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Vision: Everyone achieving personal potential from cradle to career.

Mission: Together we will engage our community to provide an environment in which all contribute and excel.

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Recognizing 20 Years of Support

The Mary Lou & Arthur Mahone Fund are celebrating 20 years of service to the community. Named after an influential woman, leader and activist in the community, Mary Lou Mahone demonstrated love and prayer throughout the course of her life and through her acts of service. After the passing of Arthur Mahone, the fund was named after the duo to recognize the difference they made in the community. They created this fund to help other students who embody that drive in their educational careers and help them succeed in those dreams.



Tim Mahone (left), Marissa Greathouse (center), Ardis Mahone-Mosely (right).

With over 230 students being able to attend college after being awarded scholarships from the fund and now being able to send out 13 scholarships thanks to the Reaching for Rainbows gala, the Mahone fund is making a difference in the community for many generations. About 36% of the county has post-secondary education—being able to contribute in increasing these percentages has given us reason enough to recognize this fund.

The Reaching for Rainbows gala that took place on May 5th at Carthage College is important to the organization because it recognizes the importance of helping students pursue their dreams and giving them the academic opportunity to do so.

With the end of the spring semester ringing near, Marissa Greathouse, a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and past recipient from the Mahone Fund, is looking towards her future and the opportunities that lie ahead of her.

Marissa was raised in Kenosha after moving here from Waukegan. She attended Jeffery Elementary, Washington Middle, and then Indian Trail in the biotech program offered. Both Washington and Indian Trail offered technology programs where every student was given a laptop. “This gave me an advantage in college because I had already mastered Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more while my peers were just starting to grasp the basics”.

Marissa is a 2014 recipient of the Mahone scholarship. After struggling to enjoy and attend college without financial concern out of state, she enrolled in the dual degree program at UW-Parkside. This May, she will be walking the stage at UW-Parkside with a B.A. in sociology, B.S. in psychology, a minor in ethnic studies, and a certificate in mental health skills. She is currently working as a youth specialist at Safe Haven in Racine as well as a case manager for a middle school engagement program. After graduation she will be joining the AmeriCorps for a year and then hopes to attend graduate school for a Marriage and Family Counseling program.

Marissa is well on her way to earning over \$1.5 million more in the course of her lifetime than those who hold only a high school degree. By 2020, 62% of WI jobs will require a PS credential and the Mahone Fund is a bright spot in helping Kenosha achieve that.

How to get involved

- For more information on the Mahone Fund go to, <http://www.mahonefund.org/>
- Volunteer with United Way, <https://www.kenoshaunitedway.org/volunteer>
- Look into Youth Options, <https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/youth-options>



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