

## **Katarina Christopher- 2015 HEF scholarship recipient**

Hudson graduate, Katarina Christopher, is currently a freshman at the University of Northern Iowa where she is taking a variety of classes to determine the major that best suits her. Katarina's enjoying the freedom and flexibility of being on her own at college while meeting a diverse group of people and choosing activities to devote her time to. So far, she's been actively involved at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center.

"Receiving a HEF scholarship meant getting to explore so many more possibilities the world has to offer by furthering my education at college. I benefited greatly from receiving this because I was able to learn more about the world, others around me, and myself," Katarina said. Groups like the Hudson Educational Fund provide encouragement and support so that young people are able to "learn new life skills, meet new people, make more connections, and learn more about themselves" as they pursue higher education.

Katarina encourages Hudson seniors to embrace change and everything that comes with it. "College is a great time to learn more about yourself, make new friends, make lasting memories, learn something along the way, and just have fun!"

The 2016 HEF scholarship application deadline is quickly approaching. All 2016 seniors are encouraged to apply for the 2016 HEF scholarships. The application deadline is **Friday, February 19th, 2016 at 2 p.m.** If anyone has questions about the Hudson Educational Fund (HEF) or about how to donate and contribute to scholarships for both students and projects of Hudson School teachers, please contact Jim Prather, Doug Coonrad, Shawn Kolterman or Joanne Hawkins. The HEF Board can also be reached by email at [HudsonEducationalFund@hudsonpiratepride.com](mailto:HudsonEducationalFund@hudsonpiratepride.com). Any contributions to scholarships or school projects can be sent to HEF at PO Box 281 Hudson, Iowa 50643.

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