

# West Muskingum Schools Academic Fund

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT



**Mansfield Reformatory Field Trip**



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# Remembering Elizabeth “Liz” Burrier

Elizabeth “Liz” Burrier, founder and co-chair of the West Muskingum Academic Fund Committee, passed away on Thursday, January 15, 2026. She was 95 years old.

Along with her husband Jim, she was a founder and co-chair of the West Muskingum Academic Fund. Since its inception in 1982, Liz took great pride in how the fund provided financial support for hundreds of educational opportunities and reaching thousands of West Muskingum students. She was also very grateful for the generous donations and memorial contributions that made those learning experiences a reality.

Liz will be missed, but her devotion to the students of West Muskingum will be felt for years to come. As she always liked to say “Thanks heaps” Liz.

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Liz was born May 7, 1930, a daughter of the late Wilbur and Ada (Weaver) Rogers, in Zanesville, Ohio. A proud graduate of Zanesville High School and Wittenburg University, she worked at Watkins Flowers, Springfield High School, and Zanesville High School, where she served as a speech and dramatics teacher, coached the cheerleaders, including the first “Blue Devil” mascot, and directed the plays.

After her marriage to James L. “Jim” Burrier in August 1965, Liz was active in the community, serving on the Women’s Benevolent Society, the Secrest Auditorium Seating Fund and Celebration Committee, the Founding Board of Consumer Credit Counseling, the Genesis Advisory Board, Bethesda Care System Board of Trustees, Bethesda Quality of Care Board, the United Way

Strategic Planning Committee, the Board of Directors of the Zanesville Art Center, the YWCA Advisory Council, YWCA Board of Directors, and the Zanesville Alumni Association Board.

She was a member of the Zanesville Business and Professional Women’s Club, Author’s Club and the Thursday Music Club. She ran a Modern Woodmen Teen Club, was an active member of the Muskingum County Retired Teachers Association, drove for Meals on Wheels, and was a Bethesda Hospital Foundation Office Volunteer. She was a member of Saint John’s Lutheran Church and regularly attended services at Central Presbyterian, where Jim was a member.

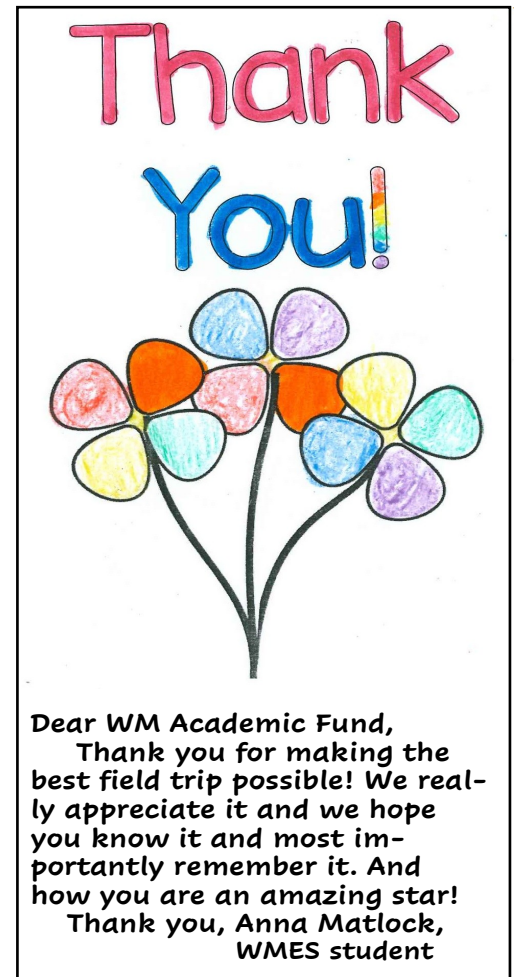
Her many honors include the Daybreak Kiwanis Volunteer in Education Award, the West Muskingum Board of Education Award, the Wilson School Honored Alumni Award, the West Muskingum Local School District Distinguished Service Award, the United Way Presidents Award for Community Service, the Bob and Dolores Hope Good Samaritan Award, the Hiram Heck Community Service Award and was a three time winner of the Modern Woodmen Merit Club Leaders Conference Award.

Liz is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 35 years, Jim; and her brother and sister Robert Rogers and Kathryn Rogers Mitchell.

She is survived by her daughter Beth Burrier of Purchase, NY, niece Kathy Taylor of Charlotte, NC, and nephews Gary and Robert Rogers of Indiana, as well as many great-nieces and nephews.



LIZ BURRIER



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025  
*Jody Spencer, treasurer*

**PARK NATIONAL BANK**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$557,117.73</b>
<b>Contributions Received</b>	<b>\$ 20,785.00</b>
<b>Grants Awarded</b>	<b>\$ 31,374.23</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,198.69</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$623,937.52</b>

## Academic Opportunities During the 2024-25 School Year

<u>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>FUNDING</u>
Field Trip to the Works	(WMES) 136	\$1,360
The Wilds	(WMES) 150	\$1,395
Mystery Science	(WMES) 600	\$1,695
COSI Field Trip	(WMES) 123	\$1,387
Zanesville Historical District	(WMES) 138	\$576
Aha! A Children's Museum Field Trip	(WMES) 128	\$1,165
Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Trip	(WMMS) 90	\$3,000
STEM Skate	(WMMS) 150	\$1,510
Valley Gem Sternwheeler Tour	(WMMS) 135	\$2,184
COSI Titanic Exhibit	(WMMS) 119	\$3,196
Seussical the Musical	(MS/HS) 50	\$2,000
FBLA State Competition	(WMHS) 19	\$2,400
FFA Rabbit Raising	(WMHS) 82	\$2,000

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## Contributions Support Educational Opportunities

The West Muskingum Schools Academic Fund has supported hundreds of educational programs for thousands of students. Through the many generous donations, the Academic Fund has provided over **\$437,248.23** in financial support for nearly **136,066** students.

Thirteen projects were funded and 1,920 students were served during the 2024-25 school year!

Created in 1982 by a group of parents, educators, friends and community members, the Academic Fund continues to operate as a sepa-

rate non-profit foundation with its principle monies forever remaining on deposit. The interest earned from that principle is spent each year to partially or fully fund enriching academic opportunities for the students of West Muskingum.

Donors can also choose to gift stocks or other assets (such as life insurance or estate bequests), directly to the fund in lieu of cash donations. For more information regarding this and other planned gifting opportunities, please contact your financial advisor.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Prior annual reports are available at [www.westmschools.org](http://www.westmschools.org).

Click *Our District* and select the *Academic Fund*.

### Academic Fund Contribution Form



Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contributor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Send acknowledgement to: (amount will be omitted)

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**Mail to:**  
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