



Foundation Focus

Penn Manor Education Foundation Newsletter
Fall 2021

Transitioning to technology

More PMEAF grants, scholarships support career training, tech skills

As Penn Manor schools have shifted in recent years toward more technical and job skills-based education programs, so, too, has the Penn Manor Education Foundation.

Over the past five years, we have increased our support for Penn Manor High School students pursuing science,

technology, and engineering careers.

We now award 11 scholarships in technical/vocational fields, including math, information technology and the trades, along with seven scholarships for students pursuing health care careers.

This past year, we funded electrical wiring kits for use in Introduction to Agricultural Mechanics classes and hand tools for use in woodworking technology classes at the high school.

These materials were particularly useful when students had to work from home as a result of school closures and quarantines caused by the pandemic.

PMEAF also helped secure a \$25,000 grant from the BB&T Now Truist Economic Growth Fund to support STEM education at all Penn Manor schools.

The school district is using the grant to expand its computer science program throughout all grade levels.

Under the initial phase, middle school students are using Micro: bit Go kits,



In photo above, Penn Manor High School students practice welding in an ag class. At left, Manor Middle School students work with programmable robots.

which are programmable circuits for computing projects.

The funding also was used to purchase Finch

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15th annual Charity Golf Scramble brings together friends and family

PMEAF's 15th annual Charity Golf Scramble was a family affair for both participants and volunteers this year.

Held June 15, the fundraiser brought members of at least 12 different families together for golfing and socializing at Meadia Heights Golf Club.

In all, 128 golfers participated in the event, which raised nearly \$12,000 for Education Foundation programs and scholarships.

Among the family members who

participated or volunteered at the Golf Scramble were Phil Gale and his sons, Grant and Aaron; Ken, Heidi and Mitch Long; Carole Shellenberger and Robin Jeffers; Barb St. John and Kelly McNeal; Pat and Erik Kline; Deb, Jeff and Scott Roth; Dale and Matt Keller; Ron, Becky and Cole Spezialetti; Tom and Dan Herr; Frank and Tim Hoke; Wanda and Brad Underkoffler; and Kevin and Kaden Peart.

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From left, Ken, Heidi and Mitch Long were among the many family members who participated in the PMEAF Charity Golf Scramble at Meadia Heights.

Recognition Gifts

Recent gifts given in honor of or in memory of the following individuals

*The following donors made gifts to the new or existing **named scholarships** listed below in bold print:*

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Three members join PME F board

The Penn Manor Education Foundation recently welcomed three new members to its all-volunteer board of directors – Liz Crum, Scott Stephan and Carol Chismar.

Liz Crum is a former Penn Manor kindergarten teacher who retired in 2016 after 34 years. Since retiring, she has worked as a substitute teacher and has volunteered at Central Manor Elementary School.

She also works part-time at Eve's Garden and Mangold's Tax Service.

A 1977 Penn Manor graduate, Liz lives in Lancaster.

She enjoys gardening and reading and has traveled extensively in the United States and other countries.



Liz Crum

Liz joined the board to continue her involvement with Penn Manor School District and its students.

"While I did sub for Penn Manor and volunteer, this is an additional way to give back to the community," she said.

Scott Stephan is a financial advisor with Roseville Wealth Management Group.

He is married to Laura Stephan, a Penn Manor teacher. They are the parents of two Penn Manor graduates, Zac, 24, and Jared, 20.

Scott served as an officer for Crossroads Counseling in Hempfield and has chaired various committees at Ascension Lutheran Church.

He enjoys working with rescue dogs, spending time with family and golfing.

PMEF "is the type of organization that I am proud to be a part of," Scott said.

"The Foundation has so

many supportive business owners, volunteers, educators and staff, many of whom are former staff members of the school district. Over the past



Scott Stephan

few months, I've come to recognize and value how the Education Foundation enhances the instruction of so many students within the district."

Carole Chismar is a former elementary teacher who taught at Pequea and Eshlemen Elementary schools until her retirement in 2014.

Her husband, Paul, taught earth science at Penn Manor High School for 35 years. The Chismars' two children, Kelly and Brian, both graduated from Penn Manor High School.

Carole and Paul are active



Paul and Carole Chismar

on several committees at Millersville Community Church. Penn State alums, they enjoy traveling to State College to support Nitanny Lions athletic teams. They also enjoy traveling throughout the United States.

"As a teacher, I was happy with the support provided by PME F to help me with the students in my classroom," Carole said. "As a Penn Manor resident, I am happy to contribute as a board member to continue programs that support Penn Manor teachers and students."

Penn Manor staff donations exceed \$19,000

Penn Manor employees have really come through in their support of PME F this year.

A total of 245 staff members gave one-time donations or signed up for an automatic payroll deduction in support of our programs. The total amount raised – \$19,210 – is a significant increase from the 2020 total of \$17,445.

Donations came from every school, the district office and Penn Manor's maintenance and building and grounds crews.

Anyone who donated \$40 or more received a PME F cooler bag, and donors of \$80 or more also received a \$10 gift card to Copper Hill Public House.

Two donors of \$100 or

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Gifts established to honor PM educators

Former superintendent, teachers honored

During the past year, Penn Manor lost several former Penn Manor educators who were recognized with memorial gifts to PME F.

Jerry Barger attended Millersville University, where he was inducted into Millersville's Wrestling Hall of Fame as a two-time state champion. Jerry was an industrial arts teacher at Penn Manor High School and also served as a wrestling coach.

Dr. Elmer J. Berkebile was a World War II veteran and educator who served as Penn Manor's first superintendent until his retirement. A gift from Bill and Ruth Wood

funded a scholarship in Dr. Berkebile's memory.

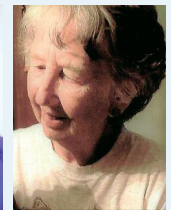
Janice Burkhart served as an elementary school teacher at Penn Manor for 42 years before her retirement. A number of her former colleagues recognized her career with their donations.

Jeannette Mateer was a math teacher at Penn Manor High School for 25 years and continued to work after retirement as a substitute teacher for 10 years. A \$1,000 donation in her memory will fund math grants for teachers.

If you would like to contribute to PME F in honor of these educators,



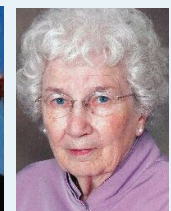
Elmer Berkebile



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Jerry Barger



Jeannette Mateer

send a check to PME F at P.O. Box 1001, Millersville, PA 17551 or donate online at www.pennmanoredfoundation.org/donate/. Please include the name of the person you are honoring with your donation.

Class of 2021 PMEF scholarship/award recipients

Thanks to the generous support of donors, Penn Manor Education Foundation was able to award more than \$75,000 in scholarships and other awards to 75 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 their legacy.



The Foundation awarded a record number of scholarships to the Penn Manor High School Class of 2021.

Listed below are this year's recipients, along with their intended plans following high school.

Scholarship/Award	Recipient	Intended College
<div> <div> </div> <div> COMMUNITY/BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS </div> <div> </div> </div>		
PMEF Scholarship	Hope Campbell	Messiah University
PMEF Scholarship	Clara Frey	One Life Institute
PMEF Scholarship	Kylee Hess	Penn State University
PMEF Scholarship	Grace Himchak	Millersville University
PMEF Scholarship	Evelyn Weaver	Virginia Wesleyan University
Kaleidoscope Scholarship	Gabriel McGough	Dickinson College
Millersville Business Association Scholarship	Kaelin Gable	Millersville University
Rintz Family Scholarship	Luke Braas	Penn State University
Rintz Family Scholarship	Jordan Photis	University of Delaware
Rintz Family Scholarship	John Shipley	Clemson University
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Rankin & Gregory LLC Scholarship	Kaleigh Ferko	West Chester University
Marsha Gullo Frerichs Memorial Scholarship	Amanda Wolf	Millersville University
Dennis R. Herr Memorial Scholarship	Isaac Hopstetter	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Jere Hoin Memorial Scholarship	Sophia Rineer	Harrisburg Area Community College
Beverly Longenecker Scholarship	Dorrien Zimmerman	Automotive Training Center
David L. Murray Memorial Scholarship	Austin Lookenbill	Kent State University
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Hannah Stork	James Madison University
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Lauren Zink	Clemson University
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Sebastian Bookmiller	University of Pittsburgh
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Evan Wright	Penn State University
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Allison Sauers	Messiah University
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Lydia Charles-Marchuck	Baylor University
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Kunyu Pan	Penn State Behrend
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Taylor LoCurto	University of Delaware
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Madison Pitz	Shippensburg University
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Rachel Soboleski	University of Pittsburgh
Mark Dano Scholarship	Arden Morgan	University of Colorado at Boulder
Sherilyn Schock Memorial Scholarship	Megan Reen	University of N. Carolina at Charlotte
Donald & Susan Martin Family Pay It Forward Scholarship	Rebecca Kramer	West Chester University
Donald & Susan Martin Family Pay It Forward Scholarship	Reed Lawrence	Kutztown University
Class of 2017 Scholarship	Brianna Nissley	Grove City College
Class of 2017 Scholarship	Shane Tappany	Temple University

Scholarship/Award	Recipient	Intended College
Class of 2018 Scholarship	Madison Sangrey	Susquehanna University
Class of 2018 Scholarship	Cole Spezialetti	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Class of 2019 Scholarship	Paige Marie Flinchbaugh	University of Pittsburgh
Class of 2019 Scholarship	Luke Horst	Drexel University
Dorothy Dart Milliman Scholarship	Emma Shenk	Messiah University
John R. Milliman Scholarship	Andrew Glenn	Penn State University
Kim Wells Scholarship	Audrey Jachimowicz	University of Delaware
Kim Wells Scholarship	Andrew Glenn	Penn State University
Dave Ober Memorial Scholarship	Emelly Batista	Franklin & Marshall College
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Victoria Hook	Eastern University
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Tebelechi Ketema	Northwestern University
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Naisha Lamour	Temple University
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Maeve Montgomery	Ursinus College
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Olivia Nicastro	University of Pennsylvania
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Madison Sangrey	Susquehanna University
Geist Family Citizenship Award	Brooke Hinkle	Juniata College
Geist Family Citizenship Award	Cole Spezialetti	Penn Tech
Frerichs Family Education Scholarship	Ariana Cuba Rivera	Millersville University
Capt. Ed Davis Memorial Award	Max Jesberger	University of Kentucky
Willis and Martha Herr Family Scholarship	Colt Barley	Cornell University
Edgar Funk Memorial Scholarship	Alexis Verden	Carlow University
Norma Lois Herr Memorial Scholarship	Kimberly Miller	University of the Sciences
Lloyd & Ann Boyd Memorial Scholarship	Cole Spezialetti	Penn Tech
Michael Hnat Memorial Scholarship	Isaac Hostetter	Widener University
Marian B. Davis Memorial Scholarship	Paige Haldeman	PA College of Health Sciences
Olga and Spencer Harvie Memorial Scholarship	Rowan Brooks	Stevenson University
Shellenberger-Hosler Scholarship	Rebekah Whiteman	Gap semester
William H. Duncan Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Eleanor Helm	University of Delaware
Abram & Dorothy Sangrey Memorial Scholarship	Jordan Schucker	Dickinson College
Donald Pollock Memorial Scholarship	Audrey Jachimowicz	University of Delaware
Joan Pollock Memorial Scholarship	Renee Eshbach	PA College of Health Sciences
Stella Caldwell Memorial Scholarship	Claire DeVinney	Millersville University
Betty Doan Memorial Scholarship	Kendall Ulmer	Elizabethtown College
Wade Groff Memorial Scholarship	Alex Ebersole	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Jack & Joanne Herr Scholarship	Rebecca Kramer	West Chester University
Patricia A. Texter Scholarship	Lillian Barton	PA College of Health Sciences
PMAA Luella Mellinger Scholarship	Zachary Schaeffer	Penn State University
Karen Shenk Memorial Scholarship	Abigail Stoner	Messiah University
PMAA Dr. D. L. Biemesderfer Award (valedictorian)	Andrew Glenn	Penn State University
PMAA Mary Klemmer Award (salutatorian)	Jordan Schucker	Dickinson College
PMAA Legacy Scholarship	Braden Zuzu	Penn State University

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Christine A. Weidinger Memorial Scholarship	Dakota Weber	Millersville University
Jim Livermore Memorial Scholarship	Hunter Krimmel	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Mario-Angelo Russo Memorial Scholarship	Rowan Sufieann	Kutztown University
Rachel E. Miller Memorial Scholarship	Caroline May	University of Pittsburgh
Sean Moore Memorial Scholarship	Kyler Stigelman	Millersville University
Kevin B. Smith Memorial Award	Wesley Kendig	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Molly Curtis Memorial Award	Aralyn Hoffert	Susquehanna University
Megan Lynn Martin Scholarship	Eleanor Helm	University of Delaware
Michelle Blazic Memorial Scholarship	Victoria Hook	Eastern University
Hans H. Haverstick Memorial Scholarship	Alex Behmer	DeSales College
Chris Shank Memorial Scholarship	Moses Buckwalter	Temple University
Starrett Metzler Memorial Scholarship	Jordan Schucker	Dickinson College
Starrett Metzler Memorial Scholarship	Graham Thomas	Temple University

Venture Grant projects for 2020-2021

The past school year was a challenge for teachers, parents and students, with continual disruptions of the “normal” school routine as a result of the pandemic.

Flexibility was key as students and teachers had to shift from in-person to remote teaching and learning at various times throughout the year.

The Education Foundation tried to help ease these transitions by awarding teacher Venture Grants to help teachers and students adjust to the “new normal” while keeping them safe during the pandemic.

In addition, in a break with past practice, we awarded grants on a rolling basis, as needs arose throughout the unpredictable year.

In all, PMEF awarded \$53,000 in grants that have impacted hundreds of students at all levels at Penn Manor’s school.

Here are the highlights of the 2021-2022 grants.

Electronic Drawing Tablets

Grants totaling nearly \$33,000 were awarded to multiple teachers at Penn Manor High School and Martic Elementary School to begin using electronic drawing tablets, which enable students to complete math and science equations and respond to prompts by drawing answers that are shared with the class via student laptops.

Without these devices, remote teaching of these subject using only a keyboard could be extremely challenging.

Kim Frey, a high school math teacher who received a \$7,000 grant to fund 175 tablets, said the devices helped teachers and students stay connected, regardless of whether they were learning in person or from home.

“The tablets allow students to show handwritten math work directly on a digital, shared document,” she said. “This increases communication opportunities between teachers and students and enables students to collaborate and discuss math by sharing their work live.”

At Martic Elementary, the devices were used by teachers who were working from home while on quarantine. The tablets are enhancing the teaching of math, science and other subjects.

In all, more than 900 students had access to the electronic tablets throughout the year, and they will continue to be used during in-person classes moving forward.

Science Lab Electronic Balances

The grant was used to purchase electronic balances for a new chemistry lab at the high school and replace older equipment at existing labs.



Student Book Bins

Funding was used to purchase 120 book bins for four classrooms at Central Manor Elementary School. The book bins helped students stay organized and reduced the need for students to share storage space.



PPE for Music Students

A grant paid for custom-made masks, sleeves and covers so that students could safely continue to play wind instruments at several elementary schools.

Scholastic News Subscriptions

This grant paid for electronic and print subscriptions to Scholastic News for 80 students in three classrooms at Central Manor Elementary.

Work from Home Wiring Kits

This grant enabled an agricultural education teacher to purchase electrical wiring kits for use in Introduction to Ag Mechanics classes at the high school. The kits, which include pliers, screwdrivers, wire-strippers and other tools, can be used from home. They also reduce the need for students to share tools.



Balances and Hotplates for Biology

This grant paid for balances and hotplates that enable high school biology students on all levels to study photosynthesis, fermentation, osmosis and other specialized topics.

Model United Nations Grant

Funding was used to pay the fees so that high school students could attend four virtual Model United Nations conferences throughout the year.

Recreational Games for PE



With COVID restrictions in place and limited gym space due to high school construction, physical education teachers had to be creative with their classes. This grant funded sets of four recreational games,

including bocce and ring-toss, that minimize physical contact and don’t require a lot of space.

Woodworking Hand Tools

This grant paid for new hand tools to be used in woodworking technology classes at the high school. The purchase updated tools that were over 30 years old and provided additional tools for students who had to learn

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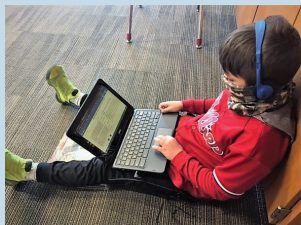
Venture Grants

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from home.

Reading Naturally

Funding was provided for earbuds, headphones and licenses for Reading Naturally, an intervention program that focuses on improving reading fluency and comprehension, at Hambright Elementary. The program can be accessed in school or from home.



Molecule Model Kits

Ten molecule model kits were purchased for three chemistry/science classes at the high school. The kits, which can be taken home, show the angles and arrangements of molecules, helping students understand their composition.



Cardio Drumming PE Grant

This grant paid for DrumFIT equipment for elementary physical education classes. The exercise program emphasizes whole body movement and helps

students develop rhythm, balance, muscle tone and flexibility.

Kindergarten Whiteboards

A total of 150 whiteboards and marker sets were purchased for all district kindergarten classes. The materials help students practice handwriting and spelling skills and aid in online learning.



A Manor Middle School student programs a Finch Robot using materials provided through a BB&T STEM education grant.

Tech: More resources

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Robots that help students learn programming skills. Other materials, including Raspberry pi's and computer software, will be purchased in later phases.

In addition to supporting STEM in Penn Manor classrooms, the Foundation is providing financial support to students enrolled in programs outside the district.

Strong & Healthy Families grants provide tuition reimbursements for students earning college credits at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences, giving them a leg up on in-demand careers. These grants also support students attending Lancaster County Career & Technology Centers.

This past year, we helped 30 CTC students by paying for the tools, uniforms and other supplies – which can cost as much as \$650 – they needed to participate in CTC programs.

“This support removes the cost barrier and ensures that any student who wants to learn a trade or earn a certification in a specific career field their senior year of high school can do that without incurring a financial burden,” said Keila Torres, a Penn Manor social worker who helps identify students in need of assistance.

More than 100 Penn Manor students attend CTC programs each year, and nearly 40 percent of them qualify for free or reduced-price lunches because of economic hardship. In 2020-2021, every student who applied for financial assistance was able to receive it.

We plan to continue supporting all of these efforts in this new school year, always with the goal of providing Penn Manor students and teachers with the tools they need to succeed.

Staff: Donations exceed \$19,000 this year

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more – Erika McLaughlin and Joy Meley – also won a drawing for \$50 gift cards to Bert's Bottle Shop.

Many thanks to these local businesses for donating these incentives.

And a big thank you to our Penn Manor staff members for their continued support.

“Not all education foundations are so fortunate to benefit from this level of staff support,” said PMEF executive director Jan Mindish.

“PMEF is honored that we have the backing of Penn Manor staff. Knowing that many teachers continue spending their own money to support students in their classrooms makes it even more impressive.”



Staff who donated \$40 or more received a PMEF cooler bag.

Annual Dinner returns to Drumore Estate

After a year's hiatus, the PMEF Annual Dinner Gala returned to the beautiful Drumore Estate on September 19.

About 150 guests helped us celebrate our 24th year of assisting Penn Manor students, teachers and families in grand style.

The event included appetizers, cocktails, silent and live auctions, raffles and an outdoor dinner on the estate grounds.

The gala raised \$30,000 for PMEF scholarships, grants and other programs.

Kristy Aurand, a Penn Manor



The PMEF Annual Dinner gala was held at Drumore Estate.

parent and Chief Development Officer at Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County, was the emcee for the event, which featured testimonials about how PMEF is impacting students, teachers

and families.

A special guest of the evening was Kiwi, the therapy dog at Marticville Middle School, whose training was

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Portrait of a Legacy donor: Jim Zeigler

The Leaving a Legacy for Learning donation program is a great option for folks whose lives have been impacted by Penn Manor School District. It enables donors to honor Penn Manor with established estate or planned gifts.

As you read through the growing list of PMEF Legacy supporters, you'll recognize names of Penn Manor alumni, parents and employees.

We'd like to recognize

one of our recent donors, James H. Zeigler. Jim served Penn Manor as a high school business teacher for 34 years. Jim went on to become business department coordinator and president of the Penn Manor Education Association.

Jim has remained a loyal PMEF supporter, even after retiring and relocating to Delaware.

PMEF is grateful that Jim



Jim Zeigler

thought of PMEF in his estate planning. He spent his career supporting kids, and his participation in the PMEF Legacy Giving program will enable that support to continue.

For information about the Legacy Giving program, please contact Don Stewart at fandstew@comcast.net.

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Director's message

The 2020-2021 school year was a challenging one due to concerns and changing requirements related to the pandemic, and we're proud of our Penn Manor administration, staff and community for their efforts to work together to meet these challenges.

The Penn Manor Education Foundation was pleased to be able to support their efforts.

We felt the impact of the pandemic when COVID restrictions



Jan Mindish

canceled several of our fundraising events, including our 2020 Annual Dinner – one of our largest sources of funding.

But our community members responded by doubling their donations to PMEF during the annual ExtraGive in November.

This 24-hour online giving event raised over \$30,000 to help fill our funding gap.

The generous donations of our entire community enabled PMEF to continue to support Venture Grants for teachers, Strong & Healthy Families grants, and scholarships for high school seniors.

In this issue of the Focus, we thank and recognize our many donors – community members, Penn Manor staff, alumni, retirees and local businesses.

Throughout this newsletter, you can read about how this support enabled us to continue with these programs, despite the pandemic.

Most of our supporters don't get a chance to experience firsthand the impact of their donations on staff and students, so I'd like to share a few of the "thank you's" we've received this year.

From a teacher who received a grant to purchase tablets to support virtual learning:

On Friday, our new tablets arrived, and on Sunday, we had to quarantine 15 learners. The use of these tablets is

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Dinner: *We celebrate our 24th year at Drumore Estate gala*

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funded, in part, with a PMEF grant.

The auctions included a wide range of items, from surf-and-turf dinners, jewelry and wine-and-cheese tastings to yoga lessons, kayak adventures and box seats to sporting events.

One of the most popular items was a quilt and matching pillow created

by Penn Manor's Shelby Foster. This beautiful creation went to Doug Kramer, Penn Manor High School math teacher.

We are thankful to all who attended and/or donated items for this important fundraiser.

Our generous event sponsors included Deerfield Strategies LLC, Queen Street Bistro, BN Excavating and Commonwealth Financial Associates.

In-kind donations were provided by Tudbink's Farm, Bill and Karyn Regitz and Special Occasions & Queen Street Linens.

Table sponsors included Shultz Transportation, Fisher Steel, Charles F. Snyder Funeral Homes & Crematory, Roseville Wealth Management Group, Tracy Seiger/Life Changes Realty, and Pat Kline/State Farm Insurance.

Golf: Family affair

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They all enjoyed a day of golf, lunch, dinner and chances to win from a selection of more than 50 raffle prizes donated by our supporters.

Many thanks to our major sponsors, including RBC Capital Markets; Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates; B.N. Excavating; Coleen and Bob Kayden; and Trout CPA.

We also thank our 40 hole sponsors and the many supporters who donated raffle items for this event, which showcases what makes our Penn Manor community so great.

A final shout-out goes to Meadia Heights, our longtime host.

The winning team this year was the foursome of Matt Burkhart, Don Mowery, Hailey Goodling and Travis Oot.

Please join us – and bring your family members along – to next year's event, scheduled for June 14, 2022.



Wanda & Brad Underkoffler



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From left, Don Ament, Frank Geist, Don McCann and Jim "Suff" Neff, all members of Penn Manor's 1963 championship soccer team, reunited at the tourney.



The winning team of, from left, Matt Burkhart, Don Mowery, Hailey Goodling and Travis Oot.

Endowed scholarships leave a lasting impact

Of the 61 scholarships managed by PMEF, 31 of them are endowed. That means that donors provided the necessary funding for these scholarships to be awarded every year in perpetuity.

To endow a \$500 scholarship, \$13,000 is needed to start the scholarship immediately. A \$1,000 scholarship requires an endowment of \$26,000 to start.

Our other scholarships are funded annually or for a limited number of years. These donors are recognized each year on our donor lists.

The majority of the following endowed scholarships were funded by family, friends or the estate of the scholarship's honoree.

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PM Softball, Curtis family and friends

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Warfel Family Scholarship – Eric and Jerissa Warfel

William H. Duncan Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Duncan family and friends

Willis & Martha Herr Family Scholarship – Willis and Martha Herr

If you are interested in starting a scholarship and would like to discuss your options, contact Jan Mindish at janmindish@comcast.net.

PMEF adds new scholarships for '21 and '22

Thanks to our generous community, PMEF awarded two new scholarships in 2021 and will add three more in 2022, continuing the rapid growth of this important program.

In 2009, PMEF awarded 16 scholarships totaling under \$10,000. In 2021, we awarded 60 different scholarships totaling more than \$75,000.

As the number of scholarships continues to grow, the process we use to award scholarships has evolved from paper applications to an online system.

PMEF scholarship committee members willingly devote eight to 12 hours reading and scoring applications.

They meet to discuss the applications and select the applicants who best meet the qualifications of each scholarship while trying to spread the awards to as many students as possible. This past year, 75 different Penn Manor graduates received scholarships.

Awards can be funded annually or endowed (minimum scholarship is \$500, requiring a \$13,000 endowment). There are options to annually fund while contributing money over time to eventually fully endow.

If you would like to contribute to any of our current scholarships, send checks to PMEF at P.O. Box 1001, Millersville, PA 17551 or donate online at www.pennmanoredfoundation.org/donate/. Please include the name of the scholarship you are supporting with your donation.

New Scholarships for 2021

David L. Murray Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship is in memory of David L. Murray, whom we tragically lost in 2020. Dave was a generous and enthusiastic supporter of PMEF and other local organizations.

Family and friends of Dave raised funds to support this \$1,000 scholarship to honor his memory.



David Murray

Selection was based on work ethic, community service, and involvement in extracurricular activities. Students were asked to write an essay about overcoming adversity and how their struggle has impacted them.

Rankin & Gregory LLC Scholarship – This \$2,500 award is sponsored by Rankin & Gregory LLC, a personal injury and workers

compensation law firm.

The firm's co-founding partner, Chad Rankin, graduated from Penn Manor in 1989. Chad was captain of the baseball team, the high school's No. 1 golfer, a wrestler and president of the Varsity Club.



Chad Rankin

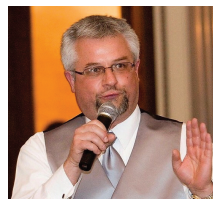
Chad wanted to find a way to give back to the community.

"High school seniors experience a pivotal transition from high school to college or trade school," he said. "Along with the many new changes comes the need to be able to pay for school. We are offering our help."

New Scholarships for 2022

Tony Purcell Sr. Memorial Scholarship – Tony Purcell Sr. was a 1975 Penn Manor graduate whom we lost in 2021.

He trained as an apprentice and worked as an industrial electrician at Armstrong World Industries for over 40 years. Tony understood the value of community service and volunteered for various community organizations.



Tony Purcell

He also served on multiple boards of directors and was awarded the "Rookie Volunteer of the Year" in 2009 at the Lancaster United Way.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Tony participated in multiple varsity sports and was inducted into the Penn Manor Athletic Wall of Honor in 2001. He continued to coach and play softball for over 40 years. Funds for this scholarship were raised by Tony's family and friends to honor his life with an annual \$1,000 award to a student attending a technical or trade school or an apprenticeship.

Doan Family Scholarship – The Doan Family Scholarship was established by the Harry Doan family on behalf of Harry, his late wife, Betty, and their two sons, Kurt and Jamie.

Harry and Betty Doan were longtime respected Penn Manor educators and administrators.

Harry served at the middle school level, where he taught English and served as principal. Betty began her career as an art teacher and ended as an elementary school principal.

Their sons both graduated from Penn



Jamie, Kurt, Harry and Betty Doan

Manor, Kurt in 1991 and Jamie in 1993. This \$500 award is intended for students entering a trade or two-year college with an emphasis on learning a skill.

Warren V. Lefever ('42) Memorial Scholarship – Warren V. Lefever was a skinny 5'10" package of contradictions: a high school dropout but lifelong learner, a rabid Republican but a proud IBEW union member, God-fearing but nonreligious, frugal but generous, strict but fun-loving.

He bristled at domesticity, but was a responsible family man. Not one to share his feelings, the best evidence of Warren's devotion to family and country is in the letters he wrote home while he was serving his country in World War II.

Warren dropped out of Penn Manor in March of his junior year, a week after his 17th birthday. It's doubtful that he told his mother that he enlisted and lied about his age to join the Navy!

His letters reveal a young man deeply patriotic and attached to his family. Following his service, he returned to Lancaster County to obtain a GED and attend Stevens Trade School, where he studied all things electrical.



Warren Lefever

Warren subsequently worked at RCA and started a family of his own.

His greatest satisfaction came from building or fixing anything broken. He constructed everything, from two houses to an early television to his own computer, and he could repair almost anything.

He would be so proud to have a scholarship in his memory awarded to a CTC student who has demonstrated good character, as well as talent, motivation, and commitment to their chosen field. (Submitted by Warren's daughter, Wanda, Penn Manor Class of 1970.)

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November 19 ExtraGive to benefit PMEF

In 2020, the pandemic forced PMEF to cancel our Annual Fundraising Dinner, along with several smaller fundraisers.

To replace some of that lost revenue, we were hoping to increase our ExtraGive donations, so we set an ambitious goal of \$20,000 for 2020.

With the support of our generous community, 176 donors helped PMEF easily exceed that target, as we raised more than \$30,000 during the one day, 24-hour online giving event.

Among those 176 donors were many Penn Manor alumni, retirees, staff, community members and businesses.

For this year's ExtraGive on November



19, we are hoping to extend our reach to Penn Manor supporters from across the country.

In addition, we will be hosting an ExtraGive Happy Hour at Bert's Bottle Shop, in Millersville, on the night of the big event. Details to come.

We also are planning a competition between Penn Manor alumni by decades to see who raises the most money during

those 24 hours.

Please share our link with friends and family on November 19 and help us reach our goal of \$25,000.

More details about ExtraGive activities will be posted on the PMEF Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PennManorEducationFoundation>.

You can make a donation any time on November 19 at <https://www.extragive.org/>.

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Many thanks to our dedicated board



The heart of Penn Manor Education Foundation are the dedicated volunteers who serve on our board of directors. They include, from left (back row) Don Mowery, Pat Kline, Carol Chismar, Dianne Smith, Becky Spezialetti, Nicki Nafziger, Scott Stephan,

Liz Crum and Barb St. John; (front row) Kathy Fish, Bradley Seiger, Matt Blank, Robin Jeffers, JoLynn Drexel and Jan Mindish (executive director). If you are interested in serving on our board, please send an email to pmef2@pennmanor.net.

Strong & Healthy grants are meeting the needs of our community members

The Foundation's Strong & Healthy Families program has provided more than \$19,500 to support Penn Manor students and families in need over the past year.

A \$5,500 grant paid for supplies and fees for students enrolled in Lancaster County Career & Technology Center programs.

Grants totaling \$7,500 covered fees for dual enrollment programs and advanced placement testing for students experiencing economic challenges.

A \$1,500 grant was used to purchase books that were distributed to kindergarten students during food giveaways in the Penn Manor community.

In addition, a \$5,000 grant went to PM C.A.R.E.S. to pay for household items and toiletries for families in need.

The Strong & Healthy program also received a separate \$5,000 donation from Don and Nancy Stewart in support of the Teen Hope program.

Administered by Samaritan Counseling Center, Teen Hope screens all incoming Penn Manor High School and middle school students each year to identify those who may be struggling with mental health issues.

PMEF thanks the Stewarts and the many other community members and businesses that make these efforts possible.



Students help restock the PM C.A.R.E.S. supply closet at Hambricht Elementary.

Director

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already benefitting students. The impact is profound.

A senior who received funding through the Strong & Healthy program to take dual enrollment college courses wrote:

This scholarship helped to relieve some of the financial burden of my three dual enrollment courses. These courses allowed me to get almost one full year of college complete while still in high school. Thank you for investing in my future as I continue my education to become a high school science teacher.

From a student who received Strong & Healthy funding to help pay for advanced

placement exams:

I was able to afford to take AP Calculus, AP Chemistry and AP Psychology because of your generosity. Thank you so much for that opportunity and for lessening the financial burden on my family.

These two notes are among several we received from our 75 scholarship recipients:

The scholarship has lifted a great weight off my shoulders, and I am forever grateful for your generosity and aid. As an immigrant from Ethiopia, not only does it assist me financially, but it also serves as a great example and inspiration for me and other students to give back to our communities in the future.

I was always a proud student of Letort, and receiving the Sherilyn Schock Scholarship only enhances that feeling of

pride and appreciation towards the place and community in which my education journey began.

The final comment is from a counselor regarding the Strong & Healthy grant for students who attend Lancaster County Career & Technical Center programs:

This funding allows students to purchase all of the tools, uniforms, and supplies they need to attend the CTC. Supporting this project helps break the cycle of poverty by giving all students access to quality career preparation and training, which allows our students to gain quality employment opportunities after high school.

We add our thanks to our terrific community for continuing to make a difference in the lives of our students through your support!



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Quilt and blanket raffles benefit PMEF

Two Penn Manor educators have dedicated their time and talents to benefit the Strong & Healthy Families program by donating blankets and a quilt to PMEF.

Retired high school social studies teacher Donna Brady was doing a lot of crocheting



for charities, including dozens of prayer shawls for Grace Cancer Care, scarves for the homeless and kitten blankets for Pet Pantry.

She decided to crochet three stadium blankets with wide stripes in Penn Manor colors to be raffled off to raise funds for Strong & Healthy Families.

The first blanket went to Ellen Goodman in a district-wide staff raffle this spring.

Dale Keller won the second one at the annual Charity Golf Scramble, and the third blanket will be raffled off at an event to be held later this year.

Shelby Foster, a Penn Manor technology training consultant, started a new quilting hobby this past winter, and decided to donate



Shelby Foster



High school math teacher Doug Kramer poses with the quilt made by Shelby Foster. Below left, Donna Brady holds one of the blankets she crocheted to benefit the Education Foundation.

a quilt to PMEF.

She created her quilt in red, white and blue, with a matching pillow, with help from her mother and sister. The quilt was displayed at several events at which raffle tickets were sold. Penn Manor

math teacher Doug Kramer won the quilt in a drawing at PMEF's Annual Dinner.

Many thanks to both Donna and Shelby for creating these comfy works of art, which raised more than \$1,000 for Strong & Healthy Families.