Living the Legacy

2007 recipient. Maggie L. Buehl works at Ford Motor Company, and as part of the 2022 redesign of the Ford Bronco team, she demonstrated innovation. Using analytical data from vibration machines she identifies creative solutions for vehicle improvements. With ties to Hastings, she returns home often to visit family. “Because of the generous Tyden Scholarship, I was able to cover most of my first-year tuition and expenses without needing any student loans,” explains Maggie.

Meet our Future Innovators

Owen Woods, Mitchell Middleton, and Halena Phillips are the 3 most recent Tyden Scholarship recipients. All three receive $6,000 a year for 4 years. To renew this scholarship, they must achieve a minimum 3.5 GPA, as they pursue a degree in Engineering or Product Development. Thanks to the legacy of Emil Tyden, the future of innovation is bright.

Honoring the Legacy of an Innovator

The Emil Tyden Founder’s Scholarship is named for inventor and local business leader, Emil Tyden, who came to America at age 17 and moved to Hastings in 1881. With a strong enterprising spirit and a gifted, creative mind, Emil invented the boxcar seal, and fire sprinklers. After a fire destroyed his factory in 1920, Tyden resolved to enter the fire suppression business and the Viking Corporation was moved to Hastings, which to this day supplies jobs, a strong manufacturing base, and leading-edge products.

Over $300,000 to Local Students

15 years ago, the Groos family created the Emil Tyden Founder’s Scholarship. Emil’s grandson, Dick Groos, presented Maggie Beulh with the first scholarship valued at $24,000 ($6,000 annually.) The tradition of investing in the community continues in this generous family. “My great-grandfather started Viking with a commitment to innovation and technical expertise, and this scholarship program will help ensure that legacy continues,” explains Tom Groos.

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Mitchell Middleton
Ferris State University

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