

25th Anniversary

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Scholarship Luncheon

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BERKS COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Welcome to Berks County Community Foundation's 2019 Scholarship Luncheon

Welcome

Kevin K. Murphy, President Berks County Community Foundation

Lunch

Remarks

Berks' Best presentation: Garry Lenton, Editor, Reading Eagle

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Thomas F. Flynn, President, Alvernia University

Recognition of scholarship recipients, donors and volunteers: Kevin K. Murphy, President Berks County Community Foundation

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

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Thomas F. Flynn



Thomas F. Flynn, Ph.D., is Alvernia's sixth president, having served since 2005. During this time, he has overseen the development of new strategic and campus master plans and the campus-wide process culminating in the achievement of university status. Under his leadership, Alvernia has launched "Values and Vision:" The Fiftieth Anniversary Campaign. In addition to major capital projects already completed, endowed professorships and centers of excellence have been established, notably the O'Pake Institute for Ethics, Leadership and Public Service and the Holleran Center for Community Engagement.

Prior to his arrival at Alvernia, Dr. Flynn served as Senior Advisor for the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), where he led a national symposium on the relation between liberal arts education and professional leadership, involving corporate leaders and university

presidents. Previously, he served nine years at Millikin University (IL), initially as Provost and subsequently as President. He also spent fourteen years on the faculty of Mount Saint Mary's College (MD), where he was Professor of English and served as Dean of the College.

A native of Boston, he earned his B.A. in English at Boston College and his M.A. and Ph.D. in American Culture from the University of Michigan. He is a graduate of Harvard University's Institute of Educational Management and New Presidents' Institute and has spent a sabbatical in the President's Office at Georgetown University, where he assisted on strategic planning and a symposium on Ex Corde Ecclesiae.

Active in economic development, intercultural dialogue, and community-based learning, Dr. Flynn serves on the Board of Directors of both Caron and Reading Hospital as well as the advisory board for the Jesuit Center in Wernersville. He is a past member of several national boards, including the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU), and the American Council of Education's (ACE) coordinating board for all sectors of higher education. Currently, he serves on the boards for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) and National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) as well as for the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP). Honored as an academic leader in 1992 by the National Center for the First Year Experience and in 2001 by the Council of Independent Colleges, he considers his most important professional award to be a Distinguished Teaching Award received in 1978 while he was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Flynn is married to Helen Sheimo Flynn, a native South Dakotan and also a former graduate student from the University of Michigan. She is a technology specialist and county library director enjoying her third career and an avid reader of mysteries. Their son, Daniel, a graduate Xavier University (OH), is an international program coordinator for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC). The Flynns share interests in music, sports, travel, and the beach.

READING EAGLE COMPANY

This is the 19th year of Reading Eagle Company's Berks' Best scholarship project, which is sponsored by Berks County Community Foundation. This project began as a way to highlight the teenagers in our community who study, work and share their talents without media attention.

We're honored to have 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.

Berks' Best Award Winners 2019

Business

Winner: Brock Drahus, Twin Valley 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: Sydney Halliwell, Daniel Boone Judges: Anne Delong, Kutztown University; Dave Kline, Reading Eagle Company; Karin Mallett, WFMZ

Taylor Seitzinger Award for Community Service and Leadership

Winner: Mia Huber, Wyomissing Judges: Franki Aitken, Berks County Community Foundation; Michael Rivera, Keller Williams; Tammy Seitzinger, Taylor's mother

Computer Science

Winner: Benjamin Chen, Wyomissing Judges: Jim Bitler, Weidenhammer Systems; Deb Longacre, Weidenhammer Systems; Rick Phillips, Weidenhammer Systems

Foreign Language

Winner: Christopher Russo, Wilson Judges: Karen Jogan, Albright College; Christine Núñez, Kutztown University; Pat Pacifico, Reading Area Community College

Mathematics

Winner: Benjamin Chen, Wyomissing Judges: Bill Bateman, retired, Kutztown University; Selvi Jagadesan, Penn State Berks

Performing Arts

Winner: Sashank Sridhar, Wilson Judges: Joel Gori, director and artist; Shari Gleason-Mayrhofer, Kutztown University; Julia Matthews, Albright College

Science/Environment

Winner: Madison Keiser, Kutztown Judges: Rosemarie Chinni, Alvernia University; Tami Mysliwiec, Penn State Berks;

Social Studies

Winner: Emma Hopler, Wyomissing Judges: Doug Lea, Kutztown University; John Pankratz, Albright College; Victoria Williams, Alvernia University

Visual Arts

Winner: Corinne Mammarella, Brandywine Heights Judges: Brian Glaze, Albright College; Peter Rampson, Alvernia University; Kristen Woodward, Albright College

Vocational/Technical

Winner: Allison Moser, Wyomissing Judges: Doug Keim, former Berks Career & Technology Center and Reading Area Community College employee; Chip Lambdin, Berks Career & Technology Center Scott Speece, retired, Berks Career & Technology Center; Harry Tobias, retired, Berks Career & Technology Center





2019 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. Recipients: Alex Cobb, Luz Gonzalez, Jevin Kleeman, Sydney Lesher, Afton Nissley, Jimmy Saunders, Madison Scheuren, Laura Texter, Ariana Thomas, Yaniliz Hurtado

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: Julia Doklan, Kevin Harding, Elizabeth Luyben, Samuel Ney, Grace Sturz, Bryn Werley*

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: Ryan Naugle*

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. Berks County Association of School Retirees Scholarship and Mini-Grant Fund

For Berks County seniors who will pursue a degree in education. *No recipient.*

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: Aryella Hoover*

Building Industries Exchange of Reading and Berks County Fund

For Berks County residents who are pursuing postsecondary education in building trades or construction design. *Recipients: Kelvin Cortes, Stephanie Favata, Matthew Frey, Cole Schlenker, Ann-Katleen Seraphin*

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: Taylor Bender, Luke Scanlon*

Helen M. Clymer Scholarship Fund

For single mothers in Berks County who are furthering their education at a college or university in Berks. *Recipients: Jessica Gonzalez, Winifred Gutierrez, Lisette Ruiz, Sor Soto*

Recipients: Riley Pontician, Kayla Stoudt

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

For Berks County residents pursuing careers in health care. Recipients: Elizabeth Chibirka, Celeste Colon, Joshua Endy, Nicole Eshbach, Liesel Farrar, Bailey Foreman, Lindsey Gibbon, Brynn Gilbert, Chloe Gilbert, Victoria Kissinger, Rachel Loose, Carissa Martin, Maria Mastromarino, Johanna Mickle, Josette Keith, Dana Richard, Jenna Riley, Elizabeth Rohde, Abigail Schell, Meghan Steffey, Nayely Valdez, Sydney Weise, Rachel Woomer, Kristen Ziegler

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: Jay Schoenen, Joseph Walker*

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. *Recipient: Luke Andreyo, Lauren Blackwood, Meghan Steffey, Haley Venarchik*

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. *No recipient.*

Diana M. Everson Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors with a parent who works at Zee Service Company, Berks County franchise, or for seniors at Muhlenberg Senior High School. *Recipient: Bhaavana Oruganty*

Jim and Margie Fegley Orchestral String Scholarship Fund

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

Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship Fund

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

Cookie Ganter Memorial Scholarship for Cosmetology

For Berks County residents seeking training to become cosmetologists. *Recipients: Sarah Carrion, Haley Lesher, Jillian Schramm*

James A. Gilmartin Paramedic Scholarship Fund

For residents of Berks County who are enrolled in the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Paramedic Program. Recipients must have been an EMT or volunteered as an EMT for at least one year before entering the Paramedic Program. *Recipients: Nathan Klein, Ryan Miller*

Graduate Nurse Scholarship Fund

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

GRIP Dreamer Scholarship Fund

For Berks County residents ineligible for financial aid. Recipients: Maria Aguado Lira, Nayeli Cabello Soria, Iris Castellon, Schram Constant, Davilania Gil, Maria Guadalupe Gonzalez Lara, Yudy Hernandez, Andrea Palacios Bastidas, Adriana Perez-Flores, Ann-Kathleen Pierre Louis Seraphin, Elli Vachaviolou, Ibeth Villa-Tamay, Fatima Zavala

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: Darcie Jones, Karyn Noll*

Hispanic Center Scholarship Fund

For academically-talented Latinos in Berks County pursuing higher education. Recipients: Itzimba Caro, Yarielis Cruz, Milannys Rivera, Karla Santillan

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: Maxwell Valeriano*

Matthew Kelly Epitome of Courage Scholarship Fund

For a Berks County student with cystic fibrosis. *Recipient: Courtney Wilkes*

Byron F. "Corky" Knoll Memorial Scholarship

For Berks County students going to college to study professional turf grass management or professional golf management. *Recipient: Jared Waldman*

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: Ryan Naugle*

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: Samantha Leck*

Liz Martelli "Voices" Scholarship Fund

For Berks County High School seniors who participated in Berks Bards or the *Reading Eagle*'s *Voices* section. *Recipient: Emma Woerle*

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: Genevieve Strobel (Wilson), Brandom Hernandez (Olivet)*

Joseph and Peggy McMahon Transportation Engineering Scholarship Fund

For college students majoring civil engineering with a focus on transportation engineering. *Recipient: Bridget Moore*

Ralph H. and Florence Moyer Fund

For post-secondary study or vocational training to a Berks County youth who has demonstrated potential. *Recipients: Timothy Frey, Rachel Loose, Jesus Ventura-Then*

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: Chase Miller*

Owls Sports Club Scholarship Fund

For members of the West Lawn Owls Legion Baseball Team. 2018 recipient: Nicholas Sklenarik

Penny Jar Fund

Grants support non-tuition-related needs of college students who have an unexpected financial crisis. *Recipient: Chilez Miranda*

Greg Prosseda Memorial Scholarship Fund

For Berks County students who played on their high school golf team during their junior and senior years. *Recipient: Alyson Rentschler*

Reading-Berks Association of Realtors® Scholarship Fund

For Berks County seniors who will study business after high school. *Recipients: Dylan Servis, Grace Sturz, Marley Turbett*

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: Kyle Bohn, Antara Das, Lauren Faust, Olivia Ludovici, Emily Moody, Lily Ramos

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 fulltime students. *Recipient: Derek Dierolf*

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. 2018 recipients: Megan Burns, Cassidy Rivera

Sweet Street Desserts Scholarship Fund

For children of Sweet Street Desserts employees who are furthering their education. *Recipients: Kaeigh Betz, Karen Charleston, Christina Donofrio, Sean James*

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: Isabelle Amrich, Ian Graham, Mariah Nieves*

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: Elizabeth Luyben, Courtney Moyer*

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: Alexander Cobb*

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. *Recipient: Nathaniel Scheider*

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. *Recipients: Rebekah Petersheim, Cheyenne Strunk*

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: Luke Faro, Caleb Gibson

Jesse K. Cataldi Memorial Scholarship Fund

For Antietam graduates who were on an Antietam athletic team, led by example, and inspired others to better themselves. *Recipients: Elizabeth Aragon, Itzimba Caro*

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: Maggie Krall, Morgan Seidel*

Berks Catholic

Lombardo Memorial Fund

For seniors who are well-rounded and participated in extracurricular activities in school and in their community. *Recipients: Julia Davis, Drew Feightner*

Boyertown Area School District

Boyertown AMBUCS Scholarship Fund

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

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.

Recipients: Caleb Taylor, Kelsey Thayer

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: April Hurlock*

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. *Recipients: Natalie McGinniss, Ryan Steffe, Emma Whiteley*

William M. Hoffman Scholarship Fund

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

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: Trevor Bellino*

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: Rachel Ferrence*

Gene D. Schoch Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

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: Paige Horne*

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: Lydia Freeby*

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: Isabella Brosious, Nicole Davis, Kimberly Lam, Katiana Nelson, Cody Reeser

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: Samantha Oxenreider*

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: Kimberly Lam*

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: Caitlyn Karetas*

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. *Recipient: Nathan Sekela*

Exeter Township School District

Georgine Dorrian Kearney Memorial Scholarship Fund

For female students who will pursue careers in the medical field. *Recipient: Abigail Hassler*

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: Josiah Minotto*

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: Lucas Strange*

Nathan Prutzman Memorial Scholarship Fund

For well-rounded graduates who intend to continue their education after high school, with a preference for students who excel in drafting, and a secondary preference for students pursuing education in the culinary or hospitality fields. *Recipient: Lydia Santiago*

Jeffrey S. Remley Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

Governor Mifflin School District

Amos Lemon Burkhart Art Scholarship Fund

For seniors who display extraordinary artistic promise. *Recipient: Kylie Boltz*

James W. Churchill Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduating members of the wrestling team who will pursue a 4-year degree. *Recipient: John Arentz*

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: Ava Enriquez, Callum Wilson*

Fred W. and Pearl P. Griemes Scholarship Fund

For outstanding seniors furthering their education. Recipients: Mark Andrus, Benjamin Bisconti, Kayla DelVecchio, Lindsey Diggan, Hailey Epler, Julia Ferrero, Sophia Ferrero, Jessica Gehman, Emilie Gerhard, Nathan Harding, Courtney Hubric, Natalie Jones, Megan Kleinsmith, Logan Kramer, Wyatt Kriebel, Morgan MacMahon, Vincent Moore, Victoria Mosco, Emely Moya, Ryan Naugle, Jacob Novotny, Samantha Peterson, Hanna Teson, Mikayla Traini, Alexandra Weinstein, Nicole Weinstein, Kailyn Williams, Kristina Yerger

Russell L. Hiller Charitable Trust

For seniors pursuing higher education. Recipients: Jonathan Beyer, Morgan Fleischood, Alexandra Hagans, Vincent Moore, Kristina Yerger

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: Dylan Moser*

Hamburg Area School District

Martha Ann Boyer and Morris William Boyer Scholarship Fund

For graduates pursuing degrees in business or nursing. Recipients: Josette Keith, Alyssa Romoho

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. *Recipient: Allison Bashore*

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. *Recipient: Morgan Kunkel*

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: Grace Roth*

Diana M. Everson Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors with a parent who works at Zee Service Company, Berks County franchise, or for seniors at Muhlenberg Senior High School. *Recipient: Bhaavana Oruganty*

Lombardo Family Scholarship Fund

For seniors who participated in varsity sports, were committed to academics, and are pursuing a college degree. *Recipients: Benjamin Maull, Taylor Wilson*

Oley Valley School District

Marc Mario McKently Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors who have faced difficult challenges or hardships. *Recipient: Natalie Toth*

Reading School District

Jorge Luis Acevedo, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who enroll in a culinary arts program after high school. *No recipient*.

Amin Family Scholarship Fund

For seniors who demonstrate potential to exceed in college. Recipients: Schram Constant, Yarielis Cruz, Caresse Diaz, Kha Tu Dinh, Christina Donofrio, Jennifer Guzman, Nallelys Lopez-Familia, Loris Rodriguez, Jayah Roman, Ceydi Rosario, Melanie Sanchez-Gonzalez, Fatima Zavala

Bertolet M. Bossler Scholarship Fund

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

Edith Dohner Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will continue their education to become teachers. *Recipient: Elias Diaz-Reyes, Jr.*

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: Dijoleil Fernandez*

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: Wesley Butler*

Chris A. Luppold, CPA, Accounting Scholarship Fund

For graduates who will pursue an accounting career. *Recipient: Joshua Tejeda*

Elizabeth Martelli Scholarship Fund

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

Masano Family Scholarship Fund

For graduates who were active in student council or student government. *Recipient: Ivonne Mora*

Reading High School Scholarship Fund

For a senior who demonstrates potential to excel in college. *Recipient: Daniel Popovici*

Linda Schrufer - Whitey Miller Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will go to college to study engineering. *Recipient: Dominic Yeager*

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. *No recipient*.

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: Meghan Cook*

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:* Scott Horning

Samuel Brooklyn Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will study anthropology, archaeology, or history, or who have an interest in distance running. *Recipient: Meghan Cook*

Otis S. Rothenberger Memorial Scholarship Fund

For seniors who will major in education. *Recipient: Macy Zimmerman*

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. *Recipients: Nicollas Bernhart, Natalie Hamm, Allyson Rea, Colby Stichter, Macy Zimmerman*

Tulpehocken Area School District

Carol and David Batdorf Scholarship Fund

For the male and female who graduate with the highest class ranks. 2018 recipients: Coty Emerich, Rachel Loose

Kurr Foundation Scholarship Fund of Tulpehocken Area School District

For graduates from the Bethel Elementary School area who will continue their education. Recipients: Caitlin Henning, Tyler Hulse, Ashley Peiffer, Phillip Rodig, Trevor 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: Gabrielle Brown*

Twin Valley School District

Jan Millard Memorial Fund

For students who participated on a boys crosscountry team. *Recipients: Dylan Servis* 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: Emily Glass.*

Jordan Walk

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

For a senior with outstanding mathematical ability and overall character and attitude. *Recipient: Abigail Arbegast*

Wilson School District

Bill Brumbach Sportsmanship Award Fund

For graduates known for team spirit, fair play and enthusiasm. *Recipient: Margaret Foight*

Jere Gabrielle Award Fund

For graduates who are outstanding in art. *Recipient: Caitlin Heiser*

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: Genevieve Strobel (Wilson), Brandom Hernandez (Olivet)*

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: Sofia Curtis, Andrew Thomas*

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: Genevieve Strobel*

Marguerite E. Swartz Scholarship Fund

For graduates who are furthering their education. 2018 recipients: Steven Schaffer, Quinn Spraut, Sarah Woronko

Christopher Whitehead Memorial Fund For graduates who have overcome physical difficulties to lead a positive life. Recipient: Amber Emes

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. 2018 Recipients: Alyssa Bubel, Kyle Coldren, Kaylea DeLuca, Laura Herrera, Hope Martin

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: Daniel Sachetta*

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: Caleb Eberly, Amanda Tony*

Scholarships for students from outside Berks County:

Delaware/Montgomery counties

Stephen J. Faralli Scholarship Fund

For seniors in Delaware County or Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, who attend a public school, and who lost a parent. *Recipient: Adam Hornbaker*

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: Allison Shurock

Nucla, Colorado

Carrol A. and L. May Weimer Memorial Scholarship Fund

For graduating seniors from Nucla High School in Nucla, Colo. 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: William Gabriel*

Parkland School District (Lehigh County)

Annie B. Fritch Scholarship Fund

For female graduates who will major in elementary education in Pennsylvania. *Recipient: Mikayla McGarr*

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. *Recipients: Olivia Cory, Katilyn Hepler, Gehrig Hossler*

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. *No recipient chosen at time of publication.*



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 more than 780 community foundations in the United States and 1,838 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 about \$90 million and has distributed about \$55 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. In recent years, these initiatives have included revitalizing downtown, nurturing arts and culture, increasing educational attainment, encouraging community leadership and improving access to quality health care.

The Community Foundation's headquarters and community conference center was the first green office building in the Greater Reading area. It has the highest level of certification (platinum) that is awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council. The conference center provides free meeting space to nonprofits, which saves those organizations more than \$3,000 per month. From its headquarters, the Community Foundation also runs Jump Start Incubator, which cultivates new businesses and fosters their commercialization.

Generosity blooms and grows

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 should all try to be as charitable. 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.





BERKS VITAL SIGNS

BerksVitalSigns.com provides information about our community that can be used to improve the local quality of life and to better understand when things are going well.

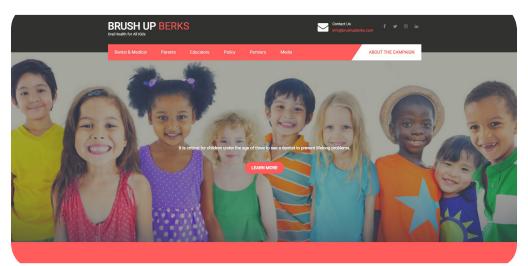


We invite you to explore the data sets, which include a variety of ways to compare areas within the county, with surrounding counties, and with the state and nation. This site also serves as a repository for community research, making important reports and documents available in one location.

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When kids in Berks County do not see a dentist until after they are 3 years old, they risk having more challenging health issues that can affect them for the rest of their lives.



With representation across many sectors – including medical and dental providers, educators, and nonprofit and community leaders – the Berks County Task Force for Oral Health is committed to increasing the number of parents and caregivers who understand the importance of their children's oral health. The Task Force is a community-driven effort convened by Berks County Community Foundation to turn the tide on the county's poor oral health.

BrushUpBerks.com



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Berks County Community Foundation thanks the families, businesses and individuals who made each of today's scholarships possible.

The scholarships and awards listed in this program represent an investment of more than \$630,000 in our community. That brings the total amount of scholarships awarded since Berks County Community Foundation's inception in 1994 to \$9,606,358.

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



We also thank **BB&T** for a donation in support of today's Scholarship Luncheon.



Over the course of the last 25 years, the generosity of our donors has allowed us to award more than \$55 million in grants and scholarships.

And we're just getting started.

As part of our 25th Anniversary Celebration, Berks County Community Foundation is taking a look at our impact on the past, present and future of a different aspect of our region in each quarter of the year.

Check it out at bccf.org.

Our Mission

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