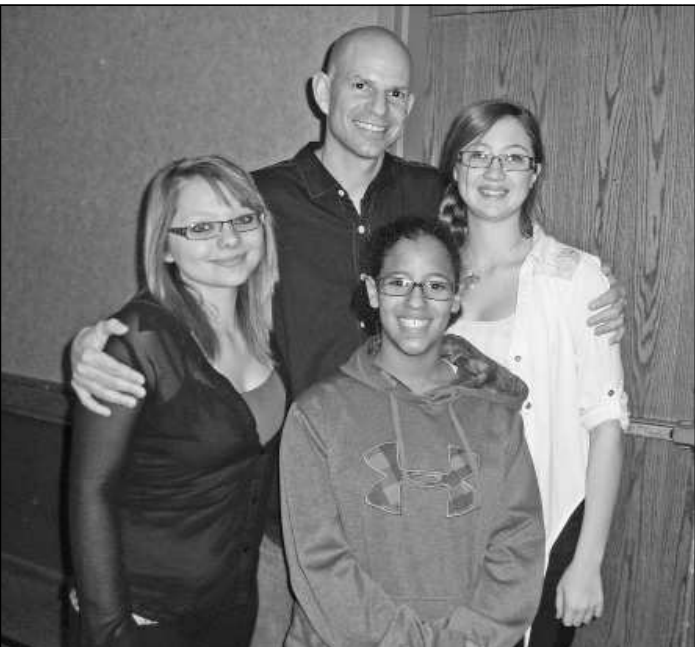


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Pictured are Casey Larson, Alyssya Mathis and Alexandra Knoff at the Student Council Leadership Forum in Alexandria where Ted Wiese led team-building activities.

Indus students attend leadership forum

Three Indus students attended a leadership forum at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria Nov. 10-11, where they listened to youth motivational speaker Ted Wiese of Carmel, Ind., and participated in team-building activities.

Indus Student Council President Alexandra Knoff, Student Council Treasurer Alyssya Mathis, and Student Council Ninth Grade Representative Casey Larson, accompanied Indus

Student Council Adviser Lois Lewis to the forum, where Lewis also participated in an adviser workshop.

The annual event was attended by about 400 Minnesota students and 75 advisers, setting a record for participation, according to Minnesota Association of Student Councils' Coordinator Doug Erickson. Included in this number were National Honor Society students and advisers, as well.

ST. THOMAS SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

St. Thomas School has released the first quarter honor roll for 2013-14.

Fourth Grade
'B' Honor Roll
Gavia Younts

Fifth Grade
'A' Honor Roll
Holden Sutherland
'B' Honor Roll
Matthew Rousseau

Sixth Grade

'B' Honor Roll
Kian Gonzales
Sydney Stevens

Seventh Grade
Principal List
Caillie Lowthian
'A' Honor Roll
Libby Ward

Eighth Grade
'A' Honor Roll
Eric Earley

DEPARTMENT OF EXCELLENCE



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St. Thomas Aquinas School was named the "2013-2014 Minnesota World Language Department of Excellence" by the Minnesota Council of World Language and Culture Teachers. Recognition was given to Sue Nordquist, the pre-kindergarten through grade 8 Spanish language and culture "profesora." A certificate, signed by Gov. Mark Dayton, was presented to her during the MCTLC Awards Luncheon Oct. 18 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Park. Each year, MCTLC recognizes the extraordinary work of language teachers and advocates in the state. Senora Nordquist, holding the certificate, is pictured with first and second grade students and their teacher, Jane Silvers.

Indus School receives financial literacy grant

UNITED EDUCATORS FOUNDATION REPORT

United Educators Foundation has awarded Indus School in Birchdale with a grant for their 2013-14 financial literacy initiatives related to saving, math, money management and creating a financial foundation for youth.

They received one of four financial education grants given out by the foundation this year.

Indus School's grant was

awarded to Lois J. Lewis, the Family and Consumer Science teacher, who will use the money to purchase a computer-based simulation to enhance and reinforce life skills related to earning, saving, and spending money. Specifically, students will learn how to read a pay stub and payroll taxes, how to open up savings and checking accounts, identity theft and more. The money will also be used for guest speakers, iPad apps, and field trips.

"UECU's mission is to advance the financial well-being of our members and introducing financial education concepts to students fits within our mission perfectly," said Paul Dammann, president/CEO of United Educators Foundation and United Educators Credit Union. "We are honored to serve the entire education community in Minnesota and aim to provide support and materials to aid them in giving our youth the tools they will need for financial

independence."

The United Educators Foundation was established in 2008 to generate and provide contributive funding and resources that advance educational initiatives and support charitable causes within the educational communities United Educators Credit Union cooperative serves. The Financial Literacy Grant program was created to help ensure financial education begins at a young age, and to support the educators teaching it.

BIRTHDAY BOOKSHELF CLUB



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Members of Falls Elementary School November Birthday Bookshelf Club include, from left, Madalynn Saxton, Parker Olson, Amelia Davis and Ashlynn McBride.

RRCC Foundation increases Top of the Class scholarship awards

RRCC STAFF REPORT

The Rainy River Community College Foundation has increased the annual award for "Top of the Class" high school students from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

In addition, when students maintain a 3.25 cumulative grade point average at RRCC, the \$3,000 scholarship is renewed for a second year. Moreover, students earning an ACT score of 24 or higher are eligible for an additional \$500 their first year. Top of the Class students are those whose grade point average is 3.5 or higher, on a 4.0 non-weighted scale.

The RRCC Foundation,

which formed in 1983, awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually and has as its mission to invest in student success and the community's future through scholarship and college development.

According to Foundation president, Tim Anderson, "As the success of our Foundation continues each year we review the needs of our students and are so excited to increase the 'Top of The Class' scholarships to keep our kids in line with college expenses. The foundation wins, RRCC wins, and most important our local families with the best students win."

Elena Favela, RRCC in-

terim college dean, states, "The RRCC Foundation has really stepped up to the plate in a big way. Increasing the scholarship amount increases college access for students who have worked hard to maintain a stellar GPA. We want to reward their diligence with opportunities to further their knowledge and expand their opportunities for four-year transfer and career development. The Foundation is making this possible."

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