

# Four Bangor Graduates Give Back: The Blau/Kristof/Cruver Scholarship in Environmental Science

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BANGOR - Some places leave a mark on you, shaping who you are and the path you take. For four graduates of Bangor High School, the halls of their alma mater, the friendships they built, and the lessons they learned instilled a lifelong appreciation for education and the importance of giving back. Now, decades later, they are coming together to do just that—by creating a scholarship that will empower future generations to take on one of the greatest challenges of our time: climate change.

The Blau/Kristof/Cruver Scholarship in Environmental Science was established by two families of Bangor High School alumni—David (Class of 1964) & Jennifer Kristof Blau (Class of 1966), and Marc & Sandy Cruver Blau (Both Class of 1969). Their deep connection to Bangor, along with a shared passion for environmental stewardship, inspired them to create an opportunity that will support young minds eager to make a difference.

## A Commitment to the Future

The world is changing, and with it comes the urgent need for creative solutions to protect our planet. Environmental science is at the forefront of this challenge, addressing how human activity impacts natural systems and working toward sustainable solutions.



Understanding the power of education to shape both individual lives and the world at large, the Blau and Kristof/Cruver families wanted to create something lasting—something that would encourage young people to pursue careers dedicated to solving environmental challenges. This scholarship isn't just about financial support; it's about believing in the ability of the next generation to create real, meaningful change.

## Scholarship Details

The Blau/Kristof/Cruver Scholarship will be awarded to a Bangor

High School senior who plans to major in Environmental Science at a four-year college or university. The recipient will demonstrate:

- Academic Ability
- Community Service
- Strong Communication Skills

The scholarship awards \$2,500 per year, renewable for up to four years—a total of \$10,000—provided the student maintains a 3.0 GPA.

## A Call to Future Environmental Leaders

Applicants must submit a typed, two-page essay explaining their passion for environmental science, past volunteer experiences, and a future idea that could positively impact the environment. Finalists will also participate in an interview with the selection committee.

Applications must be received by April 11, 2025, and can be submitted to the BASD Guidance Department or emailed to the Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation at [director@basdef.org](mailto:director@basdef.org).

## A Legacy of Giving Back

For David, Jennifer, Marc, and Sandy, this scholarship is more than just an award—it's a way to give back to the community that shaped them. It's a testament to the impact of education and the belief that the students of Bangor High School can go on to do great things.

Through this scholarship, they hope to inspire future generations to follow their passions, rise to challenges, and leave their own mark—not just on Bangor, but on the world.

To learn more about the Blau/Kristof/Cruver Scholarship in Environmental Science or to apply, visit [www.basdef.org](http://www.basdef.org).



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