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BPAA Special Projects Award winners Darroll and Dee Frewing sponsor a life-changing initiative.



FIRST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANDREW AMORÉ

THAT'S AMORÉ!

Son of Ohio Proprietor Earns \$25K Scholarship

Frewings Put the 'Special' in Special Projects Award

"**BETTER, GREATER** or otherwise different from what is usual." That is the Oxford Dictionary's definition of "special," and it makes crystal clear why Daroll and Dolores Frewing were selected by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America for its 2020 Special Projects Award.

It doesn't get much more special than launching a perpetual scholarship for the bowling family, valued at \$25,000 annually and seeded with a \$250,000 donation. The launch of the scholarship was announced at last year's International Bowl Expo, and the initial recipient was to have been honored at this year's Bowl Expo in Denver. Hey, it was a good plan.

But even though the Expo had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the scholarship committee, consisting of members of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Board and a member of the Frewing family, did its work and selected a recipient from a selection of stellar applicants.

"The Frewings have been tremendous supporters of the Hall of Fame for many years, and we're thrilled to help with the scholarship," says IBM/HOF President and Chairman Mike Aulby. "We appreciate the continued generosity of the Frewings. This scholarship will greatly benefit members of the BPAA family for many years."

Explains Daroll Frewing: "Dee and I were looking for a way to give back to the industry that has been so good to us and our family. We thought a great way would be to provide an ongoing scholarship to members of the bowling family — children or grandchildren of bowling center owners. And we wanted it to be meaningful. After doing some research, we learned that it takes about \$25,000 to pay for a year of schooling at most state colleges."

Frewing's own time in college ended after a year and a half "because our family didn't have enough money for tuition." Taught carpentry skills by his father, he accepted an offer to join Brunswick as a bowling center installer, and almost immediately was put in charge of a crew because there were so many installation jobs underway. Frewing says a typical installation took between six and eight weeks, and he was involved with hundreds through the years before eventually going out on his own. He has spent the last 25 years operating US Bowling Corporation with his son, David.

While still in school, Frewing had thought about going into medicine, but says he has been told by countless doctors that they envy his career choice.



Dee and Daroll Frewing pose next to a prized saguaro cactus at their home in Boulder City, Nev. Their proximity to Las Vegas made it possible for them to meet the parents of their inaugural \$25,000 scholarship recipient, despite Bowl Expo being cancelled.

"They've told me that they just go from room to room, and it's rare to encounter a type of case that they haven't seen many times before," Frewing explains. "Thanks to bowling, we've been able to see some of the most beautiful places in the world. Thinking about that is what inspired us to develop the scholarship."

Although he wasn't able to complete his own college education, Frewing says he understands the value of a degree, especially today. "It wasn't necessarily true when I caught on with Brunswick," he says, "but today it will open doors for you."

That's what the Frewings want to do with their scholarship: open doors, and change lives.

"When we were developing the idea for the program and I mentioned how much the scholarship would be worth, a number of people asked me why we didn't just go with five \$5,000 awards and make five families happy," says Frewing. "But \$5,000 doesn't go very far in college today. We wanted this scholarship to make a real difference in someone's life."

Most would agree that vision fits the definition of "special."
— Bob Johnson