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**Northern Piedmont Community Foundation  
Announces Alan Ashton Poe Scholarship  
For Students Pursuing Varsity Sports at Division III Colleges**

**Warrenton:** “Always a kind word.” That sentence was stated by each and every person I spoke to in my quest to learn more about the man whose last bequest included launching a scholarship at Northern Piedmont Community Foundation. Alan Ashton Poe, lived a loving life and spent his time in the fields of his passions. He left behind a legacy that will benefit a Fauquier County high school athlete, who plans to continue to play sports at a Division III college. Division III is the largest of the NCAA divisions, with most of its 442 schools located in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. Division III school programs are flexible in ways Division I and II are not. For instance, student athletes may study abroad, or participate in internships. In turn, to keep this structure of greater balance with sports and academics, the NCAA prohibits Division III college coaches from awarding athletic scholarships.

From 1948 until his retirement in 2001, Mr. Poe spent his days learning all things about the commercial printing business at the Fauquier Democrat (aka Fauquier Times). He started as an apprentice pressman under the benevolent supervision of Irvin Garrett. Mr. Poe became the press shop’s production manager at Mr. Garrett’s retirement in 1970. Alan Poe managed to create an avocation from a personal love of sports by serving as the Fauquier Democrat’s sports writer for many years in addition to his presswork. His good friend and professional colleague, John Toller, remembers Alan as a man who loved sports, whether it was in service to our area’s many hunt clubs or cheering his beloved Redskins. Mr. Toller said “It was important to Alan that the recipient of this scholarship be an athlete.”

Mr. Poe appreciated the discipline and commitment of all athletes and wanted to help support and encourage our young people who are pursuing their sports through college. This legacy gift will continue those acts of kindness Mr. Poe practiced throughout his entire life.

The Alan Ashton Poe Athletic Scholarship is for Fauquier County high school students planning to play varsity sports at a Division III college. NPCF scholarship application process is open now until March 15, 2019. Please visit [NPCF.org/scholarship](http://NPCF.org/scholarship).

*Established in 2000, the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation is a public charity that builds philanthropic capital to enhance and preserve the quality of life in Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, and Rappahannock counties and to strengthen the region’s nonprofit organizations.*

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