David Montgomery History Scholarship

In 1968, as a sixth-grader, David Montgomery made a collage board of cartoons as a Humphrey supporter. His personal interest in history, geography and politics continued throughout his education and career.

David started his higher education as a pre-med student, but soon decided on a different educational path. He came to Mankato to pursue an accounting degree and upon graduation took a job in St. Paul, Minnesota with the firm that became known as McGladrey & Pullen. Throughout his education and career, his love of history kept his attention. After nine years in accounting, David took a position with a business-to-business publishing company that moved him to Cleveland. It was there that he discovered the Case Western Reserve library and started investigating genealogy.

His employer moved him back to Minnesota in 2000. In 2006 David became a business consultant, and he ultimately joined the staff of the City of Duluth, where he currently serves as the Chief Administrative Officer.

David enjoys investigating family history and connecting personal events with historical ones. He wants to encourage students to look at history and understand the stories - not just dates. He says, "History is one big soap opera." David says that his business career pays the bills, but history stokes his passion. He funds this scholarship in support of students who share his passion.