



Foundation Focus

Penn Manor Education Foundation Newsletter

September 2019

Learning about ‘The World in Our Backyard’

Students create virtual reality tour of environment around their school

Penn Manor was well-represented at the Student Technology Showcase, held in May at the state Capitol in Harrisburg.

Projects completed at Hambright and Martic elementary schools and Manor Middle School were featured in the event, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association for Educational Communications and Technology (PAECT).

One of those projects was “The World in Our Backyard,” which uses virtual reality technology to tell the story of the wetlands, farmland and wooded areas surrounding Hambright.

The project was completed using Google Expeditions



kits purchased with a \$5,050 grant from PMEF.

Teacher Katie (Lutz) Harnish led the project, with help from outside experts.

A Pennsylvania Master Naturalist helped students identify medicinal plants, berries, cattails, mockingbirds, yellow warblers and other species in what Harnish calls the “small, immediate wilderness” around the school.



Hambricht Elementary students, above, display their project, “The World in Our Backyard,” during the Student Technology Showcase in May at the state Capitol. At left are some of the animal bones they discovered while researching their project.

Students kept journals of their discoveries and made detailed, colorful renderings of the birds, trees and flowers they encountered, along with opossum bones, fox tracks, grapevines and other evidence of life.

An environmental educator

led field studies to help students understand the biodiversity of the wetlands and playing fields, and Manor Middle School eighth-graders helped the students conduct soil tests on samples brought back to the classroom.

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Donor’s generosity gives students an up-close look at Broadway

Forty-two Penn Manor High School students recently visited New York City and saw a Broadway show, thanks to the generosity of a Penn Manor Education Foundation donor.

The students and their chaperones boarded a bus at the high school at 7:30 a.m. March 13 and arrived in New York around 11 a.m.

Half the group met with Joshua Franklin, one of the

actors from the Broadway musical *The Prom*, for a question-and-answer session. The others met with a costumer from *Hamilton* to learn firsthand about working on Broadway.



Doug Maine

The students and chaperones then attended *The Prom*, a comedy musical about four faded Broadway



Penn Manor students and chaperones got to meet Broadway actor Joshua Franklin, far left, on a grant-funded field trip to New York.

stars who intervene when controversy engulfs the prom in a small-town Indiana town. The trip was funded by

PMEF’s Douglas Maine Endowment for the Arts, established several years ago

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Recognition Gifts

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Three members join Foundation's board

For the 2019-2020 year, we are welcoming two new members and one returning member to the Foundation's all-volunteer board of directors. We're also bidding farewell to a longtime member and Penn Manor supporter, Carole Shellenberger.

Matt Blank

Matt Blank returns to the board for his second round after serving from 2012 to 2018.

A 2000 graduate of Penn Manor High School, Matt works with his father at MBC Remodeling and plays drums in several regional bands, including The Vivien Leigh Documentary.

Matt lives in Millersville with his wife Leah (Class of 2003), and sons Mason and Bennett.

Matt said he returned to serving on the board "not only for the opportunity it provides to students, but also because I've never served with another group nearly as dedicated to the organization's mission as this one."

Welcome back Matt!

Jody Blouch

Jody Blouch (Class of 1975) studied interpersonal communication, rhetorical analysis and writing at the University of New Hampshire. She lived in Maine and New Hampshire, where she started a bodywork practice, earned a master's in organizational leadership, and worked in micro-enterprise development.

Inspired by several beloved teachers at Penn Manor, Jody attended a graduate teacher training program in 2003, and, for the next 15 years, taught English/Language Arts to ninth-graders in an alternative high school and to sixth-graders in a regular middle-school classroom.

Jody retired from teaching in 2018 and moved back to Lancaster County last summer.

Her interests include theater (she was the founding president of the International Thespian Society's Penn Manor chapter), making visual art, writing and watershed

conservation.

Jody and her family – spouse Ann, daughter Maya, 21, and a beagle named Thelma – are enjoying their



Jody Blouch

Hamilton Park neighborhood and reconnecting with old friends and extended family.

Bradley Seiger

Bradley Seiger, a 2014 Penn Manor graduate, joined the PMEF board in July.

Brad is a third-generation Penn Manor graduate who lives in Millersville. He is the son of PMEF board president Tracy Seiger and



Bradley Seiger

former board member Tom Seiger. A 2018 graduate of West Chester University with a bachelor's degree in business management, Brad works at Clark Associates in Lancaster as an assistant vendor manager. He also serves as ambassador for Clark Associates to West Chester University.

During his teen years, Brad attended various service trips to Juniata County, Philadelphia and Haiti, where he assisted in home repairs for low-income



Matt Blank with his wife, Leah, and sons, Bennett, left, and Mason

families, served in homeless shelters and helped rebuild a house for a single woman battling cancer.

In college, Brad was involved in fundraising for Love Your Melon, an apparel brand supporting the fight against pediatric cancer. In his spare time, Brad enjoys kayaking, fishing, hiking, and spending time with friends and family.

Brad is looking forward to serving the students and families of Penn Manor.

Farewell to Carole Shellenberger

Carole became a PMEF Board member in 2006, after retiring as an English teacher at PMHS. She served four terms on the PMEF Board, totaling 12 years.

For many of those years, Carole was our board secretary. She also served on both the Marketing and Development Committees, Awards Committee (reading

and selecting Venture Grants) and Scholarship Committee (reading applications and selecting recipients).



Carole Shellenberger

In addition, Carole was in charge of raffles at our Golf Outing and Annual Dinner. We are delighted that she has agreed to serve as an Emeritus Board member.

Carole has been the kind of board member every board needs. She has been a worker willing to serve on the projects that take the most time and effort. She also has endowed two scholarships and provided us with another worker on the board in her daughter, Robin Jeffers.

Carole set the bar high and will most certainly be missed!

Our leadership team for '19-20

PMEF's board leadership team for 2019-2020 includes two Penn Manor alumni, a proud district parent and grandparent, and a retired Penn Manor teacher. Clockwise from top left, are Don Mowery (Class of '96), treasurer; PM parent Kathy Fish, vice president; Eshleman retiree Barb St. John, secretary; and Tracy (Griel) Seiger (Class of '86), president.



Class of 2019 PMEF scholarship/award recipients

Penn Manor Education Foundation was able to award more than \$70,000 in scholarships and other awards to 79 deserving Penn Manor seniors this year!

PMEF scholarship awards fall into three categories:

- Awards funded by community members and businesses committed to investing in the future of Penn Manor graduates.
- Scholarships created by or in honor of alumni, staff and members of the Penn Manor community.
- Scholarships given in memory of Penn Manor students whom we have lost to honor the legacy of these students.

Listed here are this year's recipients.



Some of the recipients of 2019 scholarships administered by PMEF.

| <u>Scholarship/Award</u> | <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Intended College</u> |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| COMMUNITY/BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS | | |
| PMEF Scholarship | Rory Campbell | Temple University |
| PMEF Scholarship | Emily Flexman | Penn State University |
| PMEF Scholarship | Kelly Johnson | West Chester University |
| PMEF Scholarship | Rylee Mellott | Penn State University |
| PMEF Scholarship | Erica Shaub | University of Colorado at Boulder |
| Kaleidescope Scholarship | Kyle Echterling | Lebanon Valley College |
| Millersville Business Association Scholarship | Thomas Keener | Millersville University |
| Millersville Business Association Scholarship | Bishal Subedi | Millersville University |
| Student Services Award | Madison Henry | Millersville University |
| Rintz Family Scholarship | Josh Heckman | Swarthmore College |
| Rintz Family Scholarship | James Knapp | Cedarville University |
| Rintz Family Scholarship | Trenton Schlemmer | Penn State University |
| Warfel Family Scholarship | Alivia Loercher | Millersville University |
| IN HONOR OF ALUMNI, STAFF AND COMMUNITY | | |
| Marsha Frerichs Memorial Scholarship | Logan Hess | Robert Morris University |
| Dennis R. Herr Memorial Scholarship | Andrew Goshaw | Thaddeus Stevens College |
| Jere Hoin Memorial Scholarship | Sophia Hess | Duquesne University |
| Bev Longenecker Scholarship | Matthew Baldwin | Thaddeus Stevens College |
| Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship | Zachary Banta | Millersville University |
| Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship | Fiona Haines | Millersville University |
| Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship | Kara Huber | Lancaster Bible College |
| Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship | Kloe Sanchez | PA College of Health Sciences |
| Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship | Dylan Terry | Penn State University |
| Mark Dano Scholarship | Ray Gerner | West Virginia University |
| Sherilyn Schock Memorial Scholarship | Anna Sugra | Bloomsburg University |
| Donald & Susan Martin Family 'Pay It Forward' Scholarship | David Kramer | West Chester University |
| Class of 2017 Scholarship | Evan Lyon | Cedarville University |
| Class of 2017 Scholarship | Elise Thyrum | University of Pittsburgh |
| Class of 2018 Scholarship | Gabrielle Phyllaier | Messiah College |
| Class of 2018 Scholarship | Matthew Schaefer | West Chester University |
| Dorothy Dart Milliman Scholarship | Nathan Liu | University of Pittsburgh |
| John R. Milliman Scholarship | Nicole Krahulik | Grove City College |
| Kim Wells Scholarship | Micah Francis | Millersville University |
| Kim Wells Scholarship | Ryan Glenn | Princeton University |
| Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship | Peyton Cassel | Messiah College |
| Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship | Amanda Consylman | Shippensburg University |
| Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship | Charlotte Molitoris | Eckerd College |
| Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship | Puja Neopaney | Cabrini College |
| Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship | Haide Sorial | University of the Sciences |

Houseknecht recipient shares story of determination

One of the recipients of this year's Houseknecht Scholarships arrived at graduation after following an unusual path – to say the least.

Puja Neopaney came to the United States from Nepal as a third-grader without knowing a word of English. And this year, she graduated from Penn

Manor with honors.

Her story, which began in a hut in a refugee camp in Nepal, was featured in "Against the Odds," a video series in Lancaster Newspapers about high school graduates who have overcome difficulties to

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Penn Manor's Puja Neopaney tells her story on camera.

| Scholarship/Award | Recipient | Intended College |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship | Natalie Whiteside | Duquesne University |
| Geist Family Citizenship Award | Evan Lyon | Cedarville University |
| Frerichs Family Education Scholarship | Micah Francis | Millersville University |
| Capt. Ed Davis Memorial Award | Keaton Eachus | Juniata College |
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| Molly Curtis Memorial Award | Katherine Green | U.S. Army Reserves |
| Michelle Blazic Memorial Scholarship | Haide Sorial | University of the Sciences |
| Hans H. Haverstick Memorial Scholarship | Mitchell Martin | Thaddeus Stevens College of Tech. |
| Donald Wade Woodward Memorial Scholarship | Keaton Eachus | Juniata College |
| Starrett Metzler Memorial Scholarship | Noah Buckwalter | West Chester University |
| Starrett Metzler Memorial Scholarship | Jenna Flatley | Penn State University |

Advancing learning for all students

Penn Manor students got to build robots for competitions, use drones to study agriculture and physics and learn about creative careers from a visiting book illustrator and a professional actress under projects funded with Penn Manor Education Foundation Venture Grants this past year.

PMEF awarded 47 grants totaling more than \$55,000 for 2018-2019 – the fourth increase in a row – to 46 teachers, counselors and principals at all 10 Penn Manor schools.

The projects range from \$46 for models of planets for second-graders at Central Manor Elementary School to more than \$5,000 for a classroom set of Google Expeditions goggles and software to enable students to create and experience lessons in virtual and augmented reality.

These projects were all made possible by the generous support of our donors. And we are planning to award even more Venture Grants in the coming year!

Here are the most recent projects:

Support for the Garden Club, Conestoga ES

The grant funded hands-on gardening lessons by the Edible Classroom in the school's community garden for grades four and five.

Gettysburg National Military Park Field Trip, Manor MS

Thirty-five eighth-grade students were selected to attend the field trip at a reduced cost.



Reinforcing Social Skills with Children's Literature, districtwide

The grant paid for children's books to increase the effectiveness of social skills instruction for learning support students.

Math, Sports and Beyond, Central Manor ES

Twenty sports-related math games were purchased to challenge, motivate and engage students learning measurement, number sense and other math concepts.

It's All About the Bass, Hambricht ES

The grant was used to purchase an upright bass for use in music classrooms and in performances.

Flexible Seating and Classroom Library, Conestoga ES

The grant funded books, yoga mats, inflatable chairs and camp chairs for a second-grade classroom reading library.



All That Jazz, Penn Manor HS

The music department purchased sheet music, microphones, stands and jazz standards book for the Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

Cricut Creations - Promoting Positivity, Manor MS

The grant paid for equipment to create vinyl displays of positive messages to be posted throughout the school by Peer Helpers.

STEM Activities for Third Grade, Pequea ES

Coding robots, logic games, model kits and other materials were purchased for use by students during enrichment/intervention time.



Elizabeth Zunon, Author and Illustrator, Manor and Marticville

Children's book illustrator and author Zunon talked about her career and creative process and conducted workshops with students in small groups at both schools.

UAVs for Agriculture, Penn Manor HS

The grant funded a drone equipped with cameras to be used in Plant Science classes and to introduce students to the technology and its uses in the agriculture industry.

Young Adult Literature Paired with Classic Literature, Penn Manor HS

The grant was used to purchase young adult novels related in theme to "Romeo and Juliet" to expand students' reading options as they study classic literature.

Classroom Flexible Seating, Eshleman ES

The grant funded wobble seats, rocker chairs, stools, yoga balls and beanbag chairs to provide alternative seating options to improve student behavior and focus.

Sign Language Teaching Club, Hambricht ES

The grant paid for materials for a new after-school club established to teach students American Sign Language vocabulary, grammar and expression.

Google Expeditions Kits, districtwide

The grant funded class kits, including phones, VR viewers, a tablet and other gear, to enable students to create and view virtual reality and augmented reality projects.



Project Graphing Calculator, Penn Manor HS

The math department used the grant funding for a new set of graphing calculators for student use to replace outdated equipment.

Classroom Library Update, Letort ES

The grant paid for informational books, picture books, traditional literature and graphic novels for fourth-grade daily reading time.

Quarter-Size Bass, Pequea ES

The grant funded a bass to enable the elementary orchestra to continue to grow.

Whiteboard Clipboards for Student Use, Hambricht ES

Whiteboard clipboards were purchased for individual student use in grade two to encourage class participation and help the teacher better assess learning.

Books for Our Spanish Speaking Population, Manor and Marticville MS

The grant funded Spanish language books for pleasure

Venture Grant projects for 2018-2019

reading and to help students complete assignments.

Cast in Bronze - Zildjian Cymbals, Penn Manor HS

The music department used the grant to purchase a set of cymbals for use by members of the concert and marching bands.

Spanish I Easy Readers, Penn Manor HS

The grant paid for a set of high-interest Spanish language graphic novels that tell the story of Don Quixote.

French and German Voluntary Reading Library, Penn Manor HS

The grant funded a set of novice level books in French and German for voluntary reading to help reinforce language skills.



Nutcracker Ballet and Lunch, Penn Manor HS

English Language Learners took a field trip to watch the "Nutcracker" onstage, followed by a lunch.

Planetariums, Central Manor ES

Models of planets were purchased for second-graders to assemble while learning about the solar system.

Readathon, districtwide

The grant paid for materials to be used by Serteen volunteers who presented Readathon activities at Penn Manor elementary schools.

Lego Time, Penn Manor HS

The grant paid for Lego sets for students to use during homeroom to develop their skills in problem solving and reading schematics.

Flexible Seating for 21st Century Learning, Hambricht ES

Balance balls, laptop desks, exercise mats and swivel chairs were purchased to provide alternative seating options for fifth-graders.

Making Memories, Penn Manor HS

The grant funded a music department video camera to record and share footage of student performances with students and parents.



Taking Physics to New Heights, Penn Manor HS

The grant paid for a drone to be used in science classes for experiments and assignments for students in grades 10 through 12.

STEM Kits in the Science Classroom, Marticville MS

The grant funded kits that include Snap Circuits, Little Bits, simple machines, motors, K'Nex and other STEM materials for use by seventh-graders.

Resident Therapy Dog, Hambricht ES

The grant paid for training for a therapy dog that will be stationed at the school to improve the climate and support positive behavior.



Elaine Bromka, Artist in Residence, Penn Manor HS

The grant funded a visit to the high school by professional actress Elaine Bromka (*Uncle Buck*), who presented student workshops on monologues and acting on camera.

Breakout EDU Kits, Martic ES

Two Breakout EDU Boxes were added to a third-grade classroom to promote teamwork and enhance learned concepts through problem solving.

High-Interest Young Adult Books for Struggling Readers, Manor MS

New books were purchased for students in grade eight to enhance the classroom library and enable students to read at least three books per marking period.

Graphic Novels for the Library, Manor MS

The grant funded a collection of Manga graphic novels for the school library to encourage reluctant readers.

Supporting Student Social Emotional Growth and Wellness, districtwide

The grant helped fund a variety of training sessions for counselors and presentations on emotional wellness for students at all levels at Penn Manor.

Museum of the American Revolution Field Trip, Marticville MS

The grant paid for a field trip for 175 eighth-graders to the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.



Exercising Children's Brains, Hambricht ES

The grant funded a Pound Rockout Results System of cardio and drumming exercises to provide a "brain break" for students in sixth grade.

Standing Desks for Learning Support Students, Penn Manor HS

Six desks were purchased for three classrooms to improve student focus and attention to content.

Guided Reading Materials, Central Manor ES

The grant funded guided reading books for small-group instruction in kindergarten and first grade.

Movement Matters, Central Manor ES

The grant was used to purchase wobble chairs and stools for third-grade students who struggle with sitting still.

Spanish Language Books, Penn Manor HS library

Fifty high-interest books were added to the collection to establish a Spanish language section of the library.

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In addition to donors who establish scholarships and/or sponsor our fundraising events, PMEF appreciates its donors who contribute to our general fund and board curricular funds. Below is a list of those who contributed at our Blue & Gold levels.

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We welcome B.N. Excavating as EITC partner

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit program enables approved businesses to receive a state tax credit for their donations to approved school organizations, such as PMEF.

We are so grateful for our nine EITC business partners, whose 2018-19 donations totaled \$51,000. PMEF uses EITC money to fund teacher Venture Grant requests for innovative educational programs. You can read about some of these grants in this issue and check out our EITC partners on the Business Donor page.

Eight of this year's EITC partners are repeat donors, having made donations to PMEF in the past. Our new partner this year is B.N. Excavating Inc. Owner Jeremy Nafziger and his wife, Nicki, have been loyal PMEF supporters.

Jeremy and Nicki are PMHS Class of 2000 grads, and their two children attend Penn Manor schools.

Thank you to B.N. Excavating Inc. and all of



Jeremy and Nicki Nafziger

our EITC partners.

If you would like to learn about how your business can help support PMEF through the EITC program, please contact Executive Director Jan Mindish at pmef2@pennmanor.net.

Director's message

Thanks to our generous community, PMEF has had a terrific year, raising record funds to support Penn Manor students and programs. Our fundraising efforts focus on three categories: Venture Grants, Strong & Healthy Families programs and scholarships.



Jan Mindish

We were able to support teachers, K-12, with \$55,000 in Venture Grants. Read the summaries in this issue that highlight the positive impact that these grants have had on student learning and creative teaching.

Our Strong & Healthy Families program received \$15,000 to support our neediest students. Over 40 percent of PM students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. At the high school, S&H grants funded supplies and fees for Career & Tech students, AP tests, caps and gowns, and mental health screenings. PMEF funded the elementary Bookmobile program and, at all levels, supported nutrition and PM C.A.R.E.S. supplies.

Learn about the 10 new scholarships added this year that bring our total funding of scholarships for seniors to \$70,000. We are so thankful to our entire community for making it possible to support these programs with \$143,000. Businesses, organizations, community members, PMSD employees, and retirees are all recognized in this issue for their support of PMEF.

Next year, PMEF will begin receiving annual funding from our Founding Friends program that will average \$32,000 a year. That will increase the total that we can distribute through our programs to more than \$170,000.

Over the past year, PMEF has collaborated with the Penn Manor Alumni Association to increase networking opportunities for our alumni while broadening the Foundation's outreach

Founding Friends supporters provide boost to classroom grants

Thanks to the foresight of past PMEF board members and the generosity of our community, the Foundation's budget for teacher Venture Grants will increase by more than \$30,000, beginning in 2019-2020.

In the summer of 2006, PMEF kicked off its Founding Friends campaign. The premise of the campaign was to find donors who would pledge an annual contribution for five years. Those pledges would be invested

immediately and stay invested for five years after the final pledge payment.

Once the 10-year period concluded, 4 percent of the account value would be used for Venture Grants annually, while the balance would stay invested. The campaign has proven to be a big success, thanks to our wonderful community of individuals, families and businesses—45 in total.

The result: 2019-2020 will see an increase of \$32,000

in funding for Venture Grants awarded to educators for creative projects that will positively impact the educational experiences of Penn Manor students. And the increase will continue in perpetuity.

Thank you to our past PMEF members who had the passion to create this campaign. And thank you to the members of our community who generously contributed so that our educators and students would benefit today.

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Drumore Estate

You're invited to our Annual Dinner Sept. 22

Please join us Sept. 22 at the lovely Drumore Estate as we celebrate our 22nd year of providing opportunities for Penn Manor students and families.



Our Annual Dinner runs from 5:30 to 10 p.m. and will include dinner, an auction of one-of-a-kind items, plus dancing under the stars.

Take in the lush gardens and breathtaking views while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres as Penn Manor teachers serenade you.

Meet under the main event tent to savor a delicious dinner while learning how your commitment has helped Penn Manor teachers, students and families.

Finally, dance the night away with music by the Jeanette Stillman Band.

Tickets are available online at: <https://tiny.cc/pmefgal2019>; by emailing us at pmef2@pennmanor.net; or by calling (717) 872-9500, ext. 2332.

Providing comfort on four legs

PMEF grant helps fund second school therapy dog

A furry, four-legged staff member will be roaming the halls of Hambright Elementary School this fall, thanks, in part, to PMEF.

The Foundation awarded a \$3,000 grant to provide training for Sawyer, a labradoodle therapy dog who will spend his days providing comfort to students and staff at the school.

In 2017, the Foundation awarded a similar grant to help train Wrangler, another labradoodle, that was assigned to Manor Middle School.

Throughout the year, Wrangler



Wrangler with school counselor Danielle Rogers

greeted students in the morning and visited classrooms to help calm students experiencing anxiety, anger and other emotional challenges.

Wrangler also modeled good behavior for learning support students by showing them how he responds to commands to sit, stay and leave a room.

Sawyer will serve a similar role at Hambright.

He will spend time in all of the classrooms of the teachers who have been trained to handle him.



Sawyer, the new therapy dog at Hambright Elementary School.

Sawyer also will be used as needed with individuals and small groups of students.

"He loves being read to, so he will be a perfect addition to any primary classroom where students are learning to read," said Hambright assistant principal Melissa Mealy, who owns Sawyer.

"Research shows that the presence of animals can reduce stress, increase empathy, and help with mental health. We hope that Sawyer can do all of these in our building by forming relationships with students and staff."

Broadway

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by Maine, a 1966 graduate of Penn Manor.

The endowment funds performing arts experiences that many students would not be able to afford on their own. Maine established the endowment to expose Penn Manor students to arts opportunities outside of Lancaster County.

The funding is used for both the performing and visual arts.

Many thanks to Mr. Maine



Students and chaperones head to the theater.

for helping to provide this rewarding experience for our students!

Venture Grants 2018-2019

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Fulton Show and Virtual Tour Project, Central Manor ES

Ninety-six students saw a production of "Princess and the Pea" at Fulton Opera House and created a virtual tour of the historic landmark using a Google Expeditions kit.

Kuman 3D Printing Pen Creativity Cell Project, Penn Manor HS

A 3D printing pen was added to the science curriculum to enable students to create and visualize three-dimensional molecules and cell parts to aid in the understanding of biology concepts.

Robotics Club and Competition Team Materials, Penn Manor HS

The grant funded a wide array of materials for students to build robots for competition with other school robotics teams/clubs.

PMEF adds 10 new scholarships this year

The Foundation was proud to award 55 different scholarships representing 79 individual awards to members of the Class of 2019 at this year's Senior Awards Ceremony.

PMEF makes a conscious effort to provide funding to as many different students as we can with our awards so students can receive encouragement to continue their education.

The awards included 10 new scholarships established this past year by our generous donors.

Frerichs Family Education Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is funded by Dr. Rich Frerichs, a longtime Penn Manor school board director and Millersville University professor emeritus, to assist students pursuing a degree in teaching.

His two daughters, Kimberlee and Melissa, are successful Penn Manor graduates. Melissa returned to PMHS as an English teacher and is now serving as assistant principal at Hambright Elementary.

The Frerichs family understands the value of education and the importance of quality teachers.



The Frerichs family

Willis and Martha Herr Family Scholarship

Because of the generosity of Willis and Martha Herr, a \$500 Scholarship has been endowed in their name to support students continuing their education in business and/or agriculture. Willis and Martha, both Penn Manor alums, are long-time supporters and active community members. In addition, Willis served many years on the Penn Manor school board.



The Herrs

Class of 1959 Scholarship

This new scholarship was funded by donations from members of the Penn Manor Class of 1959 to commemorate their 60th year class reunion. Raising \$3,000, the class decided to award four scholarships of \$750 each to four hard-working students planning to continue their education at a two- or four-year

technical or trade school.



The Rintz family

Rintz Family Scholarship

The Rintz family has long supported Penn Manor schools. Herk Rintz serves on the PM school board. Twin sons Eric and Marc, Class of 2009 Penn Manor grads, both graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy. Three \$1,000 Rintz Family Scholarships are awarded to three Penn Manor seniors planning to major in engineering or a STEM-related career.

Marion B. Davis Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in honor of Marion Davis, the grandmother of Elizabeth Kaplan, a Penn Manor elementary teacher. Marion worked in a variety of nursing positions. To honor her career, this \$500 award is given to a student planning to pursue a career in nursing.



The Davises

Michael Hnat Memorial Scholarship

The Michael Hnat Memorial Scholarship is given in honor of Elizabeth Kaplan's father and grandfather. Both Michaels worked throughout their lives in business and were involved in sales and management as well as owning their own businesses. This \$500 award is given to a student continuing his or her education in a business-related field.



The Hnats

Class of 2018 Scholarship

Established by the Class of 2018 with remaining class funds, the scholarship includes two \$500 awards for a male and female who have made Penn Manor a better place by their presence.

Kaleidoscope Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship is sponsored by the software company

that PMEF used to create its online scholarship applications this year. Selection is based on academics, work ethic, attitude, and participation in school activities.

Jim Livermore Memorial Scholarship

Jim Livermore was a Penn Manor Class of 2000 grad and U.S. Marine who died in a boating accident in 2015. He enjoyed learning how things worked. He had a gentle soul, a warrior spirit, was fiercely loyal, and valued family and friendships. Funds were raised by friends and family to honor the life of Jim with an annual \$500 scholarship to a student planning to attend a technical or trade school.



Jim Livermore

Sean Moore Memorial Scholarship

Sean Moore was a member of the Class of 2019 whom we sadly lost this past fall. This scholarship was funded by family, friends, teachers and former classmates to honor his memory. Sean was involved in a variety of activities at Penn Manor. Two of his favorites were Model UN and Quiz Bowl. This \$500 award is based on academic success, participation in school activities and plans to attend college, preferably in a STEM-related field.



Sean Moore

In addition to the awards added this year, these new scholarships are being planned for 2020.

Class of 2019 Scholarship

Established by the Class of 2019 with remaining class funds, these two \$500 awards will go to a male and female in good academic standing.

PMAA Legacy Scholarship

The Penn Manor Alumni Association has launched a campaign to raise funds for an annual \$500 scholarship that will go to a student whose parent(s) are Penn Manor grads.

If you are interested in learning more about establishing a scholarship fund, please contact Jan Mindish at pmef2@pennmanor.net or by calling (717) 872-9500, ext. 2332.

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Many thanks to these individual donors for your support!

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13th Golf Scramble raises \$12,500 for Penn Manor students, families

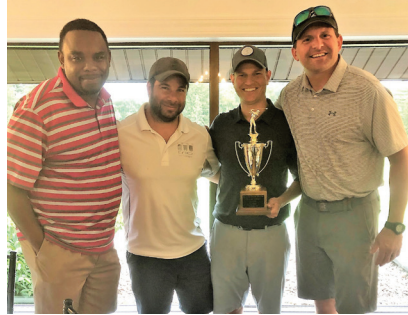
Thanks to the strong support of our participants, sponsors and volunteers, PMEF was able to raise more than \$12,500 at its Charity Golf Scramble June 18 at Meadia Heights Country Club.

More than 120 golfers took part in the 13th annual event, which included a round of golf, hot lunch, beverages, a buffet dinner, a raffle and plenty of comradery with PMEF supporters.

The team of Dave Murray, Baron Jones, Kevin White and Tony Lyrstis took home the traveling cup.

But the real winners are the Penn Manor students and families who will benefit from the tournament proceeds, which will help fund grants and scholarships.

Many thanks to our 40 hole spon-



PMEF Cup winners for 2019, are, from left, Baron Jones, Tony Lyrstis, Kevin White and Dave Murray.

sors and major sponsors, including Bob and Coleen Kayden; RBC Capital Markets LLC; TRANE – John Linn; Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates; B.N. Excavating Inc.; Good Spirits Bartending LLC; and Trout Ebersole & Groff LLP.



A drone captured this aerial view of farmland for agricultural education students to study.

Look, up in the sky!

The drones have landed at PMHS

PMEF Venture Grants have brought several unmanned aerial vehicles – also known as drones – to the skies above Penn Manor High School, all to benefit students.

One grant funded a drone for use by the agricultural education department to teach students how the technology is being used in crop/terrain scouting for plant health and erosion control planning. Students also will learn about drone flight training.

Another grant funded a drone for use in physics classes. In a lesson known as the “egg drop,” students design and build a structure to protect an egg from breaking when dropped from a specified height. The drone is perfect for this experiment.

A third grant provided funding for the high school Robotics Club, which designs and builds robots and drones for competition with clubs from other schools.

In all, PMEF has invested more than \$8,000 in drone technology over the past year.

PMEF to participate in Extra Give Nov. 22

PMEF will once again participate in the Extraordinary Give, Lancaster County's largest day of giving, on Nov. 22.

During last year's event, our generous donors across the country helped PMEF raise more than \$13,000 in 24 hours!

Overall, community members gave more

than \$10 million to 300-plus organizations from across our region.

This year, we will again host an Extra Give Happy Hour at Bert's Bottle Shop in Millersville, from 4 to 7 p.m. Nov. 22.

You can donate at extragive.org at any time on Nov. 22.



Houseknecht

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make it to the commencement stage.

Puja is now planning to study education at Cabrini College. You can watch her inspiring story here: <https://bit.ly/2Yfj1AN>

Puja is a perfect example of the type of students who benefit from Houseknecht Scholarships, which are awarded to deserving female Penn Manor graduates who will be pursuing formal education after graduation.

These \$2,500 scholarships – five

are awarded each year – are based on academic achievement and financial need.

The scholarships are in honor of Ruth McLaughlin Houseknecht and are funded by a sponsoring trust of her husband, Abner's, estate.

Ruth was an extraordinary woman who had the capabilities to pursue any career; however, she graduated from Penn Manor in 1933, during the Great Depression, and financial pressures forced her to take any work she could find to help her family.

Ruth was an accomplished gardener,

excellent cook and great friend of Millersville. She served as president of the Millersville Woman's Club, was a Fresh Air hostess, and was known as a kind and caring friend.

In Ruth's memory, the scholarships support the college careers of future leaders. Their challenges may be varied, but what they have in common is resourcefulness and a commitment to succeed.

Many thanks to the Houseknecht family for its generous gift, and best wishes to Puja on her continued success. PMEF is happy to play a part!

Record level of support for PM families

Strong & Healthy grants exceed \$15,000

Generous support from the community has enabled PMEAF to provide a record level of assistance to students and families in need through its Strong & Healthy Families initiative. In all, \$15,110 was distributed in 2019 for a variety of grants, including:

- \$2,500 to help students pay fees for dual-enrollment classes and advanced-placement tests to earn college credits.
- \$2,000 to support Samaritan Counseling Center's Teen Hope mental health screening program, which screens every incoming Penn Manor freshman for depression.
- \$1,850 for counseling programs for at-risk students in grades kindergarten through 12.
- \$1,000 for the Literacy Outreach program, which brings books to children in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, supports Bookmobile visits to district schools and provides a book to every kindergarten student in the district.
- \$1,000 for PM C.A.R.E.S., which provides household and personal supplies for Penn Manor families in need.
- \$1,000 for credit-recovery courses to help high school students earn their diplomas.
- \$760 for graduation caps and gowns to be loaned to students



Students help stock the PM C.A.R.E.S. pantry with household supplies at Hambricht Elementary School.

from low-income families for commencement.

Without the support of community members and local businesses, these grants would not have been possible.

MusicFest to benefit PMEAF

Lancaster MusicFest is partnering with PMEAF to raise funds for the Education Foundation.

For every ticket sold to the Sept. 14 festival, \$15 will go back to PMEAF. Purchasers must use the code "PMEAF" when buying their tickets.

Lancaster MusicFest will include live music, local food and craft beer, artisans and street performers at Buchanan Park in Lancaster, PA. The event, which runs from noon to 8 p.m., is sponsored by the SmartHub Foundation.

Tickets are available at <https://717events.ticketspice.com/lancaster-musicfest-2019>.



Director's message

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into the community. Our first joint fundraiser was a Spirit(s) Night at Bert's Bottle Shop that supported the Strong & Healthy Families program.

For alumni photos and a complete story, check out the PMAA newsletter at www.pennmanor.net/alumni and click on the newsletter link.

PMAA is planning a yearly \$500 Legacy Scholarship that will be awarded to a Penn Manor senior whose parent or legal guardian also graduated from Penn Manor.

The goal is to raise \$13,000

to permanently endow this scholarship.

Donations can be sent to PMAA, P.O. Box 9, Millersville, PA 17551. Checks should be made out to Penn Manor Education Foundation, with "PMAA Legacy Scholarship" in the memo line. The first PMAA Legacy Scholarship will be given to a member of the Class of 2020 at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May.

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'Backyard'

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Finally, Penn Manor High School students helped their younger peers document what they had discovered through photography, videography and video editing, and the district's technology staff assisted students in creating a virtual tour of the school's ecosystem using Google Creator software.

The finished product, truly a collaborative effort, can be seen at https://poly.google.com/view/2t_SZGcFij6

In addition to providing a terrific

learning experience for students, the project helped Harnish become certified as a National Geographic Educator.

Because the Google Expeditions kits are portable, they have been used in several other classrooms to enable students to create cutting-edge projects that use virtual and augmented reality.

Harnish said the "Nature in My Backyard" project gave her students "a renewed sense of interest and wonder in the natural world."

"I hope my students take away a renewed appreciation of our natural environment, an identity as scientists and explorers, and a commitment to



Teacher Katie Harnish and her students look for evidence of wildlife in a field near Hambricht Elementary School.

environmental stewardship to protect the species and areas that we studied."



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Grant funds Sign Language Club at Hambright

Hambright Elementary School students learned a whole new language while participating in an after-school club this past year.

Teacher Lorien Gilbert started the Sign Language Club to give students an opportunity to connect with

hearing-impaired individuals who often feel ostracized. A grant from Penn Manor Education Foundation

was used to purchase materials for the club.

Members included fifth- and sixth-graders, along with a third-grader whose father is hearing impaired. Students used flash cards and sign language textbooks to learn vocabulary, grammar and expression.

The students also learned to sign the song "We're Going

to Be Friends," watched a presentation about a deaf poet, and Skyped with their peers in a deaf education class run by Intermediate Unit 13.

"We thought it would be fun for my hearing students to meet some Deaf kids who can be the experts," said Gilbert.

Madalyn Kreider, a sixth-grade member of the club, said she likes "being part of a little group in school" that's learning something completely new.

"It's really cool to find out about this. Now, if you run into someone who's Deaf, you can talk to them," she said.

The club is an outgrowth of Gilbert's personal experience with Deaf culture. As a child, she experienced hearing loss and began to learn American Sign Language on her own.

"When I was in high school,

"Now, if you run into someone who's Deaf, you can talk to them."

— Madalyn Kreider
Hambright student



Hambright Elementary students practice their vocabulary during Sign Language Club, a new after-school activity.

I made a very good friend, Scott, who is Deaf, and he introduced me to Deaf culture and really helped me to become more fluent in signed English and ASL," she said.

Whenever Gilbert would go out with Scott, she noticed that people would talk to her, but not to him.

"Scott's mother told me that other kids were reluctant to talk to Scott, and that he had very few hearing friends,"

she recalled. "It's a world of isolation when people perceive you as different."

The ultimate goal of the club, Gilbert said, is for students to connect with people like Scott.

"If I can help my students feel brave enough to sign 'Hello' or 'Do you want a snack?' or even, 'What is your name?' then they will be making the world a little less scary."