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John R. and Jane A. Murphy Scholarship

Est. 2016 + Additional Scholarship in 2019

John R. Murphy grew up in and around the panhandle. He graduated from Goodwell High School. His father, Robert R. Murphy was a 1929 PAMC graduate who went on to teach and coach at Hooker, OK and Tyrone, OK before becoming superintendent at Balko, OK. Robert then became a professor at PAMC and Head of the Mathematics Department from 1948 until his retirement in 1972. He also coached tennis at PAMC from 1948-1957. Robert passed away in 1994 and the Robert R. Murphy Trust endowed the Robert R. Murphy Scholarship through Panhandle State Foundation. Some years later, John added to the fund and increased his father's memorial scholarship.

Dr. John R. Murphy earned his B. S. in Math at PAMC in 1964 and his Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University. He went on to become a Senior Research Scientist at Eli Lilly and Co. John retired in 2002. He and his wife, Jane, have established the John R. and Jane A. Murphy Scholarship Endowment Fund. This account will fund an annual scholarship through Panhandle State Foundation for an OPSU Math, Computer Science or other Science major with a minimum 2.5 GPA and financial need. John and Jane are currently working with their legacy giving attorney to continue with an annual contribution after they have reached their scholarship goal. John wrote, "Panhandle" has a very special place in my heart, and I am grateful for being given the opportunity to share the financial blessings of my life." Panhandle

State Foundation is honored to be a part of the process of alumni giving back to OPSU. This generosity is appreciated by the Foundation, the University and the OPSU students who will benefit each and every year from the John R. and Jane A. Murphy scholarship. We thank John and Jane for their thoughtful generosity!

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A second John R. and Jane A. Murphy Scholarship has been created and will be awarded starting in 2020-2021. Both scholarships benefit an OPSU student majoring in math, computer science or other sciences. We thank John and Jane for their continued support!