

**Curt and Annette
Hofstad
Nursing
Scholarship
Endowment**



Curt and Annette share this background regarding their scholarship, in hopes of conveying their excitement and desire to give back to Lake Region State College ...

Curt Hofstad and Annette Gette Hofstad were born and raised in Starkweather, North Dakota. Curt's farming roots go back four generations. Annette's parent's, Malior and Marie Zeigler Gette, also lived in Starkweather most of their married life, farming and raising fifteen children.

Curt and Annette's son, Chad, his wife, Allison, and their four children now live on the Hofstad family farm, carrying on the homestead farming tradition.

Annette and Curt's daughter, Nicole, lives in New York City, but despite the distance from her family's roots, has strong connections to her home through her artwork. Graduating from the Art Institute of New York City, Nicole conveys her love for her home through paintings and other visual arts. She also received a degree in marketing from the University of Baltimore.

Annette and Curt's other daughter, Shannon, and husband, Jerry, have been overseas in Germany but have now put down roots in Las Vegas, Nevada, with their two children. Shannon has a degree in public relations and teaches yoga.

Curt attended North Dakota State University earning degrees in math and economics. As a high school student, he earned a pilot's license and shared this passion by providing flying lessons while in college. Annette's dream to become a registered nurse took her to the city of Minot where she enrolled in St. Joseph's School of Nursing and Minot State University.

Annette came from a large family and knew that in order to make her dreams come true, she would have to work hard and pay for her own education. During summer months she worked at the K-B Café in Starkweather, and during the school year she often worked weekends as a student nurse. She also received scholarships and loans which enabled her to finish college and achieve her career goal.

Curt and Annette married shortly after college graduation and started their life together in Minneapolis. After six years of city life, they returned to North Dakota to work and raise three children

on the family farm. Annette's passion for nursing persisted throughout her career which spanned thirty-three years. While preparing this story, Annette commented that for many students, getting an education is not a solo journey and often includes help from friends and family. All three of their children have higher education degrees and had support from family to achieve their educational goals.

As Curt and Annette have moved into semi-retirement status, they have both found ways to help others by strengthening education opportunities. Curt serves on the advisory board for LRSC's Dakota Precision Agriculture Center, and his input has helped to launch this exciting new program. He also represents the district in the state Legislature and advocates for needs in our community, including needs of the college. Annette has served on the board of directors for LRSC's foundation where she witnessed, firsthand, the needs of students. Being on the board has been a rewarding experience for Annette, providing opportunities to learn about the impact of the college in the community and to work with a great group of people to make the college stronger.

"If I hadn't accepted a position with the foundation board, I don't think we would have thought about establishing this scholarship," she explained. "But, the nursing program stole my heart! It is a joy for us to be able to give back and help others achieve their dreams."

The Curt and Annette Hofstad Nursing Scholarship Endowment is awarded annually to a Lake Region State College student enrolled in the Dakota Nursing Program. ●