

February Community Plate Recipient- UU Asheville Hetland Scholarship Fund

"The UU Asheville Hetland Scholarship is a one-time and/or renewing award of between \$1,000-\$2,000 to a student who identifies as belonging to the Global Majority (i.e. BIPOC), will attend an accredited two or four year college or university, and has a history of community service. The preference for this scholarship is given to a student who is the first in their family to attend college. This scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Mel Hetland, who was a UUCA member and longtime educator that was active in many local organizations, perhaps most notably helping first-graders improve their language skills at William Randolph Elementary School. The UU Asheville Hetland Scholarship acknowledges that in a rapidly gentrifying city, the economic impact upon marginalized families is compounded. Gentrification not only impacts the cost of housing and utilities, but also impedes a family's ability to financially support their first-generation college student(s). This scholarship fund supports Asheville high and SILSA students to not only get to college, but successfully graduate prepared for life."