Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarships Awarded for 15th Consecutive Year; MGCSA Legacy Scholarships for 13th Year in a Row

The legacy award named after the founder of Par Aide Products Company, Joseph S. Garske, located in Lino Lakes, Minnesota is committed to further the education of children and grandchildren of MGCSA members through financial contributions. This is the 15th consecutive year for these awards.

This year we are pleased to award $1,000 MGCSA Legacy Scholarships to Melissa Femrite and Benjamin Kasner, a $1,500 Joseph S. Garske scholarship to Kira Clunis and a $1,500 Garske scholarship renewal to Kelsey Krause.

The late Mr. Garske, who died at the age of 76 in 1982, started Par Aide in 1954 with plans to make a "good "ball washer. A foundry man and avid golfer, he knew little about the golf business, tried to sell his ideas for design and tooling to two accessory companies, was turned down by both and so began Par Aide Products Company.

The Legacy Scholarship was started in 1996 by Joe Garske’s son, Steve. "I am pleased to have our company provide these scholarships since for many superintendents, providing a college education for their children requires true sacrifice. I am fortunate to have the opportunity and ability to help," Garske said.

Recipients of this year’s Garske Legacy Scholarships are:
- Kelsey Krause, daughter of Rick and Katie Krause. Rick is the Assistant Superintendent of The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis. Kelsey is a graduate of Hopkins High School and now attends the St. Catherine University, majoring in Communications.
- Kira Clunis, daughter of Kevin and Nancy Clunis. Kevin is the Superintendent at Tanners Brook Golf Course in Forest Lake. Kira is a graduate of Mahtomedi High School and is now enrolled at the St. Olaf College. Her major is undecided.

Recipients of this year’s MGCSA Legacy Scholarships are:
- Melissa Femrite, daughter of Cary and Mary Femrite. Cary is employed by MTI Distributing, Inc. Melissa is a graduate of Zimmerman High School. Melissa attends the Winona State University where she majors in Biology.
- Benjamin Kasner, son of Tom and Laurel Kasner. Tom is employed by Albany Golf Club. Benjamin is a graduate of Albany High School. Benjamin will attend the Anoka Tech College where he will major in Grounds Management.