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### **JM Class of '64 Awards First Scholarship**

Ashton Naumann is a 2015 senior at John Marshall High School who preparing to graduate with hundreds of other Rochester students in the coming weeks. Ashton, however, is the first to receive a scholarship from a group he will soon join: alumni of John Marshall High School, specifically from the Class of 1964.

In 1964, Rochester had a population of 25,000. Today it has reached 111,000, and members of the 1964 class say that small-town atmosphere brought them all together at the only public high school in Rochester at the time. Fast forward 50 years later, and those students were looking to establish something that will outlast not only those 1964 graduates, but also the Class of 2015. They decided on a scholarship fund to be trusted with the Rochester Area Foundation.

With the help of the Rochester Area Foundation, the Class of '64 set out to raise \$25,000. After successfully raising funds in 2014 in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion, which was held last September, on May 21<sup>st</sup> organizers presented the first \$1,000 scholarship to Ashton Naumann. "The purpose of our class gift is to endow a scholarship in perpetuity and to leave a legacy for generations to come, to honor a fine faculty and the community that supported each of us, and to thank the public for the fine education we received," said Class of 1964 graduate Cindy Kingsbury Wollaeger. "We are excited to honor Ashton because of his academic and athletic achievements and his supportive school spirit he's shown while attending John Marshall," she said.

Organizers look forward to the prospect of Ashton returning to John Marshall for his own 50<sup>th</sup> reunion as a strong and successful adult with fond memories of his time there, and as a proud presenter of the Class of 1964 Scholarship to the Class of 2065. "Ashton has shown his leadership skills and his commitment to community service. He has high aspirations and we want to be a part of helping him achieve his goals," Kingsbury Wollaeger said.



L to R: Class of 1964 Alumni Jim Young, Rheta Delva Stears, Gary Bayrd, Cindy Kingsbury Wollaeger, Scholarship Recipient Ashton Naumann, '64 Alumni Chuck Springer, Kaye Andrist Young, Jim Suk, Nancy Cook Nelson, Pete Czok, Sharon Anderson Knutson, Alison Bach Good

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