

The John Pokluda Family Scholarship

Education and faith have long been cornerstones of the Pokluda family. Laurie's parents graduated from Cuero High School, as did Laurie and John's children, continuing a proud family tradition. Throughout the years, John and Laurie have been steadfast supporters of Cuero's youth. John was one of the founding members of Small Business for Youth, and their children were active in 4-H and FFA, raising animals for the stock show. John also made it a priority to hire young people to work at his surveying business during the summers, giving them valuable experience before heading off to college.

Laurie devoted 27 years to Cuero ISD as an elementary teacher and school counselor. She served on the founding board of the Cuero Boys & Girls Club and continues to remain actively involved with the children there. Her commitment to young people extends into her church community as well, where she has taught Sunday School and helped lead Vacation Bible School.

Their daughter, Amy, spent many years as a Girl Scout leader, while their son, Jonathan, has guided thousands of young adults through his leadership at The Porch in Dallas. He continues that calling today as Pastor of Harris Creek Church near Waco.

It is the family's hope that the recipient of this scholarship will discover their own path—whether through college or a trade school—and grow into a compassionate, hardworking adult who helps make the world a better place.