

January 2023 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-\$2,500 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. Preference is given to a student who is the first in their family to attend college.

Mel Hetland (1920-1998) was a longtime educator, retiring in 1986 as professor and chairman of the Department of Education at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He and his wife Edith Hetland moved to Asheville in 1987 and joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville. During his 11 years here, Mel was active in many local organizations, perhaps most notably helping first-graders improve their language skills at William Randolph Elementary School. It was for this work that "Parade Magazine" featured Mel, with students from the School, for the cover of its issue of July 14, 1991.