

## Foundation celebrates scholarship donors, winners

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Scholarship recipients collect their certificates during the Licking County Foundation's second annual awards celebration and reception.

**NEWARK** — Lenise Sunnenberg knows what it's like to choose between paying her bills and buying her books for next semester.

She knows what it's like to be a single mom, struggling to find time for schoolwork.

That's why, to Sunnenberg, the value of the Licking County Foundation's scholarship program is immeasurable.

"The question is: 'How on earth does a single parent — and starving artist — afford to go to school?' " she said. "And that's where you come in. ... I cannot begin to express how much this scholarship makes a difference in my life."

Sunnenberg was one of 327 area students honored Monday during the LCF's second scholarship awards celebration and reception.

The LCF had a record number of applicants this year — 727 — and it also gave away a record amount of money — \$730,088 to the 327 students honored Monday and \$65,500, which will be awarded in the future to Ohio State University-Newark and Central Ohio Technical College students.

LCF has been awarding scholarships since 1968, but this is only the second year for the awards celebration, director Connie Hawk said.

"Philanthropy inspires philanthropy," Hawk said, and the ceremony is a chance to "just really celebrate the generosity of this community and the young people who are the future of this community."

The scholarships are provided each year through various community funds, and several of the fund backers spoke Monday about what inspired them to give.

Christopher Meyer spoke on behalf of the James W. Pyle Memorial Scholarship. Meyer and Pyle were attorneys in the same law firm for 20-plus years, and Pyle was an oxymoron, Meyer said: "a humble attorney."

Pyle always tried to do right, and he pushed others to do the same, Meyer said.

"It's fitting that we honor his memory through a scholarship," he said. "That way, he continues his unselfish ways of helping deserving people that he never met."

Geraldine Marston spoke about her husband, who wanted so badly to go to college that he joined the United States Air Force to take advantage of the GI Bill, which paid for veterans to go to school.

Later in life, Geraldine and her husband often talked about how important a college degree was to his success. They talked to their attorney — who happened to be James Pyle — and created an estate plan that would establish a scholarship after their deaths.

When Larry died, though, Geraldine decided she didn't want to wait to honor his memory, so she set up the scholarship fund through the LCF.

"Larry knew from his experience that the college degree was a key to his success in life," she said. "The scholarships are very small in comparison to the cost of a college education today, but I think it's also important to the recipients to know that someone cares enough about you to invest in your future."

Several of the LCF winners are second-, third- or even fourth-time scholarship recipients. That's important because, although plenty of scholarships are available to college freshman, the bill doesn't get any smaller for sophomores, juniors and seniors, said Kelly Roberts, a fourth-year recipient.

"Your sophomore year, you're lucky to find any outside scholarship that you qualify for," Roberts said, making the LCF scholarships "a saving grace for upperclassmen."

"The Licking Community Foundation scholarships have been a huge blessing to me and my family," she said. "I'm thankful I've been able to grow up in such a caring and generous community, and it makes me proud to call Licking County my home."

2014 Licking County Foundation scholarship awards:

**John W. Alford Scholarship** — Brandon Six

**Mary E. Alford PEO Chapter DL Scholarship** — Brittany Smith

**Allen-Good-Willey Scholarship** — Brianna Byers

**Thelma Bounds Scholarship** — Laney Evans

**Frank L. Boylan Scholarship** — Shane O'Reilly

**Timothy Randall Brandt Scholarship** — Samantha Hicks

**Brinkerhoff Award** — Emily Fondriest

**Robert (Bob) Buckenberger Scholarship** — Brandee Painter

**Robert Ernest Buckey, Virginia Woltjen Buckey and Scott Buckey Richards Memorial Scholarship** — Lura Armbruster, Isaac Sundin, Nathaniel Winningham

**Camp O'Bannon Scholarship** — Joseph Pernell, Mathea Tenwalde

**Chamberlain-Powers Memorial Mathematics Scholarship** — Isaac Wheeler

**Tony B. Crisp Scholarship** — Daeja Johnson

**Davis Family Scholarship** — Ameilia Anderson, Jonathan Berryhill, Brennan Butler, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Celena Gilmore, Natalie Hurst, Margo MacDonald, Jessica Piso, Mallory Rizor, Erick Strubhar, Brittany Wilson

**Grace Dils Memorial Scholarship** — Brittany Davis

**Dupler Brothers Law Enforcement Scholarship** — Jordan Berryhill

**Fiberglas Federal Credit Union Scholarship** — Mary Debevoise, Joshua Lines

**Dick and Clara Francis Scholarship** — Rachel Baumgartner, Cara Dillon, Danielle Doup, Sarah Emery, Kelci Jarrett, Erin Kerr, Samantha Larason, Alexandra Ralph, Justin Smythe, Ariana Sotoropolis, Caityn Tulloss

**Guthrie-Hoover Scholarship** — Natalie Kosko

**Letha P. Headlee Scholarship** — Rachel Baughn, Leslie Smith, Callie Torbert, Alyssa Triplett, Rachel

Vaughan

**Richard K. and Ione D. Hill Scholarship** — Justin Bush, Emily Chafins, Kendall Colvin, Celeste Fleetwood, Kayla Flora, Gina Poulson

**Maxine and Diane Hite Scholarship** — Ian Ware

**John A., Betty J. and Linda Ann Hoover Scholarship** — Madison Booth, Cailie Bricker, Nick Chesrown, Elizabeth Clippinger, Alexa Day, Hayley Feightner, Lauren French, Carrie Ghiloni, Katelyn Hannigan, Lauren Hoffman, Marissa Klein, Erin Matthews, Michele Oliver, Olivia Ortega, Ashley Peck, Zachary Peck, Megan Rader, Erica Spurgeon, Fred Stinson, Gabriel Weaver, Nathan Wyscarver

**Kayla N. Hurst Memorial Scholarship** — Hannah Brubaker, McCalah Mast, Aspen Shell

**Kenneth Johnston Scholarship** — Glen Drumm

**Doris Orr Kaspar Scholarship** — Faith Aleshire, Elizabeth Stringer

**Florence M. King and Elizabeth King Theater Award** — Elizabeth Dysart

**George and Louise Kinsey Scholarship** — Ceara Thacker

**Dorothy and Kay Klineman Scholarship** — Abigail Smith

**Lechner-Holsinger Scholarship** — Summer Prevost

**Julius F. and Beula C. Lenz Scholarship** — Rebekah Abel, Alexander Downey, Kendrick Flanagan, Thomas Foster, Ivy Gilbert, Nathan McCown, Tanner Orban, Alex Orr, Elizabeth Painter, Jessica Parker, Nathan Smith

**Licking County Pharmaceutical Scholarship** — Brooke Marlowe

**Licking Heights Alumni Association Scholarship** — Ross Friel

**Jared Dean Lowery Scholarship** — Ari Blumer

**Floyd A. and Alberta W. Mahard Scholarship** — Heather Beck, Zach Bowe, Jessica Carrington, Meghan Ceneviva, Jana Choberka, Philip Gallup, Destiny Meyers, Corey Smythe, Chloe Tyznik, Catherine Williams

**Larry G. and Geraldine D. Marston Scholarship** — Makayla McComb, Molly McDougal

**Edgar W. and Phyllis L. McCauley Scholarship** — Brittany Atkinson, Cecilia Feick, Tammy Glover, Jacob Griffith, Austin Hunter, Meaghan Stuart

**McCray Family Scholarship** — Christina Garrett

**Carl and Maybelle McKee Math Award** — Celeste Hinerman

**Carl and Maybelle McKee Nursing Scholarship** — Donna Berryhill, Annemarie Calhoun, Olivia Canter, Daniel Ewing, Monica Foutty, Anessa Fry, Lacie Keyse, Kayla Kincaid, Stephanie Loshbough, Sarah Mast, Christina Mazzone, Carrie McArtor, Hanna McLaughlin, Lindsay Morris, Alyssa Patznick, Caley Pollmann, Sara Ridenbaugh, Sarah Robinson, Lindsey Robison, Kailey Rutherford, Sara Scarsella, Samantha Sforza, Lacey Shreve, Ashley Smythe, Sedona Sowers, Adelle Stephens, Kathryn Streicher, Sierra Sullivan, Elise Trumpower, Danielle Van Fossen, Rachel Walsh, Taylor Williams, Jennifer Yohman

**Joseph P. McMahon Memorial Scholarship** — Abigail Bailey, Sarah Cotterman, Brandi Crumley, Dominic DeVito, Brian Gaysunas, Brittany Henry, Jarrett King, Jessica Morehouse, Jillian Shipley, Nicholas Shipley, Zachary Smith, Lenise Sunnenberg, Taylor Tolley, Laiken Valentine

**Phoebe C. McMahon Memorial Scholarship** — Natalie Bowman, Nick Contini, Kevin Copley, Hunter Holton, Michelle Kong, Alexander Maxwell, Devyn Quick, Riley Rosinski, Daniel Toffey, Drake Williams

**Perry L. Miles Scholarship** (administered for the Perry L. Miles Trust) — Ryan Trimble, Paige Turner

**Alan Robert Miller Journalistic Cross Country Award** — Mark Willis

**Alan Robert Miller Cross Country Journalist Award (Hampden Academy, Hampden, Maine)** — Sarah Tatgenhorst

**Miller Elementary School PTO Scholarship** — Brandon Long

**Moore-Redmond Scholarship** — Clayton Sammons

**Irma and E. Clark Morrow Scholarship** — Kayla Gowdy

**Irma H. Morrow PEO Chapter AB Scholarship** — Elizabeth Untied

**Newark High School Class of 1951 Scholarship** — Shelby Cannon

**Newark High School Class of 1953 Scholarship** — Logan Anderson

**Newark Kiwanis Scholarship** — Robert Brumfield

**Oyler Agrarian Scholarship** — Camren Maierle

**Raymond H. and Beryl Dean Penick Scholarship** — Turner Adornetto, Seleina Baker, Miranda Branstool, Amanda Broseus, Thomas Brown, Jody Cambraia, Lucas Canter, Katie Carder, Matthew Connor, Nick Dillon, Mark Doles, Brittany Donovan, Tiffani Dorn, Joshua Ellis, Brian Flowers, Joseph Fondriest, Sara Fondriest, Daniel Gardner, Sarah Gartner, Emory George, Grace Gordon, Katie Gordon, Megan Gordon, Robert Guinsler, Matthew Hankinson, Tyler Harble, James Harris, Matthew Hart, Elisa Higgins, Rebecca Holmes, Brittany Hupp, Savannah Justus, Megan Karnes, Keilah Ketron, Tiffany Kong, Shyla Kreager, Taylor Krivenki, Amy Lasure, Kayla Liston, Abigail Litts, Benjamin Lough, Kyle Mapel, Brooke Marlowe, Stephanie McDougal, Ashley McPeck, Chelsea Mealick, Taylor Melick, Marissa Moore, Jared Newman, Samantha Noth, Nathan Noth, Morgan Oxenrider, Zachary Pesicek, David Peterman, Kenneth Peterman, Austin Pitcock, Jordan Pritts, Randi Reed, Joseph Rich, Kelly Roberts, Andrew Rush, Jacob Saunders, Erika Saunders, Meghan Schulze, Kelleen Scott, Julia Shallenberger, Evan Shirin, Gregory Smith, Lyndsey Smith, Seth Stahl, Kyle Streicher, Olivia Sundin, Phillip Taylor, Jessica Turner, Michala Villinger, Christopher Wing, Shaunisha Winter, Matthew Yohman, Jennifer Zimmerman, Stephanie Znosko

**Naomi June Riggelman Memorial Scholarship** — Abby Franks

**Hubert and Oese Robinson History Scholarship** — Jarod Rose

**Van and Mildred Ross Memorial Scholarship** — Hayley Curran

**Dale E. and Virginia D. Roth Medical and Nursing Scholarship** — Allison Colvin, Lauren Misel, Zachary Noth, Olivia Park, Laura Roberts, Robert Rose, Abby Swartz, Christina Blaire Warner, Michaela Wolford

**Alethea E. Sleight PEO Chapter DL Scholarship** — Emily Mettille

**Anna E. McCullough Tharp Award** — Jacob Hopkins

**Mary E. and Robert E. Turner Scholarship** — Zak Blumer

**Universal Veneer Employee Scholarship** — Alexander Rush

**Utica Going Onward Scholarship** — Alexandra Posey

**Miriam Walters Scholarship** — Keelyn Lucas

**Robert N. and Martha Jane Watts Culinary Arts Award** — Patrick Thompson

**Alfred Wells Scholarship** — Regan Coyle

**Williams Memorial Scholarship** — Drake Addis, Weston Atchison, Clay Beckholt, Rachel Billman, Emily Clayton, Edward Gero, Savannah Hottinger, Megan Jamison, Haroon Khan, Megan Lewis, Alexander Lust, Jerrod Lyon, Hannah Montgomery, Madison Moore, Isaac O'Brien, Carley Schmidt, Olivia Shirin, Corbin Smith, Kaitlyn Snider, Kalasha Snyder, Daphne Snyder, Cassandra Summers, Nick Thompson, Justin Treinish, Stephanie Wentzel, Katrina Wilkinson

**Wilson, Shannon & Snow, Inc. Scholarship** — Jordyn Monroe

**Ralph S. Wyeth Scholarship** — Loegan Brzezinski, Blair Castle, Kiersten Curran, Julianne Graffeo, Janet Gregory, Emily Hankinson, Madison Liston, Jana McNichols, Tiffany Smythe, Kelsi Thompson

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