scholarship in 1996 in recognition of her generous financial contributions. Anne Severns was awarded an honorary FRSA in 1997. In addition, the library at Rosebud School of the Arts is named in her honour. Anne Severns passed away in 2001.

Recipients

Hayley Rosenau (2025), Matthew Boardman (2023), Claire Cech (2021), Bethany Wickens (2017), Maggie MacKenzie (2015), Jocelyn Jay (2013), Sarah Spicer (2011), Emma Cobb (2009), Matthew Schaffer (2005, 2007), Leigh Wardhaugh (2003), Matthew Erickson (2000), Adam Bergquist (1999), Leah Hearne (1996)



RSA Bursary

Awarded for need & a cooperative community spirit.

Recipients

Katherine Corrigan (2025-26), Rose Reimer (2024), Alvyna Zimmer (2023), Tim Boileau & Connor Magee (2022), Jehlani Cormack & Connor Magee & Ryan Leenheer (2021), Autumn Gillis & Erin Ramsey & Alvina Zimmerman (2020), Gatlin Dueck (2019), Abby Koepnick & Holly Langmead (2018), Anne Salkeld & Anja Jonsson & Elizabeth Francis (2017), Janet Kundert & Zach Habermehl (2016), Geordie Cowan & Jocelyn Jay (2015), Jesse Peachment & Melanie Esau (2014), Caleb Gordon & Kelti Graham & Jocelyn Jay (2013), Jocelyn Jay (2012), Aaron Redditt & Sarah Spicer (2011), Matthew St. Jean & Jesse Anderson & Angela Gillis (2010), Carmen Belanger & Heather Zacharias (2009), Kendra Hutchinson & Alysa van Haastert (2008), Jonathan Kobewka (2007), Belinda Jackson & Matthew Schaffer (2006), Scott Schreiner (2005), Jordan Cutbill (2004), Karli Jore (2003), Stephanie Dennis & Melanie Doll (2002), Jessica Benini & Levi Johnson & Giovanni Mocibob (2001)

RSA International Student Bursary

Awarded to an international student with financial need.

Every year, students from across Canada come to study at Rosebud. And almost every year, there is at least one student from elsewhere in the world who has found RSA on the internet and made the bold decision to transplant their talents, their faith, and gifts to a tiny little hamlet in the middle of the prairies.

Recipients

Carmina Blue & Inga Duchting (2025), Kaila Martin (2023), Stacey Craig (2016), Rosina Johansson (2013), Zoe Burnham (2010-2011), Richard Victor Mugerwa (2009), Lennette Randall (2008)



RSA Csaba Dobi Memorial Scholarship

Awarded for exemplary servanthood.

Csaba was the son of a Hungarian freedom fighter who fled Hungary following the failed uprising of 1956 when many civilians took up arms against the Communist oppressors. Csaba had two brothers Attila and Arpad. These three boys were named after the three Hun warriors who founded Hungary—the three Hun Princes.

Csaba was raised on an orchard north of Penticton, BC, attended public school from grade 1 to 9 in Penticton, and was a member of First Baptist Church, Penticton. He enrolled in Rosebud School of the Arts in 1982 as a grade ten student. He was a big kid who enjoyed all of life. Built like a football player, weighing in at around 200 lbs., Csaba was an imposing kid. He sang tenor in our School choir, and roomed at LaVerne and Arlene Erickson's house.

In his grade eleven year he was diagnosed with a brain tumour. He spent his remaining year following surgery between his family in Penticton and his adopted "family" in Rosebud. He was used of the Lord to lead his father to Jesus, a friendship he loved most dearly.

In his last meeting with Rosebud staff and students Csaba said: "You need not pray for me. I will be with Jesus. I instead pray for you because you are being left here on earth."

Rosebud School of the Arts has established this scholarship in Csaba's memory. Both of Csaba's parents have since passed away. The Csaba Dobi Memorial Scholarship is funded by the Rosebud School of the Arts Scholarship fund.

Recipients

Hannah Nordell (2026), Karyssa Komar (2024), Tim Boileau (2022), Matthew Schaaf (2018), Stacey Craig (2016), Alaura Bibby (2014), Caleb Gordon (2012), Lawrence Bergquist (2010), Sabrina Cramer (2008), Julie Serger (2006), Melanie Stolz (2004), Angela Dennis (2002)



RSA Guitar Award

Sponsored by Aaron Krogman and Paul Muir

For recognized ability on the guitar or another instrument, disciplined practice, and a willingness to share the gift of music. The award is available for the purchase of a new guitar (or another primary instrument) or upgrading an existing one.

Recipients of the RSA Guitar Award:

Amelia Bradford (2026) , Danai Allan (2023)

Recipients of the Lewis Frere Guitar Award:

Caitlyn O'Connor (2015), Cassandra Garbutt (2014), Kaitlyn Sloboda (2013), Zeb Burnham (2012), Natalie Gauthier (2011), Heather Zacharias (2010), Cassia Schramm (2009), Paul Zacharias (2008), Aaron Krogman (2007), Travis Friesen (2006)



RSA Merit Scholarship

Awarded to a student in Certificate in Theatre Foundations for excellence in theatre arts and a cooperative community spirit.

This scholarship was established in 2001 to coincide with the introduction of the new Certificate in Theatre Foundations programme, a one-year programme designed to give students an appreciation for the rigorous demands of theatre as an art form. Students take classes in Christianity and the Arts, Technical Theatre, Script Analysis, Oral Communication, Drama Ministry, Visual Interpretation, Choir, Acting Foundations and Scene Study. Successful completion of the Certificate programme prepares students for advanced training in Mentorship or many other educational opportunities.

The purpose of the RSA Merit Scholarship is to attract excellent students to study at Rosebud School of the Arts. These are students with a high level of commitment and potential and a history of involvement in theatre arts or drama ministry.

Recipients

Immanuel Halterman, Hannah Nordell, Kayleigh Shelley, & Ashe Schaafsma (2026), Saige Butler (2025), Ryder Torgerson (2024), Connor Dixon (2023), Jack Loney (2022), Justin Scribner & Noah Vankoughnett-Mouland (2021), Dana Achtem & Rosemary Reimer (2020), Maxwell Petkau (2019), Emilee Nelson & Ben deJong (2018), Amy Pohl & Chantal Hartman (2017), Carleigh Dougherty & Keisha Wright (2016), Duncan Hicks & Anne Salkeld & Kyla Convey & Oliver van Diepen (2015), Maggie MacKenzie & Stephanie Lanting (2014), Chantal Marsolais & Justin Lanouette (2013), Zachary Arndt (2012), Jennifer Daigle & Naomi Esau (2011), Lauren Wilson & Risa Bissenden (2010), Laura Gillespie & Natalie Gauthier (2009), Jennifer Nishi & Teri-Lynn Dahl (2008), Michael Bartz & Cassia Schramm (2007), Heather Pattengale (2006), Megan Craig & Sammantha Isaman (2005), Lindsey Kurpjuweit & Scott Schreiner (2004), Julie Serger & Glenda Warkentin (2003), Karli Jore (2002), Caleb Johns (2001)



RSA Spiritual Leadership Scholarship

Sponsored by Rosebud Suite Retreat

Awarded for spiritual leadership.

Recipients

Katherine Corrigan (2026), Saige Butler (2025), Matthew Boardman (2024), Koayla Cormack (2023), Ryan Leenheer (2021-2022), Kathlyn Corazon (2020), Shelly-Ann Morgan (2018), Cassandra Garbutt (2017), Mikayla Whitehouse (2016), Stuart Giesbrecht (2015), Heidi MacDonald (2014)

RSA Student Performance Award

Awarded to a student in the Mentorship Program for success in acting or voice coaching as demonstrated at the Performance Nights of the previous academic year.

The annual Student Showcase began as a student-initiated evening of entertainment. The tradition has continued each year with Rosebud School of the Arts presenting a celebration of student talent in a given community.

Recipients

Amelia Bradford, Katherine Corrigan, Kaila Martin (2026)

Recipients of the RSA Student Showcase Scholarship

Kaila Martin & Matthew Boardman (2025), Jack Loney (2024), Connor Magee & Judite Vold (2022), Rebecca Hellekson (2020), Keisha Wright (2019), Esther Koepnick & Mikayla Whitehouse (2018), Natalie Kloster & Bethany Wickens (2017), Cassandra Garbutt & Stephanie Lanting (2016), Geordie Cowan & Justin Lanouette (2015), Alysa Glenn & Kaitlyn Sloboda (2014), Alysa Glenn & Brynn Linsey (2013), Lauren de Graaf & Alixandra Cowman (2012), Amy Burks (2011), Sienna Holden & Emma Cobb (2010), Kendra Hutchinson & Alysa van Haastert (2009), Sammantha Reinhardt (2008), Scott Schreiner (2007), Cari Russell (2006)





Sheila and Eldon Korschuh Scholarship

*Awarded for recognition of commitment to
use of the universal language of the arts in
community settings to create connection
for people experiencing isolation.*

Sheila & Eldon Korschuh live on their farm east of Cluny in the beautiful Crowfoot Creek Valley, north of the Bow River. Together, they have operated their grain farm for over 30 years.

They enjoy the arts, cycling, gardening, and spending time with family, friends, and food around their dinner table. They are the parents of three adult daughters: Megan, Rachel and Hannah.

Sheila knows the power of the universal language to create connection, healing and a greater sense of one's self. This scholarship connects deeply to her own path and convictions about what supports the creation of a meaningful life and heart to heart connection.

Sheila was a co-founder of Project H.O.P.E., a community funded therapy program for children with special needs, and also helped to create Hope Bridges Society, a non-profit organization which uses the arts as a tool to support connection, and reduce segregation and isolation of community members with diverse needs. Both organizations are based in Strathmore, and County of Wheatland.

A meaningful connection between Rosebud School of the Arts and Hope Bridges Society has helped Sheila and Eldon to learn more about the student experience in Rosebud, and the inspiring community of supporters there. They are happy to have found opportunity to co-create a scholarship for a deserving student.

Recipients

Kayla McTavish (2026), Inga Duchting (2025), Elle Seatter (2024), Ryan Leenheer (2023), Noah Vankoughnett-Mouland (2022), Kenzie Baker (2021), Shelly-Ann Morgan (2020), Rebecca Hellekson (2019), Anja Jonsson (2018), Shayleigh Sihlis (2017), Oliver van Diepen (2016), Dale Clark (2015)



Sport and Theatre Scholarship

Awarded for a demonstrated drive to play sports during theatre training and a commitment to integrating athletics and art in a wholesome life.

This scholarship is created by Tyler and Becky Halterman, former students and staff members and present Fellows of Rosebud School of the Arts. Tyler (FRSA 1996) served Rosebud as a stage manager, acting instructor and student life advisor until 2010, while also playing hockey with the Rosebud team. Becky (FRSA 1998) served Rosebud as a stage manager and continues to work as a lighting designer.

Tyler and Becky met in Rosebud and got married here in 1997. They have four children: Xavier, Sebastian, Dominic, and Immanuel, all of whom are active in sports, especially hockey and lacrosse, in addition to pursuing their own individual artistic endeavours.

Believing that the disciplines of theatre and sport feed each other and help people become well-rounded individuals and artists, the Haltermans established this scholarship for students who demonstrate a vigorous pursuit of sports, both before and during their Rosebud training. Preference is given to team sports, although solo sports will be considered. Dance will not be considered, since the scholarship is primarily geared to sporting endeavours that, on first glance, seem theatre-adverse, such as hockey, lacrosse, soccer, basketball, football, etc.

The recipient is someone who continues their athletic practice while in theatre school, be that through participation in sport clubs at the Hall, hockey rink, or in neighbouring communities; a disciplined practice of running, biking, or skiing; or other ways of staying connected to the world of sports. The recipient also communicates a vision for an integrated life in arts and sports, which they aim to continue after graduation.

Recipients

Immanuel Halterman (2026), Joshua Erhardt (2024), Christopher Allan (2023), Karyssa Komar (2022), Karyssa Komar (2021), Christopher Allan (2020), Maxwell Petkau (2019), Heidi MacDonald (2018)





Tim Erickson Medal

Awarded to a senior student who demonstrates outstanding diligence in his/her tasks, exemplifying a strong work ethic; conducts themselves with a servant's heart and compassion; actively engages in spiritual leadership and/or spiritual growth; is capable of mediating with groups and counseling others; and recognizes the value of empowerment by fostering belief and confidence among peers.

Tim Erickson, along with his brother LaVerne, was an original founder of Rosebud School of the Arts. A teacher, musician, business man, and organizer, Tim has been dedicated, energetic and tireless in his support of the school and all of its associated ventures.

Born in 1950, the son of an independent preacher in homesteading country, Tim learned early in life about the values of hard work and faith. Tim had a passion for getting things done, for family, and for God. Always concerned about his fellow man, Tim carried a compassion for people, their thoughts, feelings, dreams and desires.

Tim holds Bachelor's degree from the University of Lethbridge, with a double major in Music and Physical Education. Tim was a member of the Rosebud River Valley Boys and Rosebud Minstrels as a way to nurture his passion for music, and continues to play recreational hockey.

Rosebud School of the Arts established the Tim Erickson Medal when Tim retired from his Administrative Director position in 2003.

Recipients

Matthew Boardman (2026), Jack Loney (2025), Karyssa Komar (2024), Danai Allan (2023), Sarah Robinson (2022), Amy Pohl (2021), Kalena Lewandowski (2020), Amy Pohl (2019), Frances MacDonald (2018), Maggie MacKenzie (2017), Stephanie Lanting (2016), Stuart Giesbrecht (2015), Caleb Gordon (2014), Christina Muldoon (2013), Lauren de Graaf (2012), Natalie Gauthier (2011), Lennette Randall (2010), Kendra Hutchinson (2009), Sammantha Reinhardt (2008), Rachel Peacock (2007), Bill Daugherty (2006), Melanie Stolz (2005), Jordan Cutbill (2004), Dale Marushy (2003)

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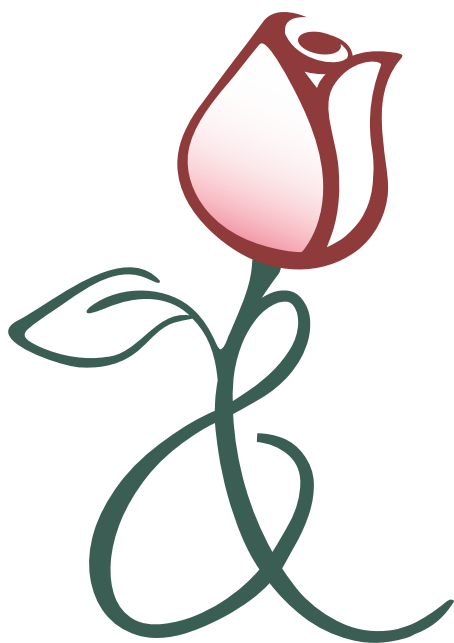
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