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Summary: The Carrie Wickstrom Scholarship Fund supports today's elementary education students and tomorrow's.

(January 28, 2009)-At one point during her West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA) career, Carrie Wickstrom believed continuing her education would be impossible. Her father died in the 1918 influenza outbreak leaving behind a wife and eight children, and her family could not continue to pay the tuition. An anonymous donor made it possible for Wickstrom to graduate in 1929. After completing a teaching certificate, Wickstrom taught in Minnesota elementary schools for more than thirty years.

Sixty years after WCSA graduation, Wickstrom established a charitable remainder trust that upon her death would endow the Carrie Wickstrom Scholarship Fund. Remembering how she wished she had met her scholarship donor, Wickstrom created a second trust to provide annual scholarships that were awarded during her lifetime. Until her death in 1999, Wickstrom met all of her elementary education scholarship recipients.

Photo: the late Carrie Wickstrom '29

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