Phyllis Goldstein, the English Language Arts Liaison for the Worcester Public Schools, coordinated the AVID program at North High School for many years. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an academic support program for students in grades 5-12 that prepares them for college success. Phyllis was so impressed by her students that she and her husband, Michael, created this scholarship in 2004 to further motivate them to reach for higher education. Through annual fundraising dinners and events, Phyllis raised over $10,000 for this fund from 2005–2009.

This scholarship is awarded to students from North High School who have participated in AVID for four years and will attend a 4-year college.

AVID is a national program founded by Mary Catherine Swanson on the belief that all students who are willing to work hard can learn the needed skills for college readiness, including organization, test-taking, and proficiency in reading, writing and critical thinking. The name AVID reflects the belief that participants must take ownership of their own learning and futures. More information is at www.avid.org.