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**FIRST-EVER KERRIE OROZCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**



This time of year, remembering Kerrie Orozco is done in many ways. This year the first-ever Kerrie Orozco Memorial Scholarship through the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation has been awarded. Similar to the community's recent outpouring towards Mark Burbridge, following Kerrie's tragedy on May 20, 2015 contributions recognizing her took different forms. For example, her friends, family, and the community of Walnut, where Kerrie graduated from high school in May of 2004, held a walk-run event with proceeds going to start a memorial scholarship at the Pottawattamie County Community Foundation (PCCF).

On May 3, 2017, the first \$500 scholarship was awarded to Emma Seilstad of Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs. Pictured from left to right are Kerrie's aunt Judy Griffin, Kerrie's friend Julie Nash, Seilstad, Kerrie's mother Ellen Holtz, and Kerrie's grandmother Geraldine Russmann.

This scholarship endowment fund at PCCF is administered by the Southwest Iowa Educational Foundation. To honor Kerrie and help this scholarship grow to provide more scholarships in the future, visit PCCF's website at [ourpccf.org](http://ourpccf.org) and click onto the "Donate to a Charitable Fund" link to learn more about the Kerrie Orozco Memorial Scholarship Fund and other funds at PCCF. Each donation to a PCCF fund receives an added 10% contribution, which is funded by the Iowa West Foundation.

Kerrie, who grew up in Walnut and most recently lived in Council Bluffs, exemplified a passion for helping others, believed strongly in teamwork, and had a strong drive to get things done. She was a giving mother and police officer, and this scholarship is intended to reflect those characteristics into future generations.

To learn more about the community foundation visit [ourpccf.org](http://ourpccf.org) or call PCCF President & CEO Jerry Mathiasen at 712-256-7007.

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