The Willis and Patricia Calderwood Scholarship

A strong belief in education helped to bring Willis and Pat Calderwood together. The two led separate lives for many years, each connecting with the college in a different way.

Willis often hauled farm tractors to the Lake Region State College diesel shop where students developed their skills by performing needed repairs, while Pat worked to acquire her GED through Lake Region State College’s Adult Learning Center, which she ultimately earned on December 24, 1986. Thanks to a square dancing group—the Prairie Partners which also met on campus—the two were brought together.

Willis and Pat were married October 4, 1980, and Pat’s seven children became “their” children. Willis and Pat, now grandparents to many, strongly encourage family members and others to “get schooling” after high school.

The Willis and Patricia Calderwood Scholarship is awarded annually to a Lake Region State College student enrolled in a vocational-technical program.