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Foundation Scholarships Top \$100,000

The Lowellville School Foundation has awarded a total of \$103,000 to 61 graduating seniors since 2006. The Board of Education created the Foundation to enhance the educational opportunities available to Lowellville students by providing scholarships and educational resources for curriculum enrichment.

Each year, all Lowellville High School seniors are invited to apply for a scholarship. Recipients are chosen on a point system based on GPA, ACT score, extra-curricular activities, written essay and interview. Applicants with the highest point totals are chosen to receive a scholarship.



Pictured from left to right: Justin Stellmar (\$1,500), Gia Amendola (\$2,000), Marissa Cattoi (\$1,500), Allison Wereb (\$1,500), Halle Moran (\$1,500), Kayla Theisler (\$2,000) and Nick Lucente (\$1,500)

Foundation Awards Teacher Grants

The Foundation awarded two teacher grants during the 2013/14 school year.

Guidance Counselors Miss Cavalier and Mrs. Henderson and Captain Stacy Karis, School Resource Officer, were awarded a grant to fund character education presentations to students in grades K-12.

National speaker and trainer Phil Chalmers spoke to grades 7-12 about destructive decisions and choices they will be making in middle school and high school. Chalmers has been studying youth culture for 25 years, and is an expert in youth behavior, lifestyle, and entertainment.

Students in grades K-6 enjoyed the Magical Say No Show by Tom Phoolery who uses magic and storytelling to convey the dangers of drugs, alcohol and strangers.



From left to right: Officer Karis, Phil Chalmers, Miss Cavalier and Mrs. Henderson

Mr. Solak and Ms. Yates were awarded a grant to purchase a classroom set of 25 graphing calculators for the Math Department. Students have always purchased graphing calculators for their upper level advanced math courses; however the new state standards and assessments now require graphing calculators in earlier high school math courses.

The donation allows all students the opportunity to benefit from learning mathematics with advanced technology in their beginning high school courses without investing a significant amount of money.

The Teacher Grant Program, initiated by the Foundation in 2011, ensures Lowellville students have the resources they need to succeed. Teachers can apply for grants up to \$1,000 per individual and \$2,500 per group to fund classroom educational materials. Past recipients include Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Antonucci, Ms. Ritter, Ms. Smith, Ms. Choma and Mr. Matt Olson.



Students in Mr. Solak's class try out the new graphing calculators that were purchased for the Math Department with a grant from the Foundation

Foundation Mission

The Lowellville School Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities available to Lowellville School students. Our Foundation actively encourages and supports improvements in the school's academic performance and overall operations.

2013/2014 Contributions

In memory of Lynn Alfano

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In memory of Archie Tamburino

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All contributions of \$500 or more are also recognized with a plaque on the Foundation Donor Wall located in the school cafetorium.



Foundation Helps Lowellville Schools Go Wireless

The Foundation contributed \$40,000 toward the installation and maintenance of a new wireless network at Lowellville Schools. The donation will be paid over three years and will benefit all LHS students.

“Our scholarship program benefits a select group of students so this contribution is a way the Foundation can support the education of all students,” said Lori Carlson, Foundation Board President.

“On behalf of our students and staff, I want to thank the Foundation for the generous donation toward this upgrade, which ensure our teachers and students have access to the latest technology,” said Dr. Eugene Thomas, Superintendent.

Tickets on Sale for the Foundation Reverse Raffle

The Fifth Annual Lowellville School Foundation Reverse Raffle Dinner is scheduled for **Sunday, April 26, 2015** at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowellville School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$35.00 and include dinner and a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$2,000 and other cash prizes. Sideboard 50/50 tickets will also be sold at the dinner for \$3.00 and \$5.00.

“This is the Foundation’s signature fundraiser,” said Lori Carlson, Foundation Board President. “It’s a casual, fun evening and all the money raised helps fund the scholarships awarded each year to Lowellville High School seniors and teacher grants for educational materials.”

See any Foundation Board member or call the Superintendent's office at 330-536-8426 to purchase tickets.

The wireless network was also a condition for implementing the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) program that was introduced to students and parents in January 2015.

“BYOT will enable students to reach their highest potential through increased access to educational resources and experts that extend learning beyond the capacities or limitations of their school or community,” said Thomas. “BYOT will empower students to accept responsibility for their own educational destinies and explore knowledge with an unfettered curiosity, thus creating a new generation of technologically literate, life-long learners.”

Foundation Scholarship Recipients – *Where are They Now?*

Class of 2006

Dr. Carmen Jamis received her clinical doctorate in audiology in May 2014 from Gallaudet University. Dr. Jamis, a licensed audiologist, is an Educational Audiologist at DePaul School for Hearing and Speech in Pittsburgh. The position is part of an interdisciplinary approach to teaching children with hearing loss to develop listening and spoken language skills through intensive therapies and the use of hearing aid and cochlear implant technology. She also works part-time for Onsite Healthcare, which requires her to travel to skilled nursing facilities in western Pennsylvania to provide hearing tests and hearing aids to residents who are not otherwise able to see an audiologist.

Justin Macella graduated in 2010 with a degree in secondary education/history from Grove City College where he played football for four years as an offensive lineman. From 2010–2014, Justin coached football at South Range High School while also working as a tutor and substitute teaching for the district. In 2012, he moved to Prague, OK for a middle school teaching position where he also coached high school, freshman, and 7th/8th grade football and middle school baseball. Justin is currently pursuing a master's degree in Sports Psychology at Illinois State University and works as a graduate assistant football coach at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Class of 2008

Samantha Russo graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Youngstown State University in May 2013. She works for Westerville Surgical specialists in Columbus, OH

Jake Rafidi was promoted to a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army in November 2014. Jake still lives in Germany and was deployed to Turkey in support of Operation Active Fence from July 2015 until December 2015.

Class of 2009

Scott Partika is employed as a Legislative Aide for Ohio State Senator Dave Burke, where he assists the Senate Medicaid Committee. He does policy work in a wide variety of fields, with a focus on issues surrounding health care and insurance policies.

Hannah Zimmerman graduated from Mississippi State University in 2013 with a degree in communications. She completed an internship with the college of business and currently works and lives in Tupelo, MS as a manager with Quality Restaurant Concepts Applebees. Hannah has been involved in two new store openings and currently works as the hiring manager for the home store in Tupelo. She plans on pursuing a master's degree in public relations with an emphasis on mass media.

Class of 2010

Mauro Amendola is in his third year at the Northeast Ohio Medical University pursuing a medical degree. He will be completing his "clerkship" rotations this June and will be taking the second leg of his board exams, USMLE step 2, this summer. He will then apply for residency programs throughout this fall and winter, before graduation in May 2016.

Michael Basista is a 5th year pharmacy student at Duquesne University. He participates in several pharmacy organizations and has one more year in the program.

Joe Harris is in his final semester at Youngstown State University where he is majoring in middle childhood education with a math and science focus areas. Joe is currently student teaching at W.S. Guy Middle School in Liberty and will graduate this May.

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Cori Pavlicko is a graduate student in the Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications studying advertising. She is currently assistant-teaching Newhouse undergraduate students in graphic design and media planning. Cori also served as an account manager for the student-run advertising agency, TNH, and competed with her team in a National Student Advertising Competition sponsored by Credit Karma. She will graduate in May.

Michelle Sergi is currently enrolled in the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine post baccalaureate program. She was recently accepted to the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine Cleveland Clinic campus, and will start classes in early July. Michelle is in her fifth year of research through a local Urology practice in Youngstown. She also volunteers at Akron Children's Hospital and is planning her fourth fundraiser for the palliative care program for terminally ill and disabled children. The annual event, Meritage of Miracles, has raised over \$30,000.

Ryan Whinery graduated in May 2014 from Youngstown State University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and minor in economics. Ryan is currently in his first year at the University of Houston College of Optometry.

Class of 2011

Kayla Maszczak is currently a senior at Youngstown State University and will be graduating in May with a degree in history and political science. Kayla plans to attend law school with a concentration in family law. She currently coaches the Lowellville 7th grade volleyball team.

Annie Partika is in her final semester at the College of Wooster, majoring in psychology. Annie is an intern in the Office of Admissions and also works in the Advising, Planning, and Experiential Learning office as a peer mentor and student assistant. She is the music director for the campus programming board, the coordinator for a student volunteer program at the Wilderness Center in Wilmot, Ohio, a member of the Wooster Outdoors Club, and a contributing writer for the Wooster Voice newspaper. Last summer, Annie received a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates fellowship to conduct educational research at the Pittsburgh LearnLab, a collaborative research group out of Carnegie Mellon and the University of Pittsburgh. She is completing her senior Independent Study project in psychology, *Choose You to Donate: Social Factors Impacting Charitable Giving*. She will be presenting her research at the Midwestern Psychological Association's annual conference in April.

Matt Russo is currently majoring in biology at Loyola University Chicago, and is expected to graduate this May. The research he is working on is now funded by the Mulcahy Fellowship. Matt works as a tutor for the Loyola Achieving College Excellence (ACE) program and plans to pursue a graduate degree in biology.

Class of 2012

Emily Carlson is a pharmacy student at Ohio Northern University and is expecting to graduate with her Doctorate in Pharmacy in 2018. She was inducted into Mortar Board senior honor society and is currently training for the Boston Marathon.

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Taylor Hvisdak is attending Youngstown State University and was recently accepted into the nursing program. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA and has been named to both the Dean's List and President's List and is a recipient of YSU Trustee Scholarship. Taylor plans to further her education after graduation in the area of anesthesiology. She is currently the Lowellville 7th grade girls' basketball coach.

Kelly Hynes transferred to Ohio University where she is majoring in biological sciences pre-professional. She is in the OU Medical Mentoring club, American Medical Student Association and has just joined the medical fraternity Phi Delta Epsilon. She also volunteers weekly at the O'Bleness Memorial Hospital Emergency Department.

Randy Pavlicko is finishing his third year at Youngstown State University majoring in accounting. He maintains a 4.0 GPA and has been inducted into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honors Organization. Randy is a member of the Student Investment Fund and the YSU intramural flag football champions. He works for YSU Athletics and plans to graduate in May 2016.

Abby Vitus is attending Youngstown State University where she is a junior in the nursing program. She plans to graduate in May 2016. Abby is a member of the Student Nurses Association, Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society, YSUScape, and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, where she is the Historian.

Maria Wilaj is double majoring in early childhood & special education at Youngstown State University and is expected to graduate in May 2017. She holds a 3.92 GPA and made the President's list for earning a 4.0 in the Fall semester. Maria works at the campus ticket office and as a volunteer tutor.

Class of 2013

Erica Ciccone is a sophomore attending Clarion University of Pennsylvania majoring in personal and corporate finance and minoring in computer information system. Erica is the Co-Chair of the University Activities Board and is working for the University doing student payroll.

Rachel Durbin is a sophomore at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. She is majoring in psychology, and plans to become a child psychologist. Rachel is in her second year as a starter on the Westminster Women's Basketball team. She has become involved in Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity through basketball.

JT (John) Hvisdak transferred from Kent State University to Youngstown State University where he is a sophomore majoring in construction and civil engineering technology.

Abbey Partika is a sophomore at the College of Wooster on a pre-architecture track, majoring in studio art and minoring in mathematics. She spent last summer studying architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. At Wooster, Abbey is involved in the Newman Catholic Student Organization, Wooster Activities Crew, Wooster Ethic Committee and is a Student Government Association senator. She also plans to study in Denmark during the upcoming fall semester.

Marcus Rivera is finishing his fourth semester at Youngstown State University, double majoring in accounting and finance. Marcus has made the Dean's list for three consecutive semesters and is currently employed with YSU Parking Services. Marcus is the YSU Clug Golf Team president and also an active member in YSUScape.

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Kaye Solak is a sophomore at Youngstown State University where she is majoring in respiratory therapy. She was offered entrance into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Kaye made the Dean's List each of her three semesters and intends on graduating in 2017 and working in neonatal care.

Class of 2014

Gia Amendola is a freshman at Kent State University in the Fashion School majoring in fashion merchandising and double minoring in sociology and marketing. Gia is involved in two fashion organizations on campus, the Kent State Chapter of a volunteer organization called World Change Coalition, and most recently accepted a position as a Kent State Student Ambassador.

Halle Moran is currently pursuing an International business degree at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. She made the President's List for her first semester, earning a G.P.A. of 3.75. She currently holds a position in The Center for Leadership and Community Engagement at the college, where she works to set up community events. She also was selected to participate in the Emerging Leadership Institute this Fall, a program seeking to bring together the most promising leaders on campus to develop as individuals and leaders. This spring, she will be leading a group of students to Austin, Texas, to complete service and cultural activities in the field of art education and art therapy.

Marissa Cattoi is in her second semester at Youngstown State University, where she is majoring in accounting. She is currently a member of the honors program and the Williamson College of Business Leaders Program.

Nick Lucente is studying to become a physical therapist with a minor in exercise science at Youngstown State University where he maintains a 4.0 GPA. Nick works as a trainer on the football team, and he is currently pursuing his personal training license.

Justin Stellmar is enrolled at Youngstown State University, majoring in mechanical engineering. Justin recently joined the National Contractor's Association.

Kayla Theisler is in the Honors Program at Youngstown State University pursuing a Bachelor's of Engineering Degree in mechanical engineering. She is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), where she is co-chair of a Girl Scout outreach event. Kayla is the freshman representative of YSU's STEM Leadership Society and a member of the varsity racquetball team and YSU Dance Club. She volunteers at Oh Wow Children's Science Center and serves on the planning committee for an honors led volunteer project, Shantytown, which raises awareness and donations for local homeless shelters. Kayla is also the coordinator for Summer Honors Institute, a week long summer camp for gifted high school students.

Allison Wereb is in her first year at Youngstown State University, majoring in biology pre-medicine. She is a sister of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

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