

THE EMMA/NOBEL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

A multi-generational community exposure to cutting-edge science and its societal and moral impact.



In 2008, Dr. John Mielke and his wife Sally provided funds for a small group of teachers and students to join them at the Nobel Conference held annually at Gustavus Adolphus College, an interest piqued by John's sister, Ellen Mielke Moore Anderson (EMMA). To make this a more intergenerational experience, the couple later expanded the invitation to community members.

Following Ellen's death in 2011, the Mielke Family Foundation has approved annual gifts to the EMMA Fund within the Appleton Education Foundation to continue to grow this experience for students and educators from Appleton and Shawano. Ellen also left her own legacy by endowing an annual gift to Two Harbors High School in Minnesota so that all three communities can participate together.

Each year, 100+ students, educators and community members from Appleton, Shawano and Two Harbors take part in the EMMA/Nobel Conference Experience – traveling together, dining together and sharing a passion for lifelong learning.

Future conference topics will include:

- Climate Change (2019)
- Cancer & Biologically Derived Drugs (2020)
- Big Data (2021)
- Mental Health Challenges for Adolescents and Emerging Adults (2022)

Scholarship Opportunities:

Scholarships fully fund participation by students and educators from Appleton, Shawano and Two Harbors who have exhibited the traits of curiosity and leadership, with a proven interest in the conference topic. Each school has its own selection process. The chosen students and educators participate in the three-day experience alongside community leaders from the Fox Cities and Shawano, who fund their own way.

The Ruth Mielke Nobel Conference Experience Award funds students and faculty from Appleton West High School and Lawrence University.

The Sarah Mielke Nobel Conference Experience Award funds students and faculty from Shawano High School and Lawrence University.

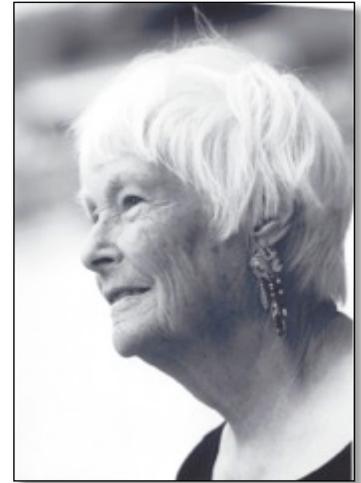
The EMMA Nobel Conference Experience Award funds students and faculty from UW-Fox Valley, Fox Valley Technical College and these high schools: Two Harbors, Appleton East, Appleton North, Xavier and Fox Valley Lutheran.



About the Mielke Family Foundation:

The MFF is one of the most active philanthropic foundations in northeast Wisconsin, supporting education, the arts, health, youth and aging initiatives in Appleton and Shawano. It was established in 1963 by Dr. Edward F. Mielke and his wife Beulah (Bee), together with sisters Ruth and Sarah Mielke, to perpetuate their philosophy of giving back to the community in which one lives. Members of the second and third generations of the Mielke Family are now active participants in the work of the Foundation, alongside residents of Appleton and Shawano who serve on its grants committee and board of directors.

Ellen Mielke Moore Anderson (EMMA), daughter of Edward and Beulah Mielke, was born and raised in Appleton, WI. She graduated from Northwestern University and lived much of her adult life in Duluth, Minnesota. She raised seven children and taught elementary school children with learning disabilities. On retirement she moved to Two Harbors, MN. She became active with the school district and began sponsoring a group of students and teachers to attend the Nobel Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College. Her enthusiasm spilled over to Appleton by way of her brother John and his wife Sally.



Ruth Mielke was born and raised in Shawano, WI. She attended Lawrence University, graduating in 1914. She received an advanced degree in Library Science from Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University and later established the library at Appleton West High School, a facility that now bears her name. Ruth is remembered for instilling in students a love for books and learning and for providing constant encouragement.

Sarah Mielke was born and raised in Shawano, WI. She graduated magna cum laude from Lawrence University in 1916, with a major in math and a minor in German. After a short teaching stint in Jefferson, WI, Sarah returned to Shawano where she taught high school mathematics, mentored students who wished to enhance their analytical skills and coached students in the art of public speaking.



To learn how to participate in the EMMA/Nobel Conference Experience, call AEF at 920-832-1517, email us at: emmanobelexperience@gmail.com or visit <http://appletoneducationfoundation.org/programs/nobel-conference/>

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