



# Foundation Focus

Penn Manor Education Foundation Newsletter  
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## Music for unity and hope

*HS African percussion ensemble performs with authentic instruments*

The Penn Manor High School Spring Concert in May featured an unusual group of performers – an authentic African percussion ensemble performing as a tribute to Nelson Mandela and his influence on democracy.

The multi-cultural repertoire celebrated the key role music played in the effort to keep spirits up and encourage unity and hope in the face of oppression under Apartheid in South Africa.

During the concert, students performed on authentic African percussion instruments that were purchased through a grant from the Penn Manor Education Foundation.

Before the instruments arrived in March, students prepared by listening to authentic recordings of the pieces they would perform so they could begin transcribing rhythmic parts.

According to Penn Manor High School choral instructor Lauren Forbes, the act of transcribing parts from listening to



Members of an African percussion ensemble at Penn Manor High School pose with their instruments, which were purchased through a grant from the Penn Manor Education Foundation.

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— Caleb Breidenbaugh  
Penn Manor HS student

performances and learning by ear is characteristic of this type of music, which is typically spread by word of mouth and often is not written down.

Students who were already percussionists in the band played the various drums: bongos, djembe, dunun and Latin cajon. Volunteers from the chorus played the auxiliary percussion instruments: togo seed rattle, gankogui bell and axatse shekere (beaded gourd rattle).

“The fact that we have and get to use these unique instruments is pretty great,” said Caleb Breidenbaugh, one of the students who performed in the ensemble.

The dunun Caleb played, nicknamed “fuzzy drum” for its goat hide surface, was made in Ghana.

Another student, Alex Thomas, said his family members at the concert “thought it was pretty cool that I got to play an instrument that they had never seen or heard of before.”

“Having these authentic instruments enhanced the African style of each piece we played,” said a third student, Peter Dutton. “Even the bells [made in Zimbabwe] were very authentic, and we were using them in an authentic setting.”

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## In Loving Memory

# PMEF participates in online giving Nov. 21

The Penn Manor Education Foundation is again participating in the ExtraOrdinary Give, a 24-hour online fund-raising event for local non-profits.

If you would like to contribute, please go to the [extragive.org](http://extragive.org) website at any time on Nov. 21 and click on the PMEF link.

Last year, 40 generous donors participated in the ExtraGive, providing \$3,500 to the Foundation.

Gifts large and small are welcome.

A gift of \$25 can purchase library

materials to excite young learners and support curricular goals.

A gift of \$100 can buy a starter musical instrument to allow a disadvantaged student to begin to

learn to play and join the school band.

A \$500 gift can fund a scholarship for a graduating Penn Manor High School student.

# New executive director to lead PMEF

*Kinderwater Carroll was principal,  
Penn Manor Teacher of the Year*

Anne Kinderwater Carroll will assume the role of executive director of the Penn Manor



**Anne Kinderwater Carroll**

Education Foundation beginning Jan. 1. She replaces Donald Stewart, who has served as director for five years and who previously served Penn Manor School District as superintendent.

Anne is well known to Penn Manor families as a former middle school science teacher and Penn Manor Teacher of the Year. She also was principal at both Marticville Middle and Eshleman Elementary schools.

In 2010, after 17 years as a Penn Manor staff member, Anne left education to devote more attention to her family, including her husband of

14 years, Andrew, and the couple's two daughters, Helena, 8, and Evelyn, 5.

While Anne considers her role as wife and mother her number one priority, she has remained extremely active in community service and advancing the goals of public education.

She is a classroom volunteer in Junior Achievement, a program her father helped initiate in the Lancaster area back in 1950. Through her involvement at St. John's Episcopal Church, Anne supports the Rafiki educational outreach program in Kenya.

An adjunct professor at Millersville University, she has served as a supervisor of both student teachers and candidates for principal certification.

Most importantly, Anne will bring to the role of executive director an experienced knowledge of the values and expectations of our community. She was a much-respected member of the Penn Manor staff and will serve as an outstanding facilitator of the Education Foundation's mission to enhance learning opportunities for our students.

Welcome to the team, Anne.

## Welcome, Foundation board members

The Penn Manor Education Foundation Board welcomed five new members in July, including longtime teacher and coach Joe Herman and the school district's former secretary to the superintendent, Paula Howard.

The board also added three local business and community leaders, including longtime active parent volunteer Tracy Seiger. Additionally, Penn Manor parent Eric Warfel will lend his financial expertise to our board.

The final new board member is Wade Gamber, a Millersville health care provider and longtime coach of Penn Manor youth athletics.

In addition to welcoming these volunteers to our board, we recognized and honored the service of five departing members who have made significant contributions to the success of our organization.

The Penn Manor Education Foundation and our whole community thank departing board members Deb Metzler-Roth, Karen Shenk, Don Frey, Frank Geist and Tom



**The dedicated group of Penn Manor Education Foundation volunteer board members and staff pose for a photo at a recent board meeting.**

Seiger.

Penn Manor Education Foundation board members give freely of their time and talents and also lend financial support to the mission of the Foundation. Penn Manor is truly fortunate to have so many willing community volunteers who care deeply about the success of our schools and the future of our students.

# Dr. Frerichs named ambassador

The Penn Manor Education Foundation Board has selected a champion of public education and a great friend of both Penn Manor School District and its Foundation, Dr. Rich Frerichs, as its Ambassador for 2014-2015.

While Dr. Frerichs has supported Penn Manor in a variety of roles, he is most proud of his role as a Penn Manor parent. His two daughters are PMHS graduates – Kimberlee in 1999 and Melissa in 2001. Kimberlee has pursued a career in finance, and Melissa currently is Penn Manor School District's Supervisor of English and Language Arts.

Rich also is proud of his role in support of a former Penn Manor golf coach, his late wife, Marsha. Serving as coach between 2004 and 2008, Marsha Frerichs was an inspiration to her students and often a "second Mom" to golf team members.

The Frerichs family currently sponsors a Penn Manor Education Foundation scholarship that honors Marsha's memory and is designed to reward both a male and



**Dr. Rich Frerichs**

a female golfer who demonstrate leadership and sportsmanship.

Dr. Frerichs' contributions to our community often take the form of sharing his leadership skills. Rich has been a member of Penn Manor School Board since 1997. He served as vice president for 10 years and as president for three years, from 2009 to 2012.

Helping to lead schools all across our state, Dr. Frerichs recently was elected president of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

Additionally, Rich directly served Penn Manor Education Foundation as a board member for eight years and as its secretary

between 2000 and 2007.

While Dr. Frerichs has been an active and generous volunteer on behalf of Penn Manor schools and children, his career also has been devoted to improving the quality of education for students across Pennsylvania.

During his 36-year career at Millersville University, Rich has been Professor of Education Foundations and Dean of Resident Life and has coordinated the Field Service Program for student teachers.

You may also be familiar with Rich as the voice of the Millersville University football team and the Lady Marauders women's basketball team.

Last year, the Penn Manor Education Foundation initiated the Foundation Ambassador program to recognize individuals who have made improving our community a lifelong priority. In the inaugural year, the Ambassadors were Martha and Willis Herr.

The Foundation is proud to recognize another Penn Manor leader and partner, Dr. Rich Frerichs, as this year's Ambassador.



**Penn Manor students practice drumming on newly purchased authentic African instruments.**

## Music

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The three students quickly pointed out the African countries where the various instruments were made. They agreed the chorus was excited by adding the authentic African percussion ensemble into the vocal performances at the concert.

The Girls Chorus and Manor Singers also included African dance in their numbers.

The 120-member full chorus surrounded the audience in the auditorium as the students performed. Their goal was to build a sense of community by sharing the music of another culture.

According to Forbes, the African percussion instruments are likely to be played during future concerts, as well.

The Penn Manor community, in addition to its music program and student musicians, will continue to benefit from the support of the Penn Manor Education Foundation.

## Foundation's eighth annual golf outing raises \$9,000

Penn Manor Education Foundation supporters enjoyed a sunny day of golf, food and fellowship at PMEF's eighth annual Charity Golf Scramble.

Held June 17 at Meadia Heights Golf Club, the event drew generous business and community members who raised more than \$9,000 to help fund future Foundation programs to enhance the educational experience of Penn Manor students.

Mark your calendars for the 2015 event, which is scheduled for June 16.

Thank you to all who participated or helped with the outing!



**Participants head to the greens to kick off the PMEF Charity Golf Scramble, held June 17 at Meadia Heights Golf Club.**

# 2014 PMEF Scholarship/Award Recipients

Penn Manor Education Foundation awarded \$55,000 in scholarships to more than 50 members of the Penn Manor High School Class of 2014 in May. Thank you to the individuals, families and community organizations that funded the majority of these awards. Over the years, the Foundation has given more than \$400,000 in scholarships and awards to deserving Penn Manor students.

Name of Award	2014 Recipient(s)	School Attending
Rachel E. Miller Memorial Scholarship	Jacqueline Hemler	Shenandoah University
Jerry Darrenkamp Memorial Scholarship	Gabriella Minnich	Millersville University
Betty Doan Memorial Scholarship	Katie Myers	Millersville University
Rintz Family Foundation Principal's Scholarship	Lexie Diaz	Immaculata University
Rintz Family Foundation Principal's Scholarship	Myranda Kemrer	Lancaster Bible College
Brereton Manor Scholarship	Lauren Longenecker	Liberty University
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Paige Blazec	Temple University
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Lexie Diaz	Immaculata College
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Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Kaylin Echterling	Elizabethtown College
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Myranda Kemrer	Lancaster Bible College
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Laura Feeser	Messiah College
Christine A. Weidinger Memorial Scholarship	Olivia Vassot	Cedar Crest College
PMMA Dr. D. L. Biemesderfer Award (valedictorian)	Lauren Longenecker	Liberty University
PMMA Mary Klemmer Award (salutatorian)	Justin Gaukler/Laura Bleacher	Lehigh Univ./Eastern Univ.
William H. Duncan, Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Emmali Montgomery	Millersville University
Donald Wade Woodward Memorial Scholarship	Logan Kinser	Millersville University
Hans H. Haverstick Scholarship	Ian Byrnes	Marywood University
Shellenberger-Hosler Scholarship	Chloe Vassot	Oberlin College
Abram W. Sangrey Memorial Scholarship	Lauren Longenecker	Liberty University
Donald and Susan Martin Family 'Pay It Forward' Scholarship	Bradley Seiger	West Chester University
William H. Duncan Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Emmali Montgomery	Millersville University
Capt. Ed Davis Memorial Award	Kayla Major	
John R. Milliman Scholarship	Elizabeth Revelt	University of Pittsburgh
Dorothy Dart Milliman Scholarship	Jacqueline Hemler	Shenandoah University
Lloyd & Ann Boyd Scholarship	Skyler Busswood	Thaddeus Stevens College
Student Services Award	Kelly DiCamillo	Millersville University
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Stella Caldwell Memorial Scholarship	Jacqueline Hemler	Shenandoah University
Kim Wells Scholarship	Justin Gaukler	Lehigh University
Marsha Frerichs Scholarship	Conner White	Susquehanna University
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Starrett Metzler	Penn State University
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Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Julie Bianco	Monmouth University
Christopher Johnson Memorial Scholarship	Alisa Herr	PA College of Health Sciences
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Millersville Business Association Scholarship	Addison Zuzu	Bloomsburg University
Mario-Angelo Russo Memorial Scholarship	Dezire Diaz	Immaculata University
Class of '57 Principal Award	Victoria Herr	Penn State University
Molly Curtis Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth Burkholder	Delaware State University
Olga P. Harvie Memorial Scholarship	James Reilly	Temple University
Dr. Diane Meily Memorial Scholarship	Mitchell Sweigart	Princeton University
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## **Ali Scholarships provide dual enrollment opportunities for Penn Manor students**

Thanks to the generosity of the Walter Ali family, Penn Manor High School students are now eligible for financial assistance if they enroll in college classes while still attending high school.

The new Walter Ali Memorial Scholarship program provides a \$1,000 reimbursement for tuition costs for qualifying students who complete a dual-enrollment course. The scholarships fill a funding gap left when Pennsylvania recently eliminated its dual-enrollment grant program.

In 2014, nine graduating Penn Manor seniors received 10 of the new scholarships.

The Penn Manor Education Foundation is indebted to the Ali family, which has agreed to continue to provide this crucial support to help students advance academically.



**Walter Ali presents scholarship checks to students, from left, Darren Wise, Lauren Longenecker, Jacklyn Fitzkee, Nathan Gockley and Austin Wilson. Other scholarship recipients were Coleman Hauber, Justin Gaukler, Mitchell Sweigart and Thomas Sowers.**