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### **Altrusa Club of Ashland Scholarship**

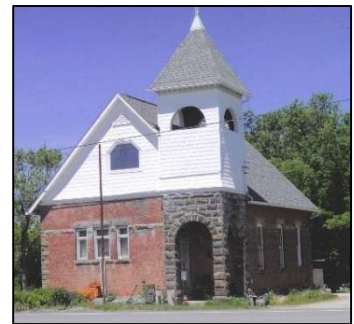


The Altrusa Scholarship was originally started in the late 1950s to benefit students entering the nursing profession at Samaritan Hospital. Over the years, the amount of the scholarship was increased and the criteria was broadened. This scholarship is now awarded annually through the Ashland County Community

Foundation.

### **Anderson Community Club Scholarship**

The Anderson Community Club was organized by the residents of the Old Anderson School District in the 1930's for fun, socialization, and community support. The Anderson School building was purchased by the Club and monthly meetings were held there until it was sold in the 1990's. This was a wonderful family-oriented organization and lifelong friendships came from it. Because the group wanted to encourage future generations, it was decided to establish a scholarship in the Club's name.



### **Sharon E. Anderson Culinary Arts Memorial Scholarship**

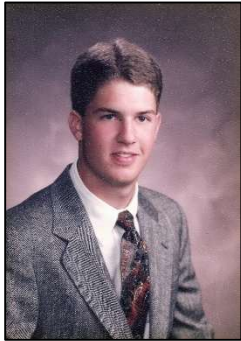


Mark Anderson established this scholarship to honor his late wife of 24 years. The Sharon E. Anderson Culinary Arts Memorial Scholarship Fund is to benefit a student from an Ashland County high school (preferably Mapleton, Sharon's Alma Mater) each year to help with attending a culinary arts school.

Sharon was an avid cook her entire life and won a cooking award and kitchen design award in high school. She developed Crohn's disease at the age of 19 which kept her from pursuing a career in the culinary arts. Over the next 40 years she wowed a lot of people with her cooking. She helped many family and friends by cooking, setting up, serving, and cleaning up many weddings, graduations, and anniversary celebrations. Every year at Christmas she provided a varied and generous cookie and candy tray to many people. Everyone raved about her cookies and candies and looked forward to Christmas time every year.

In 2015 Sharon developed rectal cancer. Over the next 3 years Sharon had radiation, a 7-hour 14-minute surgery, and 3 sessions of chemotherapy all to no avail. Sharon passed away at 60 years old on November 26, 2018 at her home of 24 years surrounded by family. This scholarship will keep alive Sharon's love and dedication to helping others through cooking.

## James Andrews Jr. Memorial Scholarship



This Scholarship was established by the family of Jimmy Andrews, who was a 1993 graduate of Hillsdale High School. An avid golfer, Jimmy was a member of the Hillsdale High School golf team during all four years of high school. He earned four varsity letters in golf and holds three school records for low medalist honors: 9 holes, 18 holes, and average for the season.

## Warren Applegate Scholarship

Warren Hugh Applegate was born in Ashland, Ohio in 1950. He was a United States Marine Veteran and a computer programmer at the University of Southern California. After living in California for a number of years, he moved back to the village of Savannah in Ashland County in 2014 to help care for his mother. He continued to live in Savannah until his death in 2020 at the age of 69. Mr. Applegate created this scholarship through his estate plan in order to support Ashland County students in their pursuit of higher education.

## Ashland City Teachers Association Scholarship

The Ashland City Teachers Association, recognizing the value of life-long learning and post-secondary education, established this scholarship to encourage students to pursue the field of education. This scholarship promotes the values of both past and present A.C.T.A. members, who realize that one important component of a student's education is a quality teacher. A.C.T.A. understands that even as the field of education changes and adapts to an ever-increasing technological and multi-media world, the one constant in top-performing schools is the classroom teacher. This scholarship is one way that A.C.T.A. would like to encourage new high school graduates to join the profession.



### Ashland County 4-H Committee Scholarship



Reverse raffle winners Dean and Marge McBurney established this 4-H Scholarship Fund by placing the proceeds with the Ashland County Community Foundation for perpetuity. It is a goal of the 4-H program and the McBurneys to help students achieve their dreams through higher education.

### Ashland County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Ashland County Farm Bureau was started in 1918 in an effort to seek solutions to problems that affect the social and economic well-being of farmers. Since its formation, Ashland County Farm Bureau's focus has remained on grassroots input from local members on issues relating to agriculture. One long-standing priority of the Ashland County Farm Bureau is to support youth with interest and involvement in agriculture by offering scholarships. The Ashland County Farm Bureau appreciates the opportunity to partner with the Ashland County Community Foundation in disseminating these scholarships.



### Ashland County North Central State College Scholarship

Originally established by Tim and Sandi Rowsey, this scholarship represents many friends of North Central State College who wish to help students further their education at that institution. It is our hope that this scholarship will help an individual who is pursuing education, but needs some additional scholarship help.

### Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center Students "NEXT STEP" Scholarship

"In my years working as a staff member of the Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center I repeatedly observed students rise from being average, indecisive and sometimes unmotivated to excelling in skills and talents they didn't realize they possessed," the anonymous donor who created this scholarship wrote upon creation of the fund. "Many times, their vocational teacher was their mentor, their hero, the wind beneath their wings. Yet the choice to step up and excel was in their hearts and hands. My intention is to help the recipients of the scholarship to build on these skills and talents for a successful and rewarding career."

## Ashland High School Class of 1952 Scholarship

The Senior Class of 1952 chose as its motto, "With Knowledge and Understanding, the Future is Ours." At the class's 60th Class Reunion, class members decided to establish a scholarship fund as a token of thanksgiving for the many years of learning that laid the foundation for each individual's place in the world. It was their hope that future recipients of this scholarship would also grow in knowledge and understanding, where life leads them.

## Ashland High School Class of 1957 Scholarship



The Class of '57 created this scholarship to honor the class's values of passion, enthusiasm and commitment.

## AHS Class of 1962 Scholarship

The class of 1962 was blessed to be filled with people who maintained lifelong friendships. Some of the bonds of friendship began in first grade classes at Pleasant Street, Arthur Street, Grant Street, Montgomery, Osborn, Taft, Edison, and Lincoln Street Schools, while others were formed later at Ashland High School. In celebration of friendships made in the Ashland City Schools, the class voted at their 40th class reunion to fund a perpetual scholarship for an AHS student. Class members hoped that long after the last member of the class of 1962 passed on, there would be a piece of the class spirit remaining and encouraging young students to move toward their life goals. George Bernard Shaw's quote says it all: "Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I've got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before passing it on to future generations."

## AHS Female Athlete of the Year Scholarship, in honor of Darla Plice

This scholarship was created in honor of Darla Plice and is to assist Ashland High School's Female Athlete of the Year with her college educational expenses.

## Ashland Noon Lions Club Scholarship



The Ashland Noon Lions Club, established in 1920, has as one of its objectives “to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community”. It is in that spirit that the Club wishes to support educational opportunities for the youth of Ashland County with the establishment of a permanent scholarship endowment fund. Special consideration is given to applicants who have a parent or grandparent who is a member of a Lions Club, or a student who is a Leo Club member.

## Edwin and Ina Ayers Scholarship

The Edwin and Ina Ayers Scholarship Fund was established to honor Edwin and Ina’s hard work and perseverance and the long history of care giving by Coe/Ayers family members.

Sarah Letitia Coe Ayers, Edwin’s mother, traveled from the Perrysville area in the early 1900’s to Cincinnati to attend a nursing program. Due to an epidemic in the Cincinnati area, she came home before completing the program and never returned. Her sisters Winifred, Grace and Louise lived in Perrysville, with Winifred providing home care for families during the early part of the 20th century. Ina Ayers, while not a paid caregiver, provided for the care of Grace and Sarah Letitia in their older years and also cared for Edwin at home for 2 years after he suffered a stroke, an undertaking that required tremendous effort and patience on her part.

More recently, the family has included a number of Registered Nurses, those being Salome Ayers Truax, Dorothy Ayers Stitzlein, Nancy Ayers Heasley, Janet Scott Ayers, Jackie Truax, Kathryn O’Connell Truax, and Carly Ayers. Amazingly, as Registered Nurses, these family members have provided nearly 200 years of nursing service!

This scholarship will assist students in baccalaureate nursing programs throughout the entire U.S. and will honor the memory of Edwin and Ina Ayers as well as the service of all the nurses and care givers in the Coe/Ayers family while supporting the education of future nurses.

### **Sue E. Banks Scholarship**



Building on the idea and gifts from school and college friends, Martha Banks chose to honor her daughter Sue's untiring devotion to her students and the schools she served by establishing this scholarship in her name. Sue graduated from Loudonville High School in 1968. After receiving a B.A. in Education from Capital University, she began teaching Health and Phys. Ed at West Holmes Junior High School in Millersburg. Obtaining a masters degree in education at Xavier University, she became a guidance counselor at Galion Middle School for nine years and Galion High School for seven years. Sue retired in 2003 after serving students in the Loudonville-Perrysville School District as guidance counselor for ten years.

### **Drew Bates Family Scholarship**

The Drew Bates Family Scholarship was created by friends and family of Drew Bates, in his memory, to assist graduating seniors from Mapleton High School planning to further their education.



### **Black-Etzwiler Scholarship**

Vivian (Black) Etzwiler and Ron Etzwiler graduated from Perrysville High School. Vivian was the daughter of Lewis and Gladys Black. Vivian graduated from Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing and made a career in the Health Services Field, mainly in Occupational Health nursing. Ron was the son of Ray and Juanita Etzwiler. Ron graduated from Ohio State Barber College and also graduated from a 5-year apprenticeship as a Pattern Maker, working 34 years at General Motors. The Etzwilers wanted this scholarship to help others to make for themselves a life as rewarding as their lives had been.



### Russell William Blakely Scholarship



Russell W. Blakely was a graduate of Loudonville High School in 1943. Later that year, he enlisted in the Air Force as an aviation cadet. During his training, he became interested in medicine and read many medical books. His dream of becoming a doctor ended when he died in an Air Force plane crash in 1945. It is the hope of the family that this scholarship will enable other young persons to achieve their goals in the medical field.

### Bruce and Shirley Bookmyer Scholarship

Bruce and Shirley Bookmyer grew up in Apple Creek, Ohio where they both worked in the family restaurant after Bruce's father passed away at an early age. With humble beginnings, both were instilled with a strong work ethic and a giving spirit for those who struggle through challenging times. Remaining near family was an important value, so after they were married they moved to Ashland where Bruce became an accountant with Hess & Clark and Shirley worked in the school cafeteria at Edison Elementary while continuing to help in the family restaurant on weekends. Family, friends and their faith in God have all shaped their lives. They often were found dropping what they were doing to help someone in need. This scholarship is intended to bless someone who exhibits a strong work ethic but may be going through difficult circumstances in life. As often heard from Shirley...In God We Trust!



### Wayne E. and Elizabeth Ann Brechbuhler Scholarship



Wayne and Elizabeth (nee Norris) were lifelong residents of North Industry, Ohio except for several years during WWII when Wayne was stationed elsewhere. Wayne graduated from Canton Township High School in 1936. Elizabeth graduated from the same high school in 1938 after attending the one room Greenridge schoolhouse in Howenstine. Wayne was a principal in the F.E. Brechbuhler and Sons Scale Co. (now Brechbuhler Sales, Inc.) and retired in 1982 after 50 years. Wayne was quiet and loving; he possessed an intuitive knowledge of things mechanical and electrical and could repair or build almost anything. Elizabeth was a dedicated homemaker, a wonderful piano player and a lifelong protector of the English language. They valued their church, their family, their friends and community, and were avid participants in these as well as dedicated to each. They were active in scouting and local clubs. Education and learning—both didactic and practical—were

central in their lives and the lives they envisioned for their children. Wayne ended his formal education after the 12th grade, but Elizabeth went to college after their two older sons were educated (and prior to the college education of their youngest child) and graduated with a degree in English from Malone College in 1974. This scholarship is envisioned to help Canton South students further their education with the scholarship endowed for perpetuity.

### Jessika Brown Memorial Scholarship



Determined. Inspiring. Beautiful. Strong. These are just a few of the words her teammates used to describe Jessika Brown, whose life ended after a courageous battle against pneumonia at the young age of 15 years.

The words only begin to illustrate the inspiration that Jessika was to everyone who knew her or heard her story. A sophomore at Ashland High School, Jessika was the starting libero for the varsity volleyball team – a spunky, energetic player who set high goals and worked her absolute hardest to reach those goals. She was known for her competitive spirit and all-out effort on the court. Jessika was equally determined in the classroom. She took pride in achieving academic excellence and had a passion for helping others achieve their goals as well. She had a kind and caring soul, beautiful on the inside and out. This scholarship is intended for a female student who has the same passion and zest for life but also who isn't afraid to face any obstacle that comes her way with determination and the will to overcome it.

### Allison K. Bucher Memorial Scholarship



There is a quote that goes "Life is like a camera, focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don't work out, take another shot." This was one of Allison K. Bucher's favorite quotes and, in many ways, it is a quote that perfectly describes her and the life she lived.

Allison was born December 1, 2000 and died on April 23, 2018 at the age of 17. While her time here on Earth was far too short, she made sure to make the most of it and live a full life. Allison was many things in her life. She was a daughter, a sister, a cousin, a best friend, and much more, but no matter what role she played, she always dedicated herself 100%. She was the kind of person that when they entered your life, you knew it because, all of a sudden, there was so much more added to your own existence. Allison was kind and compassionate in a world that is full of malice. She was all accepting in a world that is all too quick to pass judgement and exclude. She loved every person



she met unconditionally, even when this world tried to tell her that there should be conditions. It did not matter to her who or what someone was, they existed in this world and she loved them for them. Allison, like the quote says, focused on what was important. What was important to her was that every person is facing a battle we know nothing about, and so we should meet them where they are and love them simply because they are another struggling human that is deserving of love. Another thing that was important to her was living each day to the fullest, which leads to the next part of the quote, capturing the good times.

Allison quite literally captured the good times during her life since she was a photographer. She received her first camera when she was 8 and amassed an enormous collection of pictures as she pursued her dream of being a photographer for National Geographic. These photos showcase everything that Allison found beautiful in the world and in her life. She has pictures that range from brightly colored flowers to breath-taking landscapes and everything in-between. Her favorite photos, however, were those of the people she loved the most. There are hundreds of photos of Allison's family and friends and in every photo are smiling faces. Allison captured the good times, the moments so full of joy that years later the sound of laughter still rings out from the pictures of them. By looking at these pictures one can see how she lived each day to the fullest, never letting a moment slip by that she could use to bring beauty and happiness into someone's life. Just like everyone else though, not every day of Allison's life was a good day, but she always found something good in every day.

Allison was a person that never let any negative thing keep her down for long. She always strived to develop from the negatives, use what went wrong as a learning experience so she could grow. If Allison fell down seven times she would always stand up eight, and if it was a friend that fell then she would always help them back up. If something did not work out the way that she planned, she would then take another shot. This is how her life follows the last half of the quote. Everyone has bad days, but how we deal with those bad days determines who we become. We will never know the person Allison would become in the future because her life was cut short, but we can always remember the person that she was.

Allison was a photographer and her life the camera. She focused on what was important, captured the good times, always developed from the negatives, and took another shot when something didn't work out.

### William & Martha Buckingham Scholarship



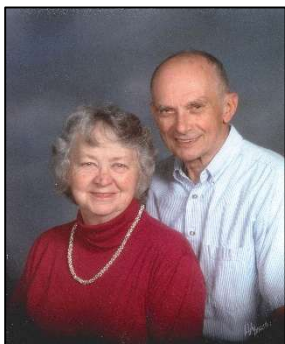
Martha and Bill were relocated numerous times during Bill's career with The Mead Corporation and Warner and Swasey. They found their permanent home in Ashland in 1978 and purchased Lake Erie Frozen Foods in 1986. Over the years, they adopted Ashland as their new "hometown" and participated in organizations that have had a positive impact on Ashland and Ashland County. Bill and Martha chose to "give back" to their community through a scholarship fund to benefit Ashland County students to help them reach their full potential.

### Renee Burnison Memorial Scholarship

Renee Burnison was diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2013. A year later, Renee learned that the cancer had metastasized in her lungs and bones. Never giving up hope, Renee continued to LIVE her life as she wanted. Renee's journey allowed her to impact lives with her strength, determination, courage and faith. Renee had a passion for life and teaching science. Her love for her family, friends, colleagues, and her students was evident in her daily interaction with all. She pushed through many rough days to live her life and do what she loved. Renee ("Mrs. Burnison") taught Chemistry and Physics at Hillsdale High School for 9 years. Renee loved to spend time and go on vacations with her family, support her daughters in all their activities, and worship God as a member of the praise band Simply Worship at Shreve United Methodist Church. Her faith in God was evident in all she did. Renee's legacy will live on through those she touched by her life. Renee fought a courageous battle that ended on January 21, 2017. Her family, friends, and colleagues are honored to memorialize Renee with this scholarship and continue her legacy of sharing God's love with others.



### David and Carol Burns Scholarship



David and Carol Burns were graduates of Ashland High School in 1948. David was active in sports achieving state honorable mention awards in basketball and football. He worked at F.E. Myers and Brothers Company for 44 years – walking to work every day. He was known for his frugality and was a self taught investor. At the time of his death in 2011, he had investments set aside to fund the college education of his six grandchildren. Carol was raised on a farm near Ashland and was active in 4-H. In school she participated in the band and orchestra, and

was secretary of her senior class. She worked as an aide in special education at Taft and Edison Schools, also walking to work every day. Dave and Carol raised five children who are also AHS graduates. They remained connected to the Ashland Schools attending basketball, football, track, swimming, tennis, and music events. Dave served for over 25 years running the chains at AHS football games. Both were active in PTA organizations, Carol serving as president of the Pleasant Street School PTA, and also several years as a room mother. Although neither attended college, they realized the importance of higher education. They instilled this value in their children – all are college graduates; four with advanced degrees. This scholarship is intended to assist an eligible student to further his/her education.

### **Gene and Marilyn Byers Scholarship for Citizenship and Patriotism**

People throughout the community and across the state have contributed to this merit scholarship fund, which was established in 1997 in memory of Dr. L. Eugene Byers, graduate of Loudonville High School, state representative, local veterinarian, and farmer. The scholarship committee will evaluate the applicants' commitment to patriotism and citizenship, as well as their essays, high school credentials, and activities.



### **Murmur Calhoun Scholarship**



Murmur L. Calhoun was born in Ashland and was a life-long resident of Ashland County. She attended the Savannah School and graduated from Union High School (now Crestview Schools) in 1964. Her lifetime ambition was to be the best teacher she could be and she truly was a consummate teacher. Students and parents both loved and appreciated her way with young pupils. She loved the kids and did everything she could to instill a love of learning in each of her charges. She believed love and kindness could destroy any obstacle to learning. She proved herself right time after

time.

She would help anyone and everyone that she could. She often tutored for free if the student's family couldn't afford to pay. She donated items to the food bank regularly. She often donated money to folks who were injured and unable to work. She served the underserved in many ways, including providing school supplies. She had a special fondness for the Latino immigrants who worked at local farms, tutoring them in English and helping them find their way in our society. She was a Master at crochet and knitting and blessed many people with gifts of items that shared her warm, soft heart.

She received her Cadet Teaching license in 1966, during a teacher shortage, after only two years of schooling in Elementary Education at Ohio State University, Mansfield. Every summer she returned to college to work on completion of her Bachelor's degree. She taught Second Grade at Savannah School for two years, then graduated from OSU in August of 1970, and went on to teach kindergarten first at Perrysville and then at Loudonville. She received her Masters of Education degree from Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mount Vernon, Ohio. She was a teacher for over 45 years. Following her retirement in 2002, she enjoyed many years researching her family tree, exploring the lives of her ancestors and learning more about distant relatives.

### **Robert W. and Martha D. Casciani Scholarship**



Robert William Casciani and Martha Davies Casciani were both graduates of Ashland High School. Bob furthered his education, graduating from The Ohio State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1943. He then went to work for Linde Air Products in Buffalo, NY, assigned to the Manhattan Project (atomic bomb). He came back to Ashland to work for the F. E. Myers & Bros. Company from which he retired in 1979 as V. P. of Manufacturing and

Engineering. Bob was also active in the Myers sports program—managing the softball team, playing golf, and being the statistician for the Myers Pumps basketball team.

When they were married on November 16, 1945, Martie was working at the Mansfield Tire & Rubber Co. as a secretary. Being avid boaters, they spent 35 years boating on the Great Lakes. They were active members of the Mansfield Power Squadron where Bob was a Past Commander. He obtained the rank of Navigator and taught boating courses.

Martie joined the First Presbyterian Church in 1934 and was an active member. She also was a 50-year member of Sarah Copus Chapter – Daughters of the American Revolution.

Bob was very civic minded and committed to the community. He served on the Boards of Dale Roy School, Ashland Public Library, and Samaritan Hospital from 1981 to 1988, serving as chairman from 1985 to 1988. Martie was a Red Cross Volunteer serving as a Gray Lady at the hospital and also at the Blood Bank.

Bob died on November 15, 2003, just one day before their 58th Anniversary. Martha died in 2018 at the age of 96.

### Mary M. Case Memorial Scholarship



Mary M. Case lived in the Mansfield and Ashland areas all her life. She graduated from Mansfield High School in 1933 and worked as medical secretary for Mansfield General Hospital and for two physicians. Her medical secretary positions were enjoyable and the closest realization to her early dream of becoming a nurse. (Because of the depression years, Ms. Case had to focus on commercial subjects in order to prepare for a job.) A member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Ruth Chapter of Eastern Star, Mary was an avid bridge player and thrived on the possibilities that life offered. Wishing to help students achieve their educational and career dreams, she created a scholarship fund for Ashland University students through her estate in February 2005. Ms. Case's foresight and love of the Ashland County community is greatly appreciated.

### Dr. Carol J. Chrisman Nursing Scholarship

Carol Chrisman grew up in Ashland County and had a great love for her community. She was very proud of her profession of nursing and ultimately became the Dean of the School of Nursing at Ashland University. She was particularly interested in public/community health nursing, but also wanted to encourage Ashland County nurses and students to continue their education toward a baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree. This scholarship may be applied to Ashland University only. Dr. Chrisman died in 1998.



### Ralph & Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship



The Ralph and Donna Conwell Memorial Scholarship was begun in 1989 by Ralph Conwell, in memory of his wife Donna, to benefit Mapleton students pursuing higher education. Donna Conwell was a Teacher's Aide at Polk and Nankin Elementary Schools and Ralph Conwell had served as a school board member at Polk Local Schools and was a bus driver for the Mapleton District. The Conwells had six children graduate from Polk and Mapleton High Schools and were active in many school, church, and community functions.

### Jack R. Cooper Memorial Scholarship



The Jack Cooper Memorial Scholarship was started in 2007 by his family and friends as a way to reward a graduating senior in Ashland County, Ohio who loved to play the game of golf as much as he. Raised in Ashland County, Jack worked with his family business, Cooper Brothers, Inc. all his life, eventually owning and operating the general contracting firm. He was well respected in the business community, known for his honesty and integrity. An avid golfer, Jack began playing in the 1960's and made many life-long friends. He was the type of person who "never met a stranger" and was a friend to everyone he met.

### Jeane Countryman Memorial Scholarship

Jeane Countryman believed that teaching was a noble profession. To be a good teacher is to instruct, inspire, encourage, and help find direction in one's life. Intelligent curiosity is the greatest gift a teacher can give to a student. It is a quality which will last a lifetime and be a foundation for living.



### Ronald Crall Family Scholarship



ALWAYS an active, healthy, nonstop farmer guy, Ron, along with his wife Kolleen, was blessed to have another child later in life. He thoroughly enjoyed their daughter, Grace. Ron started having symptoms in 2009 when Grace was 6, and had been disabled in a wheelchair from April 2010 until his death. Although Grace doesn't remember when her dad could chase her and carry her on his shoulders, she enjoyed spending lots of time on his lap watching way too much TV, stealing his wheelchair and making her dad happy.

Life with a terminal illness takes a toll on a family – emotionally, physically and financially. The Crall family experienced all of this over the years, some aspects more than others. Being a hardworking family for generations, they were wise and frugal with all of God's blessings. Upon Ron's passing, Kolleen and Grace were positioned to be financially stable enough for Grace to be able to attend college without the added stress of financial worries. The Cralls desired to share this same gift of a college education, perhaps with a student in a similar situation to Grace that might not be as fortunate, thus extending the Crall legacy.



### James and Kristi Cutright Family Scholarship



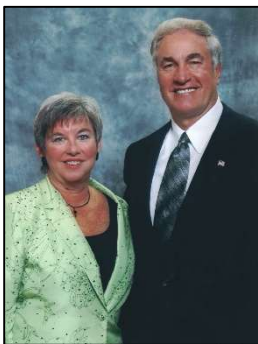
Jim Cutright, better known to his many friends as “Cutty”, and his wife, Kristi, have resided in Ashland since 1986. Jim retired from a 36-year career as a construction industry professional to accept the position of Executive Director of the Ashland County Community Foundation, effective July 1, 2012, after having served on ACCF’s board of trustees for five years. Jim and Kristi have been extremely active in the community they call home and have proudly provided financial support to a number of worthy charitable causes in Ashland County. However, it was due to their children, Bradley and Brittany, both having outstanding experiences as Ashland High School golfers and both graduating from Ohio University, that Jim and Kristi elected to create a family scholarship fund that would be tailored to other students with similar interests and goals.

### Robert and Ruth Daniels Memorial Scholarship

Robert and Ruth Daniels were longtime Ashland County residents owning a small farm on Pine Run south of Loudonville. Bob began his education career teaching science at Jeromesville High School in 1947 after returning from World War II. He later became superintendent of the Perrysville Local Schools (1953-1959) before moving back to Jeromesville where he was superintendent and principal until the consolidation of the Hillsdale district. After a seven-year stint as principal in the Madison Local Schools in Mansfield, he returned to Ashland County as the principal of the C.E. Budd Middle School in Loudonville in 1969. Ruth was proud to be a homemaker and mother, and served many stints as a Sunday School teacher and Girl Scout leader. This scholarship remembers the thousands of young people’s lives who were touched by Bob and Ruth during their time in Ashland County.



### Dauch-Rule Scholarship



Richard E. and Sandra J. Dauch, both Ashland High School graduates, created this scholarship to assist AHS athletes pursuing higher education. High school sweethearts, Dick and Sandy married in 1960. Dick was a veteran of the automotive industry and founder, chairman of the board and CEO of American Axle and Manufacturing—one of the top 25 automotive suppliers in the world. Sandy has served as manager of the family while spending countless hours volunteering in the schools and communities. She is an avid sportswoman, both as spectator and

participant. Dick's athletic ability gained him much attention in high school, a full-ride football scholarship at Purdue University, and an offer to play in the NFL. The Dauchs wanted to make a difference in the community they will always consider "their hometown." Richard passed away in 2013. Sandy currently resides in Michigan.

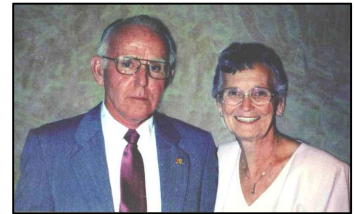
### **Byron E. and Virginia Rapp Dilgard Scholarship**

Byron "Barney" and Virginia "Ginny" were married on April 5, 1953. Lifelong Ashland residents, they had three daughters and sons-in-law as well as a daughter they lost in infancy. They had five grandchildren. Barney served his country in the Korean Conflict and was a self-employed auctioneer/realtor for many years. Ginny was an educator, worked hard raising their children and worked with her husband in the family business. Members of Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church, they lived to serve God and their country and to help other people. This scholarship is intended to assist graduates from Ashland High School desiring to become educators.

### **Debra E. "Pebbles" Dilgard Memorial Scholarship**



Debra E. (Pebbles) Dilgard was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in September 2002. She was determined to fight it. She came up with the idea to design and make "cancer bracelets" and send the profits to cancer research. She had sold and shipped the bracelets all over the United States. In doing so she touched many lives.



By reaching out to many people, Debbie gave them hope and would tell them, "don't give up." She knew what they were going through and just wanted to help them cope with the disease. Debbie, along with family, had made more than 3,000 bracelets the first three years. After two surgeries and many chemo treatments, Debbie passed away in October of 2009, as God had other plans for her. Debbie's legacy will never be forgotten because of all the lives she touched and cared about, along with being active in Relay for Life. Debbie's family continues to carry on her mission of making and selling the "cancer bracelets", as she would want people to continue to fight cancer and find a cure. Cancer research was very important to Debbie along with the medical fields associated with it. She knew the way to make each day seem more worthwhile and would do the nicest things for people while always wearing a smile. She made this world a better place by practicing the art of reaching out to others and by giving....from the heart.

### Newton E. & Hester G. Dilgard Memorial Scholarship

Born May 6, 1904, the importance of getting an education was, no doubt, instilled in Newt at an early age. He left high school in the tenth grade to work, so he could help support his widowed mother. He was a self-made man. Rising above his limited high school education, he became a successful business leader, establishing his own insurance, real estate and auctioneer business.



Serving on the Ashland County School Board, he was instrumental in helping form the consolidation of the Hayesville and Jeromesville school systems that became the Hillsdale School District, revealing his belief that an expanded education was a necessity in a changing society, including a very high regard for vocational training. His extended family continues to benefit from his example of perseverance, integrity, hard work and desire for learning.

It is in memory of these parents and the legacy they left that this scholarship is established, promoting the value of education and the pursuit for “excellence” in one’s chosen occupation.

### Robert and Anna Donelson Scholarship



In memory of Robert (“Jake”) and Anna Donelson’s lifelong dedication to community, children and education, their family, former students and friends chose to honor them with a scholarship fund. Robert and Anna, 1948 graduates of Johnsville High School, married in 1950. Following Robert’s enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1954, he attended Ashland University earning his B.A. in Education in 1958. After a short teaching stint in Florida, the Donelsons returned to Ohio when Robert was hired to work for the Loudonville-Perrysville schools where over the years he served in every position from teacher to superintendent. Anna and Robert raised five children in Loudonville. In 1966 Robert took his first administrative position at the Perrysville Elementary School. In 1969 he earned his Masters of Educational Administration for the University of Akron. Following retirement in 1986, Robert returned to education at Clearfork High School, and he continued to tutor students the rest of his life. Both Robert and Anna were very involved in children’s programs as members of the Loudonville and Perrysville Presbyterian churches. Throughout their lives, the Donelsons touched the lives of many children and valued the importance of education, and this scholarship is intended to continue their legacy of caring community involvement.

### David III & Marlene F. Downie Scholarship

Marlene Downie, better known to some as "Pooney," was born and raised in Ashland. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1950 and was active in G.A.C., girls Army-Navy basketball game, and Guide staff. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Plank. She married David Downie III and had three children, David IV, Diana, and Debra. In addition to raising her family, Pooney worked at her family's restaurant, the Lyn-Way. She was active in the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, and Dale-Roy School. Fulfilling her great love of nature, she worked with the Ashland City School Outdoor Education Program for 22 years. She moved to South Carolina in 1987, but always considered Ashland her home. Pooney passed away on February 28, 1998.

David Downie III tutored learning-disabled students as a volunteer and was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for the school system in which he volunteered. He worked with his wife, Marlene, throughout her life in raising their family, and always participated actively in the support of youth from being a PTA president, baseball coach, Cub Scout leader, and an Outdoor Education Program instructor with the Ashland City School District. It was in remembrance of Marlene F. Downie and David Downie III's devotion and love of children that this scholarship was established.

### Katherine and Deanna Draper Scholarship

Katherine and Deanna Draper both retired from the Hillsdale Local School District after a combined 70 years of service. They each taught at various grade levels but mostly in first grade for Katherine and second grade for Deanna. They were pleasant, compassionate and caring educators who took their students from where they were academically and taught them as much as they could. They each were recognized as Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Hillsdale. Deanna was also a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar.



Katherine was born on a farm in Richland County (1915) and began teaching in a one-room school in Morrow County. She gave her pay to her parents to help raise her six younger brothers and sisters. She also taught in Sullivan where she met her husband. They eloped and kept their marriage a secret for a while because at that time female teachers were not to be married. Later they moved south of Ashland and Katherine spent the majority of her teaching career as a first-grade teacher in Jeromesville. She attended Ashland College and received her degree the same year as her daughter-in-law, Linda. She taught in the head-start program during her summers. She volunteered as a teacher at her church. She also taught English and Reading to an adult

student from Korea. Other members of her family who went into teaching were a daughter, a son-in-law, two daughters-in-law, three granddaughters and a grandson.

Deanna was born on a farm in Wayne County. She was one of the first among her cousins to attend college. She began her career in the Dover City School District. After her marriage she began teaching in Jeromesville and later in Hayesville after Hillsdale reconfigured the elementary and middle school buildings in these villages. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Steubenville and her master's degree from Ashland University. Deanna also volunteered as a PSR teacher at her church and was active with the Ashland County 4-H program.

Both women knew the value of hard work and recognized the importance of young students having a strong work ethic while having fun and enjoying school. This scholarship will be awarded to a student from Hillsdale who majors in elementary education.

#### **William R. and Constance M. Dravenstott Family Scholarship**



Each of Bill and Connie Dravenstott's four sons, Robert, Richard, John and Ronald, were valedictorians at Ashland High School, where they were also active in varsity sports, music and other activities on their paths to college, careers and families to come. In appreciation of their parents' single-minded dedication to family, academics and community – and in recognition of the significance the community of Ashland and Ashland High School have had on their lives – the Dravenstott brothers have endowed this scholarship to help the next generation of Ashlanders pursue their goals of higher education. The recipient of this scholarship will have demonstrated outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievement and community involvement.

#### **George W. Ebert Memorial Scholarship**



This scholarship was established by George W. Ebert, a graduate of Loudonville High School, Class of 1936, to provide the opportunity for deserving students of the Loudonville-Perrysville School system to acquire a college education who otherwise might not be able to attend college because of financial reasons. Mr. Ebert was a factory laborer and farm owner who accumulated funds to establish this scholarship by living very conservatively.



### **Judith Halama Ebert Scholarship**

Judith Halama (Judy) Ebert established this scholarship as a result of her lifelong fondness for education, coupled with a strong desire to make an impact on Ashland County students who are pursuing Education, with a preference for Special Education, as a career path.

Judy was an Elementary Education major at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, having graduated in 1955. Her daughter, Joann, also attended Miami, receiving her undergraduate degree in Psychology. She then received her Master's Degree in Special Education from the University of Cincinnati and taught in that locale. A granddaughter with special needs was also a significant influence on Judy's decision to create this scholarship fund.

It was Mrs. Ebert's hope that this scholarship will reward a deserving student, with financial need, who has exhibited leadership skills, served the larger community and been engaged in school activities outside the standard curriculum.

### **Eggerton, McBride, & Oswalt Memorial Scholarship**

The Eggerton, McBride, & Oswalt Memorial Scholarship was established by friends, family members, and businesses in 1997 in the names of three Hillsdale High School students who were tragically killed in an automobile accident on August 19, 1997. Grant Eggerton, Luke McBride, and Trent Oswalt were life-long friends who were involved in athletics as well as 4-H and FFA activities.

### **Charlene Elliston Memorial Scholarship**



Charlene Elliston was born in Ashland in 1915, graduating in 1931 from Eastland High School in Texas as salutatorian and from Ashland College as valedictorian in 1935. A dedicated teacher, she taught fifth and sixth grades for 36 years in Ashland County schools in Nankin, Sullivan, Loudonville, Jeromesville, and Hayesville, retiring from Hillsdale Local Schools in 1975. After retiring, she was a substitute teacher in Ashland County for 11 years and traveled to such places as Hawaii, Spain, England, South Africa, Puerto Rico, and New Zealand with her husband.

A member of First Christian Church and Rachel Circle, Charlene was a former member of Halcyon Club, National Education Association, State Teachers Association and Ashland County Teachers Association. As a tribute to Charlene, this scholarship was established by her husband Robert Elliston in 2007.



### Jim & Marilyn Emmons Scholarship

Faith, family, and community were three of the highest priorities exemplified through the lives of Jim and Marilyn Emmons. A part of the Ashland community their entire lives, Jim served on numerous committees, councils, and boards from Planning Commission to the Ashland City School Board. Yet their favorite involvement was with the kids of Ashland through athletics. Both being established athletes themselves, it became a focus in their lives—especially Ashland basketball. Seats H25 and H26 in Arrow Arena were theirs for over 35 years. They believed athletics not only teach skills, but more importantly, life lessons of teamwork, dedication, and hard work. It was in honor of Jim and Marilyn and their devotion to Ashland youth and athletics that this scholarship was established to help further the education of Ashland athletes.



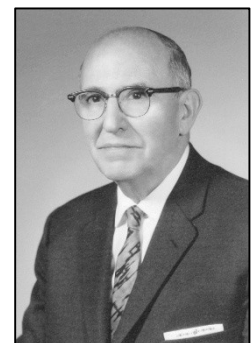
### Richard & Nancy Esbenshade Scholarship



Richard D. Esbenshade graduated from Ashland High School in 1946 and attended Stanford University with the aid of a scholarship provided by the Pepsi Cola Company. After graduation he spent two years in the United States Army during the Korean War. He then attended Harvard Law School on the GI Bill, receiving an LLB magna cum laude in 1956. Nancy Esbenshade attended high school in Lima, Ohio and graduated from Northwestern University. She obtained a master's degree in psychiatric social work at Simmons School of Social Work in Boston. They were married in 1958 and moved to Los Angeles, where he practiced law for more than 50 years, primarily as a founding partner of Munger, Tolles & Olson. They have two sons, three daughters and eleven grandchildren.

### James E. Fredo Memorial Scholarship

James Fredo was a prominent businessman and world traveler. He was born in Italy and came to America at the age of 11 or 12. In 1912, he began his first business venture by buying a restaurant and confectionery business from his uncle. He also owned the Erie Lackawanna Railroad depot, where he met and served several famous people. Upon encountering the depression of the late 1920s and early 1930s, Mr. Fredo started a travel agency. This business, Fredo Travel Agency, still exists today. He traveled across the Atlantic 31 times and to every continent except for Africa but claimed that Ashland, Ohio was his favorite place. James Fredo passed away on February 4, 1981.

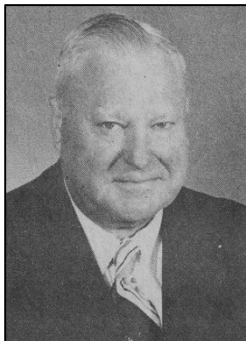


### Frances Freer Scholarship



Frances Freer grew up in Ashland, graduating from Ashland High School and Ashland College. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. She began her career as a supervisor before coming to Jeromesville School to teach 3rd grade. Miss Freer retired from the Hillsdale School District with more than 35 years of experience. She had a passion and love for education and young people. In 1970, along with Louise LaFrance and Rheba Dilgard, Miss Freer organized the Alpha Pi chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority to recognize teachers who have proved themselves to be strong, efficient, professional educators. The purpose of ADK is to promote high standards of education and to assist in strengthening the status of the teaching profession while engaging in altruistic programs and community projects. Miss Freer wished to continue helping students become excellent teachers so she established a scholarship for Ashland County students in their junior or senior year of college or university work pursuing a degree in education.

### Harley Jonas Freer Athletic Memorial Scholarship



Harley Freer was a 1935 graduate of Ashland High School. He participated in football and baseball and excelled as an athlete. Harley continued his love of athletics at Ashland College. After graduation, he was also known for his talents in softball. He enjoyed 20 years with the U.S. Army as a recreational specialist and retired from the service as a master sergeant.

### John & Jean Gardner Scholarship

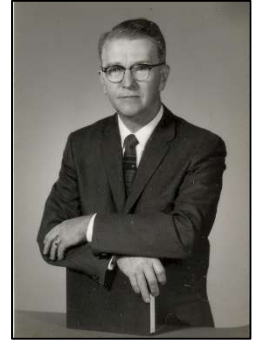


John Gardner was a lifelong resident of Loudonville. A 1951 LHS graduate, he was a member of the 1949 undefeated football team that was inducted into the Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. After high school, he attended John Carroll University. He and his wife Jean were local business owners for 33 years and the parents of seven LHS graduates. They were members of the athletic, academic and music boosters. Though both battled illnesses that eventually took their lives, Jean in 1979 and John in 2002, they were always full of strength and support and an inspiration to others. They believed that with determination there was always a way to accomplish your goals.

This scholarship was established by the John Gardner estate to assure his continuing support of Loudonville High School students.

### **Arthur B. Gorsuch Endowed Scholarship**

Art Gorsuch moved to Ashland in 1930 to start his teaching career at Ashland High School as an English teacher. He later served as the Dean of Boys and Assistant Principal. He briefly moved to Coshocton to serve as Principal at their high school, but a short two years later returned to Ashland to fill the post of Principal at AHS. He served in that capacity until 1951, when he took a post with Columbia University as Regional Director of their Citizenship Education Project. In 1955, Art took the post of Dean of Special Studies at Ashland (College) University, to expand Summer School and Evening School programs for Teacher Education to help abate the severe teacher shortage. In that position, he also began a program at the Mansfield Reformatory to help inmates earn their high school diplomas and earn college credits while incarcerated. Art retired from the college in 1976, when he was awarded an honorary DLitt. (Doctor of Letters) for his service to the college.



### **J. Gailard and Mary Lawrence Hall Scholarship**

Gailard and Mary Hall were both born and raised in Quaker City, Ohio, and moved to Ashland in 1944, when Gailard began teaching industrial arts at Ashland High School. Gailard, a graduate of Ohio State University, earned a Master's degree in education, retiring in 1972 after teaching mechanical drawing for most of his career. In addition, he spent 12 years as instructor of engineering drawing in the evening division at Ashland College. He designed and built the family home completing all the finishing work himself. He was happiest tending to his large garden on which he raised fruits and vegetables for his family and friends. Mary, who graduated from Hiram College with a B.A. in religion, was ordained into the ministry upon graduation. She continued her studies at the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, earning a Master's degree. Soon after moving to Ashland she assumed the position of Director of Religious Education at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a position she held for 23 years. Mary also served as president of the grade school, high school and council of the PTA. A member of the Altrusa Club, she was chosen as Career Woman of the year in 1957. Following retirement, the couple completed their goal of visiting all 50 states, camping their way to Alaska. The Halls had one son, Lindley, now living in California. This scholarship is established to honor the Halls' dedication to the education of young people in the Ashland community in hopes that it will inspire Ashland High School graduates to pursue careers in education.

### Freeman and Penny Hamilton Family Scholarship



Education has always been an important part of the Hamilton's family life. As parents, Freeman and Penny encouraged their children to attend college and to date, each have their Master's Degrees, two in the field of education. Freeman was an educator for 25 years at Pioneer Career Center in Shelby before he passed away in 1999. Penny worked for Ashland City Schools for over 40 years.

She was given the opportunity to attend college because of scholarships she received. Likewise, scholarships supported the education of their children. In a small way, the Hamilton family wants to encourage and support others as they pursue a career in education. They pray God's blessings to these students as they choose a path that touches the lives of so many.

### Bill and Cay Harris Scholarship

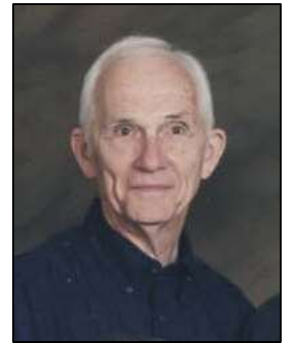


The Bill and Cay Harris Scholarship was initiated in 2010 by many friends of Bill and Cay. In 2010, Bill completed sixteen years of service in the Ohio General Assembly, representing Ashland County and surrounding counties as State Representative, as Senator, and as President of the Ohio Senate from 2005 to 2010. Previously, Bill was CEO of Bill Harris Dealerships, a successful family business later operated by his three sons. Bill, a decorated Major in the United States Marine Corps, served 23 years in the military and was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Mary

Catherine (Cay) prayerfully supported Bill's political career in Columbus. Her community involvement included a career with the Department of Job and Family Services and volunteering with the Ashland Symphony. Cay's other interests included the Ashland Garden Club and Precepts Bible Study. Bill and Cay were members of Grace Brethren Church of Ashland. They were parents to 11 children and 16 grandchildren. The Bill and Cay Harris Scholarship was created to be awarded to graduating students exemplifying Christian service and leadership qualities.

### Eugene C. Harsch Scholarship

Eugene C. "Gene" Harsch was born on October 8, 1931, in Loudonville, Ohio. Gene was a 1949 graduate of Loudonville High School where he lettered in basketball and baseball. He graduated from Kent State University with a degree in chemistry and was the first on either side of his family to attend college. He served in the United States Army from 1954-1956. Gene was employed at the Ohio Brass Company for 20 years and retired from The Wooster Brush Company in 1998. Gene was active with many different organizations. Working in his field he was a member of the American Chemical Society for over 50 years and a former member of Society of Plastics Engineers, American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM International), Society of Quality Engineers.



### George & Rhea Wertman Hartman Scholarship



George and Rhea Wertman Hartman lived, taught, and farmed all their lives in Ashland County. For the early years of their lives, they both taught in one-room schools in Ashland County. Later years were spent farming and taking part in community activities. They wanted each young person to receive a good education. George and Rhea attended Ashland College. George received a teaching certificate. Rhea graduated in 1915.

### John E. Hartzler Scholarship

The John E. Hartzler Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by former students who loved and respected him. John began his teaching career in Jeromesville in 1933 and accepted a position at Ashland High School in 1936. He was an accomplished musician and enjoyed working with Dr. Louis Pete in the Music Department, with the Ashland Symphony Orchestra and with the All-Ohio Boys Band at the State Fair. Many of his students remember him playing the piano in school assemblies and musicals. He served as Principal of Ashland High School from 1951-1957. He then accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Akron Public Schools and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1972. He earned the A. B. Degree in History at the College of Wooster (1933), and both the M.A. in Political Science (1939), and the Ph.D. in Educational Administration (1956) from The Ohio State University.





### Ed & Barbara Haudenschild OSU Scholarship



Ed and Barbara Haudenschild lived in the Loudonville area all their lives and tried to give back to their community in different ways. The Ohio State University was instrumental in Ed and Barbara's lives. Ed served on the Advisory Board of OSU and observed the critical impact on young lives.

### Hayesville & Jeromesville Alumni Associations Scholarship

The last students to graduate from either Hayesville or Jeromesville Schools graduated in 1964. Thereafter, both schools were consolidated into the Hillsdale School System. The people who graduated prior to that date compose the members of the Hayesville and Jeromesville Alumni Associations.

To demonstrate a spirit of cooperation, the members of the Hayesville Alumni Association and the Jeromesville Alumni Association, once longstanding rivals, agreed to create a scholarship in 2005 which would be granted to Hillsdale seniors to further their education. Recognizing that these organizations will one day cease to exist, they desired to create a lasting legacy which would not only immortalize the organizations, but would uphold the importance of education.

To the children in our future we leave a legacy from the past.

### Ashland County Pilot's Association--Leo K. Heyl Memorial Scholarship



Ken Heyl, along with family members and The Ashland County Pilots Association, chose to honor his father's love of flying by creating a scholarship to assist students pursuing a career in Aviation. Leo K. Heyl was born in Jeromesville, Ohio in 1912. His interest in airplanes and flying began as a young boy and persisted throughout his lifetime. His first airplane as a young man was an "OX-5 Travelaire"

biplane. At middle age, he took time off from his funeral business to serve as a flight instructor for The U.S. Army Air Corp during WW II. After the war, he returned to Ashland and his funeral business. Maintaining his interest in flying, he gave flying lessons to many folks in the area. His love of flying never diminished. A few weeks before his death in 2002, he could still be seen driving to the Ashland County Airport and visiting with the other pilots. As a tribute to Leo's life,



11 fellow Ashland County Pilots flew a "Memory Fly-by" as his committal service was being held in Ashland Cemetery.

### **Linda S. Heyl Memorial Scholarship**



Ken Heyl, along with family members, chose to keep his wife's memory of dedication to education and young people alive for perpetuity by creating a memorial scholarship. Linda Sue (Crone) Heyl was born in Dayton, Ohio. After graduating from Miamisburg High School and The Ohio State University, she started her teaching career in Philo, Ohio. She finished her career at Hillsdale High School teaching English, Speech, and Art and Humanities. Retiring in 2000, she had dedicated her life to students and teaching. Life to Linda was adding to the fund of knowledge—hers and yours. In August of 2003, Linda suffered a massive heart attack while on vacation at her cottage in Canada. Many students will remember Linda's warm and wonderful smile as well as her caring personality. Many also may remember the sign in her classroom, "Time will pass, but will you?"

### **Jorj & Patricia Hildebrand Scholarship**



Jorj and Pat both graduated from Ashland High School in the class of 1957. Jorj worked many years in the field of repairing and rebuilding hydraulic pumps and later as a realtor for JC Meyer Realty. He possessed an intuitive knowledge of things mechanical and electrical and could repair or build almost anything. Pat graduated from Otterbein College in June 1960 and married Jorj in July 1960. While living in Pontiac, Michigan, she taught second grade and then taught kindergarten at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas. After Jorj's four years with the US Air Force, they returned to Ashland in 1966. Pat continued to teach Special Education students at Edison Elementary School and retired in 1998. Several of Pat's mottos were – "Learn to Read" and you will "Read to Learn", "We all Learn Differently" and "Become a Life-Long Learner." Emmanuel United Methodist Church, family, friends and community were very valuable to both of them. Pat's parents, Bernard "Bun" and Betty Hughey were also teachers in the Ashland school system. Jorj and Pat's daughters, Teresa Thomas and Heidi Obrecht, continue the teaching tradition. This scholarship was established in 2011 to encourage high school seniors to pursue a career in the field of education.

### Hiller School/Community Club Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1997 by the members of Hiller Community Club in memory of the teachers and students of the old Hiller School (also known as Pleasant Valley School), 1704 State route 603, Milton Township, Ashland County, Ohio and of those community residents who preserved the school's memories as a community club after the school's closing in about 1940 until selling the building in 1997. It was the hope of the Hiller Community Club members, in the year 1997, that the values of education and community involvement be part of their legacy through this scholarship for generations to come.



### Hillsdale Education Association Scholarship

In 1994 the Hillsdale Education Association voted to establish a scholarship in honor of Richard Brown. Priority for this H.E.A. endowed scholarship(s) will be given to students who plan to pursue a career in education or education-related majors (guidance, school psychology, speech/vision/hearing therapy, child care/pre-school).

### Harold (Hank) & Betty L. Hiner Scholarship



Hank graduated from Ashland High School and attended Ohio State University majoring in Rural Economics and Animal Husbandry and was a Snare Drummer in the OSU Marching Band. He was also involved in the ROTC Program and enlisted in the army. During the war, Lou worked in the Chief Engineer's office at The Shelby Depot. After WWII, where Hank was a POW, he and Lou married and returned to OSU. Hank became a member of the 1946 National Championship Livestock Judging Team coached by Herman Purdy. In 1955 Mr. and Mrs. Hiner built and operated a new feed elevator in Hayesville. They lived on a 182-acre farm raising cattle, hogs and horses for their three daughters, Barbara, Becky and Holly. In November 1965, a tornado destroyed one barn and partially destroyed another on their farm. The Hayesville FFA volunteered and worked a full day to clean up the debris. They were so very grateful. In 1969 Hank attended the New York Institute of Finance before becoming a stock broker and eventually retiring in 1986. The Hiners were happy to give these financial resources to support students who wish to receive a higher education.

## Mary & Ernest J. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

Mary and Ernest Hopkins lived and farmed in Ashland County. For over sixty years, they contributed to their community and worked to improve the educational opportunity for all students. In an age when education is even more necessary, it seemed fitting to establish this scholarship in their name in the hope that others will be encouraged to further their education to help themselves and their community.



## Carley Ingram Memorial Scholarship

Carley was a 1972 graduate of Hillsdale High School. She received her social work undergraduate and law degrees from Ohio State University. She spent her career as assistant prosecutor for Montgomery County, Ohio, dedicating her work to public service, social justice and opportunities for women. Carley was a strong advocate for social justice and a just criminal system that included responding to the rights of victims. A role model for young women and young men, she believed the law should be applied fairly and equitably to people regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or religion. It is the donor's wish that the successful scholarship candidate display the values and qualities Carley did.

## Jeromesville Coon Hunters Association, Joe Stephens and Kyle Cline Scholarship



Jordan "Joe" Stephens was a Hillsdale student who was full of life and had a tremendous love for anything and everything in the great outdoors. A knowledgeable young adult, Joe loved scouting for deer, deer hunting, and coon hunting. He also enjoyed trap shooting with his grandfather John Stephens.

Coon hunting with one of his best friends, Kyle Cline, would find the two of them in their glory—following their hounds through many dark nights. Many hunters entrusted their own hounds to these young men. It was on a three-day/night hunt on June 22, 2006 with Kyle when Joe's life tragically ended.

Joe and Kyle were very much involved with the Jeromesville Coon Hunters Club. This scholarship was established in 2006 to encourage Hillsdale High School seniors to pursue further training in agriculture, resource conservation, or wildlife.

## Cynthia Johnston and Ed Wahl Scholarship



Cindy Johnston was a very successful teacher in the Mapleton School District for 30 years. She was a fourth-grade teacher who worked to make sure that every student was ready to take the state fourth grade tests and pass to the fifth grade. She was a very caring person who tried to make learning fun for her students. Cindy was listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers and was awarded the Jennings Scholarship.

Ed Wahl was a Bus Driver and Custodian in the Mapleton School District for 44 years. Ed had a passion for students he came in contact with. He was a dedicated employee, willing to do anything he could to help the District and to help students. Ed spent many hours driving students to school and their activities.

Cindy and Ed enjoyed a friendship that lasted over 30 years and wanted to show their life-long support and love for Mapleton students by offering this scholarship to Mapleton students who will someday become teachers.

## Nancy Steward Keener Scholarship

Nancy Steward Keener, daughter of John and Virginia Steward, lived on a farm in Orange Twp., Ashland County. She went to Savannah High School for 10 years until the Mapleton school district was formed and included Orange Township. Nancy finished her schooling at Ruggles-Troy High School and was in the last class to graduate in 1962 from Ruggles-Troy.

Nancy married Harold M. Keener in July of 1965, who later became a professor at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, Ohio. Nancy and her husband moved in 1972 to a farm in the Mapleton School District where they raised their four children who became graduates of Mapleton School District and went on to meaningful careers.

Nancy served on the Mapleton Board of Education for 7 years, 1980 to 1987. In 1987 she resigned from the Mapleton School Board to be hired as head cook at Mapleton High School, which she enjoyed doing for 18 years before retiring in December 2004. Nancy's love for being around the Mapleton School system and the students and her love of music gave her the desire to help students further their education by establishing the Nancy Steward Keener Scholarship Fund.

### **Bob & Beryl Kopp Memorial Scholarship**

Bob Kopp was born in Ashland in 1908. He graduated from Ashland High School and Ashland College. He was also a graduate of American Institute of Banking. He was a teacher in Math at Ashland High School from 1934-1937. He worked at Huntington National Bank where he retired as President in 1973 and continued to serve as director emeritus. He served as trustee of the Ashland College pension fund. He served as secretary of the Ashland City Library Board, was a member of Ashland City Council for six years, served as a Board of Directors member of Ashland Chamber of Commerce and the Ashland Symphony Board. During World War II, he was a captain in the Ohio National Guard and directed the Ashland Civil Defense Unit. He served Trinity Lutheran Church in many capacities and was a Rotary International Paul Harris recipient.



Beryl Kopp was born in Ashland in 1908. She graduated from Ashland High School and Ashland College. She earned a lifetime teaching certificate from the State of Ohio. She taught special education before marriage. Later she taught elementary at Arthur, Taft and Montgomery schools. She was a life member of OEA and NEA. She served with her husband as a founding member of the Ashland Symphony Board. She was active in Trinity Lutheran Church, AA Sorority and the Garden Study Club.

### **Dave & Diana Kowalka Scholarship for Social Sciences, Environmental Studies or Education**



Dave served the Ashland City Schools as a teacher, Gifted Coordinator and Principal before moving on to Ashland University as a professor in the Education Department. He graduated from Lake High School in Walbridge, Ohio. Dave taught in Euclid City Schools, East Cleveland City Schools, worked at the Euclid YMCA, The Natural Science Museum in Cleveland and at the Ashland Times-Gazette as a columnist and a photographer. He served on the Board of the Ashland Art Center along with many community organizations. Diana served the Mapleton Local Schools as a teacher before moving on to Ashland University as an Adjunct in Education supervising Student Teachers. She graduated from Shelby High School in Shelby, Ohio, earning a B.S. in Education and an M.A. in Sociology at B.G.S.U. along with post graduate work at Rutgers, John Carroll and Ashland University. Diana worked at the New Jersey State Home for Girls as a social worker, Coordinator for The Schools Neighborhood Youth Corp program at John Hay High School in Cleveland and as a teacher in East Cleveland City Schools. She served on the Board of Good Shepherd Home, along with many other community organizations. The Kowalkas established

this scholarship to encourage and inspire others to provide service to humanity. It was their hope to provide students with the opportunity to begin learning and sharing their talents with others.

### **George and Dorothy Krino Memorial Scholarship**



George and Dorothy Krino moved to Ashland County, Ohio in 1945 from Akron, Ohio. They quickly embraced life on the farm, in this small, but supportive community. They were active in their church, Farm Bureau and supporting Hillsdale School District and Ashland University. They could always be found in the bleachers at the high school basketball games; from Hillsdale, to the State Tournament, and all the stops in between. Although neither attended college, they understood the importance of continually learning and expanding one's mind. George was an avid reader and used books for this purpose. In establishing this scholarship, the family hopes to help students from Hillsdale High School succeed in learning and completing their college education.

### **Cherise Mims-Kruty Memorial Scholarship**

Cherise Mims-Kruty was raised in Ashland and graduated from Ashland High School in 2001. She continued her education at The Ohio State University—ATI, majoring in Landscape Construction. Following school, she enjoyed a career in her chosen field, creating beautiful landscapes through the use of vivid and bold flowers in southwest Florida. Tragically, complications from routine surgery brought Cherise's life to an untimely end in May of 2007. Cherise lived her life with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, always taking advantage of the many opportunities that were in her path. She had a contagious smile that positively affected everyone she knew. Her photography of sunrises and flowers was, and is still, a reminder to all of us to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. In honor of Cherise, please stop and smell the flowers, appreciate the gifts of nature and take every opportunity you are given. It is our wish with this scholarship; others can pursue and achieve their dreams the same way Cherise did in her lifetime.





## Lemon Legacy Scholarship



Kathy was a 1972 graduate of Loudonville High School and later graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in education. She taught at Perrysville Elementary School and in Reynoldsburg before her retirement from teaching. She worked 10 years as a book editor for McGraw-Hill Publishing in Columbus and was then a travel consultant for AAA Travel, Columbus. Kathy was a member of Loudonville United Methodist Church and OSU Alumni Association. She loved traveling with her favorite destinations being Egypt and Hilton Head, S.C.

Patty was a 1974 graduate of Loudonville High School and had lived in the Loudonville area most of her life. She worked for Dr. Rod Stinemetz for 37 years before spending two years in the office at Colonial Manor Health Care Center. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, previously serving on the church's Endowment Committee as well as the Mohican Area Historical Society. Patty thoroughly enjoyed following all her friends' children throughout their Loudonville High School sporting careers and never met a stranger. She was a staple within the Loudonville Community.

Friends of Kathy and Patty created this scholarship to honor and remember the lives of two very special sisters who gave so much of what they had to help and support young people. This scholarship will benefit students going into the fields of History, Journalism, or Athletic Training/Coaching...all things Kathy and Patty were passionate about.

## Jacque and Ruth Lingenfelter Music Scholarship

The Jacque and Ruth Lingenfelter Music Scholarship was established to help further the education of talented young musicians. Jacque, a lifelong resident of Loudonville, and Ruth, originally from Danville, owned and operated Lingenfelter Jewelers for over 40 years. Both enjoyed vocal and instrumental music of many forms. Jacque sang and was an accomplished baritone player. He took up the instrument when he was twelve years old and continued to play with many area music groups throughout this life. He built an electronic organ before they were common, and taught himself to play. Ruth sang and could play the organ "by ear." Jacque and Ruth will also be remembered for hosting many neighborhood "Music Appreciation Nights." Their children and grandchildren continue this musical tradition.



## James & Elise Lingenfelter Scholarship



Jim Lingenfelter spent his life making a positive impact on the lives of others and his community. Unfortunately, his life's work was cut short by corticobasal syndrome on August 3, 2014. To now honor Jim and memorialize his life, the "James and Elise Lingenfelter Scholarship Fund" has been created to benefit seniors graduating from Loudonville High School.

Jim's love for his family, friends, community (and the Cleveland Browns) was evident anytime you were fortunate enough to come in contact with him. He tirelessly supported the youth in this community, and because of that, a scholarship in his name allows Jim to continue supporting today's youth long into the future.

## Peter Linneman Scholarship



Peter Linneman, born in Lima, Ohio, was the first in his family to attend a college or university. He came to Ashland University in 1969 where his eyes were opened to his full potential. Today, after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, he is the Albert Sussman Professor of Real Estate at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Principal of Linneman Associates.

For more than 25 years he has provided strategic and financial advice to leading corporations. He has been named one of the 25 most influential people in real estate and one of 100 most powerful people in New York City real estate. His book on real estate and finance has been adopted by more than 50 universities including Yale, the University of Chicago, Columbia, and Wharton. He serves on the Board of Directors of numerous NYSE and private enterprises. He was chairman of the Board of Rockefeller Center Properties, where he led the process of foreclosing on its Japanese owners and the successful sale of Rockefeller Center.

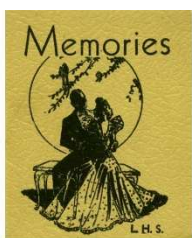
It was at Ashland University he met his wife, Kathleen. Peter Linneman chose to create this scholarship with his award received from the Pension Real Estate Association.

## Donald E. and Daphne Maras Long Scholarship

Donald E. Long was a lifelong resident of Ashland, graduate of Ashland High School, Marine veteran and founder and owner of Long's Refrigeration Service Company. Don and his wife, Daphne Maras Long, also a graduate of Ashland High School, established this scholarship fund to encourage Ashland High School students to further their education. This scholarship was created in honor of God's blessings of their son, Reverend Brian K. Long, and daughter, Brenda Long Andress.



## Loudonville High School Class of 1941 Scholarship



### Loudonville H.S. Class of 1941

Because local friends and businessmen Jacque Lingenfelter, Dr. Bob Young, Paul Kauffman, Chuck Bender, and Robert Koppert received many benefits while attending the Loudonville Schools, they decided to establish a scholarship on behalf of their L.H.S. Class of 1941. With much cooperation from their classmates and an attorney friend who helped them to incorporate, this group has given a scholarship to help further the education of a Loudonville-Perrysville senior each year since 1993.

## Loudonville High School Class of 1965 Scholarship

The Loudonville High School Class of 1965 adopted the motto "Forward Ever, Backward Never." Class members across the United States have contributed to this effort to provide a scholarship that will be given to a Loudonville High School Senior who, in an effort to continue moving forward, has strived for excellence. Recipients should possess a strong work ethic and be a caring individual who practices an appreciation for learning, community service, and tolerance for others.

## Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni Scholarship



Organized in January of 2005, the Loudonville/Perrysville Alumni Association was formed when an interested group of Loudonville High School and Perrysville High School alumni gathered. A 10-member steering committee was organized with at least one member representing each decade since the 1940's of either LHS or PHS graduates and which included Marjorie Atkinson, Norma Mowers Zody, Sue Banks, Myra Stitzlein, Eric Koppert, Cathy Lance, Becky Furlong, Stacey Donelson, Abby Hines, and Kendra Roberts. Developed then was a mission statement – To support Loudonville-Perrysville Schools

and graduates and to provide a tool for communication to stay connected to our communities. Set, too, was the goal to establish an LPA Scholarship. Since 2005, at graduation time, one or more scholarships of \$500+ had been given to an LHS senior. Finally, in 2012, the LPA Scholarship was officially endowed. Money was through individual donations, class donations, silent auctions at decade reunions, and the sale of hams and cookbooks. The senior applicant must be the first in his/her generation to be attending an institution of higher education. Or, in other words, this scholarship is for the senior of whom neither parent completed a four-year degree from a college or university under the terms of "traditional," which is defined as making an immediate transition from high school to higher education and receiving a degree in a standard, timely, manner.

### **Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. Memorial Scholarship**

Recently the Loudonville-Perrysville community lost a tremendous asset in the passing of Kenny Long, whose leadership spanned over three decades. Over the years we have been blessed with many diligent people who have been selfless with their time and efforts. To honor these individuals the Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, Inc. have endowed a scholarship for graduating seniors of Loudonville High School. Kenny Long was active in the Loudonville-Perrysville Athletic Boosters, for many years and held the office of president for the last 21 years. Kenny was at every ball game that he could attend either watching the event, in the concession stand or behind the scenes working. If a coach, team or athlete needed something, Kenny would make it happen. If a building needed repair, Kenny would see it through to completion. Any issue or idea that was mentioned in passing by someone, Kenny never hesitated, no matter how small or large, Kenny got the job done.

### **Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1962 Scholarship**



Class Members throughout the community and across the nation contributed to this scholarship. The Class of '62 wished to help further the education of high school graduates of the Loudonville-Perrysville School District, giving them the tools to succeed in their future endeavors. It was their hope that the recipients would provide this opportunity to someone else.

### Don and Carolyn Lowe Health Sciences Scholarship

Carolyn Lowe (1927-2018), a 1945 graduate of Savannah High School and a 1948 graduate of the Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing, provided caring nursing services for Samaritan Hospital, Medical Associates of Ashland, and private nursing patients during a career that spanned three decades. She was an active member of the Ashland community, serving as a volunteer at Samaritan Regional Health System and supporting her church and numerous community organizations.



The Lowe family sought to honor the nursing profession by recognizing graduates of Ashland High School with this scholarship in honor of Carolyn Lowe.

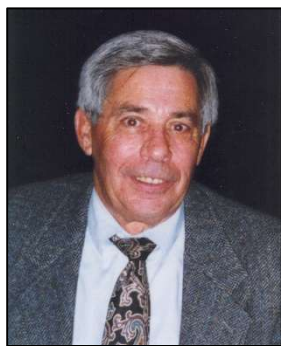
### Don and Carolyn Lowe Math/Science Scholarship



Don Lowe (1923-2005), a lifetime resident of Ashland and a 1942 graduate of Ashland High School, was a latex chemist at Faultless Rubber Company following his service in Europe during World War II. He was credited with the development of latex balloon advances, the Omega solid core golf ball, and the chemical science behind a number of Kenner toys, including Stretch Armstrong and Baby Won't Let Go. He was an active member of the community, serving his church and participating in local golf groups and community events.

The Lowe family honored Don's commitment to, and innovations in, the field of latex chemistry and engineering by recognizing graduates of Ashland High School with this scholarship in his name.

### Barney Luttrell Memorial Scholarship



Love of God, family, and country, these were values that Barney cherished. Often heard before seen, he had a voice rich with character and easily recognized. Barney never met a stranger, always having time for everyone. Barney graduated from Virginia Tech in 1958 and proudly served in the Corp of Cadets. Moving to Ashland in 1972 to work for Hydromatic, he retired from F.E. Myers in 1998. He raised his family here where both of his daughters graduated from Ashland High School. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he taught Sunday School and was active in the youth group. He loved the game of golf and became involved in the youth program at Brookside Golf Course. This scholarship was set up by family and friends of



Barney to assist an AHS senior who loves the game of golf and also shares Barney's commitment of God, family and country.

### **Roger and Debra Lyons Scholarship**

Roger and Debra Lyons are former residents of Ashland and have enjoyed successful careers which they have been passionate about. They attribute the foundation of their success, in part, to their alma maters – Ashland University and Baldwin-Wallace College. Roger and Debra wanted to give back to both the Ashland County community and their alma maters through this scholarship opportunity.



### **Susan B. Mangon Memorial Scholarship**



Susan B. Mangon devoted 25 years as a teacher's aide working with multiple handicapped children at Taft Elementary School. If any of her very special students were in need, they would find their angel in Susan whether that was a hug, word of encouragement or a material requirement. She enjoyed following those students as they progressed and graduated from Ashland High School. Through Susan's life, she was an extremely patient and loving person, always with a positive approach toward everyone and every situation she encountered. Susan also enjoyed giving of her time as a volunteer at University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center and often canvassing the neighborhood for various charities. This scholarship has been established by her husband, Larry, upon her death, June 2, 2016, in honor of Susan and her endearing qualities that will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her.

### **Dann L. and Connie J. Marble Education Scholarship**



Dann and Connie Marble met on the Ashland College campus and were married in 1967. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. Dann retired after being a licensed funeral director and embalmer for more than 50 years. He is active in the Young Men's Business Club and is a member of the Masonic community. Connie was an educator for over 45 years spending most of her career at Ashland High School and Ashland University. She was a member of the Ashland County Community Foundation Board of Trustees, served on the ACCF Women's Fund Steering Committee for 13 years, is a member on the Ashland City Schools Foundation Board, and is active in Garden Study

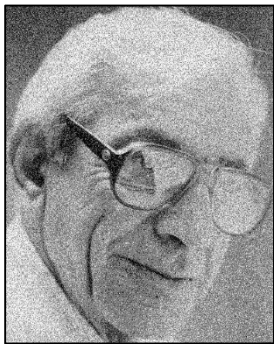


Club and Amicae per Annos Sorority. The Marbles are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Ashland and enjoy traveling.

Establishing an educational scholarship was important to Dann and Connie. Dann's parents were both long-time educators in the Ashland community. Connie's philosophy of education is to teach with passion, dedication, empathy, and enthusiasm which effectively impacts students and provides a strong foundation for lifelong learners.

This scholarship established through the ACCF will continue to provide young people in their community the support to accomplish their goals. A gift to the foundation is similar to the gift of a devoted teacher – neither stops giving.

### **Tony Marley Memorial Scholarship for a Teacher Education Major**



Family and friends chose to honor Tony Marley's inspiration and dedication to education with a scholarship fund in his memory. Tony graduated from Wellington High School in 1942, was a World War II veteran, and served in the U.S. Navy during both theaters of war aboard the USS Ancon. After returning from service, Tony graduated from Ashland College in 1950 with a degree in secondary education. That same year, he married college sweetheart Vera Mae Smith. Mr. Marley taught and coached throughout the Ashland City Schools for numerous years.

After receiving his master's degree in 1965 from The Ohio State University, he served as principal of Osborn Elementary School. He was later named instructor in education and assistant supervisor of student teaching at Ashland College. Tony retired from Ashland College in 1989 and moved along with his wife of 55 years to Fort Worth, Texas.

### **Kim Marquette Memorial Scholarship**



Kim Marquette was one of Ashland's finest. Born and raised in Ashland, Kim was a 1974 Ashland High School graduate who was a committed volunteer and leader throughout her life in school, church and the community. This scholarship is set as a tribute to her in recognizing the young men and women who strive to lead similar lives. Those who are actively involved in school activities and volunteer organizations and who demonstrate leadership qualities are most eligible to receive this award.

### Lisa Marth Memorial Scholarship

Lisa Marth was born on December 8, 1979. She spent her early years growing up in Bellville—where she participated in little league softball and the swim team until she moved to the Hillsdale School District in the 5th grade. Lisa was an outstanding athlete in several sports and was heavily scouted by colleges in Ohio. She had signed a “letter of intent” to play softball at Kent State University after graduation where she was going to pursue a career in nursing. Lisa experienced academic success as well as athletic success and (during her senior year) was selected as Hillsdale’s Homecoming Queen just weeks before being tragically killed in an automobile accident on November 27, 1997. Lisa’s family established this scholarship in her memory to encourage other female athletes to pursue a college education.



### Jane Maun Memorial Scholarship



This scholarship was established in the memory of Mrs. Jane Maun, a devoted wife and mother, dear friend, and dedicated educator. Mrs. Maun believed strongly that education, particularly for women, is the key to the financial and social independence necessary to make healthy choices and establish successful relationships. Through this scholarship, her friends and family hope to assist a motivated young woman to continue her education, pursue her goals, and ultimately use her talents to help build a strong community.

### James & Phyllis McClure Business Scholarship

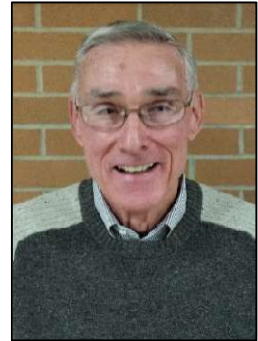


Jim and Phyllis McClure were born and raised in Loudonville, Ohio. Phyllis was a teacher for 20 years in the Loudonville school system. Jim was a Ford dealer for 36 years in Loudonville and served on the Farmers Bank board for 31 years, being chairman for 11 years. They considered the Loudonville-Perrysville area one of the finest areas in the country.

### **Coach Doug McDonald Honorary Scholarship**

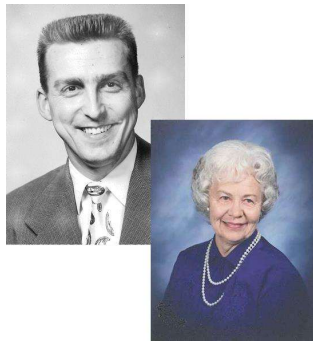
Doug McDonald was the Ashland High School boys' basketball coach from 1969-1972, during which he compiled a 70-14 overall record, including four Cardinal Conference championships and appearances in three district finals.

Coach McDonald graduated from Fostoria High School in 1959 and played on a basketball scholarship at The Ohio State University with legends Jerry Lucas, Gary Bradds, Bob Knight, Larry Siegfried and John Havlicek, his roommate and an eight-time NBA champion with the Boston Celtics.



Mark Humrichouser and other former AHS players established the Coach Doug McDonald Honorary Scholarship Fund to venerate their former coach and mentor.

### **Stan and June McFarlin Scholarship**



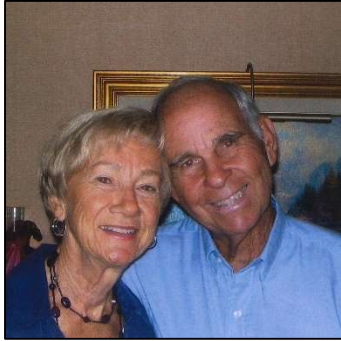
Stan (1927-1976) and June (1929-2023) graduated from Jeromesville High School. Their children Greg, Jeff and Jill graduated from Hillsdale High School. Stan served his country in the Army Air Force (1945-1947). This scholarship is intended as a tribute to young people from the Hillsdale community who were involved in athletics and share Stan and June's commitment to their faith, family and country.

### **Bre McKean Memorial Scholarship**

Live life by your own rules. Make people laugh. Never give up. Work hard, play hard. Speak your mind. Include everyone. Give respect, and earn respect. Always look for the positive. This is what it means to "Live Like Bre," a phrase coined by a neighbor and friend of Breanne McKean shortly after Bre's unexpected death at the age of 17. Bre passed away Sept. 29, 2023 after collapsing on the field at Mapleton High School's homecoming football game. She was a senior, celebrating her spot on the homecoming court. She was happy and vibrant. And then she was gone. Bre was the teammate who made everyone laugh. She was the classmate who got the class discussion rolling and went out of her way to include the new kid. She had definite opinions, and she wasn't afraid to verbalize them. She had nicknames for all the adults around the school and she sometimes scoffed at the rules, but her behavior wasn't perceived as rude, and her jokes weren't made at the expense of others. She just lived life in her own way, and she didn't take herself too seriously. Still, she excelled in school as a member of the National Honor Society and was a driven three-season athlete, surprising doctors by returning to the

volleyball court just six months after tearing her ACL. Bre's friendliness, humor, determination, optimism and sportsmanship were admired by friends, teammates, coaches and athletic opponents alike. The impact she made on everyone around her was evidenced by the outpouring of community support upon her death.

### **Barbara Lamson Miller Teacher Scholarship**



"Everything good that has happened in my life came because of the college scholarship I received," Barbara wrote upon creation of this scholarship. "It literally changed the direction of my life! While at Ashland College, I became a teacher, met my wonderful husband and found the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. Without the scholarship there was no chance of my attending college. My parents were divorced when I was three and my brother and I went to live with our grandparents until I left for college.

"Following high school, while working as a private secretary at what was then Cooper-Bessemer, our family doctor asked me if I had ever thought of attending college. I told him I couldn't go because I didn't have money for college. Then he said, "If you had the money would you be interested?" I said I would. He then brought up the subject of scholarships.

"When the scholarship became a reality, I had to decide on a major. I didn't have a clue, but even though I did not know God in the personal way I do now, He spoke to me with such clarity saying, "You're going to college and you're going to be a teacher!" I never questioned it, and when I finally began teaching first grade, I remember saying to my husband that I loved teaching so much I would teach without being paid – which was almost the case – annual income was a little over \$2,000!

"Montgomery School in Ashland was my first teaching position. The following August, Jack and I were married and moved to Maryland where I taught in the District of Columbia for two years. We then moved to Mansfield, Ohio and I taught four years at Mifflin School. The following October our first child arrived. I stayed home and in time became a full-time mother of four. We now have ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. After our youngest child left the nest, I began writing and teaching ladies' Bible studies.

"I can't even imagine how different my life would have been had I not received that scholarship. I have had a full and happy life and will always be so very grateful to God and the people He used to make it all happen!"

Barbara died in 2024 at the age of 87.

## Jack Miller/Dick Smail Golf Scholarship



"Jack" Miller and "Dick" Smail were both students at Grant Street Elementary in Ashland. Although three years separated the two, their friendship developed through childhood. The two played golf together on the Ashland High School Golf team in 1951.



Both became accomplished golfers, winning various tournaments, numerous awards and each earning a college golf scholarship. This college assistance was the backbone for their decision to reciprocate and sponsor a scholarship through the Ashland County Community Foundation.

The Jack Miller/Dick Smail Golf Scholarship is a recognition of appreciation and encouragement to future AHS students to further both their education and golf careers.

Beginning in the year 2012, annual golf outings have been held to assist funding the scholarship. The creators expressed much appreciation to ACCF for administering the scholarship to deserving student athletes.

## John T. 'Jack' Miller Outstanding AHS Senior Male Athlete Scholarship, in honor of Stu Martin, Bully Rader, Bud Plank and Brother Bob 'Bulldog' Miller

This scholarship was created in honor of Stu Martin, Bully Rader, Bud Plank and Brother Bob 'Bulldog' Miller and is to assist Ashland High School's Male Athlete of the Year with his college educational expenses.

## Steve Moon Memorial Golf Scholarship

The Steve Moon Memorial Golf Scholarship was established in 1986. The scholarship was created as a resource to those students at Ashland High School pursuing a college education and who showed the same outstanding character traits that everyone who came to know and love in Steve. Steve was known in the community as a great family man with an incredible sense of humor and infectious laugh. He lived life every day to its fullest and demonstrated through his actions a high sense of honesty, integrity and the desire to always do more for others. He graduated from Ashland High School in 1973; where he embraced the game of golf as a member of the high school team. Steve went on to become a successful insurance agent in Ashland as well as a part-time sportswriter for the Ashland Times-Gazette. To know Steve was to love him and this scholarship pays tribute to the man that he was and the contributions he made throughout his life that helped make Ashland and all around him better.





### **Patti Lee (Mowers) Mowery Scholarship**



Patti Mowery, daughter of Robert and Norma Mowers, lived in the Perrysville-Loudonville area most of her life. She graduated from Loudonville-Perrysville High School Class of 1978. Her mother and step-father, Gaylord Zody, chose this method of honoring Patti. While suffering from ovarian cancer, Patti showed such strength and courage during the many challenges she faced in fighting this disease. She gave much encouragement to many facing similar situations. Her favorite saying: "Live, Laugh, Love." Her special thought: "Each day is a gift, don't open too fast or regift away. Cherish it always." She served 11 years in the Ashland County Auditor's Office, taking medical leave as chief deputy auditor in November 2010. Patti lost her courageous battle with cancer on January 12, 2011. Married to Tim Mowery, they have two daughters, Rasheena and Tori. Patti was highly respected by her many friends and family. The Ohio State Buckeyes and Loudonville Redbirds were her favorite sports teams, especially Loudonville girls' soccer and track where Tori was active.

### **Brad Mowry Memorial Scholarship**

Brad Mowry was a very loving man who focused most of his adult life on playing softball with TLC Kanvas and coaching his son and daughter's ball teams. Most recently, he was the head coach of his daughter's traveling fast-pitch softball team, The Lady Lasers. Brad was a terrific and knowledgeable coach who always taught the girls until they understood the point he was making about the game. With the love Brad had for the game of softball, the Mowry Family has elected to start a scholarship benefiting Hillsdale High School softball players continuing their education on behalf of Brad's memory. May Brad's legacy and love live on forever.



### **Traci Nebergall Memorial Scholarship**



Traci Nebergall grew up attending Hillsdale schools, playing basketball and softball throughout her childhood. She worked at Beattie's Market as a teenager, and stayed involved in her community after graduation by volunteering as a little-league coach for over 30 years. She also held various officer positions with the youth league for several years, until her death in 2017.

Traci worked through high school and enrolled in college after graduation, but she had to leave her studies after one year to search for full-time income. This



scholarship was founded in her memory in order to help other kids like her, who have put in the hard work but who need a little financial help to pursue their dreams.

Traci lived nonstop, fully engaged and never looking back. Her wisdom and unbeatable sense of humor impacted the lives of many. She acknowledged each day as a gift, and used each one to give back to those around her. Hayesville is a better place because of her. Through this scholarship, her life continues to impact others and give back to this community she loved so much.

### **Jack E. Nowels Endowed Scholarship**

The Jack E. Nowels Endowed Scholarship was established by friends, family, and former students of Jack Nowels in recognition and honor of his 49 years of service to the Loudonville Agricultural community as FFA advisor, vocational agriculture teacher, agricultural specialist for the Farmers and Savings Bank, and as Holmes County Commissioner. Through this service, Jack Nowels influenced many lives as he taught leadership through example by his commitment to values such as honesty, integrity, hard work, and sincere interest in students and their families.



### **Harold & Pauline Obrecht Agricultural Scholarship and Harold & Pauline Obrecht Education Scholarship**



Harold Obrecht was a retired livestock farmer. His wife, Pauline, was a public-school teacher and homemaker. These scholarships were established to encourage high school seniors to secure more training in the field of agriculture and pursue careers in education.

### **Belle Osborn Memorial Scholarship**

Belle Farr Osborn was born in Ashland, Ohio on July 24, 1854 and died March 19, 1923 in Austin, Texas of an attack of influenza and double pneumonia. She was the daughter of Judge and Mrs. William Osborn. She was educated in the Ashland Schools and attended the College of Wooster, Wittenberg, and Vassar. For 22 years, she was an educator. She began teaching at Walnut Street School (Arthur Street School), later being chosen principal of the high school, and eventually being named interim superintendent. Osborn School was named in her honor. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She asked that upon her death, a scholarship be established to help a worthy student acquire a musical education.



### **Annette Kline Owens Memorial Scholarship**



Annette Joy Kline was the daughter of Ron and Lois Kline of rural Perrysville. She is one of 11 children, all of which still live near the Loudonville area. She was diagnosed at the age 12 with juvenile diabetes. Throughout her life, she struggled health wise, yet still lived a happy, successful life surrounded by a large family and loving friends. She graduated from Loudonville High School and later married a wonderful, supportive man by the name of Sean Owens. She doted on all her nieces and nephews and lived life to the fullest. Annette battled this disease for years, going through numerous surgeries and hospital stays. Although her mind and spirit were strong, her body eventually succumbed to this horrible disease, and she passed away at the young age of 33 in 2001. To honor her memory and spirit, her family has created this scholarship in her name, planning to award an LHS senior each year who has also faced adversity in his/her life.

### **Hermon L. & Inez A. Page Memorial Scholarship**

Inez A. Page, who died in 2004 at the age of 103, established this scholarship for education majors through her Will. Ms. Page was born in Kansas in 1901 and graduated from Emporia State Teachers College in Kansas. She served as an elementary school teacher for the Salina Kansas schools for many years. She was a caring, sensitive individual who valued education and was committed to her profession of educating future generations. An Ashland resident since 1940, Ms. Page was a member of the Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years and a



member of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed playing bridge and traveling throughout the world. Her husband, Hermon, preceded her in death in 1974.

### **Elizabeth Pastor Scholarship for Ashland University Students**

The Elizabeth Pastor Scholarship for Ashland University Students was created through the estate plan of Elizabeth Pastor to support students at Ashland University. Pastor believed in the timeless quality of great art and felt blessed to have music and art as a vital part of her life. "There is nothing more complex or beautiful in its simplicity than a musical phrase or more moving than a powerful work of art," she said.

Pastor was well known locally as an exceptional pianist and educator as well as a leader at Ashland College/University, where she taught piano from 1948 to 2015. She received her artist diploma from Boston's Longy School of Music and made her debut at Town Hall, New York. She made solo appearances with leading orchestras throughout the country, including the Cleveland Orchestra, the NBC Symphony in New York, the Boston Pops, the Las Vegas Philharmonic and Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra, as well as various orchestras in Ohio. She also supported the Ashland Symphony Orchestra from its rebirth in 1970 until her death on November 3, 2018.

### **June G. Patton Memorial Graduate Scholarship**



This scholarship was originally established by the Ashland University Rho Nu at Large chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the honor society of nursing, and named in 2010 in the memory of Dr. June G. Patton, Associate Professor of Nursing at Ashland University (AU). June received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1967 from The University of Maryland. She earned a Master of Science in Nursing in 1985 and PhD in Curricular and Instructional Studies in 1996, both from The University of Akron. She was inducted into the Delta Omega Chapter of STTI in 1984 and served as Chapter President. June was a faculty counselor for Rho Nu at large and was an STTI Distinguished Lecturer from 2000-2003.

Her long career in nursing education included teaching diploma students at Mercy Hospital School of Nursing; traditional prelicensure and graduate students at The University of Akron; and from 1998 to 2010, RN to BSN completion students at Ashland University. June was a passionate teacher and received several notable awards during her career in nursing education, including the University of Akron College of Nursing Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty Award in 1993 and 1994; the AU Faculty Mentor Award in 2011; and the NurseWeek Excellence Award in Teaching, Great Lakes and Midwest Regions. While at AU, she helped many working registered

nurses to achieve a BSN degree and encouraged many to pursue graduate education in nursing. The Rho Nu at Large chapter is pleased and proud for the opportunity to continue the legacy of June Patton – beloved wife of Reverend Douglas Patton; mother of Christy and David; grandmother of 11; and scholar, teacher, mentor, and friend to many.

### **Robert and Norma Jean Paullin Memorial Scholarship**

Robert and Norma Jean were graduates of Loudonville High School, classes of 1936 and 1943 respectively.

Robert served his country in the US Navy during World War II serving aboard the destroyer USS LaVallette. After returning home he worked in the parts sales department of The Flxible Company retiring after 43 years.

Norma Jean held secretarial positions, working for Mansfield Plumbing Products for 25 years.

This scholarship has been established to give back to the community and to help and encourage a student to pursue and be a part of a very noble profession.

### **Carol Pederson Music Scholarship**



Carol Pederson was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. She was a graduate of Capital University with a B.M.E., violin being her major instrument. Graduate work was done at Central Michigan University and Kent State University, where she studied with Mr. Ma Si Hon. Teaching private violin lessons was her first love and she adopted the Suzuki approach of teaching. The Pedersons moved to Ashland in 1987 when she began teaching, using the Ashland University facilities. After 10 years she moved her studio and created "Talent Unlimited," a private preparatory conservatory in Ashland, Ohio. Mrs. Pederson realizes the need for financial assistance through her own experiences as a student and teacher.

### **Perrysville St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church Scholarship**

The history of St. John Evangelical Church began in 1831. It was formally organized October 12, 1842 by the Rev. George Schaeffer. The church had 19 members and by 1855 had grown to 198. Grace Lutheran Church and St. John merged in 1936. The church moved to its present location, bringing with it the bell, windows, furniture, cornerstone and name from the old church. The bell and windows were installed in the new church and the church was dedicated on November 14, 1937.

The congregations of St. John, having been blessed with gifts from their Lord and their members, and desiring to keep the name St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perrysville alive into perpetuity, expressed that this scholarship be established and distributed to a Loudonville High School senior each year. They made this scholarship available as a way of sharing their gifts with young adults from the Loudonville-Perrysville communities. Their wish was that each student remember the gift given and at some time in their future would give to others who need help in their lives.

### **Merle C. & Frances L. Plank Scholarship**



The names Merle and Frances Plank are well known in the Ashland area, being life-long members of the community, members in the truest sense, in that they participated in all major areas of the community. They founded a number of local businesses, including three restaurants, Robin Hood, Archway Restaurant, and the Lyn-Way which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2001. Mr. & Mrs. Plank raised three children, Marlene, Merle Ronald, and Janet, who in turn gave them eight grandchildren and over 12 great-grandchildren. Their restaurants have been a source of employment for

Ashland youth for over half a century, enabling hundreds of teenagers to develop responsibility and earn money to pay for their education. Education has always been of great importance to the Planks, and they have supported all of the local educational institutions. It is in remembrance of Merle and Frances's love of children that this scholarship is given by their family.

### **Betty and Bud Plank Scholarship**

Edward (Bud) Plank was a native of Ashland whose ancestors settled here in the 1850s.

Betty Hood moved to Ashland with her family in 1939. Both graduated from Ashland High School and Ashland College five years apart. The couple married in 1952 and in 1960 took their two nieces to raise following the death of their parents in a private airplane crash.



After a stint in the Air Force during WWII, Bud returned to AHS where he taught Physical Education and later Driver's Education for 30 years. He also coached baseball for 24 years and was an assistant basketball coach for 18 years. He had been named Teacher of the Year and the baseball diamond was named Bud Plank Field in his honor.

Betty taught at Polk and Wadsworth before being hired to teach American Literature and Journalism at AHS. She also was the advisor to the school paper. She taught in Ashland for 16



years and substituted for 18 more. Due to their association with young people in the classroom and gym, as well as their relationship in after school activities, the couple enjoyed their years of teaching.

As a member of the board of the Ashland County Historical Society, Betty became interested in local history. This led to her writing a column for the Ashland Times-Gazette and incorporating these into three books for the benefit of future generations.

She was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of Ashland High School.

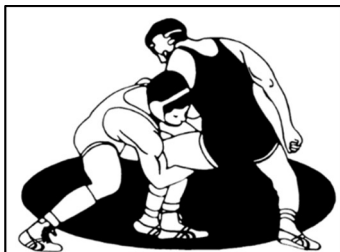
Because of their combined years of more than 55 years as teachers and their association with the students they taught, they established a scholarship available to young people entering the field of education in the hope that recipients will enjoy teaching as much as the Planks did.

### **Mina Powell Scholarship**

Mina Powell was a resident of the Loudonville area as well as a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church. She was confirmed in the first class of Zion Lutheran Church in 1902. The following Sunday after Powell's confirmation, the church was dedicated. Powell attended the one-room Pleasant Valley School in Lake Township. She recalled that Charles Kettering had served as substitute teacher when her regular teacher came down with typhoid. As an adult, Powell was active in her church as a member of Women of Zion. She was also a member of the Mohican Historical Association and Loudonville Senior Citizens. Along with her husband, Clifford, who died in 1927, Powell had two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She retired from Loudonville Schools in 1958 and lived to be 101.

In 1988, when Powell celebrated her 100th birthday, the members of her family honored her by establishing a scholarship fund in her name at Zion Lutheran Church with the scholarship now being held at the Ashland County Community Foundation.

### **Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship**



Project 80 Wrestling was started in 1980 when the wrestling room under the stadium was in poor condition. There was no padding on the walls and it was dirty. One young man got a skin problem and another chipped a tooth.

Members of Project 80 hoped to build a new wrestling room. Some of the different ways to raise money were paper drives headed by Cliff McVey, meters from Ohio Edison by Howard Wood and pop cans by Glen Gallaway. Parents

helped with bake sales, sold coupon books, hosted an auction and also held July 4th concession stands.

The Advisory Board included A.W. Garrett, Harold Repp, Bill Corcelius and Glen Gallaway.

In recent years, it was decided to fund scholarships, with the Project 80 Wrestling Scholarship established in 2011.

People of importance to the project are Dean Bartosic, Grant Milliron and Nona Meyers.

### **Dick Roberts Memorial Music Scholarship**



Dick Roberts graduated from Ashland High School in 1966 and was a friendly, kind-hearted, generous man who led a life that exemplified unselfish giving. Very passionate about music, he attended many school performances and was fond of the Ashland Symphony. Paige and Greg Squires established this scholarship in their dear friend's memory to honor deserving students for their hard work and dedication to the AHS music program.

### **Marjorie & T.H. Robinson Scholarship**

Marjorie Robinson had a distinguished career of over 30 years teaching English and Journalism at Loudonville High School. She gave enormous amounts of time to her students in the classroom and also to students working for the school newspaper called "The Redbird."

Her husband, T.H. (also known as Robbie) was a devoted man. Upon Marjorie's death, this scholarship was established by former students and friends to memorialize her and recognize the devotion of her husband.



### **Dave Rohr Memorial Scholarship**



Dave Rohr was born in Doylestown, Ohio and had lived in Nova since the 1970's. He graduated from Mapleton High School in 1982 and was the 138-pound state wrestling champion his senior year. Dave was a proud Mountie supporter and would donate his time for school functions and his masonry skills for various school projects. These same skills were utilized on mission trips to the Dominican Republic. He also gave his time generously to his many friends. Unfortunately, his life was cut short at the age of 46. His twinkling blue eyes and contagious smile will never be forgotten.

## Michael L. Runyan Memorial Scholarship



Michael Louis Runyan was born November 29, 1985. Michael was raised in Ashland and attended Ashland High School participating in numerous organizations and sports including baseball, swimming, tennis, and golf qualifying as an individual for the state golf tournament his junior year. Graduating from AHS in May 2004, Michael continued his education at Xavier University majoring in criminal justice and participating in the university's Reserved Officer Training Corps program. Michael was a member of the Society of Pershing Rifles as well as a member and senior year captain of the Xavier Ranger Challenge team. In May 2008, Michael graduated from Xavier and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. After completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course and Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia, Michael was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division and stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Michael's unit was deployed to Iraq July 1, 2010. On July 21, 2010, while on patrol, Michael's convoy came under attack and was struck by an improvised explosive device. First Lieutenant Michael L. Runyan was killed in action at the age of 24.

While the above paragraph lists dates, facts, and accomplishments achieved by Michael during his short time on Earth, they offer you only a glimpse of the man he became to so many. His older brother Alex, a United States Marine, succinctly summarized how Michael lived his life following three basic principles: selflessness, service to others, and the pursuit of happiness. Michael addressed the needs of family, friends, coworkers, even strangers first, allocating time and consideration for himself only after their needs were met. He recognized every individual with a firm handshake, an enthusiastic smile, and a willingness to offer his services in whatever capacity necessary. Most importantly, Michael embraced every moment of his life in the pursuit of what made him truly happy. His willingness, enthusiasm, and desire to provide aid to and be in the company of others indirectly led this young man through his life to impact more people than he would ever know. The establishment of the Michael L. Runyan Memorial Scholarship is just one small way Michael's family and friends are trying to continue his legacy.

## **Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff/Ashland County Physicians Medical School Scholarship**



The medical staff of Samaritan Hospital and of the Ashland County Medical Society established a scholarship fund in 1996. The purpose was to provide two scholarships of \$1,500 each to residents of Ashland County for qualified medical schools in Ohio. The fund was a method of showing gratitude for the education they received and the great opportunity to be a part of a very noble and serving profession. It was a wonderful way of giving back to their community in a manner that will benefit Ashland County residents and hopefully attract them to return to their community to practice.

## **Captain Fred Schwan Firefighter/Paramedic Memorial Scholarship**

Fred was a life-long resident of Ashland County, a 1971 graduate of Ashland High School, and served the city of Ashland for over 30 years in the capacity as Fire dispatcher, Volunteer firefighter, full-time firefighter/paramedic and finished his professional career as Captain at Ashland Fire Department. He also was active as a volunteer firefighter with Mifflin and Hayesville-Vermillion Fire Departments until his death in September 2016. He had a passion for his community and served proudly in many volunteer activities with the schools and church however, his greatest passion after his love of God and his family and friends was firefighting. Fred also was owner of Schwan Moving Service, which became Schwan Lawn and Landscape, LLC when his son Nicolaus joined him in the business. He used the business to support local fundraising efforts such as sponsoring sports teams and buying ads in school programs. Fred was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where he served for years on the Building and Grounds Committee and assisted with mission trips. This scholarship was set up by the family and friends of Fred to support training of firefighters and paramedics who have a desire to serve Ashland County.



## **Nate Shafer Memorial Scholarship**

Nate Shafer was a 2003 graduate of Hillsdale High School. Loved by all, he was a very gifted student athlete who could be remembered by his jokes and contagious smile. From the time he was young, he always had a passion for anything mechanical that he could take apart and figure out how to put back together. His passions continued into him pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering after high school. Growing up on a farm, his love for farming also continued into his adulthood where he farmed on his childhood family farm. He was an

incredibly dedicated and intelligent engineer and farmer and was valued by all throughout his short life.

Tragically, Nate passed away in November of 2020. His family would love his legacy and memory to continue on within the community and wish to award a scholarship to a Hillsdale High School senior with a passion in engineering or farming.

### **Noel and Ann Shaffer Scholarship**



Noel and Ann were married in Jeromesville on June 4, 1935. He was a Science teacher at Jeromesville. Ann was a college student at Wooster College. Noel continued teaching for a total of forty-four years at Jeromesville, Loudonville and Ashland University. Ann worked for Flexile Company for twenty-six years before retiring. Both were very active in the Lutheran Church, in service clubs and community clubs. Both were interested in antique collecting and gardening. Ann judged many flower shows at the State and County Fairs.

They started planning for the future by establishing three trusts: A Family Trust, a Skip Generation Trust for their grandchildren and a Charitable Remainder Trust for groups which they wished to assist. The group of ten beneficiaries included Ashland Public Schools Education Foundation, which ultimately was given to the Ashland County Community Foundation. All of these are unrestricted for use as they desire.

Noel and Ann believed that charity begins at home. They hoped others would consider it also.

### **Ben & Alyce Shaver Memorial Scholarship**



When Ben returned from spending 30 months overseas during World War II in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, he enrolled at Muskingum College where he met and married Alyce Cowan. They were loving partners for the next 61½ years.

Alyce taught in elementary schools in Zanesville, Alvordton and Hayesville. Ben taught high school biology and history and coached basketball and baseball while earning his M. Ed. Degree at Ohio University. At the age of 30, Ben became superintendent of schools at Alvordton in Williams County, Ohio which led into becoming superintendent of the newly organized Millcreek-West Unity School district. In 1961 he accepted assignment as superintendent of the newly formed Hillsdale Local district where he spent the next 12 years before becoming Ashland County Superintendent.



Ben was co-founder and president of the Ohio Association of Local Superintendents (OALSS). He later became president of the Ohio County Superintendents Association.

In 1979 he was employed as director of member services at the Firelands Electric Cooperative where he served with distinction for over 10 years.

Ben and Alyce dedicated their lives to helping young people and hoped that this scholarship would motivate and help many students to reach and enjoy more productive lives.

### **Simmons-Olson, Mark Hightower Nursing Scholarship**

Dann Simmons, a Registered Nurse specializing in Geriatrics, and Brad Olson, a Board-Certified Pediatrician, have dedicated their careers to serving and caring for others throughout their life span. Mark Hightower, an Air Force Veteran, and the first African American to receive the Airman of the Year Award, shared their passion and aspired to become a Registered Nurse. Sadly, Hightower, a man of great integrity, loved and respected by all who knew him, passed away at 47 years of age from a rare and fatal condition known as Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML). He was not able to finish his nursing education and see that dream materialize. Mark personified professionalism and compassion and realized, first hand, the importance of quality nursing as he received his own care. The Simmons-Olson, Mark Hightower Nursing Scholarship Fund will assist those who share the passion of these men to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Through this effort, they hope to encourage spirited individuals who strive for success in the challenging and rewarding nursing profession.



### **Simonson Family Scholarship**



The Simonson families have lived in the Nova area for almost 100 years and have all graduated from either Ruggles-Troy or Mapleton High School. Bob Simonson, the founder of this scholarship, graduated from Mapleton High School in 1970 and established Simonson Builders, Inc. and Simonson Excavation, Inc. and a number of other construction-related companies. Due to the success of these combined companies and the Simonson families' passion for the Mapleton High School area and its students, Bob and his children wanted to provide a student with an opportunity to excel in his or her chosen field.

### Theodore S. and Kathy Smith Smetzer Scholarship

Ted graduated from Ashland High School in 1962 and served our country in the Army from 1963-1965. After returning home from the Army, he continued to work alongside his father at their family-owned business, Ashland Tire. In 1990, Ted and his son, Troy, established Smetz's Tire and Service Center. He loved living in and serving the Ashland community. Kathy graduated from Crestview High School in 1976 and retired from Spreng-Smith Agency in 2009. She enjoys spending time with the couple's children and grandchildren. Ted and Kathy loved serving their Lord, their church and the community in which they live. They strived to honor the Lord with being able to help individuals going through rough times in their lives such as divorce or death of a spouse. This scholarship was offered to help single parents further their education so they can better provide for their children. Also, widowed individuals and those who have financial need who may want to further their education may benefit from this fund.



### TW and Marjorie Smith Scholarship



TW graduated from Ashland High School in 1937. He served four and a half years in the Army during World War II and was a member of Headquarters Co. of the 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Division, receiving ten battle stars. Marjorie graduated from Ashland High School in 1942. During the war she worked at the Faultless Rubber Company making life belts for the armed forces.

They were married in 1945 when TW returned from the war and are the parents of three children: Jane, Nancy and Jim. The Smiths were dairy farmers for 28 years, then grain farmed until retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith chose to establish a charitable gift annuity to provide income as well as to benefit the Ashland County community. At the termination of annuity payments, the Smiths have designated support of a local charity and created a scholarship to benefit Ashland County high school students.

## Solomon Scholarship

Lee Solomon and Jane Welsh were Ashland High School sweethearts, graduating in 1968. They both graduated from Ashland College.

Lee's father and mother, Rev. George and Jessie Solomon, pastored many churches, including Park Street Brethren Church. After serving in the United States Army, Lee followed his father's footsteps at Ashland Theological Seminary. He pastored churches in Ohio, Indiana, and New York. Lee served as Vice President of Development at Ashland Seminary. He now lives in Florida.



Jane was born and raised in Ashland, the daughter of Jay and Thelma (Steigerwalt) Welsh. Jane was ready to get on the school bus when she was only 4. She loved her 2nd grade teacher, Barbara Noble, and wanted to be just like her. Jane began her teaching experience at Mapleton. She taught in 4 states and 8 different school systems. In her 4 decades of teaching, she always encouraged the love of reading. She hoped the Solomon Scholarship Fund would assist any Hillsdale students interested in teaching elementary education. By adding estate dollars to the Fund, they plan to assist students for generations to come.

## Donna & Lawrence Spreng Family Scholarship



Donna and Lawrence Spreng, lifelong residents of the Loudonville-Perrysville farm community, exemplified the true meaning of community service. Their involvement with 4-H, FFA, Athletic Boosters, church activities, local and county boards and public service at the township level was driven by their belief that it is honorable to give back to one's community. It is in that spirit that they made available a scholarship in their name to worthy graduates of Loudonville-Perrysville High School.

## **Stephanie Jane White Stein Memorial Scholarship**

Stephanie loved music. It was an integral part of her life. She sang in the choir, participated in Ashland High School musicals, and was involved in music programs all of her life. Her mom, Helen, also loved music, having been involved in several Sweet Adelines productions and singing in the church choir. Her dad, Dean, was extremely supportive of Stephanie's musical activities as well. Music bonded the White family, with brother Toby remembering vividly going to many musical productions as a child. Wanting to honor and remember their daughter Stephanie, Dean and Helen White created this scholarship through a testamentary gift at the Foundation.



Dean and Helen, both Ashland County natives, were very giving and hardworking individuals. Because they worked hard to live comfortably and send both their children to college, they desired to help others obtain an education with minimal debt. This scholarship, in memory of their daughter, is for an Ashland High School graduate pursuing a career in the music field.

## **Jordan "Joe" Stephens Memorial Ag Scholarship**

Jordan "Joe" Stephens was a member of the Hillsdale FFA and the Paw Pals and Barn Buddies 4-H Clubs. Joe was a vibrant young man with much ambition and love for family farming. He found such joy raising beef cattle, with brothers Justin and Matt as constant companions in raising high quality cattle to show and sell. Working on his grandfather Claire Kaufman's dairy farm, Joe learned at a young age the value of a dollar and how to financially support his interests. Exemplifying high standards, Joe believed you had to do the right thing or should not do it at all. He wanted the very best results. His brother Justin and his dad were great teachers in this respect.

Joe's life adventure was only sixteen years, far too short. In the few years he was with us, he touched many lives—young and old alike. Joe's family and friends, as well as the community have established this scholarship in his memory, to encourage high school students to further their education in the following fields: Agriculture, Agri-Business, Horticulture, Agri-Related Biology, and Resource Conservation or Sciences.

### Andrew Stitzlein Memorial Scholarship



Andrew (Andy) Stitzlein, son of Earl and Kathi Stitzlein, lived on the family dairy farm in Loudonville his entire life. He graduated from Loudonville High School in 1999 and from Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute in 2001. During high school he was very active in FFA, attaining the State Farmer Degree, the American Farmer Degree, being a National runner-up for the Cereal Grain Award (wheat) in 1999, and being the National winner of the Soybean Award in 2000. Andy was a lifetime FFA alumni member, was a past president of the Loudonville FFA Alumni, served on the Holmes County Farm Bureau Board, and was on the Loudonville Fair Tractor Pull Committee. Before his untimely death on July 4, 2012, Andy requested that a scholarship be established so that young people who shared his interest could have the opportunity to pursue the study of agriculture.

### Carl H. & Thelma L. Moherman Stitzlein Scholarship and Carl & Thelma Stitzlein Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

Carl H. and Thelma L. (nee: Moherman) Stitzlein spent a lifetime of dedication to the production and promotion of quality beef and their rural Loudonville farms. Both Carl and Thelma served on local, state and national committees; worked at beef promotion events; and hosted tours at their farm to further the cause of the beef industry. Education and the acquiring of knowledge was an important part of their lives. It is an honor for the family to be associated with the Ashland Co. Cattlemen's Scholarship.



### Robert and Colleen Stitzlein Scholarship



The United States is reliant on innovative thinking and quality education. On this basis, Robert and Colleen Stitzlein established this scholarship to support students interested in contributing to the betterment of the quality of life and making a difference in the world.

### Robert & Joyce Stokes Family Scholarship



Robert and Joyce Stokes had a lifelong dedication and commitment to education, athletics, and service to their community. They met and graduated from Muskingum College. They resided in Ashland for many years. Robert's first term in Ashland was as Ashland College's Basketball and Assistant Football coach. He then moved to Muskingum College where he coached both basketball and football. He returned to Ashland College to serve as Athletic Director and

Associate Professor. He was inducted into the Ashland County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002. He was also inducted into Ashland University Hall of Fame. Joyce graduated from Muskingum with a BS in Education. She taught kindergarten and second grade. Joyce served as Elder, Stephen Minister, and choir member of First Presbyterian Church. She dedicated her life to raising three children and supporting them through volunteering in classrooms, athletic events and church events. She was a member of the Chautauqua Literary Scientific Circle. An avid gardener, she was a member of the Garden Study Club for many years. She was also a member of Amicae Per Annos Sorority. The Stokes Family established this scholarship to honor Robert and Joyce's value of education and continuous example of serving others.

### John A. Strang and Son Scholarship

Ivan Strang was the son of John and Waveline (Miller) Strang. He grew up with three sisters on his father's farm. Ivan graduated from Hayesville High School and worked various jobs in the trucking and mechanics industry, eventually returning to work with his father on the farm. Ivan is survived by a son, Jamie, and a daughter, Connie Vogler.

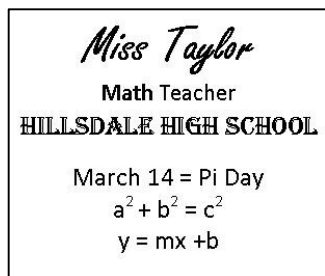
### Stump Family Cross Country Scholarship

Donald and Ann Stump moved to Ashland in 1994, returning to Ann's hometown. Two of their children have enjoyed participation in the cross-country program at Ashland High School. Success in cross country is dependent upon discipline and dedication, traits that are also important for achievement in the classroom and in life. Don and Ann both earned doctorates in the sciences and believe that the training of future scientists and mathematicians is crucial to the future prosperity of this country. This scholarship is intended to assist a student who has demonstrated a strong commitment to cross country and academics.





## Helen J. Taylor Scholarship



Helen J. Taylor graduated from Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana and appreciates the excellent education she received there. Miss Taylor taught mathematics at Hillsdale High School for 32 years. She established this scholarship as a way to return something to the Hillsdale Community and to encourage students to pursue careers in mathematics and/or teaching. She also wants to help those who would like to attend a private liberal arts college.

## Jane L. Taylor Scholarship

The Jane L. Taylor Scholarship for Nursing is offered in celebration of Jane's 50th anniversary of graduating from Mansfield General Hospital School of Nursing. She would like to offer her assistance to future Registered Nurses of Ashland County.

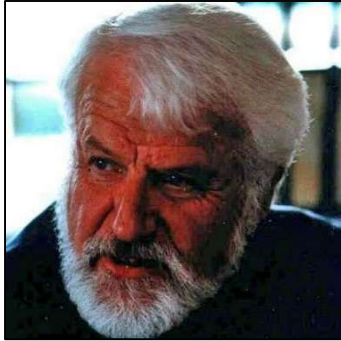
Jane has resided in Northern Ashland County since 1960. She graduated from Mansfield General Hospital School of Nursing's Class of 1969 and worked in most all of the hospital nursing departments during her career. She left her career of nursing after 16 years to pursue other interests. She married Charles Taylor in 1973.



## Jane Elizabeth Thomas Scholarship

Jane Elizabeth Thomas was a kindhearted, fun-loving lady who overcame many challenges in her life. She enjoyed quilting, cooking, embroidery and gardening. Her husband, David, and her stepchildren hope that her legacy will be the resulting productive lives of the people this scholarship impacts. This scholarship places a heavy emphasis on financial need, with preferences for students who will pursue an education leading to employable skills. It is renewable for up to three years (in two equal installments to be paid in July and January each academic year) with verification of a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

### James Sherwood Tipton Eagle Scout Scholarship



James Tipton was born and raised in Ashland, Ohio. As a young boy he loved the natural world and was involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Hiking, camping, gardening, reading, writing and working on various merit badges, eventually earning the rank of Eagle Scout, were among his favorite activities. He was also committed to his church and earned the “God and Country Award” and was inducted into Order of the Arrow at Camp Avery Hand, where he spent many wonderful weeks both as a camper and member of the staff.

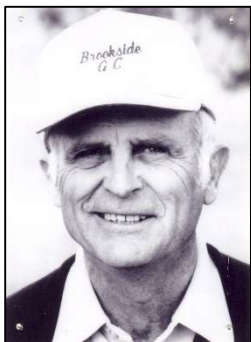
As an adult, he spent much time in Colorado and southern Mexico. He enjoyed a life of service—helping those in need at all levels: physical, emotional and spiritual. He believed that love and patience, a pleasant disposition, and respect for all life were important virtues. As a boy and an adult his commitment to the twelve simple and useful points of the Boy Scout Law was evident.

### Sophia Underwood Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Underwood was a valued member of the Ashland Community for over 35 years. She volunteered her time, passion and spirit to many organizations and charities during her life. She served as director of the Ashland County Cancer Association, assisted the guidance department of the Ashland County West Holmes Joint Vocational School and volunteered as a cheerleading coach at Ashland High School. This scholarship was established by her family upon her death in 2009.



### George J. Valentine Pursuit of Excellence Scholarship



After his death in 2008, the family and friends of George J. Valentine established a scholarship in honor of both his inspiration and dedication to Ashland High School. George, born in Pittsburgh in 1923, was an Army Air Force P-51 fighter pilot during the Second World War. Following his distinguished military service, he graduated from Muskingum College where he was a standout athlete in several sports. He moved to Ashland in 1949 to accept a position in the Ashland City School System as a teacher and coach, later earning a master’s degree in physical education from The University of Pittsburgh. At AHS, George taught social studies and government, and coached track and field, football, basketball, cross country and golf. Over the next sixty years of his life, George encouraged and inspired several generations of young men and women to strive to achieve their

personal best in both the classroom and on the athletic field. He became Ashland High School's Athletic Director and was instrumental in the founding of the Cardinal Conference Athletic League. Later in his career, he worked for the National Golf Foundation and then at Ashland University, where he coached award-winning teams in both golf and cross country. For the next twenty-five years, he would serve as the head golf professional at Brookside Golf Course where he pioneered highly successful junior golf programs. During this time, George also was the AHS boy's golf coach and was instrumental in establishing the girl's high school golf team. The driving force throughout George's life was his ability to motivate students and athletes to direct their best efforts toward meaningful life accomplishments.

### **Tom VanOsdall Jr. Endowed Scholarship**

Tom VanOsdall graduated from Ashland High School in the Class of 1962. Tom was the only child of Tom and Helen VanOsdall. He had many interests in his life, including music, particularly jazz, and he played the piano as well as sang in the AHS choir under the direction of Louis Pete. Sailing was a favorite hobby at the Mifflin Sailing Club. He was an excellent math student and had been accepted at Kenyon College when his life was cut short by an automobile accident.

### **Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson Scholarship**



JoAnn Ford Watson graduated from Ashland High School in 1974 and has devoted much of her life to religious service and higher education as a former minister in the Presbyterian Church and a retired professor of theology at Ashland Theological Seminary. She received degrees from DePauw University, Princeton Theological Seminary and Northwestern University (Ph.D.). She devotes herself to the mentoring of young women to actualize their potential and gifts in career choice. The scholarship is intended for young women interested in service to humanity.

### **Fred H. Weber III Scholarship**

Frederick H. Weber II—a businessman, entrepreneur, and inventor—was born to Frederick and Oval Schackelford Weber in Rochester, Pennsylvania on July 29, 1924. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Kent State University and did post graduate work at Case Western Reserve University of Technology. Mr. Weber was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving as a fighter pilot during WWII in the South Pacific and England.



Mr. Weber's professional career began at Abbott Laboratories, formerly Faultless Rubber Company. In 1965, he founded the former Fred H. Weber Co., Inc., a manufacturer's representative sales company in Ashland. Mr. Weber served as Chief Executive Officer of Mohican Industries, Inc., which he founded in 1980. He is credited with design patents of several molded rubber parts as well as process patents for the molding of rubber parts.

A member of Peace Lutheran Church, Mr. Weber served as president of the church council. He was co-founder and past president of the Board of the County Humane Society and past president of the Ohio Federated Humane Societies. In 1996 he was given the Humane Award for distinguished service by the Capital Area Humane Society. Mr. Weber was a Board member of Big Brothers-Little Sisters and was named in the 1993 Who's Who Registry of Global Business Leaders.

Mr. Weber died in 1998, having made Ashland "home" for 45 years. His never-ending energy and spirit attributed to Mr. Weber's accomplishments and contributions to the Ashland community that will long be remembered.

**Paul and JoAnne Weber Scholarship, fbo Loudonville Livestock Club Participants**

**Paul and JoAnne Weber Scholarship, fbo OSU-ATI "Dairy Cattle Production & Management" Students**

**Paul and JoAnne Weber Scholarship, fbo West Holmes High School FFA Alumni**

Paul Weber graduated from Cal Poly in 1978 with a degree in Dairy Science and was on the Cal Poly National Judging Team the prior year. He became a leader in the dairy industry and was a breeder of many outstanding Brown Swiss cows, including Idyl Wild Improver Jinx. He was a man of great faith and loved God and his family above all else. Most of all he was honest, innovative, kind and generous. He was greatly loved and will be forever missed by his family, neighbors and friends, especially the entire crew at Idyl Wild Farm.

**Earl J. Weikel Scholarship**



Mr. Earl Weikel taught history and was the superintendent of Jeromesville School—later becoming the Ashland County Schools Superintendent. He was inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association and Ashland County Sports Hall of Fame for his continued support and participation in athletics. In recognition of his efforts to establish an outstanding educational system in Ashland County and acknowledge his success in implementing the standards of excellence that have motivated so many students, friends and family members established this scholarship.

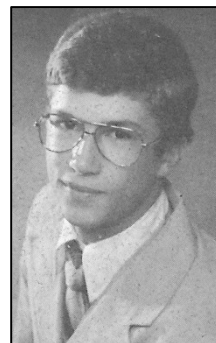
### Russell Wendling Rolling Hills Farm Agriculture Scholarship



Russell Wendling was a 1975 graduate of Loudonville-Perrysville High School and among the first class to attend the Ashland County Joint Vocational School. As a factory worker and farmer, he garnished great pleasure out of working the land on his farm and restoring antique farm equipment. Russ was a race enthusiast, building and racing stock cars as well as officiating races. He also participated in tractor pulling competitions and antique farm equipment clubs. In his memory, the family has established a scholarship fund to help a young person pursue a profession in agriculture.

### Steve Wertz Agricultural Memorial Scholarship

Steve Wertz was a 1986 Ashland High School graduate. He was a dedicated agriculture education student who was very involved in FFA activities. He served as reporter and president of the chapter. He earned his Ohio FFA Degree in 1985 and was a member of the state winning and national dairy foods team. Steve almost single-handedly organized the Ashland FFA Alumni. He wrote the constitution. Steve was a 1988 graduate of ATI in dairy. He believed in the power of "ag" influence on youth. Steve was the son of Ralph and Carol Wertz. He was killed in a 1990 car accident.



### William K. Wiley Scholarship



The William K. Wiley Scholarship is awarded in Mr. Wiley's memory as a tribute to his many contributions of artifacts, in addition to his time spent on the Board of Trustees, helping to develop the Ashland County Historical Society as a source of information relating to the social, political, and industrial background of Ashland City and County. William was a lifelong resident of Ashland, from his birth in 1915 until his death in 2001. He was a graduate of Ashland High School and Wittenberg University in Springfield Ohio. This scholarship will be awarded to an Ashland County graduate who has an academic interest in history, conservation of the past, or a career in museum curatorship.

### Jeff Williams "Principle" Scholarship



Jeff Williams was born in Ravenna and raised in Canfield, Ohio. He played football for Ashland University and graduated in 1972 with a degree in secondary Health and PE. He taught Health/Physical Education and OWE at Brown Jr. High School in Ravenna while completing his administrative degree at Kent State University. In 1980 he returned to Ashland as Assistant Principal of Ashland Junior High School. As part of his duties, he was the athletic director of the building and later served as principal of the building now known as Ashland Middle School. He remained in that capacity until May 20, 2006. He inspired and respected people for their individual strengths, acknowledged good "character" and encouraged good leadership.

### W. Boyd & Clara A. Winbigler Scholarship



W. Boyd was born in 1901 in Jeromesville, Ohio. Upon Graduating from Jeromesville High School, he worked at the LA&S Railroad. He later owned a feed elevator, a bottled water company, and a lumber company. Clara was born in 1902 in New York and later moved to Ohio. She went to school until the age of 13. It was at this time that her mother died and Clara had to take care of her two younger brothers.

### Earl & Mary Wolfe Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics

Earl Wolfe was an Ohio educator for 47 years. He taught math and history. He also served as principal of Ashland Junior High School, which he organized. Mr. Wolfe and his wife, Mary McHorter Wolfe, had two daughters, Mary Ellen and Frances. This scholarship was created by the estate of Frances B. Wolfe in honor of her mother and father. This scholarship is intended to assist a graduating Ashland High School student pursuing a degree in mathematics or a closely allied field of study.



## **Mary Ellen Wolfe Memorial Scholarship**

Mary Ellen Wolfe was the daughter of Earl and Mary Wolfe. She was born in Ashland, Ohio and graduated from Ashland High School in 1935 and Ashland College in 1939. After teaching school for four years, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps during World War II and served in Alaska. Upon request, she was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. Mary Ellen served as editor of the AHS newspaper, the Ashland Collegian, and the base newspaper while stationed in Alaska. After the war, she went on to work as a reporter for the Ashland Times-Gazette, the Dayton Journal Herald, and the Toledo Blade before becoming disabled by rheumatoid arthritis. She worked 34 years as a reporter and won several prestigious awards. Following retirement, she became active in church and civic work, serving as a public relations agent. Mary Ellen passed away in 1993.



## **Women's Fund Scholarship Award**

The Women's Fund Scholarship Award was created in 2014 by the Women's Fund Steering Committee, a committee of the Ashland County Community Foundation. The goal of this scholarship is to create opportunity for any female Ashland County resident who may need "a boost" to create a better life for herself and her family.

In its mission to empower women, this fund was established to provide a resource for Ashland County women who may seek tuition assistance to attend career programs that will help them achieve their professional goals. These scholarship dollars, available to female non-traditional students, are to help pay for education or job training.

The Women's Fund awards grants each year to non-profit organizations that serve women. Committee members have also desired greatly to assist individual women with education and job training that can enhance their lives. Our Women's Fund members are excited to offer this scholarship opportunity.

## **Vanessa L. Wood Memorial Scholarship**



Vanessa L. Wood grew up in Mansfield, Ohio and attended Mansfield City Schools. She worked her way through her Bachelor's Degree from Ohio State and her Master's Degree from Ashland University, while raising her family. She was married to Jim Wood and had two sons – Paxton and Bryce Wood. She was very committed to her family. She was active in Boy Scouts and supported her sons in various sports. She loved teaching children and

felt the responsibility for their learning was not only hers but theirs also. She made learning fun and thought it was a lifetime process.

### **Keith Wygant Memorial Scholarship**

Keith Wygant would have graduated in the Ashland High School Class of 1971. He was the son of Norma and Lloyd Wygant. He had been accepted in the engineering program at Purdue University when he died suddenly and unexpectedly in the Fall of his senior year of high school. At Ashland High School, he participated in football and wrestling and enjoyed a variety of activities. He and his family enjoyed sailing together at the Mifflin Sailing Club.

### **Gene and Janice Yeater Educational Scholarship**

The Gene and Janice Yeater Scholarship was established by their children to promote the value of and necessity for a quality education for self, family and the greater community. Gene was a sixty plus year educator teaching at the Army Ordinance School and Hayesville High School. He served as Principal at Hayesville and Hillsdale High Schools. He also was Superintendent of Hillsdale Local Schools and Superintendent of Ashland County Schools. For a number of years, he was an Adjunct Professor of Education Administration at Ashland University. Janice was a sixty plus year homemaker, mother and mentor of their five children, Daniel a Mechanical Engineer, Janene a nurse and Hospital Administrator, Anita a secondary school teacher, Barry a Mechanical Engineer and Keith a Mechanical Engineer. The value and importance of a relevant education, manifest by all the members of this family, was the reason for the scholarship.



### **Harvey N. Young Business-Finance Scholarship**



"Business and finance is fundamental to our free market economic system" Harvey said upon creation of this scholarship. "What better way to help foster this rewarding system than by encouraging our young people to study it, be a part of it and to improve upon it."

## Robert (Driz) Young Scholarship

Born in 1922, Robert J. Young was an Ohio native. He graduated from Canton McKinley High School where he played baseball and basketball, having loved the institution. Mr. Young served on the USS Tomahawk in the US Navy Aviation Ordinance during World War II. He was employed by the State Highway Patrol in Mansfield for three years during which time the Ashland Highway Patrol Station was created. Establishing his own sales representative business in 1959, Young Associates Corp was located in Mansfield and moved to Ashland approximately ten years later. Bob Ginty served the organization as an advisor. Mr. Young married Helen Hostetler. He was a 30-year member of the Country Club of Ashland, enjoyed golf, and continued to care for Canton McKinley High School and its students until his death.

