The Knappenberger Family Scholarship

The Knappenberger Fund for Student Travel and Experiential Learning:

A Grant from the Knappenberger Family and Hastings College

Hastings College is proud to offer the Knappenberger Family Scholarship and Fund for Student Travel and Experiential Learning. The family scholarship was created with funds from the estate of Elizabeth Elm, mother of the Knappenbergers, to help minority students with financial need. The travel fund is designed to provide students with experiential learning opportunities involving off-campus study and/or travel.

Joseph, Margaret, and Katherine Knappenberger all graduated from Hastings College in 1964, 1966, and 1969, respectively.

Joseph Knappenberger was a history education major at Hastings College. In 1972, he received his master’s degree in East Asian studies from Kansas University.

Margaret “Peg” Ruprecht was a member and officer of a number of organizations, including Alpha Chi honorary and Student Education Association, during her time at Hastings College. She later received a master’s degree in counseling from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and works as a school counselor.

Katherine Eldridge majored in Elementary Education at Hastings College where she was a member of the College Choir and many other organizations. She received her master’s degree in elementary education from Brockport State University in New York.

The Knappenbergers and their families have been staunch supporters of Hastings College over the years. The scholarship and grant are available to provide students with opportunities the Knappenbergers feel are important to a college education.