One of the many great scholarship opportunities at CMU is the Colonel Harold L. Patrick Endowed Scholarship. CMU alumna, Gretchen Heegeman (BME ’22), is a four-year recipient of the scholarship. Gretchen is the High School/Middle School Band Director at [Mancelona School](https://www.facebook.com/mancelona.schools?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZWJH5FqA7tXowW7HciGUHqy9cRpR5MGvShs34gCmSt9IzEwA_81hQ2S5CI99NPTyxDGUtZJhru1HcT1-1qGu1tEUEr-vAQtN9yOSXdc3TvspcjzZd__OecDLOV6VaDOSNzil1oc7xPXi0vmSmD8C9AiMpLxpDxpoqRyE_B1EYccaQ&__tn__=-%5dK-y-R)s, where she is also an alumna. She has played the oboe for most of her life, including when she was part of the [The Chippewa Marching Ban](https://www.facebook.com/MarchingChips?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZWJH5FqA7tXowW7HciGUHqy9cRpR5MGvShs34gCmSt9IzEwA_81hQ2S5CI99NPTyxDGUtZJhru1HcT1-1qGu1tEUEr-vAQtN9yOSXdc3TvspcjzZd__OecDLOV6VaDOSNzil1oc7xPXi0vmSmD8C9AiMpLxpDxpoqRyE_B1EYccaQ&__tn__=-%5dK-y-R)d.

Gretchen says receiving the scholarship while at [Central Michigan University](https://www.facebook.com/cmich/?__cft__%5b0%5d=AZWJH5FqA7tXowW7HciGUHqy9cRpR5MGvShs34gCmSt9IzEwA_81hQ2S5CI99NPTyxDGUtZJhru1HcT1-1qGu1tEUEr-vAQtN9yOSXdc3TvspcjzZd__OecDLOV6VaDOSNzil1oc7xPXi0vmSmD8C9AiMpLxpDxpoqRyE_B1EYccaQ&__tn__=kK-y-R) helped her become the teacher that she is today. “(Because of the scholarship), I was able to participate in the marching band and do extra things, like take oboe lessons. That was an extra expense each semester. But one of the things that we like to practice in music, is that, in order to be a good teacher, you have to be a good musician. All the extra things the scholarship allowed me to do in college helped me become a better musician, which helped me be a better teacher.”

The Colonel Harold L. Patrick Endowed Scholarship was established in 2007 to support a renewable scholarship for a full-time undergraduate student with a cumulative minimum GPA of at least 3.0. The scholarship is open to anyone, but preference is given to Mancelona High School students.

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