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Foundation Awards Scholarships to Class of 2015

The Lowellville School Foundation awarded \$13,750 in tuition scholarships to nine graduates of the Class of 2015, marking the 10th year the Foundation has granted scholarships to Lowellville graduating seniors. The Board of Education created the Foundation in 2006 to enhance the educational opportunities available to Lowellville students by providing scholarships and educational resources for curriculum enrichment. Since that time, a total of 70 graduating seniors have earned scholarships totaling \$116,750.

Each year, all Lowellville High School seniors are invited to apply for a college tuition 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 awarded a scholarship. Seniors with full tuition college scholarships from other sources are not eligible to receive a Foundation scholarship.



L to R: Brooke Zackasee, Antonina Boggia, Emily Partika, Nicholas Piccirillo, Tyler Koch, Van Vanover, Andi Hrusovsky, Anne Piccirillo, Meagan Mills

Reverse Raffle Tickets on Sale

The 6th Annual Lowellville School Foundation Reverse Raffle Dinner will be held **Sunday, April 24** starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowellville School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$35.00 and include dinner and a chance to win the \$2,000 Grand Prize and other cash prizes. Sideboard 50/50 tickets will also be sold at the dinner for \$3.00 and \$5.00.

"The Reverse Raffle is the Foundation's primary fundraiser," said Jennifer Coppola Johnson, Foundation Chairperson. "The dinner is a chance for us to thank our supporters in person and have some fun raising money to enhance the educational opportunities for our students."

A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold. To purchase, please see any Foundation Board member or call the Superintendent's office at 330-536-8426. All proceeds will fund Foundation scholarships and educational grants.

Foundation Bids Farewell to Founding Member

The Foundation thanks Lori Carlson, founding Board member, for nine years of service.

Lori started on the Foundation Board in 2006 as the School Board appointee and continued serving as a community member. Most recently, Lori served as Chairperson and was instrumental in formalizing the scholarship application and selection process and the success of the Reverse Raffle fundraiser.

Foundation Board Welcomes Carmela Minnie

Carmela (Ballone) Minnie, 2007 LHS graduate and Foundation scholarship recipient, was recently elected to fill the vacant Foundation Board seat. Carmela, a Certified Public Accountant, is a Senior Accountant with Cohen & Company in Youngstown.

Thank You Donors!

Thank you to the donors who made contributions to the Foundation in fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015). Contributions of \$500 or more are recognized with a plaque on the Foundation Donor Wall located in the school cafetorium.

Rose Kmetz

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Jerry & Debra Melillo

in memory of Gerald & Cathy Melillo

Mike Moran

in memory of Jane Moran

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Preserving the Legacy of LHS Valedictorians

The Foundation has purchased plaques to commemorate the names of LHS valedictorians. Using yearbooks, the administration was able to identify valedictorians by year starting with 1954 Valedictorians Donald V. Johnson and JoAnne Katcher through the most recent valedictorians from the Class of 2015 Andi Hrusovsky, Emily Partika, Nicholas Piccirillo, Brook Zackasee and Jordan Zackasee.

If anyone has information to fill in "missing years", please contact Superintendent Eugene Thomas.

Catching Up With Our Scholarship Recipients

Carmen Jamis (2006) recently relocated to Washington, D.C., where she works as a clinical audiologist at Children's National Medical Center.

Justin Macella (2006) completed a master's degree in sports psychology from Illinois State University.

Carmela (Ballone) Minnie (2007) is celebrating her 5th anniversary working at Cohen & Company Ltd., a regional public accounting firm.

Samantha Russo (2008) started a new job as an operating room nurse at Riverside Hospital in Columbus.

Hillary Garland (2009) was promoted to Social Media Coordinator at the Cafaro Company.

Joelle Ballone (2010) is in her second year of medical education at Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Joe Harris (2010) graduated from Youngstown State University and started teaching 5th and 6th grade math at Champion Middle School.

Cori Pavlicko (2010) completed her Master's degree from Syracuse University, and landed her first job as the Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator for the Mount Pleasant Recreation Department in South Carolina. Cori also started her own company, &Me, which will feature a mobile app that will give users an opportunity to meet their favorite celebrity.

Michelle Sergi (2010) started medical school at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic

Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic.

Her non-profit, Meritage of Miracles, raised over \$28,300 last year to support Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley's palliative care program. She received the Daily Point of Light Award for her philanthropic efforts, which is a national award from the White House.

Kayla Maszczak (2011) graduated from YSU and is currently completing law school applications with plans to attend in the fall.

Annie Partika (2011) graduated Summa Cum Laude from the College of Wooster and began a Fulbright Grant as an English Teaching Assistant in Slovakia.

Matt Russo (2011) graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Biology from Loyola University Chicago. He is working toward his PhD in Biomedical Sciences at Rush University.

Kelly Hynes (2012) was accepted into the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Abby Vitus (2012) started her senior year of nursing school at YSU and secured her nursing preceptorship at Akron Children's Hospital in Akron. She was also invited to join Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing national honor society.

Randy Pavlicko (2012) accepted a job with Cohen & Company Certified Public Accountants that will begin after graduating from YSU in May 2016.

Abbey Partika (2013) spent her fall semester studying architecture in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Catching Up With Our Scholarship Recipients

Gia Amendola (2014), a sophomore at Kent State University, made the President's List and was accepted into KSU's New York City Study Away Program for Fall 2016.

Nick Lucente (2014) is working at the YSU Recreational Center where he is pursuing a personal training certificate.

Halle Moran (2014) is currently working on her undergraduate degree in International Business at Rollins College and started a new job with the Walt Disney Corporation in entertainment.

Justin Stellmar (2014) is working in the YSU Network Architecture and Engineering Department while attending college.

Kayla Theisler (2014) accepted an internship with VMH International, an engineering software company in St. Louis, Missouri. She is the secretary for YSU's chapter of American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the historian for the Society of Women Engineers.

Allison Wereb (2014) continues her studies in pre-medicine at YSU and was promoted to closing manager at Dunkin Donuts.

Antonina Boggia (2015), a Professional Writing & Editing major at YSU, is a student assistant in an astronomy course and a tutor in the Writing Center. She was recently invited to join YSU's chapter of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) of which only 10% of YSU students are invited to join.

Meagan Mills (2015) started her bachelor's degree in nursing at YSU where she was accepted into the Honors College. She serves as

an Honors Trustee and is a member of Penguin Penpals, Penguin Park Vista Partners and the Health and Human Services Dean's Book Club.

Emily Partika (2015) is currently in her first year at the College of Wooster. She is director-elect for the Wooster Activities Crew, a member of the Ultimate Frisbee Team and the Wooster's Living Wage campaign. Emily works on campus in the Academic Planning and Experiential learning office.

Anne Piccirillo (2015) is pursuing a middle childhood education degree at YSU. She is involved in a tutoring program at Struthers Elementary School.

Nick Piccirillo (2015) is a first year student majoring in chemical engineering at YSU. He made the President's List and is in the Honor's College.

Van Vanover (2015) is pursuing a degree in civil engineering at YSU.

Brooke Zackasee (2015) earned a 4.0 for her first semester at YSU where she is pursuing a degree in Special Education. She is working as a math tutor at Harding Elementary School in Youngstown. Brooke is involved in the Youngstown Student Education Association and the Council for Exceptional Children.



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LHS STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP!

The Lowellville School Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping make Lowellville's school a world-class educational facility. A donation to the Lowellville School Foundation allows you to leave a legacy for generations to come. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and concern for the young people of our community, and welcome your contributions and involvement.

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