



**BERKS COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Scholarship Luncheon

**June 6, 2022
12 p.m.**

DoubleTree by Hilton, Reading





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Welcome to
Berks County Community Foundation's
2022 Scholarship Luncheon

Welcome

Kevin K. Murphy, President
Berks County Community Foundation

Lunch

Remarks

Berks' Best presentation: Dave Mowery, Editor, *Reading Eagle*

Keynote Speaker: John R. Loyack, President, Alvernia University

Recognition of scholarship recipients, donors and volunteers:

Kevin K. Murphy, President
Berks County Community Foundation

Use **#BerksLunch** on Twitter and Instagram for today's event.

Keynote Speaker: John R. Loyack



John R. Loyack joined the Alvernia community as its seventh president in July 2019, bringing with him a powerful mix of business acumen and higher education leadership. His successful and diversified career provides Alvernia with an unequaled, strategic approach and personal commitment to the student experience.

Prior to his arrival at Alvernia, President Loyack served as executive vice president for business and administration at King's College in Wilkes-Barre and a board member of AMCON Distributing Company in Omaha, Nebraska.

At King's College, he was known for his skills in team building, financial management, community engagement and an intense focus on student success. His efforts led to program expansion and revenue growth at King's.

Prior to his tenure at King's, he spent decades as a corporate executive in the energy, transportation and manufacturing sectors, where he achieved strong operational and financial performance, created strategic and operational plans, and built successful and cohesive management teams.

In addition to earning an MBA from Lehigh University and a bachelor's degree in accounting from King's College, the Pennsylvania native is a certified public accountant with a long history of building relationships in the community. He currently serves on the boards of directors for Northeast Pennsylvania Education Consortium, Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority, The Luzerne Foundation, The Educational Opportunity Centers of Pennsylvania and Riverfront Parks Committee of Wilkes-Barre.

Berks' Best Award Winners 2022

This is the 22nd year of the Berks' Best scholarship project, which is a collaborative initiative of the *Reading Eagle*, Berks County Community Foundation, and the Berks County Intermediate Unit. This project highlights teenagers in our community who study, work, and share their talents with others and the community without the widespread recognition they deserve.

The winners are chosen by dedicated judges who come from local businesses, community organizations, and colleges. Judges say selecting winners from such a group of outstanding high school students continues to be an exciting and challenging task.

Business

Winner: Sarah Guevara, Conrad Weiser

Judges: Mark Dolinski, Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Kevin Murphy, Berks County Community Foundation
Bob Wert, Wert Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors

Communications

Winner: Emma Detwiler, Wilson

Judges: Dr. Kristina Fennelly, Kutztown University
Dave Kline, *Reading Eagle*
Karin Mallett, WFMZ

Taylor Seitzinger Award for Community Service and Leadership

Winner: Katherine Schadler, Wyomissing

Judges: Franki Aitken, Berks County Community Foundation
Michael Rivera, Keller Williams
Tammy Seitzinger, Taylor's mother

Computer Science

Winner: Saishree Mupparaju, Exeter

Judges: E. Joy McFerren, Weidenhammer Systems
John R. Weidenhammer, Weidenhammer Systems
Chuck Zwicker, Weidenhammer Systems

Foreign Language

Winner: Kaylien Tran, Wilson

Judges: Dr. Karen Jogan, Albright College
Dr. Christine Núñez, Kutztown University

Mathematics

Winner: Nikita Patel, Wilson

Judges: Dr. Brian J. Buerke, Albright College
Selvi Jagadesan, Penn State Berks

Performing Arts

Winner: Jocelyn Hittle, Twin Valley

Judges: Shari Gleason-Mayrhofer, Kutztown University
Beverly Houck, Yocum Institute for Arts Education
Julia Matthews, Albright College

Science/Environment

Winner: Joshua Leshinskie, Boyertown

Judge: Tami Mysliwiec, Penn State Berks

Social Studies

Winner: Rhegan Fagley, Muhlenberg

Judges: John Kramer, Albright College
John Pankratz, Albright College
Victoria Williams, Alvernia University

Visual Arts

Winner: Danielle Ha, Daniel Boone

Judges: Mark Baldrige, Albright College
Fran Parzanese, Artist
Peter Rampson, Alvernia University

Vocational/Technical

Winner: Sarah Guevara, Conrad Weiser

Judges: Glenn Riegel, Berks Career & Technology Center
Patty Nies, Reading Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center
Laurel Schaeffer, Reading Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center





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2022 Scholarship Recipients

Scholarships for students from all Berks County schools:

Alumni Association of the Reading Hospital School of Nursing Scholarship Fund

For students enrolled in The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences who demonstrate merit. *2021 recipients: Anina Bell, Haley George, Jennifer Hite, Jordan Kirlin, Diamarina Marrero, Alexa Miller, Shanice Mitchell, Kristen Motacki, Dana Snyder, Haileigh Walmer*

Arrow International Scholarship Fund

For high-achieving high school seniors who demonstrated leadership skills and are Berks County residents and will go on to a four-year college or university. *Recipients: Srigouri Oruganty, Saishree Mupparaju, Riley Stine, Sarah Roberts, Colby Snyder, Elise Wang*

Iris M. Balthaser Adam Scholarship Fund

For high school seniors graduating from a Berks County school district who will attend Kutztown University to major in elementary education. Preference to applicants graduating from Hamburg Area High School. *Recipient: Alyssa Boyer*

Battle of the Badges Scholarship Fund

For graduating high school seniors who are children of active police officers or firefighters serving in the City of Reading or who are children of retired or deceased police officers or firefighters who served in the City of Reading and who plan to continue education in a vocational technical program or at a two- or four-year college, university or trade school. *Recipients: Christopher Avram, Serenity Zawilla*

Berks County Association of School Retirees Scholarship Fund

For Berks County seniors who will pursue a degree in education. *Recipient: Valerie Boguslawski*

Berks County Scholastic Athletic Trainers' Association Scholarship Fund

For seniors from Berks County who trained with their school district's athletic trainer for at least two years and are pursuing four-year degrees in sports medicine. *Recipient: Haley Daubenspeck*

Albert Boscov Memorial Scholarship Fund

For those who will pursue education in performing arts, entertainment, or sports management. *Recipients: Carly Futrick, Sydney Kuszyk*

Building Industries Exchange of Reading and Berks County Fund

For Berks County residents who are pursuing post-secondary education in building trades or construction design. *Recipients: Madelyn Lee, Mason Kieffer*

Carpenter Technology Retired Employees Scholarship Fund

For children of non-officer employees of Carpenter Technology Corporation (Berks County site), in memory of Dan Kubacki, who retired from Carpenter after 41 years of service. *Recipients: Blake Smith, Gracyn Smith*

John Catalano Scholarship Fund

For students with Italian heritage who are studying education at Albright College. *Recipient: Gabrielle D'Amico*

Helen M. Clymer Scholarship Fund

For single mothers in Berks County who are furthering their education at a college or university in Berks. *Recipient: Ashley Clay*

Community General Hospital Foundation/June A. Roedel Healthcare Scholarship Fund

For Berks County residents pursuing careers in health care. *Recipients: Madelyn Altimar, Kylie Amey, EliAnna Bermudez, Amalia Bradburn, Elizabeth Chibirka, Bethany Davidheiser, Nora Easteadt, Joshua Endy, Emily Foight, Madeleine Forry, Brynn Gilbert, Chloe Gilbert, Maia Heim, Chad Henning, Petra Hertzog, Gwen Hettinger, Madison Hocuk, Courtney Jarvis, Kristina Kauffman, Josette Keith, Sofia Lall, Grace Lawrence, Monica Marez, Jared Miller, Madison Moylan, Janet Pagotto, Marissa Perfetto, Joseph Petricoin, Lily Pruitt, Brittney Reyes-Avila, Reagan Rittenhouse, Donna Saboori, Jaylyn Talbot, Mara Trifoi, Rylee Walsh, Sage Westman, Rachel Woomer*

Scott G. Daelhousen Engineer's Award Fund

This fund provides two annual awards: One to a student who obtains the highest grade on the annual MathCounts test administered by the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, and the other to a student who obtains the highest grade on the annual Reading-Berks Science and Engineering Fair Test. *Recipients: Noah Duffy (MathCounts), Srigouri Oruganty (Science Fair)*

Jim and Ruth B. Daley Family Fund

For Berks County residents who are continuing their education. Distributions from the fund cover items such as living expenses, professional testing fees, books, child care and transportation. *Recipients: Bradyn Erb, Andrew Kline*

Delta Kappa Gamma International Beta Chapter Scholarship Fund

For a female graduate of a Berks County public school who will enter her senior year at Albright College, Alvernia University, Kutztown University, or Penn State Berks to obtain a degree in education. *Recipient: Macy Zimmerman*

Jim and Margie Fegley Orchestral String Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors who are pursuing a degree or certificate in orchestral strings. *Recipient: Ilan Rodríguez*

Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship Fund

For a deserving graduate of a Berks County high school pursuing a law degree. *Recipient: Luke Myers*

Graduate Nurse Scholarship Fund

For alumni of The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences - Nursing Program pursuing an advanced degree in nursing. *Recipient: Janet Pagotto*

GRIP Dreamer Scholarship Fund

For Berks County residents ineligible for financial aid. *Recipients: Cristian Alonso, Alfa Orihuela Álvarez, Schram Constant, Shinelle Felix, Marcos Grijalva, Andrea Jeronimo, Manuela Dominguez Martinez, Jenny Millan, Justin Nunez, Aldriany Payano Padilla, Ari Solano, Elli Vachaviolou Kyriakos Vachaviolou*

Haupt Family Fund

In memory of Marjorie Haupt for Berks County residents pursuing a master's degree in social work, and another annual scholarship in memory of Wilbur Haupt to those furthering their education in a mechanical technology field or an automotive technology field. *Recipients: Cecily Pachuiilo (social work), Colby Snyder (technology)*

Hispanic Center Scholarship Fund

For academically-talented Latinos in Berks County pursuing higher education. *Recipients: Kiara Cintron, Rohan Talagadadeevi*

Elizabeth Horvath Swimming Scholarship Fund

For seniors graduating from Berks County high schools who swam on school or club teams and will continue swimming on a team while pursuing a bachelor's degree. *Recipient: Lauren Paules*

**Matthew Kelly Epitome of Courage
Scholarship Fund**

For a Berks County student with cystic fibrosis.
Recipient: Amelia Fortunato

**Byron F. "Corky" Knoll Memorial
Scholarship Fund**

For Berks County students going to college to study professional turf grass management or professional golf management. *No recipient.*

Larry J. Kramer Scholarship Fund

For Berks County students going to Kutztown University to study computer science, information technology, software development, math, or secondary education with a concentration in math. Preference to applicants graduating from Hamburg Area High School. *Recipient: Justin Nunez*

**Beth Lynn Negley Manweiler Award for
Compassionate Nursing Care**

For members of the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences - Nursing Program graduating class. The recipient is selected by classmates.
Recipient: Griselda Aguilar-Lopez

Liz Martelli "Voices" Scholarship Fund

For Berks County High School seniors who participated in Berks Bards or the Reading Eagle's Voices section. *No recipient.*

Dave McCanney Scholarship Fund

For members of Olivet Boys & Girls Club pursuing education after high school, and for a female senior who played on Wilson High School's lacrosse team in her junior and senior years and intends to attend a 4-year college or university.
Recipients: Madilyn Fratis (Olivet), Ann Marie Beriguete Valle (Olivet), Kayla Wilkes (Wilson)

**Joseph and Peggy McMahon Transportation
Engineering Scholarship Fund**

For college students majoring in civil engineering with a focus on transportation engineering.
Recipient: Andrew Kline

Ralph H. and Florence Moyer Fund

For post-secondary study or vocational training to a Berks County youth who has demonstrated potential. *Recipients: Brenda Bravo, Mason Kieffer*

Irv Noll Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors from one of Berks County's public or parochial high schools who played on a golf, basketball, or baseball team, and who will further their education. *Recipient: Mackenzie Gordos*

Greg Prosseda Memorial Scholarship Fund

For Berks County students who played on their high school golf team during their junior and senior years. *No recipient.*

**Reading-Berks Association of Realtors®
Scholarship Fund**

For Berks County seniors who will study business after high school. *Recipients: Paige DeLoretta, Sara Miller, Jonathon Werley*

**Earl and Mary and Gary W. Redner
Scholarship Fund**

For employees or children of employees of Redner's Markets going to college or graduate school. *Recipients: Madison Moylan, Mara Nagle, Marisa Pisapia, Nicholas Ruppert, Kayla Vitabile, Maura Yablonski*

**St. Andrew United Methodist Church
Scholarship Fund**

For high school seniors who are members of St. Andrew United Methodist Church who have a record of success in education and who will further their education after high school as full-time students. *Recipient: Isabella Thomas*

**Seidel Family Scholarship Fund
(Gettysburg College attendees)**

For current or former Berks County residents enrolled at Gettysburg College for any pre-law related course of study. *No recipient.*

**Seidel Family Scholarship Fund
(Penn State - Dickinson Law attendees)**

For Berks County residents attending Penn State - Dickinson Law. *2021 recipients: Connor O'Boyle, Jacob Kramer*

Nancy Stump Seiger Scholarship Fund

For Berks County seniors who will major in education at Kutztown University.

Recipients: Alyssa Boyer, Brooke Trent

Sweet Street Desserts Scholarship Fund

For children of Sweet Street Desserts employees who are furthering their education. *Recipients: Rachel Henry, Sarah Herman, Mallorie Rishel*

Officer Scott A. Wertz Memorial Berks County Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors who are children of police officers in Berks County, or for graduating seniors of Wilson High School, or for players, umpires or children or grandchildren of players or umpires in the Reading Softball Association. *Recipients: Christopher Avram, Ella Kahn, Julian Nguyen*

D.J. Wetzel Fund of First United Church of Christ

For members of Berks County United Church of Christ churches who are continuing their education after high school at a college or university, graduate school, vocational school, or in a life enrichment program. *Recipients: Katelyn DeLong, Allison Pioli*

Thomas T. and Christine Hegeman Wheatley Memorial Scholarship Fund

For Berks County residents pursuing an education as an EMT or paramedic or in phlebotomy or nursing. *Recipient: Madison Moylan*

Henry E. Williams Jr. Memorial Golf Award Fund

For a Berks County senior who was on the high school golf team and will major in professional golf management, enroll in the PGA Club Professional School or play golf in college. *No recipient.*

Wendell Yoder Education Award Fund

For children, grandchildren and stepgrandchildren of current Wexcon Inc. employees. Recipients exemplify traits valued by Wexcon's founder, Wendell Yoder: trust, loyalty and honesty. *Recipient not chosen at time of printing.*

Scholarships for students from these specific school districts:**Antietam School District****Antietam Foundation Scholarship Fund**

For Antietam graduates involved in school and community activities. This fund was formed by combining scholarship funds that were originally established to honor Cortney Ann Kelly, Troy M. DeNunzio and Linda Evans. *Recipients: Evan Fink, Daniel Woodford*

Howard D. and Rose E. Goodwin Scholarship Fund

For graduates who live in the Antietam School District and require financial assistance to attend college. *Recipients: Cassandra Keene, Mackenzie Sipple*

R. Stuart Stump and Nancy Stump Seiger Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors from Antietam School District who will major in education at a college or university. *Recipient: Abigail Rochlin*

Berks Catholic**Lombardo Memorial Fund**

For seniors who are well-rounded and participated in extracurricular activities in school and in their community. *Recipients: Mackenzie Gordos, Paul Impellizzeri*

Boyertown Area School District**Boyertown AMBUCS Scholarship Fund**

For seniors who will study physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, music therapy, or audiology. *Recipient: Brooklyn Smith*

Boyertown Area Education Association Scholarship Fund

For seniors who pursue a bachelor's degree in education and certification to teach in the K-12 classroom. *Recipient: Keeley Malloy*

**Boyertown Woman in Life Science
Scholarship Fund**

For female graduates of Boyertown Area Senior High School pursuing 4-year degrees in biology or health sciences for careers in veterinary science or health care. *Recipient: Riley Cochran*

**James DiCindio, Jennifer Gilbert,
Leslie Saponsky, Boyertown Area Key Club,
Kiwanis Club Memorial Scholarship Fund**

For high school Key Club members who have achieved academic success, demonstrated leadership and provided service to others. *Recipient: Abigail Moll*

William M. Hoffman Scholarship Fund

For students who will pursue a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. *Recipient: Elizabeth Fanelli*

Robert and Kenneth Mace Scholarship Fund

For graduates who are committed to academics and dedicated to extracurricular activities, persevere through obstacles, and provide inspiration to others. In memory of Robert F. Mace, who died at the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, and his brother, Kenneth, who died from leukemia in 2012. *Recipient: Rebecca Sandoval*

**George V. & Dorothy M. Prutzman Family
Scholarship Fund**

For graduates who have demonstrated academic achievement and made a significant service contribution to their community, school or church. *Recipient: Sarah Drakas*

Gene D. Schoch Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who received no other scholarships and are in need of tuition for higher education. *Recipient: Madison Hoelzle*

Carl A. Yescavage Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will further their education after high school and who exhibit a strong commitment to academics and dedication to school or community activities. *Recipient: Kaitlyn Wilde*

**Brandywine Heights
Area School District****Earl L. Speicher Memorial Scholarship Fund**

For Brandywine Heights graduates who will continue their education and who demonstrate a well-rounded involvement in sports, music and school or community activities. *Recipient: Devin Simitz*

Conrad Weiser Area School District**Small Steps Scholarship Fund**

For Conrad Weiser Area School District students who plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college, university, trade or vocational school.

Recipients: Hannah Gelsing, Will Lamm, Valerie Schrum, Grace Swartz, Brooke Ulle, Selia Werth

Snyder Family Scholarship Fund

In memory of Mary Jane Snyder and in honor of Roy Snyder, this is for seniors who intend to major in education, with a preference for elementary education. *Recipient: Heidi Swartz*

The Krista Staudt Memorial Scholarship Fund

For students who intend to further their education after high school and are either cancer survivors or are dealing with or have overcome a medical challenge. *Recipient: Taylor Krick*

Wallburga E. Weber Scholarship Fund

For a graduate pursuing a degree to be a school teacher, with preference for those intending to teach science. *Recipient: Hannah Gelsing*

Daniel Boone Area School District**Jere O'Boyle Memorial Scholarship Fund**

For graduates who excel in music and will pursue a four-year degree, with preference for students who will pursue a music degree. *Recipients: Isabella Michaels, Katherine Sarro*

Exeter Township School District

Georgine Dorrian Kearney Memorial Scholarship Fund

For female students who will pursue careers in the medical field. *Recipient: Paige Behney*

James E. Mabon Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduates who demonstrated outstanding academic performance, were involved in community service and school activities, and will pursue a bachelor's degree. *Recipient: Ryan Beam*

Fleetwood Area School District

Coach Ray Buss Scholarship Fund

For graduates who played varsity soccer, displayed team leadership and good sportsmanship, and will play soccer in college. *Recipient: Malachi Herndon*

Jeffrey S. Remley Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors with an exemplary attitude who intend to play soccer in college. *Recipient: Malachi Herndon*

Governor Mifflin School District

Amos Lemon Burkhart Art Scholarship Fund

For seniors who display extraordinary artistic promise. *Recipients: Jillian Michel, Isabella Reinoso-Velez*

James W. Churchill Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduating members of the wrestling team who will pursue a 4-year degree. *Recipient: Eathan P. Vogel*

Joseph W. Favinger Scholarship Fund

This fund awards two scholarships to seniors. The Heartbeat of the Team Scholarship is for a student who exhibits passion and dedication to a sport, love and loyalty to teammates, and a "never quit" attitude. The Passion for Caring Scholarship is for a student pursuing education in the medical field and who is respected by teachers and classmates for their enthusiasm for life and their dedication to caring for the needs of others. *Recipients: Joseph Petricoin (Heartbeat of the Team), Rachel Ulrich (Passion for Caring)*

Fred W. and Pearl P. Griemes Scholarship Fund

For outstanding seniors furthering their education. *Recipients: Valerie Boguslawski, Paige DeLoretta, Cory Engle, Jacob Engle, Elisa Fiore, Will Gallen, Griffin Kriebel, Carly Kuriger, Tedd Stabolepszy, Abigail Steckiel, Rachel Ulrich*

Russell L. Hiller Charitable Trust

For seniors pursuing higher education. *Recipients: Paige DeLoretta, Elisa Fiore, Will Gallen, Tedd Stabolepszy, Trevon Veu*

The Krista Staudt Memorial Scholarship Fund

For students who intend to further their education after high school and are either cancer survivors or are dealing with or have overcome a medical challenge. *Recipient: Karyn Creelman*

Hamburg Area School District

Martha Ann Boyer and Morris William Boyer Scholarship Fund

For graduates pursuing degrees in business or nursing. *Recipient: Maia Heim*

Taylor N. Seitzinger Hamburg Area High School Scholarship Fund

For seniors who participated in school and community activities and will pursue a four-year degree, with preference to those attending DeSales University and/or those who will play women's soccer in college. *Recipients: Lucas Blatt, Kamryn Smith*

Kutztown Area School District

Marion L. and Ernest L. Angstadt Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will pursue a 2- or 4-year degree in agricultural science. *Recipients: Tracey Dieter, Madisyn Schmidt*

Muhlenberg School District

Tim Braun Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who played varsity softball, are committed to sportsmanship and academics, and will pursue higher education. *Recipient: Kayley Hart*

Lombardo Family Scholarship Fund

For seniors who participated in varsity sports, were committed to academics, and are pursuing a college degree. *Recipients: Kayley Hart, Warren Reinhart*

Oley Valley School District

Marc Mario McKently Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors who have faced difficult challenges or hardships. *Recipient: Charlotte Fisher*

Reading School District

Jorge Luis Acevedo, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who enroll in a culinary arts program after high school. *Recipient: Damian Barraza*

Amin Family Scholarship Fund

For seniors who demonstrate potential to exceed in college. *Recipients: Alexandra Rhoads, Kiara Cintron, Elena Crespo, Karla Servin, Molly Mogford, Alfa Orihuela Álvarez, Lorenzo Paġan, Johany Ramirez-Martinez, Leslie Ramos, Jaylyn Talbot*

Amin Family Nursing Scholarship Fund

For Reading High seniors who plan to pursue an education in nursing. *Recipient: Jocelyn Karish*

Bertolet M. Bossler Scholarship Fund

For seniors who were active in Arxalma, Knight Life, Red and Black, or Red Pen. *Recipient: Mariana Vazquez*

Edith Dohner Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will continue their education to become teachers. *Recipient: Hannah Ceja*

Suzanne C. Funk Scholarship Fund

For students who attended Tyson-Schoener Elementary School and are pursuing higher education. *Recipients: Elena Crespo, Xavier Davis*

Bruce R. Helwig Reading High School Scholarship Fund

For seniors going to a 4-year college or university. Recipients have a well-rounded background and above-average academic standing. *Recipient: Alfa Orihuela Álvarez*

Daniel C. Kubacki Sportsmanship Award Fund

For a senior who demonstrates sportsmanship as an athlete or in a support role in an athletic program, such as a team manager, mascot, cheerleader, umpire, referee, or scorekeeper. *Recipient: Xavier Davis*

Chris A. Luppold, CPA, Accounting Scholarship Fund

For graduates who will pursue an accounting career. *Recipient: Jeovany Rodriguez*

Elizabeth Martelli Scholarship Fund

For seniors with a passion for writing who will continue their education after high school. *Recipient: Molly Mogford*

Masano Family Scholarship Fund

For graduates who were active in student council or student government. *Recipient: Cindy Duong*

Reading High School Scholarship Fund

For a senior who demonstrates potential to excel in college. *Recipient: Xavier Davis*

Linda Schrufer - Whitey Miller Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will go to college to study engineering. *Recipient: Peter Cadiz*

The Krista Staudt Memorial Scholarship Fund

For students who intend to further their education after high school and are either cancer survivors or are dealing with or have overcome a medical challenge. *Recipients: Tariq Jordan*

Schuylkill Valley School District**Charles Hottenstine Memorial Award Fund**

For seniors who exhibit superior achievement in at least two varsity sports during their junior or senior year, with major consideration given to the student's character, teamwork and leadership. *Recipient: Madison Ziska*

Douglas S. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors in the top 10% of the graduating class who display leadership and will pursue a degree in engineering or science. *Recipient: Sarah Gilbert*

Samuel Brooklyn Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will study anthropology, archaeology, or history, or who have an interest in distance running. *Recipient not chosen at time of printing.*

Otis S. Rothenberger Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will major in education. *Recipient: Kristian Wolf*

Gudrun R. Wilson Schuylkill Valley Middle School Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will pursue a degree in education, who once were identified as learning support students and are pursuing a degree in any field, or who have overcome adversity and are pursuing a degree in any field. *Recipient not chosen at time of printing.*

Tulpehocken Area School District**Carol and David Batdorf Scholarship Fund**

For the male and female who graduate with the highest class ranks. *Recipients: Mackenzi Sowers, Hunter Zohn*

Kurr Foundation Scholarship Fund of Tulpehocken Area School District

For graduates from the Bethel Elementary School area who will continue their education. *Recipients: Kyla Ebersole, Badyn Erb, Abigail Gardula, Chad Henning, Lindsay Johnson, Autumn Lawrence, Monica Marez, Cole Phillips, Giovanni Rivera-Jusino, Matthew Wenger, Hunter Zohn*

Gerald and Pauline Seiler Scholarship Fund

For seniors pursuing vocational education that does not require a bachelor's degree, or to seniors pursuing a bachelor's degree in agricultural science or elementary education. *Recipient: Alyssa Boyer*

Twin Valley School District**Jan Millard Memorial Fund**

For students who participated on a boys cross-country team. *Recipient: Evan Hill*

Betty M. Moulder Elementary Education Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors who will be furthering their education at a four-year college or university to major in education. *Recipients: Alivia Lichtner, Mallory Spahr*

**Twin Valley Community Education Foundation/
Dorothy S. Groff Scholarship Fund**

For a senior with outstanding mathematical ability and overall character and attitude. *Recipient: Ryan Baylis*

Wilson School District

Bill Brumbach Sportsmanship Award Fund

For graduates known for team spirit, fair play and enthusiasm. *Recipient: Joshua Drake*

Jere Gabrielle Award Fund

For graduates who are outstanding in art. *Recipient: Olivia DiMartini*

Guenter Family Memorial Scholarship Fund

For well-rounded graduates dedicated to both education and athletics. *Recipients: Katie Dallas, Luke Kline*

Dave McCanney Scholarship Fund

For members of Olivet Boys & Girls Club pursuing education after high school, and for a female senior who played on Wilson High School's lacrosse team in her junior and senior years and intends to attend a 4-year college or university. *Recipients: Madilyn Fratis (Olivet), Ann Marie Beriguete Valle (Olivet), Kayla Wilkes (Wilson)*

Clayton Schannauer Memorial Fund

For a graduating senior who played Wilson football and possesses the qualities exemplified by Clayton Schannauer. *Recipient: Eli Rodriguez*

Snyder Family Scholarship Fund

In memory of Mary Jane Snyder and in honor of Roy Snyder, this is for seniors who have been members of Wilson swim or dive teams, with preference to students who will continue to participate in aqua sports in college. *Recipients: Luke Kline, Madeline Nigrini*

Andrew J. Straka Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduates in the top 50% of their class and who participated in at least two sports in each high school year. *Recipient: Kaitlyn Gundersen*

Marguerite E. Swartz Scholarship Fund

For graduates who are furthering their education. *Recipients: Julia Eck, Benjamin Houck, Bailey Nicholas*

Christopher Whitehead Memorial Fund

For graduates who have overcome physical difficulties to lead a positive life. *Recipient: Kaylien Tran*

Wilson Scholarship Fund

For graduates who will pursue post-secondary education, and have balanced extracurricular activities with academics, participated in activities that serve others, and shown academic improvement. *Recipients not chosen at time of printing.*

Steven Yeager Scholarship Fund

For a senior who will be furthering his or her education at a 4-year or 2-year college, university or vocational school after high school and who has been a member of the high school swim team or dive team for at least three years. *Recipient: Kaitlyn Gundersen*

Michael S. Ziolkowski Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduates who have participated in school sports, are pursuing a degree, and will play sports in college. *Recipients: Ella Kahn, Jonathon Ramsey*

Scholarships for students from outside Berks County:

Mount Carmel Area School District (Northumberland County)

Helen Monkiewicz Kubacki Scholarship Fund for Mount Carmel Area Jr./Sr. High School

For seniors pursuing education in nursing. *Recipient: Desirae Mattis*

Nucla, Colorado

Carrol A. and L. May Weimer Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors from Nucla High School. Established in memory of Carrol A. and L. May Weimer, who were lifelong loving partners with a long family history of farming and ranching in Nucla. *Recipient: Shailah Franklin*

Parkland School District (Lehigh County)

Annie B. Fritch Scholarship Fund

For female graduates who will major in elementary education in Pennsylvania. *Recipient: Ashlyn Cope*

Schuylkill County

John Rich Curran Memorial Scholarship Fund

For students from a high school in Schuylkill County who will go on to a 4-year college or university. The high schools eligible for this scholarship rotate every year. *Recipient not chosen at time of printing.*

Wilkes University

Helen Monkiewicz Kubacki Scholarship Fund for Wilkes University

For students who completed at least one year in either the generic or registered nurse undergraduate program at Wilkes University. *Recipient not chosen at time of printing.*



What is a community foundation?



A community foundation is a nonprofit corporation that serves as a civic leader for a region by developing, managing and distributing funds to meet existing and emerging community needs. Community foundations are created by local residents, governed by a volunteer board of directors and run by professional staff with expertise in identifying needs in the community. There are about 750 community foundations in the United States and 1,700 worldwide.

The mission of Berks County Community Foundation is to promote philanthropy and improve the quality of life for the residents of Berks County. The Community Foundation helps individuals, families, organizations and businesses achieve their charitable goals. This is most often accomplished by creating charitable funds so that money will be available for grants, scholarships or both in perpetuity.

The Community Foundation has assets of more than \$130 million and has distributed almost \$70 million in grants and scholarships since its founding in 1994. Some of those grants are focused on specific initiatives that can greatly benefit Berks County.

Generosity blooms and grows

Berks County Community Foundation thanks the families, businesses, and individuals who created or donated to each of the scholarships that were recognized at the luncheon today.

The scholarships and awards listed in this program represent an investment of nearly \$670,000 in our community in 2022. That brings the total amount of scholarships awarded since Berks County Community Foundation's inception in 1994 to \$12,345,378.

A special thank you also to the volunteers who evaluated scholarship applications and selected the scholarship recipients.

As a small token of our appreciation to each of you for attending this event, there are African Violets on all of the tables in this room, and they are yours to take home. By breaking off a leaf of an African Violet and inserting it in soil, a new plant will root in just weeks. Over a lifetime, one violet can bloom into hundreds of new plants, each of which can become hundreds more.

The African Violet inspires us to give of ourselves to others so that generosity can grow exponentially to benefit countless more. As these violets grow, so will your ideas about ways to give back to your community. The scholarships that many of you have earned were made possible by the generosity of others. We wish each of you the best of luck on your journeys. Please take one of the potted violets home with you so that it can inspire you in the days ahead.



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