

Darrel and Connie Heins Scholarship Endowment

“People cannot succeed in today’s world without an education.”

Both Darrel and Connie Heins grew up on family farms. One might say that farming is in their blood. They have worked side by side to make their own farming operation a success and know the value of hard work. They also know the value of a good education. It’s a value they have lived and instilled in their daughters and grandchildren.

Darrel graduated from the Fessenden Public School system and continued his studies at Dakota College at Bottineau for one year. He then transferred to North Dakota State University where he received degrees in agronomy and agriculture education. After student teaching for one semester, he accepted employment at the Gulf Oil Chemical Company in Bismarck and with the Peavey Company in the Minot and Devils Lake areas.

Connie (Hanson) attended school in Devils Lake and graduated from Warwick High School. Following graduation, she attended North Dakota State University in Fargo for one year prior to transferring to Tri-College in Moorhead, Minnesota, where she earned a degree in business education. She taught school for one year prior to accepting a position at Ramsey National Bank in Devils, a position she would hold for a number of years.

The spring of 1979 brought Darrel back to the Fessenden, North Dakota, region where he assumed ownership of the fourth-generation farming operation which had been homesteaded by Darrel’s great grandfather, Claus Heins, in 1886. Livestock was a large part of their

operation along with crop farming. Darrel is pleased to see that modern farming methods and technology have transformed previously unfarmable land into workable, productive cropland.

Darrel and Connie have two daughters and five grandchildren. Dezerie (Dusti) and her family live in Colorado where Dusti is a registered nurse. Kaila and her family live in Fessenden where they farm and Kaila works as a certified public accountant.



Darrel and Connie are committed to education. With technology evolving and changing daily, education is necessary to survive and to increase efficiencies in all areas of life. With this in mind, Darrel and Connie established this scholarship endowment to support exemplary students enrolled in the Dakota Precision Agriculture program or the Dakota Nursing Program. ■