

Cygnet Scholarship Foundation NEWSLETTER







HEADLINE NEWS!

Cygnet Scholarship Foundation is a small foundation making a big splash! Cygnet was founded by Jim and Maura Tierney and Roger and Kelly Kadlec with the goal of presenting scholarships to those in our community who might need a helping hand to make their secondary education dreams come true.

Cygnet's Mission: To impact lives by providing scholarships for students. Cygnet sees higher education as a catalyst, an agent of change for individuals, families, communities, and nations.

FINANCIAL NEWS

- In just 5 years, Cygnet has already presented over \$80,000.00 in scholarships!
- With ALL operational expenses donated by the board of directors (and there are few), **100%** of your donations go to the students.
- Cygnet is a 501(c) corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

The splash is back! Save the date for the annual Cygnet Summer Splash! This popular event takes place on Friday, July 12, 2024 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Jim and Maura Tierney's backyard oasis. 1222 Welcome Drive, Long Lake, MN. The event is free.

- Live music.
- Food and beverages including the Cygnet signature drink made with Roger's real maple syrup!
- Meet the winners of the 2024 scholarships live and in person.
- Hang with the Cygnet board of directors and other cool, caring people.



LOCAL NEWS--MEET A CYGNET SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Cygnet Scholarship Foundation co-founder, Maura Tierney, recently checked in with consecutive scholarship winner, Gustavo, to hear about his college journey.

Following is the interview. We are so proud of his accomplishments! (pictured 2nd from left)



What school are you attending? I am in my third year at Augsburg University.

What is your major? Finance with minors in accounting and management information systems.

What is your favorite subject? With my current classes I'm taking—Quantitative Business Methods.

What are your interests/hobbies? My interests are in engaging within the Augsburg community—more specifically with Augsburg's Latin American students. Seeing as I'm the treasurer of that organization, I get to interact with wonderful students. Additionally, I am the treasurer for Sembrado Nuestro Futuro—A mentorship program aiming to support first generation Latin students.

Hobbies include (but not limited to) learning Excel formulas, weight training, hanging out with friends, finding new places to eat, wrestling, and volleyball.

How was this scholarship helpful for you? This scholarship has helped with taking off some financial stress with paying off my books and gaining access codes to be able to read the books as well as having a start on saving up for a desktop computer.

What are your future plans? Graduating is first and foremost. Afterwards, exploring possible career opportunities. I am interested in finance and the different facets that my degree has to offer. I am learning as much as I can before I can make a decision for the future! I am currently looking into public finances, with an interest in investment jobs/opportunities.

For more information on Cygnet Scholarship Foundation, check us out!

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