**The John A. Hetro Memorial Scholarship**

The family of John A. Hetro is honored to present the John A. Hetro Memorial Scholarship in memory of their loving husband and father. The scholarship was established for the purpose of supporting hardworking students of Wyoming Area as they pursue postsecondary education.

A 1968 graduate of Wyoming Area, John served in the United States Navy aboard the destroyer USS Taussig and, later, as a Second-Class Petty Officer Draftsman, transferring to the submarine force. After honorable discharge from the Navy, John worked for more than 40 years as a draftsman engineer. He valued learning and, therefore, he frequently attended continuing education classes that were above and beyond the requirements for his job.

John was a loving husband to his wife of 47 years, the former Mary Claire Adrian (WA class of ’69), and a devoted father to daughters, Leah (WA class of ’97) and Amy (WA class of ’03). A man of integrity, John valued industry, kindness, and humor. He believed that hard work + diligence = success. Placing others’ needs above his own, he was always available to assist others who needed a helping hand. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family. Bringing smiles to the faces of others through his sense of humor brought him great joy.

John adored music. He enjoyed listening to music of various genres and he often shared his favorite songs with friends and family. Frequently, “I found a song I want you to listen to”, was the first line of an email sent to his daughters, followed by a link to the song he chose to share. He enjoyed playing the guitar. He often played Christmas carols on the guitar while his daughters played the piano at the family’s Christmas Eve gatherings.

John passed away in January 2020 after battling a lengthy illness. Consistent with his approach to life, John remained resolute in fighting his illness to the end. His family anticipates that this scholarship will help to make possible the dream of postsecondary education for deserving Wyoming Area students.

**CRITERIA:**

This scholarship will be awarded to a hard-working Wyoming Area graduating senior who possesses qualities in common with John. Students who plan to attend a 2- or 4-year educational institution and pursue a degree in drafting or engineering, as well as students who plan to attend a 2- or 4-year educational institution and have a strong interest in music as a hobby or a career will be considered.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants for this scholarship are to choose one of the following essay questions and write

a solid essay of at least 500 words. Indicate in your first sentence which prompt you have selected.

When writing your essay, remember to address the characteristic of John’s mentioned in the

prompt you have chosen and how you portray this quality in your life.

1. Why did you select the career you will be pursuing post-graduation? When did you decide to pursue your chosen career and what have you done to prepare for this career? How is this preparation congruent with John’s industrious nature?
2. John frequently placed others’ needs above his own and was always available to lend a hand to anyone who needed help. What are some ways you have demonstrated these qualities?
3. John worked diligently to overcome many obstacles during his life. What is an obstacle you have had to overcome? How did you overcome this obstacle?
4. Music was significant to John throughout his life. How has music influenced your life?
5. How will you continue to incorporate music into your life? How will you share your love of music with others?