

Teresa McAtee Muensterman Family Legacy Award

A Mater Dei High School sponsored scholarship

Teresa (Terry) McAtee Muensterman Family Legacy Award

Class of 1970

Established in 2022 to honor the memory and Legacy of Terry Muensterman and the McAtee family who have 4 consecutive generations of their family graduate from Mater Dei High School since 1949.

When Terry McAtee graduated from Mater Dei High School she followed in the footsteps of her Parents, Kenny and Betty (Bristow) McAtee (1950) who were Senior members of the first graduating class at Mater Dei. Terry met and married her High School sweetheart, Carl Muensterman ('70) and had 2 children who graduated from Mater Dei High School, Missy (Muensterman) Singer ('92), Erich Muensterman ('95). Her grandson, Iric Singer ('18) followed the family legacy graduating and completing a 4 consecutive generational line of Mater Dei graduates since 1949.

While attending Mater Dei, Terry was involved in the Choir, the Pom Pom squad and was an upstanding member of the student body honoring the values taught through a Catholic Education. As a Parent and Grandparent of Mater Dei Students, Terry was a fierce supporter of Mater Dei Athletics, the Performing Arts Programs and the Alumni Association. You would find Terry cheering in the stands and attending events held by the Football, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Band and Drama Programs in support of her children and her grandson wearing her Red and Gold, supporting her family as well as other Mater Dei families with pride and honor. She not only attended events but supported many fundraising efforts put forth by the Alumni Association and Student Organizations. Terry's loyalty, passion and support for Mater Dei was passed to her children and grandson and was a result of the sacrifices made by her Parents to afford them a Catholic Education at Mater Dei. These characteristics are palpable throughout all members of the extended McAtee family and in honor of them is who this award is to be recognized.

Award Submission requirements:

1. Student must be a Senior at Mater Dei High School and planning to graduate in good standing and revered by peers, Faculty and Administrative Staff as a student of ethics and values in alignment with the mission of Mater Dei High School, Mater Dei High School Alumni and the Catholic Diocese of Evansville.
2. Student must be a member of a Legacy Family of graduates from Mater Dei High School. The student must have at least 1 biological Parent and 1 biological Grandparent that has graduated from Mater Dei. This requirement recognizes the influence of families' desires to honor tradition, loyalty, sacrifice and the importance of a Catholic Education to which the spirit this award represents.
3. Student must have at least a 3.0 GPA and plan to attend Purdue University.
4. Student must submit to Mrs. Reneer a resume as well as complete a 250-word essay on the following:

Please tell us what it means to you to be a Legacy at Mater Dei High School? What have you learned in your journey at Mater Dei? How do you plan to continue to bring honor to a tradition of excellence as a member of your legacy family and fellow Mater Dei Alumni?

What major do you intend to pursue at Purdue University?

Selection Process:

1. Students and their family name will remain anonymous to the selection committee until a winner is designated.
2. Selection committee will be made up of members of the Terry McAtee Muensterman family and or designees if members of the family cannot participate in the selection process.
3. If no student meets the qualifying criteria or applications submitted do not meet acceptable standards as outlined in criteria 1 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 to the next year.
4. The amount to be awarded is a single award of \$500.

Due April 1, 2026