

Sometimes in life we need to reflect on those that have made a difference in our own lives, and those of others. As I end a career of virtually four decades as an educator in Sheridan, it is imperative that I acknowledge the greatness of the Whitney Foundation. Mr. Whitney's legacy can be witnessed in every aspect of our wonderful community's existence.

My career has been divided between being a classroom teacher and a post-secondary counselor. In the latter role, I have had the pleasure of helping students make decisions regarding their future academic pursuits. For many, the idea of going to college is frequently a distant thought due to financial constraints. My methodology in advising students regarding debt is founded in very conservative roots. Interest charging student debt is a monster burden that impacts the quality of live for years. Regardless, many of my former clients find it necessary to take out student loans. The fact that the Whitney Foundation makes interest free loans available to our students is nothing short of phenomenal. The Whitney Foundation should take great pride in knowing that their stewardship of Mr. Whitney's funds has fostered an environment of making dreams come true for every student who has seized the opportunity of acquiring a Whitney loan.

Cordially,

Ed Fessler