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Seven IndependenceHigh School graduates received scholarship awards through funds established by Independence area families and organizations. The scholarship recipients are as follows:

 **Laura Graul Memorial Athletic Scholarship ($1000):** Creed Brenner

 **Laura Graul Memorial Performing Arts Scholarship ($1000):** Brianna Truog

 **Independence Public School Memorial Scholarship ($250):** Lauren Sylla and Rosa Lopez Garcia

**Max Manuel Isaacs and Hannah Bernhardt Isaacs Memorial Scholarship ($750**): John Halama, Rebecca Heiden, and Krystal Johnson

 **RAPS DOC Scholarship ($1000):** Rosa Lopez Garcia

 **Doris J. Bautch STEM Scholarship ($500):** Lauren Sylla

This year’s Independence Public School Memorial Scholarships were supported by a gift in honor of Chuck Schultz, who was an educator for 30 years, serving as a counselor and teacher for nine years in Independence before his retirement in 1996. He loved his job working with students in Independence and wanted this award to go to students who are involved and care about their community.

Anyone interested in donating to these scholarship funds or starting a new fund can consult the Eau Claire Community Foundation website ([www.eccfwi.org](http://www.eccfwi.org)). To donate, they can search “Independence” or a specific scholarship name on the “About the Foundation/Family of Funds” page. They can also call the ECCF at (715) 552-3801.

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