

M. Sue Waschek Baldwin Laboratory Sciences Endowed Scholarship

Type: Endowed

Amount: Varies depending on investment income/loss (approximately \$9,000)

Offered: One

Deadline: Refer to Allen College Institutional Scholarship Application

Established: 2015

Special Criteria: Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) full-time student

Sue grew up in the Cedar Valley with two brothers and a sister. She was a good student and active in school organizations and even won the Betty Crocker Award in home economics. Her parents, Elsa and Arvid Waschek, were a medical technologist and engineer, respectively.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Sue studied medical laboratory science at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. She completed her internship at the same hospital where her mother had studied, Miller Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sue worked with her mother at a blood center before marrying Mark Baldwin and moving to Detroit, where she continued to work as a medical technologist. The couple returned to Iowa before the birth of their two daughters, Amy and Julie. It was during Sue's pregnancy with Julie that she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She lost her battle approximately three years later, in June of 1990.

The Waschek and Baldwin families want to contribute to advances in medical research and treatment by contributing to the education of future scientists. They have endowed a scholarship and an annual award to a graduating MLS student in Sue's memory, to help medical laboratory sciences students with the greatest need.