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Over two decades ago, Amy Lloyd was balancing her studies with caring for her ailing mother and minimizing the loss of her grandparents. Today, she juggles family and leisure time with her strenuous work as a general surgeon.

Lloyd, a 1999 graduate of Onalaska High School, received a Mayo Clinic Health System surgeon Dr. Amy Lloyd received an Extra Effort Award and a scholarship as a student at Onalaska High School in 1999. She earned additional scholarships and opted to enroll at the local state university instead of a college, which helped her accumulate for her future education, and, more importantly, allowed her to help care for her mother, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. As a caregiver to her mother, being on her own was a priority.

With her first year of college covered financially, Lloyd was able to worry less about working enough hours through her freshman year. The extra time allowed her to play volleyball, a sport she still partakes in decades later, and volunteer at hospitals and with Special Olympics.

“Those things are key to knowing you really want to do what you're doing,” Lloyd says of her scholarship. “Because otherwise you really don’t know what you’re getting into.”

Lloyd finished her subsequent college years by taking on jobs and went on to attend medical school at the University of Minnesota. Upon graduation, Lloyd worked outside of La Crosse for many years, and though she wasn’t sure she would return to her hometown, the decision to move back a decade ago proved rewarding.

“That was great to come back to this community,” says Lloyd, a now a surgeon at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse.

“Being a part of the Extra Effort program, which has been beneficial to me, benefiting nearly $60,000 in scholarships last year,” she says. “I’m proud of the opportunity people have in our community to be able to go kids that added ben- efit of scholarships to do things they really want to do, or do (give) whatever their dreams take them after high school,” says Lloyd. “It’s a really great boost for kids that are either struggling or have time through struggles.”

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