

The Paulissen family created the Erica Lynn Paulissen Scholarship fund to honor her legacy and further the educational opportunities of local graduating seniors. While managing the Maple Street Dairy Queen and growing her own beauty and wellness business with ItWorks, Erica was just 5 classes away from a dual Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting and Finance from Governor's State University. An officer of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Erica was driven overall to succeed as a female entrepreneur and support those around her in discovering their purpose. Erica's lifelong passions for literature, music and world culture were undeniable as you got to know her. During her short life, Erica dedicated her energy to developing a sense of pride and purpose that will continue to inspire. Erica's focus, maturity, warmth, and intelligence will be her legacy. Graduating seniors in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties may apply to this scholarship through the universal application.