

SCHOLARSHIP OF ROY J. AND BARBARA A. RITZERT
A MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP.

ROY J., FRIEND AND BARBARA A. (KEMPF) RITZERT CLASS OF 1964

Established in 2024 to honor the memory and legacy of Barbara A. Ritzert and the entire Ritzert Family who have 3 consecutive generations of their family graduate from Mater Dei High School.

Barbara A. Kempf Ritzert (1964), Children Roy K. Ritzert (1986), Daniel J Ritzert (1989), Chad. A. Ritzert (1991), Timothy E. Ritzert (1995), Nicholas A. Ritzert (1997), Beth Ann de la Pena Ritzert (1998), Grandchildren, Elizabeth R. Ritzert (2024) making the 3rd consecutive generational line of Mater Dei graduates with Benjamine M. Ritzert to follow in 2028.

While attending Mater Dei, Barbara was an honor student who worked in the Mater Dei office, was very active as an Art student and supported all Mater Dei sports. Her children were also active in Mater Dei sports, especially Wrestling. Her Grandchildren are also active in Mater Dei activities including Football and Wrestling.

Three of our Children, Daniel J., Timothy E., and Beth Ann all went to Purdue University, West Lafayette and Graduated with a great education in Engineering and Technology.

Roy J. and Barbara A. made sure all their Children and Grandchildren received a Catholic Education at Holy Redeemer, Resurrection and Mater Dei High School.

The Ritzert Family extends this Scholarship to a Mater Dei Graduate who will attend Purdue University, West Lafayette, In.

Award Submission Requirements:

1. Student must be a Senior Graduate at Mater Dei High School in good standing from the faculty and will be attending Purdue University, West Lafayette.
 2. Student must be a member of a Legacy Family of Graduates from Mater Dei High School of a minimum of (3) generations. One biological parent and one biological grandparent.
 3. Student must have at least a 3.5 GPA and a member of the National Honors Society from Mater Dei High School and plans to attend Purdue University, West Lafayette, In.
 4. Student must submit a written resume as well as complete a 250-word essay on the following:
 - What does it mean to you to be a Legacy family member at Mater Dei High School?
 - What are the main things you have learned at Mater Dei High School?
 - What do you plan to do to honor the tradition of excellence at Mater Dei High School?
 - Do you plan on supporting the Mater Dei Friends and Alumni Association and how?
 - What major do you plan on declaring at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.?
- Selection Process:

1. The student and their family name will remain anonymous to the selection committee until a winner is selected. Please keep your name off the essay pages and only submit your name on the resume portion of the application.

2. The Selection committee will be made up of members of the Ritzert family, chaired by, Roy J. Ritzert first and Timothy E. Ritzert second.
3. If no student meets the qualifying criteria or applications submitted do not meet acceptable standards as outlined above or the selection committee feels the essay does not clearly express the significance, he/she holds as a Mater Dei Legacy, the award may be forfeited for that year.
4. As of 2026 the amount to be awarded is a single award of \$1,000.00

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1, 2026

Please submit your application as a hard copy to Mrs. Reneer.