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Michael J. Cuffe receives Ben Frost scholarship

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Michael J. Cuffe, a 1965 graduate of Lincoln County High School, will launch his college career at the University of Montana, Missoula, in September with the aid of a scholarship that memorializes the University's flying professor, Ben Frost.

A number of Eureka citizens established the scholarship fund to honor the memory of the Montana educator, a native of Eureka, who died in Arizona last year.

The award will be given annually to a Lincoln County High graduate, who may elect to attend either the U of M or Montana State University, Bozeman. The winner is selected by the trustees of the scholarship fund from candidates nominated by a high-school faculty committee. The trustees are Jerry Shaw, K. W. Vincent and Dr. F. F. Schroeder.

Cuffe, 18, the first recipient, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Cuffe of Eureka. In high school he was a member of the National Honor Society, a delegate to Boys' State in 1964 and editor of the school paper for two years.

Frost earned the sobriquet of "the flying professor" when he was on the U of M education faculty from 1946 to 1955. He logged hundreds of hours of air time in weekly flights to the Kalispell-Whitefish area to conduct University extension courses in vocational guidance.

After graduation from Lincoln County High, Frost took a bachelor's degree at the University of North Dakota in 1933 and a master's degree at the University of Minnesota in 1940. He taught for three years in Montana high schools, and in 1940-41 he was principal of the Robbinsdale, Minn. High School.

He also worked for three years on U. S. government assignments in Cuba, South America and the British West Indies. As a Navy LST commander in World War II, he took part in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and in the occupation of Japan.

Frost resigned from the University faculty in 1955 to enter private business.