

# Amanda Clear Creek Alumni Association



100<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Meeting

June 7th, 2025

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# Alumni Association of the Amanda-Clearcreek High School

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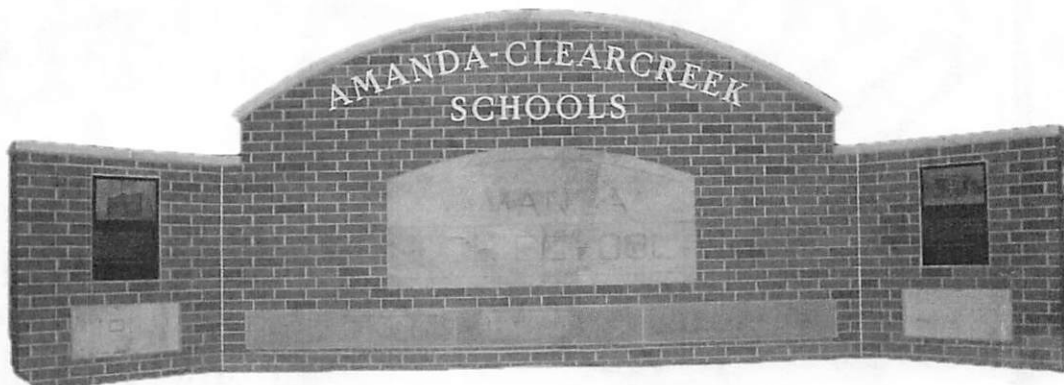
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## *Amanda-Clearcreek Alma Mater*

*Amanda-Clearcreek High School  
We sing thy praise anew  
And through the years we'll cherish  
All the days we spent with you.  
Your friendship and knowledge  
Will forever be our guide  
As always in our hearts  
Your fond memories will abide!*

Thank you to ACHS Art Teacher Brent Elam for this year's program cover.

# Program

Building open.....	5:00 PM
Social Hour .....	5:00 to 6:00 PM
Photographs of Donors and Scholarship Recipients.....	5:00 PM
Welcome and Pledge.....	6:00 PM
	Rod Francis
Invocation.....	Pastor Bob Zaayer
Dinner.....	6:15 PM.



Acknowledgments.....	Ron Butterbaugh Rod Francis
Our 100 Years.....	Lola Garrett
Business Meeting.....	Ron Butterbaugh
Nominations.....	Teresa Thomas Bond
Endowment Trustees Financial Report .....	Trustee Rep. Adam Sharp
Introduction of Honored Classes	
Class of 1975 ACHS- 50 Years.....	Class Reps.
Class of 1965 ACHS- 60 Years	
Class of 1955 AHS-70 Years	
Roll Call by Decades .....	Teresa Bond
Superintendent 's Remarks.....	Dr. T.R. Edwards
Scholarship Awards.....	Carolyn Tilley
Drawing Results.....	Rod and Ron
Benediction.....	Pastor Zaayer

Social Time..... Take your time and  
visit some more!

Don't forget the **A-C Alumni Thad Davis Memorial 5K Run/Walk on June 14, 2025,**  
and the **Summer Golf Tournament on July 13, 2025.**

We will see you at next year's meeting and scholarship presentation on the first Saturday in June. If you have any address changes, please let us know.

## **Biographical Sketches of Endowed Scholarship Donors**

### **1. Francis Don LaBonte Student Athlete**

A teacher and coach at Amanda and Amanda-Clearcreek High Schools in the 1950's and 1960's, Mr. LaBonte was a graduate of Murray State University and devoted 39 years to education. Don LaBonte, a 1962 graduate, established the scholarship honoring his father. Don graduated from Kent State University majoring in Geology. He is retired from employment by the U. S. Army and lives in Fayetteville, Georgia.

### **2. Golda and Helen Hedges and Esther Hedges Strickland**

The three sisters devoted 111 years to education. Golda, a 1926 graduate, taught 14 years in Amanda High School and taught Latin 24 years in Lancaster High School. Helen, a 1925 graduate, taught 40 years, with 36 of those years in South Elementary School in Lancaster. Both graduated from Otterbein College. Esther Strickland, a 1936 graduate, has established four scholarships, two in this name and two in hers alone. She was a Miami University graduate. Esther taught and served as a principal in several Columbus high schools. All three sisters received their Masters degrees from The Ohio State University. Mrs. Strickland died in March of 2005. She left funds from her trust to the Endowment Fund and an additional amount with the Fairfield County Foundation with the earnings to come to the Alumni Endowment Fund each year. Her first scholarship is now a four-year renewable.

### **3. Wallace Barr Family**

The primary donors are the late Dr. Wallace Barr, Class of 1939, and his wife, Doris and their three children. Wally received his B Sc. and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Doris is a graduate of Oberlin College. Wally taught for 12 years in the Indian Lake and Wapakoneta City Schools prior to joining the faculty at OSU. He served in the Department of Agricultural Economics for 31 years. Doris taught mathematics in Wapakoneta and Columbus schools. Their children include Bill, a horticulturist, in the Texas nursery business, with degrees from OSU and the University of Minnesota. Leslie Warnock is a retired teacher from the Lakota Schools near Cincinnati and a graduate of Miami University and OSU. Dean is a retired CPA in Minneapolis with degrees from OSU and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### **4. Hiatt- Reber Health Science**

Dr. Wayne Hiatt funded the scholarship in memory of his father, John Russell Hiatt, and mother, Edna Reber Hiatt, and their families who settled in Amanda Township in the early 1800's.

### **5. Dr. N. Wayne Hiatt Memorial**

The funding for this scholarship was by Wayne's family, friends, and colleagues. Wayne was a 1941 graduate of Amanda H. S. He attended The Ohio State University for two years, then served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He returned to OSU to complete his undergraduate studies. He received his D. D. S. in '51 and Masters of Science in '62. He practiced dentistry from 1951 to 1998 in Grove City. He taught at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry for 35 years. His first wife, Alberta Ream Hiatt '42, died in 1985. His widow, Jean Curie Hiatt, resides in Powell, Ohio.

#### **6. Wendell and Edie Christy**

Wendell was a 1941 graduate. His education at The Ohio State University was interrupted by World War II. Upon discharge from the armed service, Wendell entered the banking business at the Clearcreek Valley Bank in Amanda. He was vice-president of the bank at his retirement. He died in 2003. Edie was from the Findlay area and graduated from Vanlue High School. She attended Bowling Green State University. Edie died in 2017. Wendell was one of the original members of the A-C Endowment Board of Trustees.

#### **7. Elizabeth Adler Memorial**

Mrs. Adler was an AHS 1912 graduate and taught in the Amanda elementary schools for many years. The donors were: 1) Dr. James Adler, a 1935 graduate and physician in North Canton, Ohio. His undergraduate and medical degrees were from The Ohio State University. 2) Robert Adler, a 1937 graduate, was in the construction business in Pennsylvania. 3) William Adler, a 1945 graduate, majored in Biology at Capital University. He was in the pharmaceutical business and lives in Medford, Oregon.

#### **8. Everett and Marie Kerns Memorial**

The Kerns Scholarship was funded through Everett's estate. He was a 1920 graduate. Everett's collegiate career included graduation from Capital University and an engineering degree from Carnegie Institute of Technology located in Pittsburgh. Marie was raised in the Shreveport, Louisiana area and taught school prior to her marriage. Everett worked for Standard Oil of Ohio. The Kerns lived in the Cleveland area and retired to the Amanda area. The Kerns were major contributors to Capital University where the worship center is named for them.

#### **9. Johns Family Scholarship**

The primary donors include Stanton, Class of 1927, and his wife Jennie. The couple founded Mid-West Fabricating Company headquartered in Amanda. The Johns had two sons: David and Larry, both of whom passed in 1998. David Johns graduated from Amanda-Clearcreek in 1957 and attended Ohio State studying engineering. He immediately joined the company and ended up as CEO living in Lancaster with his wife Julie. Julie Johns is also a major contributor to the Johns Scholarship. David and Julie had three children. Jennifer (Friel) graduated from the University of Denver and is acting President of Mid- West living in Lancaster. David Johns Jr. lives in North Carolina. Amanda (Perez) graduated from Emory University and currently lives in Los Angeles. Larry Johns attended Amanda schools for most of his educational career but moved to California and graduated from Downey High while Stanton was establishing the company's West Bent Bolt Division in southern California in the early 1960's. He was with Mid-West and then branched out into other business ventures. Larry's son Gregory graduated from the University of Southern California and now lives in Beverly Hills, CA with his wife Erica. He is an expert in digital strategies for Kia and Hyundai automotive companies.

#### **10. Robert and Betty Masters**

Bob and Betty both graduated from Amanda High School in 1942. Betty attended Miami University and graduated from The Ohio State University majoring in home economics education. Bob graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in engineering. He was employed by the U. S. Postal Service in Washington, D. C. Bob and Betty had retired in Wake Forest, North Carolina; both are now deceased.

### **11. Harriet Adler Memorial**

A 1932 graduate, Harriet received her undergraduate degree from Capital University and Masters in Social Services from Western Reserve University. Her career was devoted to providing welfare services to the elderly and youth. Deborah Adler (niece of Harriet) and her former husband Dennis Morton funded the scholarship. Deborah is a graduate of Montclair State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/ Accounting, and Dennis is a graduate of California State University with a degree in Chemistry.

### **12. Beatrice Lane Marshall Memorial**

Richard F. Marshall '36 established the Beatrice Lane Marshall Memorial Scholarship to honor his wife of 28 years. Richard lived near Clearport during his school years. He was a veteran of World War II. Richard retired from the U. S. Postal Service after 30 years of employment.

### **13. Hampshire Family Scholarship**

Funded by Helen Hampshire Heintz '33 and her husband, Dr. William Heintz, DDS, in recognition of the family of John Jeston and Bertha Heinlein Hampshire, including children. Floyd, Don, Robert, Lucile Hampshire Korstange '32, and Helen Hampshire Heintz '33. John, "Jess" to his friends, was a Southern Ohio farmer and worked for the Ohio Highway Department for most of his working life, retiring to Florida in the mid 1950's. The five children grew up in and around Amanda and all lived most of their lives in Ohio. Dr. Heinz, Professor Emeritus, College of Dentistry at Ohio State University, was known worldwide for perfecting the modern mouth guard and promoting NCAA rules for its use in collegiate athletics. Himself, an accomplished track athlete at OSU, Dr. Heintz served as an assistant track coach and interpreter for Jesse Owens, the multiple gold medal winner at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Helen and Bill traveled extensively worldwide and were sponsors of the International Students Association at OSU. Helen owned and operated the Snow House Antique Shop in Worthington, Ohio and was instrumental in the redevelopment of German Village in South Columbus. She and Bill supported numerous philanthropic organizations and the Columbus Zoo. Contributions to the Zoo included restoration of the Band Organ for the Carousel and a bronze tiger for the Amur tiger exhibit.

### **14. The Class of 1945 Scholarship**

The Class of 1945 graduated 31 young men and women. Each of them went into the world to make their way as farmers, business persons, nurses, truck drivers, contractors, sales persons, industrial workers, ministers, surveyors, homemakers, and teachers, in the service of our country, and in ways we do not know about. As a group, they have contributed much to family life and their communities. The establishment of this Endowed Scholarship has been done with grateful appreciation for our high school education at Amanda High School.

### **15. Dr. and Mrs. James Adler Memorial**

James was a 1935 graduate of Amanda High School. He went on to graduate from The Ohio State University School of Medicine. He and his wife, Mary Jane, had six children. They lived in the Canton, Ohio and Hilton Head, South Carolina areas where he practiced medicine. The donor for this scholarship is William Adler of California, brother of James.

#### **16. Donald & Mary Anne Weibel Scholarship**

Donald Weibel, a native of Louisville, KY, graduated in engineering from Wright State University. He has had several careers., as an Air Force officer, engineer, and farmer. Mary Anne grew up in Pickaway County and graduated from Capital University. She was a teacher for thirty years, teaching twenty-three of those years at Clearcreek Elementary in Stoutsville. Don and Mary Anne are retired and live on their farm in Pickaway County.

#### **17. Martin "Buck" McHale Memorial Scholarship**

Martin "Buck" McHale was a resident of the Amanda-Clearcreek Local School District since 1968. He had one daughter and one granddaughter graduate from Amanda-Clearcreek High School. Peggy, his wife of 55 years, now deceased, wanted to establish this memorial fund in his honor to help students of the community further their education.

#### **18. The Leist Family Scholarship**

The first generation of Leist siblings were graduating members of the following classes at AHS: Alice Anne, classes of 1951-50; Charles, 1953; Rosemary, 1955; Nancy, 1957. Alice Anne, received a BFA from Ohio University (1954), an MA and Ph. D. (1979), at the University of Maryland, with a clinical internship at Georgetown, and was awarded a postdoctoral National Institute of Mental Health Fellow at Stanford University (1980-82). Her early career was in teaching, but since 1983 she had a private practice as a clinical psychologist in Mountain View, CA. Anne is now deceased. Charles earned a B. S. in electrical engineering from OU (1962), retired from IBM after 27 years, and from the Computer Sciences Corp. after 14 years of service. He is now deceased. Rosemary received a B. S. in education from OU (1959) and a MS in education from Bowling Green State University (1975). She retired after teaching 31 years in Ohio Public Schools. A second career in real estate began, and she eventually established her own real estate company in Columbus. Nancy started training for a nursing career at OSU (1957), which was interrupted when she married. Later, she returned to her alma mater and earned a B. S. in mathematics education (1992). She has worked for several firms, but found her niche at The Ohio State University as a Library Technical Assistant in the Serials Department of the Science and Engineering Library. The second generation of siblings from this family have graduated from colleges throughout the USA. Education has been an integral part and is on-going for this family who are proud to participate in the Endowment Program.

#### **19. Robert Adler Memorial Scholarship**

Bob was a 1937 graduate of Amanda High School. He served in the US Navy Seabees during World War II, spending much of his duty in the South Pacific. During his working career he superintended the construction of industrial buildings in the NE United States. Bob and his wife, Clio, have two children. The principal donors for this scholarship are brother Bill Adler, son Craig, and widow Clio Adler.

#### **20. Wayne and Marie Reese Family Scholarship**

As a family we were fortunate to live in a home interested in education. To honor our parents, the family has endowed a scholarship in their memory.



### **21. The Meister Family Scholarship**

This scholarship has generously been donated by five siblings: Robert Meister '37 of Ft. Myers, FL, Frank Meister '38 of Venice, FL, Dorothy Meister Abbott '39 of Reynoldsburg, OH, Virginia Meister '40 of Groveport, OH, and Marjorie Meister Creviston '43 of Cape Coral, FL. Virginia is the only sibling living today.

### **22. The Ream Family Scholarship**

This scholarship is donated by Louis Ream. His wishes were carried out by his widow, Lou of Granville, Ohio. The scholarship honors the memories of his parents, Albert and Marie Ream, and his three sisters. These three AHS graduates are Louella Ream Phillips '36, Jane Ream Reichelderfer '40, and Alberta Ream Hiatt '42. Louis was a graduate of Lancaster High School '50 and a graduate of The OSU School of Pharmacy '55. He operated retail pharmacies and Hallmark Shops in and around the Columbus area.

### **23. Republic Services, Pine Grove Landfill Scholarship**

Under the leadership of Tony Furgiuele, General Manager, the Republic Services, Inc. at the Pine Grove Landfill completed donations for this endowed scholarship. We are happy to be a part of this program. Republic Services supports activities that benefit the community.

### **24. The Tom Dum Scholarship**

Tom was a 1946 graduate who went into farming with his father, Grover Dum. After being drafted into the U. S. Army with a group of Fairfield County boys in 1955, he went to Europe with the 10th Infantry Division. After completing his service, he enrolled at The Ohio State University and obtained a BS and MS degree. He then became a real estate appraiser with the Ohio Department of Highways and later moved to California, becoming an appraiser with United California Bank. In 1970 he started his own appraisal company which he continued with his son Ed, who is a partner. Tom taught for the University of California extension program for 25 years. He was president of his Appraisal Institute Chapter and president of his local Safari Club International Chapter and a National Director at Large of the club. He has written a column for the national magazine Safari Times. Mr. Dum passed away in March of 2022.

### **25. Francis Gehrett Huddle and Edna Chambers Huddle Scholarship**

Francis Gehrett Huddle graduated from Clearcreek High School in 1915 and 1916, because the education system changed from a 3-year to a 4-year high school program. He enlisted in the United States Navy 7 Dec. 1917. His World War I battleship experience resulted in his children awakening to the morning wake-up call "Hit that deck sailor!" When he returned home, he attended The Ohio State University for one year, but health and financial difficulties kept him from completing his studies. For forty years he was employed by the United States Postal Service as a railway postal clerk. Edna Chambers Huddle graduated from Clearcreek High School in 1919. She attended college at Ohio University and began her teaching career at Owl Hollow School (near Dutch Hollow). When she married in 1926, she resigned her position because married women were not allowed to teach. She resumed her formal education in 1957 and after an absence of thirty- two years, she returned to teaching in 1958. Francis and Edna Huddle maintained a deep respect and love of learning, which they instilled in their children. Of their seven children, five were valedictorians of their class. Six graduated from Clearcreek High School and one graduated from Amanda-Clearcreek High School. All seven continued their education after high school. In recognition of all the love, guidance, and help our parents gave us, we establish this scholarship.



**26. William Adler Scholarship**

Bill is a 1945 graduate of Amanda High School and a 1949 graduate of Capital University. He has a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. He was in the United States Navy Hospital Corps during the close of World War II. His working career was in the pharmaceutical industry where he was a sales executive. He has a daughter and son, Deborah and Edward. Also, he has two stepdaughters, Nancy Assaf and Sharon Potts. He is proud of his heritage and grateful for his education and life's values gained from being raised in the Amanda community. The donor for this scholarship is Deborah Adler, Bill's daughter.

**27. The Saum Family Scholarship**

This scholarship was donated by Barbara Saum Smith, a graduate of Amanda High School Class of 1954, and Paul and Lois Saum. Paul is a graduate of Amanda High School Class of 1955. The late Barbara taught high school Chemistry in Omaha, Nebraska 36 years before retiring in 1999. Paul and Lois help to operate the family farm near Amanda. They are the parents of three and grandparents of six Amanda-Clearcreek graduates.

**28. The Tilley Family Scholarship**

Jack was born in Oklahoma, and raised in Missouri and then California. In California he was a firefighter with the California Division of Forestry and a captain in the fire department, city of San Bernardino, CA. before coming to Ohio to farm. He was a graduate of San Bernardino (CA) High School ('52). He served 12 years on the A-C Board of Education. Jack passed away in 2016. Carolyn graduated from AHS in '55 and Capital University in '59. After teaching in northern Ohio and CA for 10 years, she returned to her home school, Amanda Elem. for 26 years, retiring in 2000. Cathy graduated from Forest Rose School and attends A Creative Journey in Lancaster. Jeff is a 1989 ACHS graduate and a 1993 graduate of The Ohio State University majoring in Agriculture Education. He currently teaches Agricultural Science and the Agricultural Business courses and is one of the FFA advisors here at ACHS. He married his wife Brittany (ACHS '09) in 2014. They have 2 children, Charlotte and Jonathon.

**29. The A-C PTO Scholarship**

This scholarship was given by the members of the Amanda-Clearcreek Parent-Teacher Organization.

**30. Moody-Dickson Scholarship**

The donor of this scholarship was Elsie Dickson Bookman AHS '34. Mrs. Bookman owned and operated the Amanda Furniture Store in Amanda for over 50 years. This scholarship was particularly given in honor of Elsie's uncle, her mother's brother, Clarence Moody. 2007 was the 100th anniversary of his graduation in 1907 from Amanda High School. Mr. Moody became president of the Fuller Brush Company and made his home in Glendale, California. Mrs. Bookman passed away in 2012.

**31. "Nothing Less Than Your Best" Scholarship**

This scholarship is designed for a young lady who has lettered in varsity soccer in her junior and senior year. She must show the attitude of team over individual on the soccer field. It is given in memory of Jess Veach, a volunteer soccer coach. It is given by his family and friends.

### **32. Albert and Lata Barr Memorial Scholarship**

The Albert and Lata Stump Barr endowed scholarship is established by Robert and Betty Barr Masters, their daughter and granddaughters, Christie Janssen, Brook Masters and Jandyl Doyle. Albert and Lata were graduates of Amanda High School Class of 1920. Albert attended the College of Agriculture at Ohio State University, and Lata received her teaching certificate from Ohio University at Athens, Ohio. Their children Betty and George Barr also graduated from Amanda High School. Albert and Lata were an important part of the community and supportive of the Amanda school programs. Lata served as Postmaster in Amanda for 28 years, from 1934 to 1962. Albert retired from the Midwest Manufacturing Company in 1965. In retirement Albert and Lata lived in Cape Coral, Florida.

### **33. The Hunter Family**

Donated by Mable Hunter Green, Amanda High School Class of 1951, the Hunter Family Scholarship was established to honor its family alumni. After her high school graduation, Mable worked as a secretary in the AHS office and later settled in nearby Circleville. Her father, Russell Hunter, served on the Amanda School Board from 1938-1944. She is the proud grandmother of two ACHS graduates, John Boggs '03 and Miranda Boggs '08. Mable's desire was to give back to the school and community that so richly influenced her life. The Hunter Family Scholarship honors the cousins and siblings who attended and graduated from AHS/ACHS. They are Mable Hunter Green '51, Earl Hunter '54, Elsie Hunter Shupe '56, Jay Hunter '59, Arlene Hunter Baldwin '63, Carl Furness '66, Harold Furness '66, and Carol Hunter Smith '69.

### **34. The Miller Family**

The scholarship was established by Joyce Steelton Miller, AHS 1948, as a memorial to her husband, Maynard, SHS 1944 and her oldest son Steve, ACHS 1968. Maynard and Joyce were raised in the Amanda and Stoutsville areas and were married in 1948. They lived here their entire lives, raising four children, all of whom graduated from Amanda-Clearcreek High School. Maynards' mother, Hazel, taught in one-room schools in the area, and his father farmed. Joyce worked for Amanda-Clearcreek schools for several years, and Maynard served on the Board of Education for many years. The Miller family is a 5th generation farm family in the Stoutsville area.

### **35. The Frank G. and Marlene M. Weigerding Scholarship**

Frank Weigerding grew up in the Dayton area, served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and graduated from Sinclair College, working in civil engineering. Marlene was raised in nearby Hocking County and met Frank during the war effort. They were married fifty-five years, raising two children. In their later years, they supported various charities with their philanthropy. They learned of the A-C Alumni scholarships through their great nieces, Teresa Thomas Bond ('78), Michelle Thomas Christopher ('81) and Beth Bradney Bell ('87) and committed to fund a scholarship.

### **36. St. Peter's Lutheran Church-Amanda**

In 1884, A. H. Fishburn, from Stoutsville, serving Israel Lutheran, organized St. Peter's Lutheran in Amanda. The Lutherans purchased the building the Methodists had built in 1842 at 132 East High as they had built a new building just down the street. In 1886 St. Peter's became part of a parish of other churches and at times over the years shared a minister with several small churches. In 1984, the church celebrated its 100th anniversary. In May, 2011, the congregation decided to close its doors on its history, and the building was sold. Part of the sale was used to provide this scholarship to help youth of the community have a future.

### **37. The Charles J. and Ruby Christy Family Scholarship**

Charles Joseph Christy and Ruby (Kinser) Christy were both born to farming families and were raised in the Amanda area in the 1920 and 30's. Joe attended the Amanda School System and graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1937. Ruby attended the Clearport Schools and graduated in 1939 from the Walnut Twp. Schools which later became part of the Teays Valley Schools. They married in 1944 and after WWII, Joe became a plumber and started his own plumbing and heating business in Circleville and later his own water well-drilling business. Ruby worked diligently in both businesses as well as being a homemaker. Together, they raised two children, Robert and Nancy, on the family farm near Dutch Hollow. Bob graduated from Amanda-Clearcreek in 1965 and became an educator and administrator in the Amanda-Clearcreek Schools from 1973 to 1994. Nancy graduated from Amanda-Clearcreek in 1967 and became a surgical room nurse primarily in the OSU Hospitals. As individuals and as a family, we have benefited from an excellent education in the Amanda-Clearcreek Schools and wish to help current and future A-C students to further their education, better their lives and become productive citizens in society.

### **38. The Wendell and Hazel Henderly Family Scholarship**

Wendell graduated from Amanda High School in 1948. Hazel graduated from Bloom-Carroll in 1947. Their children graduated from Amanda-Clearcreek: Rita Henderly Francis 1970, Margaret Henderly Thomas 1971, and Max Henderly 1981. They also had four grandchildren to graduate from Amanda-Clearcreek: Malinda Francis Sullivan 1991, Angie Thomas Bolin 1994, Wendy Francis Booth 1996, and Mark Francis 2002. They would like for this scholarship to help others in the community to further their education.

### **39. The Thad Davis Family Scholarship**

This scholarship has been established by Sandy ('67), Tom ('68) and Don ('77) in honor of their father, Thad (Stoutsville '45) and their mother Louise. Thad and Louise raised their children in Amanda and were avid supporters of both the school and community. Running was a very important aspect of Thad's life. He emerged as an elite age group runner over the last four decades of his life. He was instrumental in mentoring many A-C High School runners, sharing guidance and support in their running careers. Although not an A-C graduate, Louise was a staunch supporter of her children, and of the school, serving in volunteer roles with the district throughout her life. Sandy works for Lancaster-Fairfield Head Start, Tom was a Professor of Counselor Education at Ohio University, and Don is a Professor of Mathematics at Lakeland Community College.

### **40. The Rex Shupe Memorial Scholarship**

Rex Shupe was a 1970 graduate of Amanda-Clearcreek High School, and a 1974 graduate of Ohio University. He earned a Masters Degree at the University of Dayton. Rex taught school and coached football for 35 years. He started his teaching and coaching career at Berne Union School where he spent 6 years. He then moved to Logan Elm Schools teaching and coaching football for 13 seasons before returning home to Amanda-Clearcreek in 1993 ending his career in 2009. Rex was an integral part of the success of the Amanda-Clearcreek football program. It is because of his passion and dedication to students and athletes that his family offers this scholarship to a member of the Amanda-Clearcreek football team.

#### **41. The Ned and Rebecca Young Scholarship**

Ned graduated from Amanda High School in 1937, and Rebecca attended Amanda until her marriage to Ned. Even in high school Ned began his long career in the electrical contracting field. He joined the Navy Seabees in 1943 serving in the South Pacific and was in the reserve until 1953. After the war he came home to Amanda with his own shop and served as mayor. He moved to Chillicothe to work for the Veterans Administration, then many other companies. In Circleville he worked for DuPont and had his own company. After additional schooling, he was employed by Ross/Abbott Labs in Columbus as a Project Engineer retiring in 1985. All this time he and Becky raised 3 children, and Ned was active in many, many organizations with many honors such as from the Ross County Shrine Club as outstanding Shriner of the Year, twice, while always doing local electrical work. When the A-C Alumni was at its lowest point, Ned helped rescue the association, and was president when the Scholarship Endowment Fund was started. Becky typed all alumni into a data base that Ned and she kept for many years. Becky is the only person to have received the status of an Honorary Alumni of A-C, and Ned has been named a Distinguished Alumni. The great achievement of the A-C Alumni Endowment Fund was made possible through the contacts the Association was able to maintain through the data base of graduates. In 2011 Ned was inducted into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame as the 309th inductee. This is presented for not just military service, but the many community activities in the life of the person. Ned passed away in the year of 2017.

#### **42. The Trenton and Jean Kern Memorial Scholarship**

The funding for this scholarship comes from the estate of Trenton and Jean Kern. Jean graduated from Amanda High School in 1939. She grew up on the Ritchie farm at the base of "Mile Hill". Trenton graduated from Amanda High School in 1937 and grew up on the Kern family farm in Clearport. Both Jean and Trenton were part of the original conversation in the development of the A-C Endowment Board and Association. This scholarship is to honor Trenton's wife, Jean, who was an outstanding athlete of her time and was so honored by her induction as one of the original members of the inaugural class inducted into the Amanda Clearcreek Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

#### **43. St Jacob's Lutheran Church**

The history of the church can be traced back to the time when early settlers were entering this section of Ohio in 1807, most coming from Pennsylvania. The Rev. Jacob Leist, then a young man, also an immigrant from that state, a licensed missionary of Lutheran churches, organized the first church in Tarlton, Ohio. At first both German and English speaking church services were held. Worship was in a log cabin until the 1830, when a log and frame building was built for both congregations. The German Reformed Society disbanded and St. Jacob's Evangelical Lutheran Church was officially established on November 8, 1861, named presumably in honor of Rev. Jacob Leist. A new St. Jacob's was built in front of its former building and consecrated for worship on July 19, 1925. For many years it was a two-parish congregation with Stoutsville Trinity Lutheran until Trinity dissolved in April of 2002. St. Jacob's then joined St. Peter's Lutheran of Amanda and St. Matthew's of Sugar Grove in a parish until 2011 when St. Peter's closed. With the attendance dwindling St. Jacob's sadly closed its doors on December 11, 2016. The building was sold, but continues as the Community Church of Tarlton. The church did many good things over the years, just as they are doing now with the dissolution and distribution of funds, part going to help a student move forward in their endeavors for higher education.

#### **44. The Garrett Family**

This scholarship is given in memory of Vernon, Eileen (Class of AHS '47), and Brent Garrett (Class of '73), and in honor of Bruce and Lola Garrett (Classes of '68 and '69), retired teachers from A-C; Brenda Garrett, MA-CCC-SLP, speech pathologist (Class of '96); and Dr. Brian Garrett, DNP-CRNA, head of Otterbein Nurse Anesthetist Program (Class of '91). The preference for this scholarship is a graduate student in either education, allied health in speech therapy, or nursing.

#### **45. The Ernest and Edith Francis Family**

Ernest and Edith were married on October 27, 1930. They were a lifelong farming family. They started farming; using work horses around Whisler, Ohio; share cropped in Union County; farmed around Canal Winchester; then came to Amanda, Ohio in February, 1945. The family raised livestock and grains. They were blessed with 10 children; all graduated from Amanda and Amanda Clearcreek High School. The couple were both involved at their church and were members of Farm Bureau Council #15. Mr. Francis was a charter member of the Amanda Lions Club and served for many years on the Board of Education.

#### **46. The Lewis R. Taylor Family Scholarship**

Lewis and Eleanor Taylor came to Amanda in 1959 and started the Taylor Funeral Home, which at the time, were the youngest to ever open and operate a funeral home in the State of Ohio. They had two children, Tambria Taylor (1961-2010) and Tom Taylor both of whom graduated from Amanda-Clearcreek High School. Eleanor taught Learning Disabilities at Amanda-Clearcreek for many years. Lewis and Eleanor both were involved heavily in the community as the funeral home served as the emergency services for the surrounding area. In 1974, Lewis, along with the aid of some in the community established the Emergence Medical Service for Amanda Twp. Lewis was both a volunteer firefighter and EMS Coordinator for Amanda Township. Lewis also was a school bus driver for many years in the Amanda-Clearcreek School System. The Taylor family have been ardent supporter of Amanda-Clearcreek Athletics and other areas of curriculum both in personal support as well as monetary support, and the support continues today. Lewis passed away on October 10, 2020 and in continuing his legacy, his wife, Eleanor and son, Tom thought of no better way than to establish this scholarship to further the education of Amanda-Clearcreek seniors as they endeavor to charter their course in education.

#### **47. The Thad Davis Memorial 5K Run/Walk Scholarships**

This scholarship is presented from proceeds of the Twelfth Annual Thad Davis Memorial 5K Run/Walk of 2024 to A-C athletes.

#### **48. The Frank Family Scholarship**

Luther Frank and his brother Gary Frank and his wife Helen Frank are presenting this scholarship in memory of their parents Pearl and Alice Frank. The Frank family have been farming in the Amanda area since 1965. Luther is a 1982 graduate of ACHS, and a VP at Mid-West Fabricating Company with a career spanning more than 39 years. He has a love of flying, agriculture, machinery, and business. Brother Gary has had a 41-year career as a welder at Diamond Power. Study preferences for the student chosen reflect these interests.

#### **49. The Elmer (Ted) and Patricia (Pat) Scott Scholarship**

Ted and his wife Pat moved to Fairfield County, Amanda-Clearcreek School District, in 1969. Ted served on the Amanda Township Board of Appeals for seven years. He was in an atomic bomb test in Las Vegas in 1951. He served seven months in Korea during the war, and was a Navy Seabee attached to a Marine Air Force unit. He was a carpenter by trade, but did much engineering work. He worked on the sixth-floor addition of Fairfield Medical Center, the addition at Mt. Carmel East, and the Rhodes Hall at OSU. Before moving, Pat worked 19 years at Lazarus Dept. store in Columbus. She was a avid gardener and loved her many flower beds. She also donated and enjoyed many volunteer hours in the area. Ted passed away in 2006 shortly after setting up the scholarship and Pat in 2022, whereupon the estate came to the Endowment Fund in December of 2022. A four-year scholarship was set up at that time.

#### **50. The Larry M. and Linda L. Beougher Scholarship**

Larry and Linda Beougher were each from farming families in the Amanda area, both graduating from Amanda-Clearcreek High School in 1962. Larry continued his education at Capital University, graduating in 1966 with a degree in education. He received his Masters Degree from the University of Dayton in 1987. Larry taught and coached at Amanda-Clearcreek for 35 years. Linda was employed by Anchor Hocking and was active in several volunteer efforts in the area. The preference for this scholarship is to further a student's study toward a career in education.

#### **51. The Neil Morris/OneVision Scholarship**

Although a one-year award for this year, it will lead to a fully endowed scholarship beginning next year. This scholarship fund was established by the Neil E. Morris Family trust, OneVision Corporation, and individual contributions. Neil was born in Dungannton, Ohio, on November 24, 1937, grew up working on his family's dairy farm in Lancaster, Ohio. He graduated from Amanda High School in 1955 in a class on only thirty-three students. Neil pursued higher education at The Ohio State University, balancing his studies with a full-time job, and culminating in earning a master's degree in electrical engineering in 1966. Neil built a successful career as an electrical engineer, but driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, Neil co- founded OneVision Corporation alongside his long-time friend, the late Stephen F. Bean. Under Neil's leadership, OneVison Corporation grew steadily, marking it 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year of his passing, 2024-a true testament to Neil's perseverance, vision, and dedication. Neil's legacy continues through the Neil E. Morris/ OneVision Scholarship Fund, dedicated to empowering graduates from Amanda-Clearcreek High School to pursue their dreams in higher education.

## Scholarship Recipients – 2025

**1. Francis Don LaBonte Student Athlete: Peyton Beavers** – Peyton is the son of Dustin Beavers and Alexis Lindsey. He plans to attend Otterbein University to study Exercise Science. Peyton has been a part of the Student Athlete Leadership Team, Fellowship of Christian Students, Science Club, FFA, the Mentorship Program, football, wrestling, and baseball. He has been recognized as 1<sup>st</sup> team All-League Wrestling two times, Honorable Mention All-League Football, Honorable Mention All-League Baseball, and 1<sup>st</sup> Team Central Ohio for wrestling. Outside of school, he participated in travel baseball and club wrestling as well as being a Tree Church Movement Student Leader.

**2. Hiatt-Reber Health Science: Madison Cordle** – Madison is the daughter of Timothy and Stephanie Cordle. She plans to attend West Virginia University and study Immunology and Medical Microbiology. During her high school career, she participated in FFA and fall, winter and competition cheerleading. She has volunteered at Pelotonia, Wreaths Across America, the A-C FFA Holiday Food Drive and the AC Biddy Cheerleading program. Madison was selected as the 2023-24 Miss Circleville Pumpkin Show 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant, received her State FFA degree as well as FFA 1<sup>st</sup> Place State Agricultural Issues team, FFA 1<sup>st</sup> Place Agricultural Communications, FFA 9<sup>th</sup> Place National Agricultural Communications team.

**3. Dr. N. Wayne Hiatt: Allison Hatcher** – Allison, the daughter of Daniel and Vickie Hatcher, is planning on attending Otterbein University to major in Psychology. She was a member of the Student Council, Science Club, National Honor Society, Journalism Club, Choir, Prom Committee, the track & field team, and the golf team. She was recognized with the Kindness Award and High Honor Roll. Outside of school, she is part of her church youth group and assisted with Vacation Bible School. She also volunteered at the animal shelter, with the Ohio Department of Health Group Against Youth Tobacco Usage.

**4. Wendell and Edie Christy: Gabriella Erbse** – Gabriella is the daughter of James and Amanda Erbse. She is planning to continue her education majoring in Pre-Law/Sociology, Criminal Justice, or Psychology. While attending A-C, she participated in National Honor Society, concert band, jazz band, pep band, marching band, choir, and ladies ensemble choir. She was recognized with Highest Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. During high school, she also assisted with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band and was an office helper.

**5. Everett and Marie Kerns: Hannah Bryan** - This 2024 graduate is attending Ohio University in Exercise Physiology. She is active in the Pre-Physical Therapy Club, Exercise Physiology Club and Delight Ministries. She participated in Big Brother Big Sisters and Walk to End Alzheimers. She plans to go on to obtain a degree in Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

**6. The Johns Family (4-year) (Freshman): Braeleigh Blosser** – Braeleigh is the daughter of Ben and Jennifer Blosser. She is planning on attending The Ohio State University Agricultural and Technical Institute (ATI) to study Agricultural Communications. While at A-C, she was a part of FFA, the Student Athlete Leadership Team, National Honor Society, Student Council, Science Club, volleyball, softball, and is a Senior Class Officer. Braeleigh is also involved in her 4-H club, club volleyball and is an Acolyte and member of the First English Lutheran Church. She has received her State FFA degree, the Overall Market Goat Premier Exhibitor award, as well as being recognized as a Mid-State League Scholar Athlete, the Ohio FFA District 7 Accounting Proficiency Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a Gold Rating and the Leadership Award in volleyball.



**7. The Johns Family (4-year) (Sophomore): Addyson Pugh** - Addyson completed her first year at The Ohio State University, where she is majoring in Health Sciences on a pre-medicine path. Throughout her first year she was involved in the Ohio State Medical outreach program where she volunteered for various events including mentoring younger children and helping the contributions towards the Ohio State Hospitals. She was also involved in the Ohio Welcome Leaders program where she assisted students during move-in week. Addyson plans to enjoy her summer but return to Ohio State in the fall to continue her studies.

**8. The Johns Family (4-year) (Junior): Riley McKeska** - Riley attends Wilmington College and is a double major in Agricultural Education and Communications. On campus she is part of many organizations including Wilmington College Aggies, Ag-Ed Society, Collegiate Farm Bureau, Students for Life, Wilmington College Equine Team and is in the honors program. She works at Kroger and a horse barn at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. She just finished her first year as an RA at her college. She also volunteers for the local head start program in Wilmington. She earned her American FFA Degree this past fall. After graduation she plans to become a high school ag teacher. In the summer she will return to Tar Hollow 4-H Camp as manger for her fourth year on staff.

**9. The Johns Family (4-year) (Senior): Ryan Chambers** - He is attending Walsh University studying in the field of biology. He plans to attend medical school in the future. He is currently a member of the baseball team at Walsh, the vice president of Walsh's Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and a member of the Sigma Zeta Science and Math Honor Society.

**10. The Bob and Betty Masters: Rylyn Foster** - Rylyn, the daughter of Ryan and Kendall Foster, is planning on attending Colorado Mesa University and majoring in business. She was active in FFA, serving two terms as Chapter Treasurer, National Honor Society, the Student Athletic Leadership Team, the Mentorship program, and participated in volleyball and golf. She was awarded Mid-State League 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and Mid-State League Scholarship Athlete. Outside of school, she was a member of 4-H, including the Junior Leaders Club. She volunteered in the A-C PTO food booth, at Pelotonia, the Franklin Park Conservatory and the FFA Holiday Food Drive.

**11. Albert and Lata Barr Memorial: Zachary Julian** - He is in the field of Nursing at Ohio University-Lancaster. He had been involved with Ohio University CRU.

**12. Beatrice Lane Marshall Memorial: Luke Speakman** - He is attending the University of Northwestern Ohio in Automotive and High-Performance Technology. He plays college baseball and is a member of his church youth group.

**13. The Hampshire Family: Zach Varney** - This 2023 graduate is studying Studio Art at Shawnee State University.

**14. The 1945 Class of Amanda High School: Jacob (Tyler) Hines** - Jacob is the son of Jed and Amy Hines. He is planning on attending Hocking College and majoring in Accounting and Financial Services. During his A-C career, he participated in soccer, serving as a captain for his team. He was also an office helper and a middle school boys soccer assistant coach. He earned High Honor Roll all four years of high school and was selected as Student of the Month twice. In soccer, he received the Leadership Award and was a League Scholar Athlete as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-League. He assisted with the Fairfield County hog barn clean-up, the A-C Athletic Boosters food booth at the fair, A-C PTO Secret Santa and Carnival, and Toys for Tots. Outside of school, he participated in club soccer with the Pride SC league.

**15. The Wallace Barr Family (4-year) (Freshman): Allie Leist** – Allie is the daughter of Tim and Emily Leist. She plans on the University of Cincinnati – Blue Ash to major in Radiologic Technology. While at A-C, she was part of the Student Athlete Leadership Team, Prom Committee, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Students, Science Club, FFA, Journalism Club and participated in volleyball, basketball and track. Outside of school, she was a member of the Blue Ribbon Showmen 4-H Club and was a Tree Church Movement Student Leader. She volunteered in the food booth for the A-C Athletic Boosters, at events for the Student Athlete Leadership Team, National Honor Society and the Blue Ribbon Showmen 4-H Club. She also volunteered in the nursery at the Tree Church. Allie received the Scholar Athlete award and was selected the Showman of Showmen for Dairy Market Feeders.

**16. The Wallace Barr Family (4-year) (Sophomore): Carley Claypool** - She is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Automotive Engineering at Ohio Northern University. Carley is actively involved in several organizations, including Delta Zeta, the Society of Women Engineers, Active Minds, and Sister 2 Sister. This summer she plans on working for Claypool Land Services. She will be earning her American FFA Degree in fall.

**17. The Wallace Barr Family (4-year) (Junior) Jillian Bennett** - She is beginning her third year as a Marketing major with a minor in Music, Media, & Enterprise at The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business. She serves as the Vice President of Sigma Phi Lambda, which is a Christian sorority focused on spreading the name of God to women on campus. She is also a member of the Business Scholars Program, American Marketing Association, and volunteers with the 614 Church Media Team. Additionally, she works as an OSU Office Assistant and will be an OSU Resident Advisor this coming year.

**18. The Wallace Barr Family (4-year) (Senior) Logan Wells** - He is attending The Ohio State University where he has been studying in the field of finance. Logan has just completed his third year and will be entering his last semester as he will graduate in December of 2025. He has been offered an internship at Battelle for the summer. Throughout the year he was actively involved in the Undergraduate Finance Association.

**19. Donald and Mary Anne Weibel: Antonia Patterson** - She graduated in 2023 and is studying at Capital University in Music Education. She has been part of the university's Wind Symphony and Clarinet Choir. In 2023 and 2024 she was part of the Ohio University Marching 110. She volunteers as the Student Assistant at the Capital University Accessibility Services and the university Band Festival.

**20. The Leist Family: Allie Starner Hartman** - Allie has her Nursing Degree from Capital University and is now in the School Nurse Certification Program from Ohio University. She is currently working as a school nurse but wants to obtain more education in that field and make that her life's work. She recently started a program of hygiene education and products called "Be Kind. Be Clean.", a free store for the students at her school with community help with hygiene products. She also volunteers in the Zane Grey Intermediate After School Programs 5 hours monthly.

**21. The Martin “Buck” McHale Memorial: Brody Elder** – Brody is the son of Justin McGraw and Jennifer Evans. He plans to attend The Ohio State University - Newark to study Business. While at A-C, he has participated in FFA, Science Club, football, basketball and baseball. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the yearbook staff. He has given back to the community through reading books to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and assisting at multiple biddy sport youth camps. He has received High Honor Roll every semester of high school, 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-MSL for football twice, Honorable Mention All-District for basketball twice, 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-MSL and Honorable Mention All-District for baseball. He also earned his Greenhand and Chapter FFA degrees.

**22. The Wayne and Marie Reese Family: Kealey Mead** – Kealey is the daughter of Robert and Laura Mead. She plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in Adolescent to Young Adult Integrated Social Studies with hopes of returning to A-C to teach future generations. She participated in the ACHS Press Club, Drama Club, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band and was selected as Student of the Month. Outside of school, Kealey participated in competitive cheerleading. She also volunteered in the concession stand for the Athletic Boosters.

**23. The Meister Family: Morgan Cowdrey** - She will be senior at the University of Findlay in Diagnostic Medical Sonography with a minor in Gerontology. She will begin this summer to become board certified in both abdominal and OB/GYN sonography. As part of the clinical she has been accepted in a position in Tallahassee, Florida. She has been president of her Sonography Club, and member of the university Gerontology Club and 4 Paws for Ability Club. She finds time to volunteer a nursing home and Helping Hands Food Drive.

**24. The Ream Family: Audrey Meyer** - She is attending Bentley University in Actuarial Science and Data Analytics. She is president of the Students Advocating for Gender Equity and is marketing chair for the Students for Sustainable Business. She is a member of the Bentley Painters organization. She has volunteered at Sojourner House and at A-C Elementary School. Last year she was able to pass the first two actuarial exams, complete an internship at Kenworth Truck Company and secure an actuarial internship as a sophomore in college. This summer she will be at Highmark Health Insurance in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, putting her skills to use in a real-world setting.

**25. Republic Services Inc. - Pine Grove Landfill: Hannah Saum** - She is far away at Texas A&M University studying Animal Science. She has been a two-year member of the Animal Science Ambassadors and a year member of Saddle and Sirloin and fundraising chair for Sigma Alpha Sorority. She has volunteered at the Big Event, an annual on campus community service organization. She also earned her American FFA Degree this past fall.

**26. The Tom Dum Scholarship: Josie Speakman** - She is attending The Ohio State University in Political Science. There she is active in the College Democrats as Communication Director. She is in the Honor Society of Pi Sigma Omicron Chapter and is an intern in the office of State Representative Allison Russo. She is assistant manager at Cinemark and communications committee chair for Franklin County Young Democrats.

**27. Francis Gehrett Huddle & Edna Chambers Huddle: Emalee Stone** - She will graduate this coming year in Nursing from Ohio University-Chillicothe. She has completed over 150 clinical hours and several lab hours. She is a member of the Student Nursing Organization of Chillicothe.

**28. Elizabeth Adler Memorial: Emma Kern** – Emma, daughter of Brandon and Amie Kern, plans to attend the University of Cincinnati in the Allied Health Sciences Pre-Occupational Therapy Track. At A-C, she was president of the senior class, involved in Student Council, Science Club, the Student Athlete Leadership Team, and the A-C Press. She also participated in volleyball, basketball, and track & field. Outside of school, Emma was a part of her confirmation group and played club volleyball for the Lady Blue Knights. Emma received awards for her volleyball achievements and was All Mid-State League Honorable Mention for track & field. Outside of the classroom, she helped organize the school blood drive, volunteered at sporting events, PTO Secret Santa, and as a coach for biddy volleyball teams.

**29. The Harriet Adler Memorial: Jesse Spangler** - This scholarship is designed for the person who received the Elizabeth Adler Memorial in good standing. Jesse is a Mechanical Engineer major at the University of Akron. While there he became involved with the rocket design team and the dodgeball team. For the summer, he plans on working to help pay for his schooling.

**30. The Dr. and Mrs. James Adler: Abigail Workman** - She is a 2021 graduate who is studying to be a nurse at Ohio University-Lancaster. She will graduate this coming year. She is in the Ohio University Lancaster Bachelor Student Nursing Organization. She has been working as a patient care technician at a local hospital, and had gone with the Village Mountain Mission in the Dominican Republic building a home and volunteered with Connection West serving breakfasts to the homeless community.

**31. The Robert Adler Memorial: Cade Young** - He is a 2022 graduate at Ohio University in Electrical Engineering. Cade is enrolled in the challenging STEM program and has fun as captain of the Flag Football League.

**32. The William Adler Scholarship: Maddie Marshall** - She will graduate in January of 2026 from Hocking College in the field of Nursing. She was attending OSU and while there was in the ROTC program and the OSU OWL program. She has been an Ohio State ROTC tailgate volunteer and is active in her church. She is currently working as a nursing assistant at FMC.

**33. The Saum Family: Carly Singleton** - She is a 2023 graduate attending The Ohio State University in Radiologic Sciences and Therapy. She is a member of the American Medical Women's Association, Buckeyes Against Cancer, and Pre-Health Constellation. She has performed community services through the latter organization.

**34. The Tilley Family: Peter Smith** – Peter is the son of Augustine and Kennie Smith. He plans to attend the University of Cincinnati in the Allied Health – Pre-Medicine program. While at A-C, he was a member of FFA where he served two terms as chapter President, National Honor Society, Science Club, Prom Committee, and Building Leaders Committee. He also participated in football, basketball, and track & field. He received the FFA Memorial Award and Honorable Mention – All State for football. Outside of school, he assisted Dale Stoneburner with farm management and numerous service opportunities through NHS and FFA.

**35. The A-C PTO Scholarship: Averie Hutchison** – Averie is the daughter of Rick and Michelle Hutchison. She plans to attend college to become a dental hygienist and would love to return to the A-C community after graduation. While at A-C, she was part of National Honor Society, Science Club, the A-C Journalism Club, Prom Committee, FFA, the mentorship program, and participated in softball and volleyball. Outside of school, Averie was a member of the Special Projects 4-H Club, the Clothe It Forward organization, and the Starz travel softball team. She volunteered at Clothe It Forward giveaways, the A-C Athletic Boosters food booth, A-C Biddy Softball Camp, and at Student Leadership Team events. Averie received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Mid-State League award, Priemer Exhibitor and was a scholar athlete.

**36 The Moody-Dickson Scholarship: Bailey Schumacher** - This 2023 graduate is studying at the University of Cincinnati in Biomedical Engineering. She is a member of the Bearcat Marching Band, on the Bearcat Student Band Council and in the Tau Beta Sigma National Sorority. She is currently a full-time research and development intern with P&G where she has given a very successful midpoint presentation. This past summer she was an undergraduate research assistant at the university, part of a team working to design a device called NeoWarm. It is a kangaroo pouch designed to help prevent neonatal hypothermia in low and middle-income countries where reliable access to technology and electricity often hinders neonatal care.

**37. Golda and Helen Hedges and Esther Hedges Strickland (4-Year) (Freshman): Haley Robinson** - Haley is the daughter of Jeff and Holly Robinson. She plans to attend Robert Morris University and major in Business Management. At A-C, Haley was a member of FFA where she served as chapter Reporter and chapter Vice-President, the Science Club, Prom Committee, the Student Athletic Leadership Team, Student Council, and served as the class president. She also participated in softball, volleyball and basketball. She was recognized as 1<sup>st</sup> Team and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All MSL for softball as well as earning her Greenhand and Chapter FFA degrees. Outside of school, Haley played travel softball and was selected as the Miss Pumpkin Show, 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant.

**38. Golda and Helen Hedges and Esther Hedges Strickland (4-year) (Sophomore): Blayne Barker** - He is a Finance major at Harding University. This summer he plans to work and spend time with family and friends.

**39. Golda and Helen Hedges and Esther Hedges Strickland (4-year (Junior): Megan Tooill** - She is attending Ohio Wesleyan University where she is studying Zoology and Environmental Science. She is part of the university softball team and a member of the Circle K Club.

**40. Golda and Helen Hedges and Esther Hedges Strickland Senior Regular: Ellie Moss** – Ellie is the daughter of Matthew Moss and Stephanie Moscardino. She plans to attend Ohio University and major in Political Science. While at A-C, Ellie was a member of National Honor Society, the Journalism Club, Academic Challenge, FFA, and was a class officer and a student liaison for the school board. She also participated in track & field. Ellie received the 2025 Good Citizen Award, the 2023 Outstanding Student of American History Award, 2022 ACHS Fine Arts Award. Outside of school, she was a youth Senate Day speaker.

**41. Esther Hedges Strickland Upperclass I: Carson Spiller** - He is currently a Cyber Forensics major at the University of Akron, where he also helps give tours to new students. Cyber Forensics involves investigating and analyzing digital evidence to combat cybercrime, recover lost data, and strengthen cybersecurity defenses. This summer he is hoping to secure an internship at Kenworth.

**42. Esther Hedges Strickland Upperclass II: Tayvon Miller** - This 2022 grad is currently at Ohio University from Akron U. He is in Special Education and would love to come back here to A-C to teach and coach. He was student assistant Akron and a Middle School Football Coach here. He will graduate in May of 2026.

**43. “Nothing Less Than Your Best” Scholarship: Emily Buckley** - She graduated in 2023 and is attending Cornell University in Environment and Sustainability. Emily has served as a Senior Information Specialist for two years and one year as Cornell University Class Council’s Vice President of Internal Affairs. She has been the university Commitment Tradition Fellow for the last two years and volunteers many hours for the Cayuga Medical Center Emergency Department, Cornell Student and Campus Life and Big Red Buddies Youth.

**44. The Hunter Family: Audrey Butterbaugh Smith** - She is working towards her Associate’s Degree in Veterinary Technology at Columbus State Community College. She will finish her work this coming spring.

**45. The Miller Family: Seth Loel** – Seth, son of Chad and Sara Loel, plans to attend Ohio University – Athens and major in nursing. While at A-C, he was a part of FFA, soccer and track. Outside of school, Seth was a 9-year member of 4-H. Seth was recognized as a scholar athlete and received his Greenhand and Chapter FFA degrees.

**46. The Frank G. and Marvene M. Weigerding Scholarship: Logan Stevens** – Logan, son of Jeremy and Katie Stevens, will be attending Ohio University Lancaster in the fall to study engineering. Logan participated in football, basketball, and track & field. He was also part of the mentorship program. Outside of school, he helped at the Tarlton Food Pantry. Logan earned 1<sup>st</sup> Team All MSL, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All MSL, and Honorable Mention All MSL.

**47. The St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Scholarship: Abigail Carver** - She will graduate from Youngstown State University in Business Administration with a minor in Non-Profit in May of this school year. She has been vice-president and now president of Philanthropy of Delta Zeta Sorority. Abigail is also in the Student Nonprofit Leadership Organization and Alpha Lambda Delta and order of Omega. She has helped raise funds through these groups and this summer she has an Internship with Ronald McDonald House.

**48. The Charles J. and Ruby Christy Family Scholarship: Trenton Hedges** - He is in his senior year at Tiffin University in the field of accounting. He played baseball for the university and, with the team, helped rebuild a produce farm after a fire in the Tiffin community. He has been a volunteer youth baseball coach for summer league teams.

**49. The Wendell and Hazel Henderly Family Scholarship: Jonathan Weaver** - He will be a senior at Elon University in Biology (Pre-Dental). He is in the Elon Pre-Health Society (Dental Ambassador), President of the Elon College Republicans, and Vice President of Philanthropy and Community Service of the Elon University Interfraternity Council. He has been a shadowing intern in Fuller Dental, and involved in several honor societies and Elon Microfinance Initiative. Besides that, he played football for two years for the university and was on the Coastal Athletic Association Commissioner’s High Honor Roll for the two years.

**50. The Thad Davis Family: Karlee Parry** - She is attending the University of Cincinnati in the field of Neuropsychology and Chemistry. She has been involved in Undergraduate Biochemistry Research, First Generation Pathways to Undergraduate Research and McNair Scholars Program. She was named Rookie of the Year for Undergraduate Research in 2024. She has volunteered for CancerFreeKids. She will be earning her American FFA Degree in fall.

**51. The Rex Shupe Memorial Scholarship: Peyton Cassley** - He will be a senior at Tiffin University in Business Management. He has played baseball for the university and maintained grades for the Dean's List. He was named 22/23 Academic All Conference Team. He has also volunteered for the Browns Football Games and the university games.

**52. The Ned and Rebecca Young Scholarship: Braden Holbrook** – Braden is the son of Brad Holbrook and Natalie Sells. Braden is still selecting his major and school but will be staying local. While at A-C, Braden was active on the Yearbook Committee, Science Club, Prom Committee, Fellowship of Christian Students, and participated in basketball and baseball. He was awarded Honor Roll, High Honor Roll and was a Scholar Athlete. Outside of school, Braden was a cook at the Watt Street Tavern and a youth basketball camp counselor.

**53. The Trenton and Jean Kern Memorial: Alaina Miller** – Alaina is the daughter of Anthony Miller and Lindsey Hamilton. She is planning on attending Bowling Green State University to major in Communication Disorders. At A-C, she was a part of the HOPE Squad, Fellowship of Christian Students, FFA, Lancaster City Rotary meeting, as well as playing softball and golf. Outside of school, Alaina participated in Central Ohio Tigers Softball, Tigers Youth Softball League, and the Crossroads Christian Church Youth Group. Alaina was a Governor's Art Show winner, Student of the Month, MVP for Central Ohio Tigers Softball and is QPR trained and certified.

**54. The Thad Davis Memorial 5K Run/Walk : Rachel Weaver** - She will be a sophomore at Clemson University in Environmental Sciences. She is Assistant Director of Scholarship of Kappa Delta Sorority, Outreach Chair of Clemson Letters of Love and Creative Inquiry of the Youth Scholars Program. She has had time for volunteer hours in her church and these organizations.

**55. St. Jacob's Luther Church- Tarlton: Carly Spence** - This 2022 graduate is attending Miami University in Emerging Technology in Business and Design. She is a member of the Miami University Fashion and Design Club and has had a University Communications and Marketing Internship. On campus she has been involved in suicide awareness and helps manage the university's social media while also doing photography for students on campus.

**56. The Garrett Family: Nolan Sahr** - Nolan is getting close to finishing his work at Hocking College in Nursing. He has already graduated with his BS from The Ohio State University in Health Sciences. He is currently doing clinicals at FMC but has time to volunteer at the Athens-Hocking Recycling Center and The Ohio University Student Farm.

**57. The Ernest and Edith Francis Family: Cody McCormick** - Cody started his college experience on the Newark Campus of The Ohio State University but is transferring to the main campus for Animal Science, where he hopes to live in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Science learning and living community. He is active in his home Heidelberg Church.



**58. The Lewis R. Taylor Family: Cameron Corey** - This 2024 graduate is attending Wittenberg University in Nursing. He is Army ROTC and is playing soccer for the university. He has volunteered with the ROTC group and soccer community work plus working locally with soccer teams.

**59. The Frank Family: Jaycie Spires** - She has been a member of the United States Air Force Academy, transferring to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida this coming year. She was a CS-12 Squadron 4<sup>th</sup> Class Flight Chief and on the USAFA Women's Lacrosse 4 Degree Captain/ Travel Roster. She has founded inSPIREd, a non-profit organization she founded in honor of her late father, Jace E. Spires, to support families experiencing loss or health-related crises and has given much time to that, along with other volunteer hours.

**60. The Ted and Pat Scott: (*Four Year-Freshman*): Connor Williams** - Connor is the son of Aaron and Amber Williams. He plans to attend The Ohio State University, majoring in Physics or Chemistry. Connor was a member of the Science Club and the Academic Challenge team. He also participated in track & field. Outside of school, he was a competitive gymnast. He also assisted with events at school and at gymnastic meets. Connor received the Academic All-American Award from USAG and was recognized as the 1<sup>st</sup> place state gymnast and 2<sup>nd</sup> place regional gymnast.

**61. The Larry and Linda Beougher: Alexandria Martin** – Alexandria is the daughter of Joshua and Sherry Martin. She plans to attend Shawnee State University and major in Early Childhood Education. While at A-C, she was a part of Drama Club, Prom Committee, the Hope Squad, Student Council, the Class Officer team, and participated in volleyball and softball. Outside of school, Alexandria played travel softball. She was an A-C Student Athletic Trainer, participated in the Soaring Stars Reading Program, volunteered at the Fairfield County District Library, and worked in the A-C Athletic Boosters concession stand. Alexandria received the Mid-State League Buckeye Division Softball Honorable Mention award, was a scholar athlete, and on the honor roll.

**62. The Neil Morris/OneVision: Olivia Nixon** - Miami University is the place of study for Olivia in Kinesiology planning on graduating in May of 2027. She is vice president in charge of membership of a women's fitness club and a member of Miami Activities and Programming. The Cinci Smiles is a club related to Cincinnati Children's Hospital and she volunteers there. Last summer she volunteered at Fairfield Medical Center as a Patient Pal. Her goal is to become a Pediatric Physical Therapist.

**63: The Trustees Technology Scholarship: Katie Kemmerling** – Katie plans to attend the Ohio State School of Cosmetology. While at A-C, she was part of the Prom Committee and participated in volleyball and basketball. She received the Scholar Athlete award, 1<sup>st</sup> team MSL and Honorable Mention MSL for volleyball as well as achieving perfect attendance and honor roll. Outside of school, Katie volunteered at her church food pantry, helped at biddy sports camps and worked in the concession booth at the Fairfield County Fair.

## **The A-C Endowment Fund for Scholarships**

The fund was established with a 501(c)3 designation in 1991 with the first actual endowed scholarship from the fund presented in 1993. However, there had been three prior to 1990 and seven scholarships given between '90 and '92 with the funds that were donated, especially from individual classes. With the year 2024, we have presented a total of 1250 scholarships for over \$2.4 million. This is near the amount we have invested counting the Johns, the Barr, and the 48 other individuals or groups who have set up endowed scholarships. The amount needed for an endowed scholarship has gone from \$15,000 to \$20,000 during the years. The trustees have now set the amount at \$25,000 beginning January of 2014. We have part of the Johns funds invested with the Fairfield County Foundation and the Hedges-Strickland funds are invested there, also, for our use each year. This has all been made possible with help of many people who regularly donate to the fund with memorials and gifts. We are so grateful to our alumni community for their continued support.

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