Hastings College is proud to award the Herbek Family Scholarship to a student-athlete who makes a significant contribution to his or her team but is experiencing extraordinary financial need. Preference is given to student-athletes in their sophomore, junior, or senior year and to students from South Central Nebraska who participate in football, basketball, volleyball, and/or track and field.

The fund was established by Mark and Suzanne Herbek of Sagamore Hills, Ohio and is supported by several members of the Herbek family. All seven sons and daughters of Thomas and Katherine Herbek of Fairfield, Nebraska attended or graduated from Hastings College:

- Michael Herbek graduated in 1992 with a degree in English. He was a member of the 1987-88 basketball team named to the Hastings College Athletic Hall of Fame. Mike is a pharmacist in Grand Island, Nebraska.

- Douglas Herbek graduated in 1994 with a degree in biology and was an NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete in football. Doug is a physician in Grand Island. His spouse Tena (Nicolai) Herbek graduated from Hastings College in 1996.

- Susan Herbek Freeman graduated in 1994 with a degree in human resources management and communication arts. A homemaker in Omaha, she is married to Gary Freeman, 1993 Hastings College graduate and member of the Board of Trustees.

- Laurie Herbek Sylliassen graduated in 1995 with a degree in biology and participated in basketball. Laurie is a physical therapist in Grand Island.

- Julie Herbek Shaw attended Hastings College from 1994 to 1996 and participated in volleyball and basketball. She is a physician's assistant in Hastings, Nebraska.

- Mark Herbek graduated in 2000 with a degree in biology and was an NAIA All-American Scholar Athlete in football. Mark is a financial research analyst and partner at Cleveland Research in Ohio and a member of the Hastings College Board of Trustees.

- Elizabeth Herbek graduated in 2003 with a degree in human resources management, psychology, and sociology. She was a member of the two-time (2002 and 2003) NAIA Division II national champion basketball team and was named national player of the year. Liz is a program manager for the Methodist Hospital Foundation in Omaha.

Thomas and Katherine won the President’s Award in 1992 for entrusting Hastings College with the education of their children.