

Lowellville School Foundation

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NEWSLETTER WINTER 2013 Class of 2012 Recipients



The 2012 Lowellville School Foundation Scholarship recipients were: Randy Pavlicko (\$1,500), Kelly Hynes (\$1,500), Emily Carlson (\$2,000), Travis Beatty (\$2,000), Maria Wilaj (\$1,500), Taylor Hvidsak (\$1,750), Abby Vitus (\$1,750), and Carmen Donofrio (\$1,500).

The Lowellville School Foundation has awarded a total of \$75,500 to 47 graduates 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.

REVERSE RAFFLE

The Second Annual **Lowellville School Foundation** Reverse Raffle is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lowellville School Cafeteria. Tickets will be available from **Foundation** Board Members. Ticket prices will be \$35.00 for dinner and a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$2,000 or \$10.00 for a dinner only ticket. Updates will be posted on the Lowellville School Website, the Hometown Journal and on All-Call messages.

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The Board wants to express their appreciation to Patty DeRosa, Lisa Donofrio and Dennis Hynes Jr. for their service on the Board. New Board Members for 2013 are Liz Russo, Rebecca Jamrozik-Mickler, and Jennifer Johnson.

2011 - 2012 TEACHER GRANTS

In 2011, the **Foundation** initiated a Teacher Grant Program for teachers to apply for educational materials up to \$1,000 per individual and \$2,500 per group. This is another way for the **Lowellville School Foundation** to provide the best possible academic resources for our students to succeed in the future. Shown below are the 2012 grant recipients: Ms. Stephanie Jarvis, High School Math Teacher, student clickers - \$1,000 and Mr. Bob Antonucci, Music Teacher, Finale and Plyware software - \$700.



In Memory of Eileen Ritzert

One of the largest donations was received in 2012 from the family of Eileen Ritzert, in memory of their sister Eileen. The \$15,000 donation was accompanied by the following letter, which the family agreed to have included in the Newsletter.

March 15, 2012

Lowellville School Foundation
c/o Tony Mediate
52 Rocket Place
Lowellville, Ohio 44436

Dear Mr. Mediate:

Please accept this check as a contribution to the Lowellville School Foundation whose mission is to improve education for Lowellville students. Our sister, Eileen Ritzert Malysa was a 1975 graduate of Lowellville. Eileen went on to pursue her career in nursing at Youngstown State University where she graduated with a Registered Nurse degree. For almost thirty years she was working as a nurse in the Columbus area until her tragic death in June, 2010.

Eileen greatly benefited from her education at Lowellville and loved learning from her teachers Mrs. Balascoe and Mr. Bailey. Eileen was the Salutatorian the year she graduated having been very studious and focused on her class work.

It is our desire to have her love of learning carried on by other Lowellville students whose great desire is to build upon their Lowellville experience and education.

Best wishes from Eileen's sisters and brother - Cathy Grizinski, Debra Ritzert, Rose Pitzulo, Christine Bielski, Sharon Weems and Alan Ritzert.

Sincerely,
Catherine R. Grizinski, M.Ed., LSW, CIRS

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS' FEEDBACK

Since its inception, The Lowellville School Foundation has reported on the progress of our scholarship recipients. We encourage all our students to continue to inform us of their progress

2006 Recipients

Carmen Jamis

Carmen received her Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing from Cleveland State University. Carmen is continuing her studies at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC where she is pursuing a Clinical Doctorate in Audiology. She has been accepted as a Doctoral Extern at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC for 2013-2014.

Caitlin Dorney

Caitlin received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 2010. She is currently working for Cleveland Corporate Services.

Jimmy Frohman

Jimmy graduated from YSU with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 2011. He is currently finishing up his Master of Arts in English from YSU and teaching Freshman Composition classes and English as a Second Language courses. He is preparing to start a PhD application process for a Media Studies Doctorate.

Katie Nentwick-Lott

Katie graduated from the University of Akron in 2010 with a degree in Finance in the top 5% of her graduating class. During her junior year in college, she accepted a scholarship and internship from ValMark Securities, a broker-dealer in Akron, Ohio. Upon graduation, she accepted a full-time position with the company and continues to work there, full-time, today. In 2011, she made the decision to pursue a career in Estate Planning and was accepted to the University of Akron School of Law. She is currently enrolled part-time in the evening program and is set to graduate in May 2015 with a law degree. Katie got married in 2010 to her college sweetheart who she competed in Track and Field with at Akron and they currently reside in Akron.

2007 Recipient

Carmela Ballone

After receiving her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in Accounting, Carmela went on to receive her Masters in Taxation at the University of Akron. She became a Certified Public Accountant in 2012 when she passed her exam. She is now working as a Staff Accountant in the Tax Department of Cohen and Company in Youngstown.

2008 Recipients

Candace Kamensky

Candace is in her last semester at The Ohio State University where she will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Italian May 2013.

Whitney Palumbo

Whitney is currently pursuing her Nursing degree at Youngstown State University and plans to graduate in 2014.

Jacob Rafidi

Jacob will receive a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration: Major-Honors Finance, Minors-Entrepreneurship Theater, and Military Science in May 2013. Upon graduation he will be commissioned as an Active Duty 2nd Lieutenant Ordinance Officer in the Army. Then to Fort Lee, Virginia for OBC. At his completion of active duty he will pursue dual degrees in Judiciary and his MBA.

Samantha Russo

Samantha is in her last semester at Youngstown State University where she will receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in May. Samantha attended Walsh University for one year. She is currently working for Iron and String Life Enhancement as a Direct Care Staff. Samantha is also working for the Creative Bridge Coalition where she is teaching music to the students at the Rich Center for Autism.

2009 Recipients

Hillary Garland

Hillary is currently attending Youngstown State University where she is pursuing a degree in Marketing Management. She plans to graduate in the Spring of 2014. She works as a bridal consultant at Jacqueline's Bridal in Poland and is also a marketing intern at the Cafaro Company.

Anthony Schiraldi

Anthony is currently attending Youngstown State University where he is pursuing a degree in Exercise Science. He plans on graduating in 2013. After he receives his Bachelor's degree, Anthony plans on continuing his education and pursuing his Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Emily Svetlak

Emily is attending The Ohio State University where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Arabic and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She plans on graduating in May 2013.

2010 Recipients

Mauro Amendola

Mauro received his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Natural Sciences and a minor in Chemistry from The University of Akron in 2012. He is currently attending NeoMed, Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Mike Basista

Mike is currently pursuing his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Duquesne University. He plans on graduating in 2016.

Nicholas Dubos

Nick is currently attending Duquesne University where he is pursuing his Doctorate in Pharmacy. He plans on graduating in 2016.

Joe Harris

Joe is attending Youngstown State University where he is pursuing a degree in Middle Childhood Education. He plans on graduating in 2015.

Michelle Sergi

Michelle is attending the University of Akron where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree with an emphasis on Biology and Pre-Med. She plans on graduating in 2013.

2011 Recipients

Michael Koch

Mike is pursuing a degree in Exercise Science at The University of Akron. He plans on graduating in 2015.

Michael Mangine Jr.

Michael is pursuing a double major in Accounting and Finance at The University of Akron. He plans on graduating in 2016.

Anne Partika

Anne is attending The College of Wooster where she is pursuing a degree in Psychology. She plans on graduating in 2015.

Matt Russo

Matt is currently majoring in Biology with a minor in Neuroscience and Psychology at Loyola University Chicago. Matt plans on obtaining his Doctorate after completing his Bachelor's program. He plans on conducting research and teaching at the college level. He is working as Peer Advisor at Loyola where he is assisting in teaching a class.

2012 Recipients

Travis Beatty

Travis just completed his first semester at Youngstown State University where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Instrumental Music Education. He plans on graduating in 2016.

Emily Carlson

Emily has completed her first semester at Ohio Northern University where she is pursuing a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She plans on graduating in 2018.

Kelly Hynes

Kelly has completed her first semester at The University of Findlay where she is pursuing her degree in Pharmacy. She plans on graduating in 2018.

Abby Vitus

Abby is attending Youngstown State University where she is pursuing a Nursing degree. She just completed her first semester and plans on graduating in 2016.

Maria Wilaj

Maria is attending Youngstown State University where she is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education. She just completed her first semester and plans on graduating in 2016.

***THE STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP
SEND DONATIONS TO:***

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C/O TONY MEDIATE
52 ROCKET PLACE LOWELLVILLE, OHIO 44436***

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DONATIONS 2011 - 2012 - \$39,573**

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Estate of Eileen Ritzert Malysa

\$5,000 - \$9,000

Anonymous

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