



Culver's invites you to the 13th Annual Fundraiser Event  
for:

**Eugene J. Rolfe Memorial Education Fund and  
The Rolfe Bridge Education Fund**

**WHERE: Newest Culver's in Lee's Summit!  
1275 SE Oldham Parkway**

**Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023 from 5-8 pm**

**PHONE: Dine in or Drive Thru**

**Culver's will donate 10% of all purchases that night  
to:**

**Eugene J. Rolfe Memorial Education Fund & The Rolfe  
Bridge Fund, both administered by The Truman heartland  
Community Foundation (thcf.org)**

## Eugene J. Rolfe Memorial Scholarship

Eugene “Gene” J. Rolfe, was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Gene grew up with a love of music and a desire to understand the world around him. His love of music could be seen as he played clarinet in his high school band and gave guitar lessons throughout high school, college, and even after graduating from college. He played guitar in “garage bands” throughout his life and he was a long-time member of his church choirs. His desire to understand the world around him led him to building, repairing, filming, and generally exploring the physics of the world. Physics and chemistry were temporarily college majors before he found the major of electrical engineering. He graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1976 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked throughout his career for the same company in Kansas City, moving through various positions and into management, but his colleagues always knew they could come to him for help with any technical question even after he was in management. He went on to receive his Master’s Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Missouri in 1978. His desire to teach extended beyond music and into engineering. He taught various computer programming courses for many years at Longview Community College in addition to continuing to work at his engineering career. This love of teaching led him to work on his Ph.D. in Engineering and Networking at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. His goal was to eventually retire from his job and take up a new task of teaching Engineering at the University level. On a night in February, 1999 he was on his way to a class for that Ph.D. program when he was killed by a drunk driver. This scholarship is a way for his family to recognize those traits that they loved in Gene and to encourage the same areas of interest in young people, just as Gene did in his desire to teach those subjects.

Prior to 2020 this was a 4 year renewable scholarship in the amount of **\$1000 per academic year**, given proof of continuing enrollment in Engineering and a minimum college cumulative GPA of 3.0. Effective with new scholarships in 2020 it has increased to **\$1500** per academic year. **So far, we’ve given \$45,000 to help 20 students with college expenses.**

### ***The Rolfe Bridge Education Fund:***

This funds a \$500 renewable college scholarship available to Kathy’s students. It also funds smaller scholarships given to students winning local bridge tournaments. You can read more about all of those at [WannaPlayBridge.com](http://WannaPlayBridge.com). So far grants totaling **\$11,925** have been paid to help 15 students with college expenses and 11 students to attend a summer bridge camp.