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“Shawnee Chamber Announces Betty Charlton Scholarship Recipients”

The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce announced the recipients of the Betty Charlton scholarships at its monthly luncheon on Wednesday. The two who will receive the \$1500 scholarships are Caleb Axford Hall, a SM Northwest High School senior, and Kelsey Marie O’Hara, a Mill Valley High School senior.

What began as a tribute to one of Shawnee’s favorite moms has grown to a fund of over \$50,000. The idea of a scholarship honoring Betty took off soon after the lifelong resident and former Chamber administrative assistant passed away in February, 1997. During her 69 years, the granddaughter of Remi Caenen, who built the Caenen Castle on Johnson Drive, also worked in insurance, attorneys and optometrists offices, and raised five sons and two daughters. Along the way she even found time to embroider crosses onto baptismal bibs worn by nearly 200 babies.

Caleb intends to continue his education at the University of Kansas and will major in Chemistry. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Business Professionals of America, and is active in theater and band. He is a Kansas Honor Scholar and received the Presidential Academic Award. Caleb has been very active in scouting and has attained the rank of Eagle Scout and served as an instructor at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. Caleb has also been an instructor at Rotary Camp assisting mentally and disabled kids

Kelsey will continue her education at Kansas State University and intends to major in Mechanical Engineering. Her career objective is to become a biomedical engineer and assist amputee victims to regain the use of their limbs. She has been involved in cross country, track, basketball, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Kelsey is a member of the marching band, debate team and is in the JAGS-Community Service Club. She is a Kansas Honor Scholar and is in Who’s Who in American High Schools and has received many honor roll and athletic awards. She has done community service at Lakeview Village Retirement Community, Heart of America Humane Society and the Wyandotte County Soup Kitchen.