Carmel High School



Class of 2020 Community Scholarship Awards

Presented by:

Carmel Education Foundation



and Community Organizations

Carmel Education Foundation 2020 Scholarships

The Carmel Education Foundation was created in 1966 to help all Carmel Clay students achieve their full potential. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors who give their time and energy to accelerate the Foundation's mission by funding educational grants for teachers, awarding more than 90 college scholarships annually, and expanding resources for the Carmel Clay Schools.

The scholarships that are awarded each year are either fully endowed or generously funded each year by individuals, families, or organizations that are closely connected to Carmel schools. Many of the recipients are selected by those donors or their designees, based on the criteria they have established. The other scholarships are selected by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee, composed of board members and community volunteers.

This year, over 340 applications were evaluated and 100 scholarships awarded.

The Carmel Education Foundation's mission is to support Carmel Clay students in academic achievement and lifelong learning.



Alan K. Miller Academic Scholarship

Awarded to: Austin Throckmorton

This scholarship was established in memory of Alan K. Miller, who lost his life in a tragic accident while employed with the Miller Pipeline Co. The recipient has been involved in school and/or community activities.

Alan K. Miller Engineering Scholarship

Awarded to: Jacob Carroll

This scholarship was established in memory of Alan K. Miller, who lost his life in a tragic accident while employed with the Miller Pipeline Co. The recipient of this scholarship has been accepted into the Purdue University School of Engineering.

Alan K. Miller Wrestling Scholarship

Awarded to: Garrett Sharp

This scholarship was established in memory of Alan K. Miller, who lost his life in a tragic accident while employed with the Miller Pipeline Co. The recipient of this scholarship is a senior member of the Carmel High School wrestling team and has exemplified the qualities of dedication and perseverance.

Allan C. Chyba Scholarship

Awarded to: Megan Walawender

Allan C. Chyba was a member of the Carmel High School Ambassador show choir who passed away in 1998. This scholarship is awarded to a senior who participated in a middle school music program and has been a member of the Ambassador Show Choir for at least two years. The recipient, recommended by the director of the Ambassadors Choir, has exemplified a positive attitude and enthusiasm for the program.

Ambassador Alumni Parent Club Beth Anderson Scholarship

Awarded to:

Lauren Grumbacher Chendi Liu Elizabeth Schmidt

Recipients of the Ambassador Alumni Parent's Club Beth Anderson Scholarship have participated in a high school choral program for four years, at least two of those being at Carmel High School, and have been a member of the Ambassador Show Choir.

Amy Kline Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Aeryn Hopwood

The Amy Kline Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of Amy's passion for helping in her daughter's schools as a volunteer and member/President of the PTO's at Woodbrook Elementary, Clay Middle School and Carmel High School. The recipient has been active in community and school and will be attending Indiana University.

Andis-Shiroka-Voelker Scholarship

Awarded to: Natasha Mash

This scholarship is in memory of students Christina Andis, Louie Shiroka and David Voelker, who perished in a tragic accident involving a driver education automobile on June 26, 1984. The Andis-Shiroka-Voelker Scholarship is made possible by a grant from Doug Collins who was their instructor and was fortunate to have survived.

Ann Conrad Choral Scholarship

Awarded to: Madalyn Sailors

This scholarship honors Ann Conrad, a retired Carmel High School performing arts teacher and is awarded to a Carmel High School senior who has demonstrated a strong commitment to choral music with a minimum of three years of choral department participation.

Ashley Crouse Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Leonardo Zhou

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Ashley Crouse, a 2002 Carmel High School graduate who passed away in 2005. Ashley was involved in Carmel High School as a cheerleader, soccer player, homecoming queen and student body president. Ashley was a student at Indiana University at the time of her passing where she was actively involved in the IU Dance Marathon. The recipient of this Scholarship has been involved in Carmel High School's student government and is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Beverly Platt Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Shawn Shepherd

This scholarship is awarded in memory of long-time educator Beverly Johnson Platt who passed away in 2017. Bev was a 1969 Carmel High School graduate. She began her career in education as a student teacher at the original College Wood Elementary (Guilford Road) and retired 38 years later from the new College Wood Elementary (Shelborne Rd). The recipient of this scholarship either had Mrs. Platt as a teacher, attended College Wood Elementary for a minimum of three years or is a child of a Carmel Clay Schools staff member.

Brett Ryan Finbloom Memorial Scholarship Awarded to:

Matthew Andrews Hannah Cunningham
Sebastian Penix Griffin Seitz

A 2012 graduate of Carmel High School, Brett was a scholar athlete who had a sense of humor and always a smile for others. Brett tragically passed away on August 5, 2012, as a result of alcohol intoxication, just a few days before leaving for college. Unfortunately, if the other teens he was with had known about the Indiana Lifeline Law and immediately called 911, Brett's life may have been saved. His family created this scholarship to award to Carmel High School seniors who have been active in educating their community about the dangers of underage drinking and the Make Good Decisions/Choose to Live/Indiana Lifeline campaign in an effort to spread Brett's message and save lives.

Carl B. and Mary Ellen Haehner Scholarship

Awarded to: Amber Poziviak

Carl B. and Mary Haehner were the parents of Alan and Barbara Haehner, who were active in Carmel High School's musical arts programs. Carl, himself, was a singer and was active for many years in choir and vocal groups. Alan was a member of the Carmel High School Ambassador Show Choir. Mary Haehner served as the Director of Food Services for Carmel Clay Schools for 17 years. The recipient of this scholarship has been an Ambassador or Ambassador Brass member, has exhibited good character and citizenship, and has a good scholastic record with emphasis in the areas of music and/or dramatic arts. The recipient will be pursuing a degree in the fields of music and/or dramatic arts.

Carl Baliff Scholarship

Awarded to: Edison Perry

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Mr. Carl K. Baliff, a life-long educator who passed away in 1973. Mr. Baliff was the principal of Orchard Park Elementary School for 16 years. The recipient of this scholarship attended Orchard Park Elementary for at least two years.

Carmel Baseball Backers, Inc. Scholarship

Awarded to:

Logan Urbanowski Christian Williams

This scholarship, presented by the Carmel High School Baseball Backers Parent Club, is awarded to graduating members of the Carmel High School varsity baseball team as either a player or student staff member (i.e. manager or trainer). The recipient has shown leadership ability and a strong mental attitude.

Carmel Elementary School Scholarship

Awarded to: Clayton Coolidge

Carmel Elementary's "Footprints to the Future Scholarship" is awarded on behalf of the generous donations of those who have walked the halls of Carmel Elementary. The recipient has attended Carmel Elementary for a minimum of three years and has participated in community activities.

Carmel Football Alumni Scholarship

Awarded to: Ryan Macharia

This scholarship, presented on behalf of the Carmel High School Football Alumni group, is awarded to a graduating member of the Carmel High School football team, either as a player or support staff. The recipient has been involved in school or community activities.

Carmel Girls Track & Field Parents Club Scholarship

Awarded to:

Phoebe Bates Abigail Dalton Lillian Green Sydney Haines Reagan Smiley Halle Welch

This scholarship, presented by the Carmel High School Girls Track & Field Parents Club, is awarded to senior members of the team who have been an athlete or a support student (i.e., team manager) for at least three years with their senior year being one of the years. The students best exemplify the special qualities of leadership, coach-ability, dedication, perseverance, good sportsmanship, and team spirit.

Carmel Girls Volleyball Scholarship

Awarded to: Kamryn Kichefski

This scholarship, presented by the Carmel High School Girls Volleyball Parents Club, is awarded to a senior member of the Carmel High School Girls Volleyball team who has been an athlete or a support student (i.e. team manager). The recipient has been involved in community activities or service projects.

Carmel Ice Hounds Hockey Scholarship

Awarded to: Hal Armstrong

This scholarship, sponsored by the Carmel Ice Hounds hockey team, is awarded to a student who has participated in the hockey program during their junior and senior years. In addition to GPA, the award is based on a series of performance and attitude measurements.

Charlie W. Scott Humanitarian Award

Awarded to: Libbi Miller

Upon Mr. Scott's retirement as principal of Carmel Middle School, this scholarship was established to honor his long-time service to Carmel Clay Schools and students. This award is given to a student who attended Carmel Middle School for at least two years, involved in school and/or community service, and will be pursuing a college major in education.

Cherry Tree Elementary Patriot Scholarship

Awarded to: Andrew Finkham

This recipient of this scholarship attended Cherry Tree Elementary for a minimum of four years and has expressed "What it was like to be a Cherry Tree Patriot?" in an essay and involved in their community and/or school. This scholarship is awarded by Teggie Rogers, long-time nurse at Cherry Tree Elementary.

Chief Gary Barney Law Enforcement Scholarship

Awarded to: Kendalyn Vanderbeck

This award is given in honor of Chief Gary Barney, Carmel's Chief of Police from 1976 to 1979 and again from 1986 to 1989. His favorite saying was that the youth are the future of Carmel. As a tribute to Chief Barney's commitment to education and to local youth, a fund was established to award a scholarship to an individual who upholds Chief Barney's ideals of public schools. This recipient of this scholarship is the son, daughter or grandchild of a Carmel Police Department employee and/or pursuing a degree in law enforcement or related field.

Christopher "Tripp" Zanetis Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Isabella Miller

This scholarship is presented by the Zanetis family, friends, and classmates in memory of "Tripp" Zanetis. Tripp was a member of the Carmel High School Class of 1999 and a member of the CHS Ambassador Show Choir. Additionally, Tripp was a Stanford Law graduate and a NYC firefighter. Tripp passed away in 2018 in a helicopter accident while serving our country. The recipient of this award has demonstrated involvement in their community.

CHS Choral Department Peer Recognition Award

Awarded to: Savion Bias

The recipient of this scholarship has been a member of the Carmel High School Choral program and has been recognized by their peers as having exemplified leadership, outstanding commitment and dedication within the program. The honoree has been nominated for the scholarship by their peers.

CHS Choral Department "Round of Applause" Awarded to:

Julia Sweet

Lydia Yong

The recipient of this scholarship has participated for four years in a Carmel High School Choral program. They have demonstrated a consistent commitment, high level of enthusiasm, and positive attitude toward choral department activities. Recipients have been recommended by the directors of the Choral Department.

CHS Choral Department "Standing Ovation" Award

Awarded to:

Alyssa Boldt Madeline Heath Jack Martin

Recipients of the Standing Ovation Scholarship have been a member of either the Carmel High School Accents or Carmel High School Ambassadors Choral programs, demonstrating their commitment to the program through choir-related activities outside of the classroom. Recipients have been selected by the directors of the choral department.

CHS Boys Lacrosse Dedication Award

Awarded to: Marcus Prine

This award, sponsored by the Carmel High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club, is awarded to a senior who has participated in the boy's lacrosse program as a player for his junior and senior years in good standing along with scholar athletic awards.

CHS Boys Lacrosse Scholars Award

Awarded to: Luke Pratt

This award, sponsored by the Carmel High School Boys Lacrosse Booster Club, is awarded to a senior who has participated in the boy's lacrosse program as a player for his junior and senior years in good standing along with academic awards.

Class of 1998 Scholarship

Awarded to: Maya Phipps

This scholarship was established to honor the members of the Carmel High School Class of 1998, and in special memory of classmates that have passed away. This scholarship honors the tradition of supporting the goals and ambitions of future students and alumni of Carmel High School. The recipient of this scholarship has exemplified the mission of Carmel Clay Schools, and has been involved in their school and/or community.

Coach Chuck Koeppen Cross Country Girls Scholarship Awarded to: Emily Hand Kayla Nelsen Elizabeth Nichol

The Carmel High School Cross Country Parent's Group provides scholarships to honor Coach Koeppen's devotion to teaching and coaching. Coach Koeppen retired from teaching after 35 years at Carmel High School. He coached the Boys' teams to 10 State Championships and 9 Runner-up titles and the Girls' teams to 10 State Championships and 7 Runner-up titles. He was deservedly awarded the 1982 National Cross Country Coach of the Year. Three scholarships are awarded to senior girl runners who have competed with the CHS Cross Country Team for at least three years.

Coach Chuck Koeppen Cross Country Boys Scholarship

Awarded to:

Owen Booth Caleb Leinheiser Michael Grant Moon

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Construction Award CHS Vocational Building Trades

Awarded to: Brandon Edwards

The recipient has completed at least one year in Carmel High School's Construction Program. Selection has been based upon grades earned in the class and overall GPA and leadership demonstrated within the class. Students pursuing a career in construction receive the highest priority.

Dale E. Graham Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Angela Li

This award was established to honor Dale Graham's 36-year commitment to Carmel Clay Schools as a teacher, coach, athletic director, vice-principal and principal of Carmel High School. The recipient has attended Carmel High School for four years, demonstrated leadership qualities, pursued a rigorous course of studies and has been involved in curricular activities.

Danquist/McDonald Carmel Education Foundation Community Leadership Award

Awarded to: Roufael Hanna

The Carmel Education Foundation board of directors established this scholarship in 2020 to honor Barbara Danquist and Stephanie McDonald, past Co-Executive Directors for their leadership and service to the Carmel Clay Schools community. The recipient of this award has demonstrated leadership, in any capacity.

Deb Davis Creekside Middle School Scholarship Awarded to: Anushka Dasqupta

This scholarship is in honor of Mrs. Deb Davis, Language Arts Department Chair at Creekside Middle School. This recipient of this scholarship attended Creekside Middle School for a minimum of two years and has been actively involved with a language arts-related school subject or activity (e.g. newspaper, yearbook, radio, TV, speech & debate, mock trial, or nonmusical theater).

DeWayne Akin CHS Girls Soccer Memorial Scholarship Awarded to:

Abby Dickerson Jessica Greven

This scholarship honors Mr. DeWayne Akin, a former coach of the Carmel High School Girls Soccer Team, amassing thirteen state championships. A life-long educator and coach, Mr. Akin passed away in 2010. The recipients of this scholarship have been a part of the CHS Girls Soccer Team as a player, manager, or trainer for at least two years with their senior as one of the years.

DeWayne Akin Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Isabella White

This scholarship honors Mr. DeWayne Akin, a school principal for Carmel Clay Schools from 1978 until his retirement from Woodbrook Elementary in 2009. A life-long educator and coach, Mr. Akin passed away in 2010. The recipient has attended Woodbrook Elementary School for at least two years and has been actively involved in their community.

Dr. Robert D. Hartman & Melissa Hartman McCulloch Scholarship Awarded to: Jillian Schlieper

From 1968 until his retirement in 1993, Dr. Hartman was superintendent of Carmel Clay Schools. This award commemorates Dr. Hartman's commitment to educating the youth of this community and is also given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Hartman's daughter, Melissa. The recipient of this scholarship has been involved in school and/or community activities.

Elsie George Award

Awarded to: Kieran Thomas

Miss George was a long-time elementary teacher who devoted nearly 50 years to the Carmel Clay Schools community. The same red chairs she used for the reading circle in her classroom were sold at an auction to raise funds to start the Carmel Clay Educational Foundation (now Carmel Education Foundation). The recipient of this scholarship has been involved in school activities, and has work experience.

Eric Clark Scholarship

Awarded to: Nina Metaxsas

As a CCS educator for 39 years, Eric Clark served as a teacher, counselor, and Assistant Principal, and also as head coach for Carmel High School's football, basketball, and track teams. To honor Mr. Clark, the recipient of this scholarship has attended Carmel Clay Schools from Kindergarten - 12th grade and has been an active leader in student activities.

Forest M. Stoops Scholarship

Awarded to: Laurel Williams

Mr. Stoops served as Superintendent for Carmel Clay Schools from 1954- 1968 and founded the Carmel Clay Educational Foundation (now Carmel Education Foundation). The recipient of the Forest M. Stoops scholarship has been involved in school and/or community activities.

George Cornelius Filmmaking Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Morgen Ludwig

Established in memory of George H. Cornelius, IV, a 2001 Carmel High School graduate who lived for 32 years with the challenge of Spinal Muscular Atrophy and thrived against all odds to graduate from the USC School of Cinematic Arts. The recipient of this scholarship has been actively involved in the film department at Carmel High School, and has submitted a three-minute film essay as part of their application.

Greyhound Media Network Scholarship

Awarded to: Marissa Ryan

This scholarship is available to three-year veterans of the Carmel High School Greyhound Media Network and Communications Department. The recipient of this award has accrued valuable life skills and contributed to their respective media staff's success and may be pursuing a career in journalism, though that is not required.

Hinshaw Community Service Award

Awarded to: Peja Keserovic

Mr. Hinshaw graduated from Carmel High School in 1929 and returned to the Carmel Clay Schools to be a principal and then a superintendent. This award is given in Mr. Hinshaw's memory by his teachers, classmates, friends and family. The recipient of the Hinshaw Community Service scholarship has been active in community service.

Ila Badger Scholarship

Awarded to: Lauren Gartenhaus

This scholarship is awarded to a female senior who has either been a member of an athletic team, a student manager, a cheerleader, or a participant in Carmel Dad's Club activities as an athlete or volunteer for at least six seasons. The recipient exhibits good character and citizenship.

Jack Badger Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Oscar Cronin

This scholarship is awarded to a male senior who has either been a member of an athletic team, a student manager, a cheerleader, or a participant in Carmel Dad's Club activities as an athlete or volunteer for at least six seasons. The recipient exhibits good character and citizenship.

Jan Karns Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Hannah Gretz

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Jan Karns and her love of teaching, her students and their education. The recipient of the Jan Karns Memorial scholarship is pursuing a degree in elementary education.

Joe O'Malia Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Kelli Rusnak

Joe O'Malia and his family have been actively involved in the Carmel community for many years. To honor Joe O'Malia, the recipient of this scholarship has participated in Carmel High School and church-related activities, and has been employed part-time during their junior and senior years.

Jon Teuscher Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to:

Hannah Leonard Chloe Ramey

This scholarship honors Jon Teuscher, a beloved educator in Carmel Clay Schools and longtime principal of College Wood Elementary. The recipients of this scholarship have attended College Wood Elementary for at least three years with fifth grade being their final year, have been involved in their school and/or community, and have overcome an obstacle that was outside of his/her control.

Jonathan A. Byers Academic Scholarship

Awarded to: Hari Patel

Jon Byers loved life and dreamed of ways he would do things better and looked forward to heading off into the field of medicine after graduating from Carmel High School. Those dreams were cut short after a tragic accident; however, this scholarship is presented to students with those same aspirations with the hope that his spirit and desire to improve the lives of others will continue on in the careers of those receiving this scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship will be pursuing a degree in science, pre-med, or biomedical engineering.

Jonathan A. Byers Athletic Scholarship

Awarded to: Ana Mercado

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior athlete who participated in tennis, baseball or softball at Carmel High School in tribute to Jonathan Byers and his love of sports. The recipient has a demonstrated attitude of team spirit, willingness to hold up those around them and a positive mental attitude. Jonathan pushed for those around him to succeed and will forever be known as "the Angel in the Outfield". The recipient has a positive mental attitude and demonstration of team spirit as recommended by his/her coach.

Kevin Karns Memorial Football Scholarship

Awarded to: Sam Saliba

Kevin Karns graduated Carmel High School in 1973 and went on to become a member of the Clay Junior High School staff where he taught physical education and health and coached football and track. In 1992 he joined the Carmel High School football coaching staff. He passed away in January 1999 from complications of cancer. This recipient of this scholarship has participated in the Carmel High School football program and finished in good standing.

Koehler - Thompson Memorial Scholarship (Kiwanis)

Awarded to: Karthik Arcot

This scholarship is in memory of Bob Koehler and Tom Thompson who were active with the Key Club of Carmel High School. The Carmel Clay Kiwanis Club sponsors the Carmel High School Key Club which is part of the Indiana District. The recipient of this scholarship has been actively involved in the Carmel High School Key Club and their community.

Kopnisky Family Scholarship

Awarded to: Suhas Chundi

The Kopnisky family has been involved in athletics for decades, beginning with Joe Kopnisky, All-American tight-end for West Virginia University. His brother, Bob, is a former Carmel High School wrestling coach and Bob's son, John, wrestled his way to an Indiana State Championship in 1997 and later succeeded his Dad as coach of Carmel High School's team. All three of these family members coached successfully and made significant differences in the lives of many athletes, mentoring the discipline and tenacity necessary to be successful in athletics and in everyday life. The recipient of this scholarship has been involved in the Carmel High School wrestling team for four years and has demonstrated high moral character.

Lisa Evans Ghosts and Goblins Scholarship

Awarded to: Kennedy Trypus

Lisa Evans, past president of Carmel Education Foundation, was one of the creators of the Ghosts and Goblins race. To honor her presidency and the creation of the race, this scholarship is awarded to a senior who volunteered during the now annual 5k/2k Ghosts and Goblins race.

Lloyd N. Smith Scholarship

Awarded to: Audrey Kaul

This scholarship, made possible by a grant from Richard B. Smith, is given as a memorial to his father, Lloyd N. Smith. The recipient of this scholarship will be attending an Indiana college or university, majoring in agriculture or environmental science, and has had four semesters of Latin or modern foreign language.

Mary B. Smith Scholarship

Awarded to: Gregory Turner

This scholarship, made possible by a grant from Richard B. Smith, is given as a memorial to his mother, Mary B. Smith. The recipient of this scholarship will be attending an Indiana college or university, with a plan to major in the Performing Arts (music). The recipient has been involved in at least four semesters of music related activities at Carmel High School.

Minnie Doane Scholarship

Awarded to: Sayde Eidsness

Minnie Doane graduated from Carmel High School in 1928 and was an active leader, businesswoman, and volunteer in the community. Her notable accomplishments are many and include being the first American woman in uniform to set foot on foreign soil during World War II and earning a bronze star in commendation of her service during that same war. The recipient of this scholarship is an exemplary female student who has demonstrated leadership ability and positive mental attitude

Mohawk Trails Scholarship

Awarded to: Kaitlyn Suder

This scholarship, presented by the Mohawk Trails Parent Teacher Organization, is awarded to a senior who attended Mohawk Trails Elementary for at least three years.

Nancy Pulley Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Emily Deldar

Nancy Pulley was an elementary teacher in Carmel Clay Schools for several years. She started her teaching career at Woodbrook and later taught at Mohawk Trails and Prairie Trace. Her last years of teaching were as a kindergarten teacher. The recipient of this award attended Prairie Trace for at least two years.

Nicholas L. Wolfe Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Corinn Blanchford

This scholarship is given in memory of Nicholas L. Wolfe, a 2014 Carmel High School graduate who passed away in 2015. Nicholas had a passion for helping others, whether it be through volunteer work like CHS and IU Dance Marathons, or his aspiration of becoming a doctor. The scholarship is awarded to a student who strives to better the community through volunteer work and plans to attend Indiana University to pursue a degree in a field related to medicine.

Pam Creek Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Carlie Merriweather

This scholarship recognizes a student who best exemplifies the spirit of good sportsmanship, community service, and team spirit. Mrs. Creek was a big supporter of the athlete who had the "never say die attitude" and wasn't necessarily the most talented kid on the playing field. The recipient has been a participant in Carmel Dads' Club activities, either as an athlete or volunteer and is recommended by the Carmel Dads' Club.

Pinnacle Yearbook Leadership Scholarship

Awarded to: Samantha Montgomery

This scholarship is awarded to a current *Pinnacle* yearbook staff member who has had two or more years of *Pinnacle* yearbook staff experience. The recipient has demonstrated leadership, self-motivation, and team-oriented initiative while on staff.

Pinnacle Yearbook Legacy Scholarship

Awarded to: Emma Uber

This scholarship is awarded to a current senior *Pinnacle* yearbook staff member who has two or more years of *Pinnacle* yearbook staff experience. The recipient has shown dedication and perseverance on staff while successfully working with others to maintain the *Pinnacle* yearbook's tradition of excellence.

PTO Scholarship

Awarded to: Emily Haase-Flores

This annual scholarship is awarded by the Parent Teacher Organizations of the Carmel Clay Schools. The recipient has been actively involved in school activities.

Pup Running Scholarship

Awarded to:

Colleen Harless Griffin Seaver

This scholarship recognizes two seniors, one female and one male, who competed in Pup Running during both their fourth and fifth grade school years. Primary consideration in selecting the recipients has been given to the strength of their essay, in which candidates have described life lessons learned through Pup Running and how they intend to use them to benefit their community.

Ray D. "Tub" McDonald Memorial Lineman Scholarship

Awarded to: Jireh Ojata

This award is in memory of Mr. Ray "Tub" McDonald, a former football line coach at Carmel High School. The recipient was a football lineman on the Carmel High School football team and is furthering his education at a college, university, or vocational/technical school.

Retired Educators Scholarship

Awarded to: Julia Butler

This scholarship was established by the Carmel Clay Educational Foundation (now Carmel Education Foundation) Teachers Advisory Panel to honor educators who have retired from Carmel Clay Schools. Donations made in the names of the retired educators fund this scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship is pursuing a degree in education and has been active in community/school activities.

Richard B. Smith Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Jayana Hammonds

This scholarship was established in memory of Richard "Dick" Smith, a lifelong resident and businessman of Carmel. The recipient will attend an Indiana college or university and has been active in community service.

Richard B. Smith Scholarship

Awarded to: Allison Higgins

This scholarship is awarded to a student who will be attending an Indiana college or university and planning a major, or equivalent amount, of study leading to a degree and license for elementary or secondary school teaching. Consideration has been given to a recipient who has participated in Carmel High School track or cross-country programs.

Schleich Family Scholarship

Awarded to: Cooper Sims

This recipient of this scholarship attended Mohawk Trails Elementary, has been active in school or community activities and will be attending Purdue University.

Steve Morrison Award

Awarded to:

Matthew Bates

Ava Wetzel

Steve Morrison was a student for eight years in Carmel schools and was just 14 years old, and a student at Carmel Junior High, when he perished in an accidental drowning in 1972. To honor his memory, Steve's family and friends established this scholarship in 1973, the first ever memorial scholarship awarded through the Carmel Education Foundation.

Susan Moulder Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to: Stephanie Breeze

This award is given in memory of Susan Elizabeth Moulder who graduated from Carmel High School in 1996. Susan loved taking art classes at CHS. This scholarship 's recipient is pursuing a two-year or four-year college degree in Art (visual, graphic, photography, set design, animation, etc.).

The Golden Opportunity Scholarship

Awarded to: Isaiah Szabo

This scholarship is in memory of Fred Golden, who worked his way through less than perfect circumstances, but, in doing so found his success. The recipient of the Golden Opportunity scholarship will be pursuing a two-year degree from a community college or vocational school.

Thomas P. Wiley Award

Awarded to:

Babacar Diatta

Martha Hunter

Mr. Wiley was a long-time Carmel High School teacher and coach. These awards are given to a male and female athlete for the purpose of post-secondary education, but not limited to a college program. The CHS Athletic Council recommends these recipients for these awards.

Thomas R. Cunningham/Booster Club Scholarship

Awarded to: Brooke Bair

This scholarship is made possible through donations made to the Carmel Education Foundation and Carmel Booster Club in memory of Tom Cunningham, a longtime coach and supporter of Carmel youth sports activities. The basis for awarding this scholarship is character, community, and school activities with preference given to an athlete.

William H. Duke Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts

Awarded to: Elizabeth Carter

This scholarship was established in appreciation of Dr. Duke's 13 years as principal of Carmel High School and is awarded to a student who has demonstrated significant leadership in performing arts at CHS and who intends to pursue a college degree in the field of performing arts (i.e., drama, technical theater, voice, band, orchestra, piano or solo instrument). The recipient has earned at least six credits in performing arts subjects at CHS, and has significantly contributed to numerous performances outside of the classroom during his/her time at CHS.

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Thank you to the organizations in our community for their support of the ongoing pursuit of learning with these awards recognizing Carmel High School graduates.

Carmel American Legion Post #155 Scholarship

Awarded to: Kathryn Carson

The Carmel American Legion has been granting scholarship awards to graduating seniors attending Hamilton County Public High Schools since 2010. The awards are based on education achievement, civic involvement and participation in extracurricular activities. Consideration is given to progenies of American Legion members; however, the scholarships have gone to many other students as well.

Carmel Tri Kappa Scholarship

Awarded to:

Riya Chinni Vivian Zheng

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization for women existing only in the state of Indiana. Carmel Tri Kappa members support the goals of charity, culture and education in our community by helping local organizations including the CHS Backpack Program. Whatever our task may be, you can count on Tri Kappa to use our time and talents to help improve the lives of others in our community.

CHS Cheerleading Scholarship

Awarded to: Rebekkah Lawrence

This scholarship is awarded to a member of the Carmel High School Cheerleading team who has demonstrated exemplary attitude and leadership skills. The recipient is chosen based on her character, values and an essay she wrote about the impact of cheer on her life.

Hamilton County Exchange ACE Award

Awarded to: Ainsley Wright

The ACE Award stands for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence". The ACE student is one who has overcome great physical, emotional or social obstacles, has persevered despite the odds to overcome hardships, and has become a successful student and citizen. The successful candidate has a positive attitude and the determination to let others know that hard work and dedication can produce positive results.

Greyhound Booster Club Thomas Cunningham Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to:

Gracie Collins Garrett Sharp

This scholarship is awarded to one male and one female student-athlete annually in recognition of students who have gone over and above as a student-athlete with their classmates and athletic programs. Academics, Leadership, and Athletic Ability are contributing factors in the selection.

Psi Iota Xi Art Scholarship

Awarded to: Stephanie Breeze

Psi lota Xi is a philanthropic organization supporting communities in speech, hearing, art, music and literature. Our local chapter has established this scholarship to encourage and help students from Carmel High School to pursue careers in art.

Riverview Health Foundation Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Bray Medical Award

Awarded to: David Tulkop

The Dr. & Mrs. Malcolm D. Bray Medical Award is named in honor of the Brays for their service to Riverview Health. It is presented by the Riverview Health Foundation to a student in excellent academic standing who has demonstrated service to their community and plans to pursue a career in health care.

Smoky Row Elementary Alumni Scholarship

Awarded to: Marie Pelletiere

The Smoky Row Elementary ("SRE") Alumni Scholarship is awarded to a former SRE student that demonstrates those traits that SRE tries to instill in its students, namely "to be responsible, respectful and ready to learn." The Carmel High School senior awarded with the Alumni Scholarship has demonstrated these traits through their outstanding academic record, thoughtful essays, and meaningful community service.

Smoky Row Elementary Rising Rocket Scholarship Awarded to: Christian Peasley

The Smoky Row Elementary ("SRE") Rising Rocket Scholarship is awarded to a former SRE student that demonstrates those traits that SRE tries to instill in its students, namely "to be responsible, respectful and ready to learn." The Carmel High School senior awarded with the Rising Rocket Scholarship has demonstrated these traits through their outstanding academic record, thoughtful essays, and meaningful community service and has also overcome great adversity in order to succeed at Carmel High School.

United States Army ROTC 3-year National College Scholarship

Awarded to: Demetrick Conyers

The recipient of this scholarship has achieved a meritorious record in academic studies, extracurricular participation, and athletic activities, and has demonstrated exceptional leadership potential, as well as an expressed desire to serve as an officer in the United States Army.

United States Army ROTC 3-year National College Scholarship

Awarded to: Winston Fultz

The recipient of this scholarship has achieved a meritorious record in academic studies, extracurricular participation, and athletic activities, and has demonstrated exceptional leadership potential, as well as an expressed desire to serve as an officer in the United States Army.

United States Military Academy at West Point Appointment

Awarded to: Caroline Ramsey

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point's mission is "to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army". This 47-month commitment includes all room, board, education, training, travel and monthly pay leading to graduation and keeping a five-year commitment to the Army.

United States Military Academy Prep School at West Point

Awarded to: Logan Burks

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United States Military Academy Prep School - Marion Military Institute

Awarded to: Carter Highum

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