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New Scholarships Assist Liberal Arts Students, Children/Grandchildren of Veterans

Two scholarships were created at the close of 2010. The **Thomas Layman Memorial Scholarship** was created from Mr. Layman's estate. Layman was originally from Mayfield Heights, Ohio. He attended Hillsdale College and studied English at Cleveland College of Western Reserve where he received a B.A. in 1951. Prior to his death, Mr. Layman resided in Millersburg and volunteered his time at the Education Foundation for several years. John Waltman, his attorney and long time friend, quoted Tom saying, "Everyone needs some type of training or education and the Foundation is good for the people of Holmes County." The scholarship will be awarded in the spring of 2011 to Holmes County students demonstrating financial need and pursuing higher education in liberal arts, including literature, languages, philosophy, history, mathematics and science.



L-R: the late Doris Weber and Chris Weber

The **Weber Girls Scholarship** was created in memory of Chris Weber and Doris Y. Weber (sisters-in-law) with a pledge from the Melvin McClure American Legion Post 551 in Holmesville. It was established by the friends and families of Chris Weber and Doris Weber to assist those who are a Holmes County resident, a graduate of West Holmes High School or Waynedale High School, a child or grandchild of a veteran, and pursuing post-secondary educational goals. The scholarship will be provided to students once the pledge requirements have been met, and additional donations are encouraged to help meet the pledge. A benefit Poker Run is scheduled for July 30th.

Current Holmes County Education Foundation scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply for either scholarship. The Education Foundation oversees over forty named scholarships, which can be found at <http://www.hcef.net/scholarship/list.html>.

Thankful Recipients

"I want to personally thank you for awarding me a... scholarship! My gratitude for your confidence in my future success is beyond description." - Emily

"Receiving this very generous scholarship was truly a miracle. It took off so much stress and I am forever grateful for the person who has donated the money for this award." - Joseph

"The gift the Foundation has given to many students from Holmes County is absolutely priceless and allows us the chance to become successful adults. Thank you." - Casey

The Education Foundation has provided key opportunities for 1,845 students, totaling over \$5,200,000 since 1991.

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Executive Session

A Message from our Director



Darla A. Stitzlein

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."
-Lao Tzu, Chinese Philosopher

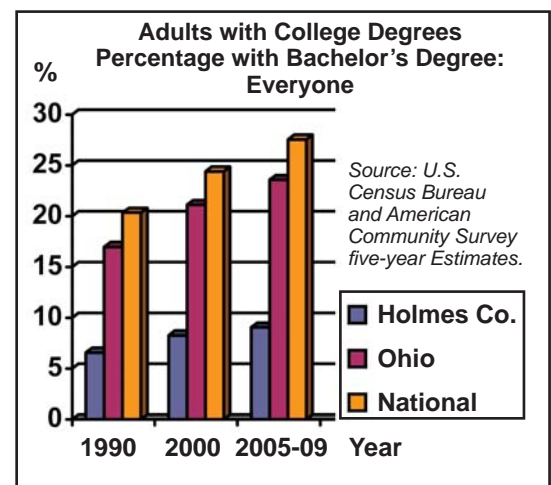
It's the coldest day of winter yet as I write this column. My mind and body are getting excited as my upcoming cross-country drive vacation to a warmer climate nears. It's my first time to travel across the states by car. Mile by mile we will see, hear, taste, touch and smell the offerings of our journey. My upcoming journey is a long one with a final destination of sunshine and relaxation.

The journey of educating students to a college degree attainment is also a long one. As depicted in the graph to the right, we are making baby steps in our local county degree attainment percentage. Since 1990, the percentage of Holmes County adults with a bachelor's degree has climbed from 6.58% to 9.06% in 2009. The Holmes County Education Foundation began awarding scholarships in 1991 and has been a key factor in this increase. However, Holmes County still lags behind the state and national averages and much more needs to be done. Your support and generosity has allowed us to make improvements in the lives of our students and our community and is needed to continue our efforts.

I hope you will continue reading to see how we are impacting the community

in reaching their highest educational potential and how easy it is to support our students and programs. In the meantime, I've got only 2,000 miles to go, but who's counting? ☺

Darla A. Stitzlein, Executive Director



AMISH STUDENTS RESTORE TRACTOR

The Foundation's twenty-second Amish Vocational Training Program class began last fall on September 14th. Nine students participated in the Tractor and Engine Restoration class, where they were able to restore a 1965 Industrial 1010 John Deere tractor to its original state. "The project began as an old tractor, sitting in the woods," instructor John Roberts stated. Roberts, along with instructors Steve Fender and Phil Roberts, started with a stuck engine, piston and rings, and with their students, were able to conduct an overhaul of the transmission, brakes, clutch and electrical system. The team finished the project up with what John Roberts coined as the "best paint job ever!" Students commented that they enjoyed learning how an engine works. "[An] old rusty tractor can be turned into something valuable with some time and money," one student commented. A graduation celebration was held on November 30th to show off the restored tractor.

(Above) Instructor Phil Roberts stands next to the 1965 Industrial 1010 John Deere tractor; (Below) The finished project, revealed during the November 30th graduation.

Scholarships Funded through the Holmes County Education Foundation

- Holmes County Education Foundation Scholarship
- [Anonymous Donors] Achievement Scholarship
- Baserman/Irving Family Scholarship
- Jennifer Bird Duff Memorial Scholarship
- Harold (H.T.) & Louise Blum Scholarship
- Joe & Frieda Bock Scholarship
- Ami Breitenbucher Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Cary Scholarship
- College Access Last Dollar Grant
- Herbert & Corrinne Drushell Scholarship
- Donald C. Egger Memorial Scholarship
- French Ridge Title Co. LTD Scholarship
- Aimee Frenette Rickly Memorial Scholarship
- Robert & Elsie Galley Educational Scholarship
- Melanie A. Gehm Memorial Scholarship
- Graven Family Nursing Scholarship
- Paul & Esther Haudenschild Memorial Music Scholarship
- Holmes County Historical Society Scholarship
- Fred & Ollie Hoffman Scholarship
- Jennifer M. Jones Memorial Scholarship
- Key Foundation Endowed Scholarship
- Killbuck Area Scholarship
- Thomas Layman Memorial Scholarship
- Helen Logsdon Scholarship
- Master's Service Scholarship
- Warren McCulloch Memorial Scholarship
- McNutt Scholarship
- Patricia M. Morganti Memorial Scholarship
- Keith Nowels Memorial Scholarship
- William H. Patten III Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Owen & Mildred Patterson Scholarship
- Raymond J. & Louella F. Patterson Scholarship for Teachers
- Sauerbrey Memorial Scholarship
- John W. & Geneva Schuler Scholarship
- Judson & Beverly Schuler Scholarship
- Blair Slutz Memorial Education Scholarship
- R. Dean & Jean A. Smith Scholarship
- Darb Snyder Educational Scholarship
- Roy & Dorothy Stallman Memorial Scholarship
- Maxine Waltman Memorial Scholarship
- Don & Oneta ("Grandma") Way Memorial Scholarship
- Weber Girls Scholarship
- Helen Youngs Music Scholarship

How to Establish a Scholarship

The Holmes County Education Foundation has had the privilege of working with several donors throughout the years in establishing educational scholarships. Each of these scholarships is created by a donor to meet their unique philanthropic interests, achieve their charitable goals, and improve the quality of life for Holmes County residents.

As a special recognition of donors of \$25,000 or more, we establish named Endowed Scholarships. These are often a tribute to a milestone event, such as an anniversary or birthday, or to honor a celebrated life. The donor may determine the name of the scholarship and its criteria.

The Holmes County Education Foundation relies solely on the contributions of citizens who recognize the importance of education. Help us continue to provide the residents of Holmes County with educational opportunities by remembering the Holmes County Education Foundation in your will. Contact Executive Director Darla Stitzlein at (330) 674-7303 to discuss establishing a scholarship.

Recipient

Corner

I am so thankful to the Foundation for helping me attain my educational goals! Every dollar donated is important because it doesn't represent a tuition fee here or a college bill there-- every dollar donated represents a student like me. It's a pleasure to now advise the Foundation on its Advisory Board and root for students who need that extra financial help.

- Tracy Reiheld



Tracy Reiheld received a scholarship from the Foundation while completing her studies at Kent State University. Reiheld and her family reside in Loudonville, Ohio, and she serves as office manager for WOW Image Group in Millersburg.

Easy Philanthropy



Consider the Ease of Monthly Giving to Support our Efforts

With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays over, perhaps you've just realized that you forgot to make your year-end contribution to support the Holmes County Education Foundation. We offer a recurring monthly giving program that is just a few simple clicks away. A monthly giving program, (also called a preauthorized giving program or electronic funds transfer [or EFT]), is a program in which donors authorize a non-profit organization to withdraw a specified amount of money from the donor's bank account or credit card on the same day each month. The Education Foundation is able to participate in this type of transaction with the help of *Network for Good*, a nonprofit, donor-advised fund that distributes your donation to the Foundation. The transaction is easy, convenient, safe and secure and can be as little as \$10 per month.

"I think one of Holmes County's best qualities is its sense of community," says Brooke (Morganti) Zablou dil. "For this reason, so many graduates go away to college and then return to the area to live and work. Thus, by investing in a Holmes County graduate's college education through the Education Foundation scholarship, often times is also an investment in the county." Brooke grew up in Holmes County, attending West Holmes High School. After graduating from The Ohio State University in 2001, Brooke opted to stay in the Columbus area. She and her husband Dan have been donating to the Education Foundation since 2005 into her mother's scholarship, the Patricia Morganti Memorial Scholarship fund. "We love the Education Foundation's organization and communication from two standpoints-- as donors and as family members of a memorial scholarship namesake. It is a priority of our family's to donate through my mom's scholarship," she stated.

The Zablou dils also opted for online giving with the Foundation, using the HCEF's link to *Network for Good*. "For some time, we had been contributing a lump sum once or twice a year," Brooke stated. "However, we found that by dividing our annual donation into a monthly gift, it benefitted us in several ways. First, contributing to the scholarship each month works better for our family budget. In fact, we were able to actually increase our overall annual contribution, as our donation is being split into 12 smaller payments over the course of the year. Secondly, using the Foundation's *Network for Good* automatic electronic withdrawal makes donating extremely simple. A withdrawal is made to our account on the same day each month, so we don't even bother with writing or mailing a check. The entire process is secure and easy!"

Giving online is easy!

Just go to <http://www.hcef.net/donors/donate.html> and click on the "Donate Now" button, which will direct you to the Foundation's *Network for Good* site. From there, you can state if you would like to give a one-time donation or a recurring donation to be deducted monthly, quarterly or annually. You can also specify a designation of the gift. (A complete list of the Foundation's named scholarships can be found at <http://www.hcef.net/scholarship/list.html>.) Contact the Foundation for any giving inquiries.

Education at Work



HOLMES COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR ENGAGES STUDENTS

Nine local high schools were represented (in addition to home-schooled students and non-traditional students) as over 170 students and their families attended the Holmes County College Fair on Monday, October 18th at West Holmes High School. The event, sponsored by the Holmes County Education Foundation, had over 60 college, university, military and education-related institutions provide valuable information. The Foundation wishes to thank College Access Advisory Committee members Paula Aurrand and Susan Corl, HCEF volunteer Wayne Leininger and West Holmes students Wyatt Gardner, Natalie Abraham, Liz Overholt, Spencer Chaney and Chelsea Black, as well as West Holmes High School teachers and staff for helping to make this event possible.

ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXPO HELD

On Tuesday, November 2, the College Access Program held its first Adult Education and Training Expo at the Friends for Friends Community Building in Millersburg. The objective was to serve the adult community in Holmes County that may not feel comfortable attending a college fair, which typically caters to teenagers. Representatives from Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center, Kent State-Tuscarawas Branch, the Holmes County Higher Education Center, Central Ohio Technical College (Carol Bichsel from COTC, pictured left) and Buckeye Career Center were in attendance. The individuals who came were able to receive information and direction regarding their educational futures.



NETWORK EDUCATES SHARE-A-CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

The Holmes County Higher Education Network, which was created as a result of a grant the Education Foundation received from the Lumina Foundation, was a very active group in 2010. Individuals from varying local organizations put their resources together to see how to best promote higher education in Holmes County. One of the ideas that came as a result of these meetings was to create a "higher education pack" for the 300 needy families served in the county's Share-A-Christmas program. Using the Holmes County Higher Education Center's yellow bags, the Network spent an afternoon filling these packs with promotional and informational items from each Network organization, including a newly created Holmes County Higher Education Network Directory.

GASTIER RECEIVES COLLEGE ACCESS AWARD

College Access Advisor Ann Gastier received the Wayne F. White College Access Staff Award at the 2010 Ohio College Access & Success Conference in Columbus on December 13th. The award was sponsored by the KnowledgeWorks Foundation and was developed to recognize the dedication, hard work and innovation of an individual working on behalf of a local college access program. Gastier is pictured here (center) with (L-R) Education Foundation Executive Director Darla Stitzlein and Ohio College Access Network President and CEO, Reggie Wilkinson. Gastier and Stitzlein also presented a session during the conference entitled "College Access on a Shoestring Budget," offering other programs creative and useful ways to promote higher education at a low cost.



FOUNDATION GRANT FUNDS GED TEST VOUCHERS

The Education Foundation provided local programs with funding for vouchers for students wanting to take their GED (General Educational Development) tests. Called a "GED Pay It Forward Scholarship," funding has enabled ABLE (Adult Basic and Literacy Education) students who qualify on the basis of their official Pre-GED exam scores a scholarship to cover the cost of registration to take the GED exam. HCEF Executive Director Darla Stitzlein (pictured, right) provided Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center ABLE Coordinator Jim Bargar (left) and Holmes County GED Coordinator Shirley Topovski (center) with this funding. Bargar and Topovski also serve with Stitzlein on the Holmes County Higher Education Network.



Spotlight on Alumni

Reflecting upon his educational and professional journey, Brett Gallion stated, "My education has given me the tools to be successful in all areas of my career. The way I present myself in my career is a direct result of my education." Gallion is a 2005 graduate of West Holmes High School, having received a bachelor of science in business administration from Kent State University in 2010. He currently serves as banking center manager at The Commercial & Savings Bank in Berlin, OH. Gallion manages the day-to-day operations, underwriting consumer and commercial loan requests, ensuring compliance with regulations and procedures, and, as Brett himself said, "providing exceptional banking experiences for our customers."

Brett reflected on his educational experience and how it has affected his current work practices. "My education

has provided me with the tools and techniques to be successful in my career," he stated. "I also benefitted by gaining the experience of working in a group setting with many different personalities."

Gallion returned to Millersburg to live and work. "It's where my life is, my friends and my home town," he said. "I always knew I would return here to work." Brett additionally stated that he enjoys the "community feel and being part of an organization that supports the community and its goals."

Brett received a scholarship from the Holmes County Education Foundation during his first year of post-secondary education. "By providing financial assistance," he said, "the Foundation has lessened the burden of paying for my education, which has allowed me to focus on my education and develop



Brett Gallion

my professional career...[it] is greatly appreciated."

In his spare time, Gallion enjoys collecting Millersburg carnival glass and spending time with his family and friends. His favorite vacation spot is Gatlinburg, Tennessee.



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