



# Foundation Focus

*Penn Manor Education Foundation Newsletter*

Fall 2024

## Bringing life to science classes

*Venture Grants fund incubator projects for three classes at Conestoga and Eshleman*

PMEF Venture Grants recently helped bring new life to science classes at two Penn Manor schools.

Third-graders at Conestoga Elementary and second-graders at Eshleman Elementary experienced the cycle of life firsthand by hatching dozens of chicken and duck eggs placed in incubators purchased with grants totaling about \$900.

In Caroline Demangone's class at Conestoga, students began incubating chicken eggs the first week in March. She taught them what was happening inside the eggs over their 21-day incubation period.

"We had a diagram posted by the incubator so students could visualize where their egg was in the development process," said Demangone.

"Each student picked an egg from the assortment that I brought from home to be 'their egg.' This gave them a sense of ownership

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Conestoga Elementary students, above, interact with chicks and ducklings hatched in their classroom in an incubator, at left.

## Pat Kline, leader of successful PMEF Golf Scramble, passes baton

After 18 successful years leading the PMEF Charity Golf Scramble, Pat Kline is turning over the reins to Bradley Seiger, PMEF board president.

"Brad is the perfect choice," Pat said. "He has a passion for PMEF and its mission, he is detailed and appreciative of our donors. He also knows the game of golf, which is important."

The Golf Scramble started in 2006, when the Foundation board was looking for a spring/summer fundraiser to supplement its annual dinner. Pat was

a golfer who had experience running similar events, so he stepped forward to lead this new venture.

In the ensuing years, the Scramble has become a popular and successful event, selling out nearly every year and raising more than \$200,000 for PMEF.

But there were some kinks to work out in that first year, when the Scramble dinner was held outdoors.

"On a very hot day, over 100 enthusiastic golfers gathered on the outside patio for an awards



Pat Kline, left, and Brad Seiger with the PMEF Scramble trophy.

dinner after the rounds were complete," recalled Frank Geist, PMEF emeritus board member. "As we all sweated together, a swarm of flies visited us from a nearby dairy farm."

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## Ellen Pollock endowment announced

PMEF is extremely grateful to longtime supporter Ellen Pollock for her generosity in establishing the new \$50,000 Ellen C. Pollock Named Endowment.

This new endowment will support those Penn Manor families in need by generating an annual grant from PMEF's Strong & Healthy Fund.

The ECP Endowment is the

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# Recognition Gifts

*Gifts given from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, in honor or memory of others*

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

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Jennifer Jesberger  
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## In 18th year, Charity Golf Scramble raises \$11,500

Thanks to our generous community, PMEF raised more than \$11,500 at its 18th annual Charity Golf Scramble, held June 11 at Meadia Heights Country Club.

A full field of 132 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day of lunch, golf, dinner and a chance to win from a selection of over 50 raffle prizes.

The winning score of 58 was posted by Dr. Jan Mindish, Jarred Texter, Zach Charles and Conner Rowe. (Yes, these guys played so well that they overcame the handicap of playing with their former principal!)

PMEF would like to thank its major sponsors – B.N. Excavating (Jeremy Nafziger), Raymond James Capital Markets (Ken Phillips & Lauren Stadel), Bob & Coleen Kayden, and Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates (Larry Levato).

Since 2006, the golf scramble has raised over \$200,000 to help fund Venture Grants, Strong & Healthy grants, and scholarships for graduating seniors.

We thank all of our sponsors, participants and volunteers who made this such an enjoyable event!

## Golf: Brad Seiger taking over successful scramble

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"It was apparent that a venue with an inside, air-conditioned facility in which to host the dinner would be preferred," he said. "Pat moved our Scramble to Meadia Heights, and the event really took off!"

Over the past 18 years, close to 100 different businesses have supported the Scramble, either through sponsorships or raffle prizes.

"As a result, PMEF's mission has been exposed to many generous organizations that went on to support us in other ways," Kline said. "We are grateful that the Scramble has provided that avenue."

--Frank Geist

Pat credits a dedicated group of PMEF board members, local businesses and community volunteers with making the Scramble run so well, year after year.

"So many positive things have made this easy – strong support from our PMEF and school directors, PM's administrative team and employees, and our local businesses and community," said Pat, whose two children and brother (all PM grads)

help out at the event each year.

Geist says much of the credit goes to Pat.

"No matter how many golfers participated, Pat knew every one of them and made it a point to thank each and every one. A big thank you to Pat and all the volunteers who have donated thousands of hours to make this event keep its friendly feel as it runs like clockwork each year."

Pat says he's appreciated meeting so many generous community members and sharing the story of the Education Foundation over the years.

The PMEF Scramble appeals to both the occasional and serious golfer, Pat said.

"We have maintained a competitive

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## Nicki Nafziger returns to serve on PMEF board

The Education Foundation board of directors has appointed Nicki Nafziger to serve a new three-year term, effective July 1.

Nicki, who replaces Barb St. John, originally served from 2016 to 2022 on the 15-member PMEF board.

She and her husband, Jeremy, are both 2000 graduates of Penn Manor, and their son Isiac (Class of 2022) and daughter Mackenzi (2024) also are Penn Manor alumni.

Nicki is president of Agape Care Inc., which offers in-home care services in Lancaster for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and those recovering from injury or illness. In addition to



Nicki and Jeremy Nafziger with their children, Isiac and Mackenzi.

serving PMEF, she has been a Penn Manor school board director since 2019.

"The Penn Manor community has made a lasting impact on my family and me," she said. "I hope to use my experience in organizational leadership and fundraising to give back to the Penn Manor community in a meaningful way by providing opportunities for Penn Manor students through PMEF."

We welcome Nicki back to the board.

# Class of 2024 PMEF scholarship/award recipients

Continued strong support from donors enabled Penn Manor Education Foundation to award 107 scholarships totaling more than \$120,000 to members of the Penn Manor Class of 2024.

PMEF scholarship awards fall into these categories:

- Technology, trade and ag scholarships to students entering the workforce or career training programs.
- Scholarships for students pursuing careers in health care.
- Scholarships for future teachers and educators.
- Science, technology, engineering and math scholarships.
- Scholarships supporting art, music, theatre, journalism and business students.



*The Foundation awarded 79 different scholarships to members of the Penn Manor High School Class of 2024 during the Senior Awards Ceremony in May.*

- Scholarships sponsored by community members and/or organizations.
- Scholarships in memory of Penn Manor students.

Scholarship/Award	Recipient	Plans after high school
<b>Tech/Trade/Ag Scholarships</b>		
Political Science Scholarship sponsored by Manor Twp.	Suren Clark	Yale University
Agriculture Study Scholarship sponsored by Manor Twp.	Molly Gehr	Delaware Valley University
Star Rock Farms Foundation Scholarship	Vita Failla	Penn State York
Willis & Martha Herr Family Scholarship	Olivia Malpica	Harrisburg Area Community College
August "Gus" Birchler Memorial Scholarship	Olivia Malpica	Harrisburg Area Community College
Doan Family Scholarship	Tyler Keller	Liberty University
Beverly Longenecker Scholarship	Stevie Webb	Entering workforce
Dennis R. Herr Memorial Scholarship	Ethan Lama	Penn State University
Jim Livermore Memorial Scholarship	Aidan Fredericks	Penn State University
Edgar Funk Family Memorial Scholarship	Samantha Fawcett	Elizabethtown College
Tony Purcell Sr. Memorial Scholarship	Aidan Gerlach	Harrisburg Area Community College
J.K. Mechanical Scholarship	Kyle Sullenberger	Thaddeus Stevens College of Tech.
Pequea Valley Sportsman Assoc. Scholarship	Aiden Robinson	Entering workforce
Pequea Valley Sportsman Assoc. Scholarship	Ethan Morales	Entering workforce
Lloyd and Ann Boyd Memorial Scholarship	Caden Jacyszyn	Thaddeus Stevens College of Tech.
Warren V. Lefever ('42) Memorial Scholarship	Alexis Olson	Thaddeus Stevens College of Tech.
Wade Groff Memorial Scholarship	Marco Witek	Thaddeus Stevens College of Tech.
Kim Wells Tech/Trade Scholarship	Emersyn Sheaffer	Harrisburg Area Community College
Kim Wells Tech/Trade Scholarship	Paetyn Knepp	Drexel University
<b>Healthcare Scholarships</b>		
Betty Doan Memorial Scholarship	Anouk Landgraff	St. Francis University
Patricia A. Texter Scholarship	Jenna Smith	St. Joseph's University, Lancaster
Harold "Skip" & Dora Rhodes Memorial Scholarship	Kaleb Kabakjian	Messiah University
Norma Lois Herr Memorial Scholarship	Autumn Kirkley	Messiah University
Karen Shenk Memorial Scholarship	Ava Aslanidis	St. Joseph's University
Dorothy Dart Milliman Scholarship	Jarlah Ferko	Widener University
Joan Pollock Memorial Scholarship	Olivia Ditzler	St. Joseph's University, Lancaster
Marian B. Davis Memorial Scholarship	Ian Wise	York College of PA
<b>Teaching/Education Scholarships</b>		
Warfel Family Scholarship	Emma Cassel	Lancaster Bible College
Jere Hoin Memorial Scholarship	Lydia Meier	Millersville University
Frerichs Family Education Scholarship	Alexander Eshelman	Millersville University
PM Alumni Association Mellinger Award	Tyler Wolf	Millersville University
Dr. Perry Love Memorial Scholarship	Julianne Kibodeaux	Millersville University
<b>STEM/Math/Engineering Scholarships</b>		
Rintz Family Scholarship	Tristan Groff	St. Joseph's University

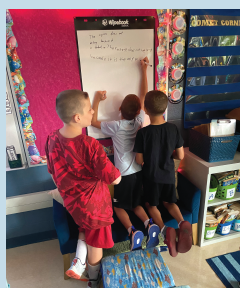


Scholarship/Award	Recipient	Plans after high school
Rintz Family Scholarship	Cole Troop	Lehigh University
Rintz Family Scholarship	Molly Bushong	Gettysburg College
Mark Dano Scholarship	Corinne Smith	University of Pittsburgh
Kim Wells Scholarship	Grace Hripto	Purdue University
Kim Wells Scholarship	Carter Vinson	York College of PA
John R. Milliman Scholarship	Carter Vinson	York College of PA
Donald Pollock Memorial Scholarship	Josiah Keller	Millersville University
<b>Art/Music/Theater/Journalism/Business</b>		
William H. Duncan Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Catherine Repkoe	Millersville University
Shellenberger-Hosler Scholarship	Lauren Nissley	Liberty University
Olga & Spencer Harvie Memorial Scholarship	Jeremy Andro	University of Buffalo
Christine A. Weidinger Memorial Scholarship	Eliana Knaub	Marymount University
Nick & Marnice Charles Scholarship	Andrew Lebo	Messiah University
William "Bill" Fisher Memorial Scholarship	Clara Howell	Grove City College
Michael Hnat Memorial Scholarship	Nicole Foutz	Harrisburg Area Community College
James D. Harne Memorial Scholarship	Elizabeth Pursel	Penn State University
<b>Community Sponsored Scholarships</b>		
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Jireh Ellis	Fordham University
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Simson Gurung	Penn State Harrisburg
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Adrien Hatfield	West Chester University
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Jason Joniec	Penn State University
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Kennedy Neuman	Lebanon Valley College
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Kathryn Nikolaus	Penn State University
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Aixa Preston	Millersville University
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Aman Shaik	Penn State University
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Olivia Squires	Charleston Southern University
Dr. Janice Mindish Scholarship	Callina Tuel	Southeastern University
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Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Keira Stigelman	Lancaster Bible College
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Slyvia Moenga	King's College
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Lauren Daigle	West Chester University
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Brooklynn Ayala	East Stroudsburg University
Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Fatuma Mussa	American University
Marsha Gullo Frerichs Memorial Golf Scholarship	Colby Barley	Clarkson University
Marsha Gullo Frerichs Memorial Golf Scholarship	Cole Beakes	Hood College
Sherilyn Schock Memorial Scholarship	Vienne Kreider	Kutztown University
Captain Edward Davis Memorial Award	William Steltz	University of Maryland
Penn Manor Education Foundation Scholarship	Graham Cohick	University of Pittsburgh
Penn Manor Education Foundation Scholarship	Jeanette Kneisley	York College of PA
Penn Manor Education Foundation Scholarship	Rose Emenheiser	Shippensburg University
Penn Manor Education Foundation Scholarship	Gershom Magutu	Tufts University
Penn Manor Education Foundation Scholarship	Claire Eckroat	Lehigh University
PMAA Legacy Scholarship	Jude Kroesen	Thaddeus Stevens College of Tech.
PMAA Legacy Scholarship	Janelle Bowmaster	Penn State University
Millersville Business Association Scholarship	Bryce Avery	Millersville University
Class of 2018 Scholarship	Adah Layton	Wilkes University
Class of 2018 Scholarship	Carter Rachor	Lebanon Valley College

# Venture Grant projects for 2023-2024

Penn Manor Education Foundation provided nearly \$70,000 in funding to support 60 Venture Grants for teachers in all 10 Penn Manor schools this past year.

The grants included a wide range of projects, from \$160 to fund a chicken incubator at Eshleman Elementary School to \$7,848 to purchase small gas engines and tools for



the high school ag department curriculum.

Other grants funded a student media center at Pequea Elementary, a field trip for music students to see a Philadelphia Orchestra rehearsal, a weather station, and portable whiteboards and flip charts to support “vertical learning” at several schools.

Listed below are highlights of the

2023-2024 grants.

## **Penn Manor Wormery Sustainable Composting**

Funds were used to purchase a worm composting system to turn cafeteria food waste into compost.

## **Cellos for Elementary Students**

Funding was used to purchase one quarter-size and one full-size cello, to be used by fifth- and sixth-grade students at all elementary schools.



## **Building a Thinking Classroom**

This grant paid for standing desks, tables and ottomans for a fourth-grade classroom at Conestoga Elementary.

## **Lancaster Science Factory Outreach**

The grant funded a Lancaster Science Factory Outreach visit to Conestoga Elementary to provide STEM-based lessons.

## **Mindful Movement Club**

This grant funded yoga mats, mindful games, coloring and journal supplies purchased by the counseling department at Penn Manor High School.

## **Ready, Set, Move and Learn**

The grant paid for manipulatives to be used for kinesthetic activities during kindergarten classes at Eshleman Elementary.



## **Hambright Weather Station**

Funding went to the purchase of equipment and other

materials to install a weather station monitored by students on top of Hambright Elementary as part of the school’s updated science curriculum.

## **Spy Museum Virtual Workshop**

Funding was used to provide a problem-solving virtual workshop from the International Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. for Marticville Middle School students.



## **A Big Generator**

This grant funded a new power generator for use by the Penn Manor Marching Unit at band performances and competitions.

## **Cardboard Regatta**

The grant covered materials and fees for high school science students to construct boats from cardboard and float them at the Millersville University swimming pool in a competition held twice during the school year.



## **Horn and String Hospital, Part II**

Grant funding paid for tools and materials to be used to repair musical instruments used by Penn Manor students district-wide.

## **Chess Club**

Funds were used to purchase chessboards to establish a Chess Club for students at Martic Elementary.

## **Birds of Prey**

This grant paid for a schoolwide assembly featuring live birds to teach Eshleman Elementary students about birds of prey.

## **Model UN in New York City**

The grant was used to offset fees for high school Model UN Club members to attend the National Model UN Conference in New York City.



## **Classroom Headphones**

This grant paid for a set of 64 headphones for classroom use for second-graders at Hambright Elementary.

## **Scene Shop Dust Collector**

Funding paid for a portable dust collector and fine particle filter to keep the theatre scene shop cleaner

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# Teacher projects

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and improve air quality as students prepare sets for productions in the high school auditorium.



**A Trip to the Fulton**  
Funding was used for a field trip for Central Manor students in grades 1 through 3 to see *Junie B. Jones* at the Fulton Opera House in Lancaster.

**Food for Thought**  
This grant funded calculators, pencils, highlighters, snacks and other materials for the After Hours Support Program at Manor Middle School.

**Keep the Math Momentum Going**  
Funding was used to purchase math games to replace or supplement existing materials used by sixth-grade students at Central Manor Elementary.

**Animal Management and Care**  
The grant paid for materials to enable students to work on cats, dogs and other animals during animal science and veterinary science classes at Penn Manor High School.

**Q Ball Project**  
The grant paid for tossable wireless microphones to be used in second- and fifth-grade classrooms at Central Manor Elementary.

**Large Mouth Models**  
Grant funds were used to purchase mouth models to better instruct students on proper tongue placement in speech-language therapy classes at Hambright Elementary.



**Physics Hooked Mass Sets**  
The grant enabled the high school science department to purchase hooked mass sets for labs on buoyancy, conservation of momentum, Newton's 2nd Law, and other lessons.

**CPR Manikin Update**  
Grant funding was used to purchase replacement manikins, IED trainers and other equipment to be used for CPR training for students at the high school.

**Educational Adventure**  
Funding paid for an outdoor creek study and invertebrate activities for Eshleman Elementary sixth-



graders.

**Maximum Flavor in Minimal Time**  
The grant paid for air fryers, pressure cookers and slow cookers for use by students in family and consumer science classes at Penn Manor High School.

**Energy Conversion Lab Materials**  
This grant paid for carbon dioxide and oxygen gas sensors and other lab materials for use in energy conversion labs at the high school.

**Narrative-Based Problem Solving**  
This grant funded Lego Education SPIKE Essentials STEM kits for elementary gifted students throughout the school district.



**Math Picture Books Really Work**  
Grant funds were used to purchase 27 math picture books and two types of vertical learning spaces for a third-grade classroom at Letort Elementary.

**Middle School Problem Solving**  
Funding was used for transportation and admission fees for Marticville Middle students to complete the low-ropes course at Millersville University.

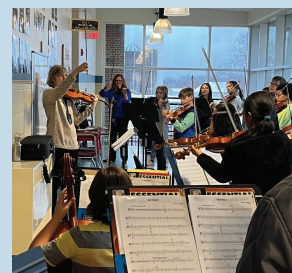


**Hands on House Discovery to Go**  
This grant funded Hands-On House activities in a kindergarten classroom at Central Manor Elementary.

**Instructional Reading Materials**  
Grant funds paid for a variety of chairs, seats, desks and benches to create a student reading nook in a second-grade classroom at Martic Elementary.

**Artist in Residence**  
The grant paid the fees for a retired band director/teacher to serve as artist in residence for band students at Conestoga Elementary.

**Building a Thinking Classroom**  
Funding was used to purchase five standing desk toppers for Hambright Elementary third-graders.



# Recognition gifts: *Donations in memory or honor of others*

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**Doug Zima '69**  
Tina Zima  
David Frey

## Golf: New leadership

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piece for the more serious golfers, and we award some nice prizes for the top three teams and certain hole competitions," he said. "We also have a traveling cup that goes to the winning team each year. And yes, the names of the winning teams are engraved on the trophy."

For the record, the winningest four-somes in Scramble history have been led by Don Mowery. His teams won the tro-

phy in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020 and 2021.

Rowe family members have been on three winning teams: Dudley, Ben and Wes in 2007 and 2008, and Connor in 2024 with Jan Mindish, Jarred Texter and Zac Charles. Mindish and Texter also won in 2015 with Kevin Peart and Mike Leichter.

Pat is confident that Brad will do a great job as the new Golf Scramble organizer.

"He comes from a family that offers tremendous support to PMEF. His parents both served on our board, and his wife,

Alena, volunteers at the Scramble," Pat said. "I think the Scramble will become a family affair for Brad, and he will add his own successful twist to the event."

Brad said "it's a privilege to step into these big shoes and continue supporting the Penn Manor community with the same passion and commitment" as Pat. "I'm eager to bring new enthusiasm and creativity to this great event."

We thank Pat for his many years of dedicated service and welcome Brad to his new role.



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## Executive director's update on PMEF's strong growth

PMEF had an outstanding year in 2023-2024, during which we distributed more than a quarter of a million dollars in support of our three major programs.



Jan Mindish

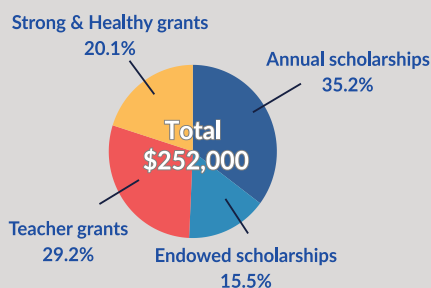
As the funding chart illustrates, half of these funds supported awards to Penn Manor High School seniors through endowed and annual

scholarships. Nearly 30 percent funded Venture Grants for teachers to support innovative teaching.

The remaining 20 percent of our funding went to Strong & Healthy Grants, which support our students and families in need.

For those new to PMEF, I'd like to share a bit of our history to illustrate

### Where our funds went in 2023-24



how PMEF has grown over the years.

That growth enabled PMEF to assist hundreds of teachers, thousands of students and countless families in need.

### The beginning

PMEF was established in 1997 after the school district received an

anonymous \$500 donation from a community member to establish a scholarship. Penn Manor could not accept such a gift, so the idea of establishing a separate, nonprofit foundation to benefit Penn Manor students was set into motion.

Initially, staff and administration were represented on the Foundation's board.

"There were definitely good people involved in those early years, like Willis Herr and Don Martin, but less than \$10,000 was raised in those formative years," recalled Frank Geist, emeritus board member.

Around 2001, Dr. Tom Gemmill took over as PMEF board president, and PM Superintendent Don Stewart was a big supporter of the Foundation.

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Photos from this year's Senior Awards Ceremony, from left, Tom and Louise Aument present the Aument Family Scholarship to Yehia Sheasha; Joe Herman presents the Lee "Todd" Amigh Memorial

Scholarship to Ava Herr; Carol Love presents the Dr. Perry Love Memorial Scholarship to Julianne Kibodeaux; and John Wenzel presents the Craig Shyver Memorial Scholarship to Jordan Smith.

## Scholarship recipients: \$120,000 given to Class of 2024

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Class of 2019 Scholarship	Ben Erb	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Class of 2023 Scholarship	Avery Bradburn	University of Richmond
Class of 2023 Scholarship	Gavin Egan	Bloomsburg University
Jack & Joanne Herr Scholarship	Jordan Bailey	Penn State University
Geist Family Citizenship Award	Thatcher Kratz	Montana School of the Bible
Geist Family Citizenship Award	Olivia Clark	West Chester University
Lee "Todd" Amigh Memorial Scholarship	Ava Herr	Millersville University
<b>In Memory of Penn Manor Students</b>		
Sean Moore Memorial Scholarship	Ava Ritchie	Lehigh University
Hans H. Haverstick Memorial Scholarship	Lucas Victorino	Naval Academy Preparatory School
Kevin B. Smith Memorial Award	Carter Vinson	York College of PA
Megan Lynn Martin Memorial Scholarship	Kayla Shertzer	West Chester University
Molly Curtis Memorial Scholarship	Kira Green	Eastern University
Rachel Elizabeth Miller Memorial Scholarship	Kelly Wall	Widener University
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Dr. D.L.Biemesderfer Award	Valedictorian Cole Troop	Lehigh University
Mary (Filling) Klemmer Award	Salutatorian Suren Clark	Yale University

## Join us for our Sept. 22 Annual Dinner

Penn Manor Education Foundation will hold its Annual Dinner Gala on Sunday, September 22, at the beautiful Drumore Estate, a historic Georgian mansion with formal gardens.

Join us for a festive evening of philanthropic gifting featuring raffles, a silent auction and a live auction.

There will be an open bar throughout the event, including a signature PMEF cocktail.

Individual ticket sales,

table sponsorships and business sponsorships are available.

Please reach out to PMEF board member Jerissa Warfel at (717) 203-5817 for more information on raffle/auction donations and sponsorship opportunities.

We look forward to a successful night to support funding of Venture Grants, student scholarships and Strong & Healthy program grants.



Drumore Estate will again host our Annual Dinner on Sept. 22



# PMEF adds three new scholarships this year

PMEF has been able to award three new scholarships to Penn Manor High School graduates this year, thanks to the generosity of our community members.

## **Kim Wells Tech/Trade Scholarship**

Kim Wells, a 1972 Penn Manor graduate, has funded the new \$500



Kim Wells

Kim Wells Tech/Trade Scholarship, which was awarded this year to Paetyn Knepp and Emersyn Shaeffer, who will pursue careers in healthcare.

Wells excelled in math-related classes while at Penn Manor,

developing skills she says continue to pay dividends today.

She previously created a \$1,000 math scholarship as a token of her appreciation for the math teachers she had at Penn Manor. This year, Grace Hripto and Carter Vinson were selected for the award

Kim hopes to encourage students to follow a career path where there's a high need for workers. And she encourages students who receive her scholarships to consider giving back to Penn Manor when they are able, as she has done with her awards.

## **Aument Family Scholarship**

The Aument Family Scholarship was originated by Tom and Louise Aument.



Aument family members, from left, Brandon, Louise, Tom and Cameron.

Tom and the couple's sons, Brandon and Cameron, are all Penn Manor graduates, and Louise is a retired longtime Penn Manor employee.

The Auments were already involved with PMEF's Leave a Legacy for Learning program by including PMEF in their estate planning. They recently decided that they'd like to make a difference now for students continuing their education through the \$1,000 Aument Family Scholarship.

The new award is intended for a deserving student who has not received another scholarship and has demonstrated service to the Penn Manor community.

This year's recipient was Yehia Sheasha.

## **Dr. Perry Love Memorial Scholarship**

Dr. Perry Love was a professor of

education at Millersville University who also served many years as a member of the Penn Manor School Board.

When he retired, Dr. Love created a scholarship for students pursuing a teaching career with donations made in his honor. He believed that teachers make a lasting difference in the lives of their students.

Upon his recent death, his family asked that donations be made to PMEF, targeted for his scholarship. With additional funds from the family, the Dr. Perry Love Memorial Scholarship is now endowed at \$1,000 to assist students pursuing a degree in teaching.



Dr. Perry Love, in yellow, and wife Cathy, third from right, with family.

Perry's daughter, Carol, presented the award this year to Julianne Kibodeaux.

*If you would like to follow the lead of these community members and establish a scholarship, please contact Jan Mindish, at [jan.mindish@pennmanor.net](mailto:jan.mindish@pennmanor.net).*

## Incubators: Grants help bring science to life at two schools

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and responsibility in this project, and it was amazing seeing how invested they became in the development of their chick."

Heather Fellenbaum's class at Conestoga and Patty Detter's class at Eshleman also participated in the project.

Every few days, students "candled" their eggs to see if a chick was growing inside.

"Not all eggs ended up producing a chick, which was sad for students, but they were then able to be paired with another student who did have a viable egg," Demangone said.

The class journaled about the growth inside the eggs and predicted which eggs would hatch.

They also guessed how many eggs would hatch out of the original 22 placed in the incubator. The process was repeated with duck eggs a few weeks later.

"Every day, my kids would come into the room and immediately go to the countdown calendar to see how many days were left until hatch day," Demangone said.

"We kept the chicks in the classroom for a week and a half so we could observe their behavior, create stories about them, and incorporate them into our measurement unit by measuring how

far they hopped and seeing how tall they were."

"We put this information into a line plot, and my students loved this real-life example of science and math."



Some students had eggs with fully-developed chicks inside that didn't end up hatching.

"In these moments of heartbreak, the kindness and care my students showed to their peers made me tear up on multiple occasions," Demangone said. "I was more than impressed with their maturity and generosity towards others."

In all, 12 chicks and 11 ducklings hatched at Conestoga, and eight chicks emerged from their eggs at Eshleman.

For many of her students, Demangone said, the incubation project was their favorite activity of the year.

"Thanks to PMEF, we were able to create such a meaningful experience for our students," she said.

## PMEF to expand outreach with ExtraGive on Nov. 22

The ExtraGive is an annual daylong community-wide online fundraiser that is an excellent – and easy – way to support PMEF.

Now in its 13th year, the ExtraGive has raised over \$100 million for Lancaster-area charitable organizations. In 2023, PMEF raised more than \$20,000 from 138 donors to support our programs through this fundraiser.

ExtraGive 2024 will be held on Friday, November 22, and we encourage you to share the link [www.extragive.org](http://www.extragive.org) with friends and family so PMEF can reach more donors.

The minimum donation is \$10, and the more individual donors we have, the greater PMEF's share of a stretch pool of additional funds. Our goal is to reach 200 donors this year.

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We are again encouraging our loyal donors – alumni, staff, retirees, community members, and businesses – to help extend our reach to Penn Manor supporters living across the country.

For 2024, we are returning to our previous Penn Manor

ExtraGive supporters for a Happy Hour event. Bert and Amy Flores have graciously agreed to host this event at their new location, Bert & The Elephant, in Lancaster.

Please stop by if you can, and we thank you for your support!

## Aavidum program supported by PMEF earns national award

Penn Manor Education Foundation has been supporting the Aavidum Club since it was formed 10 years ago to help students focus on their mental health needs.

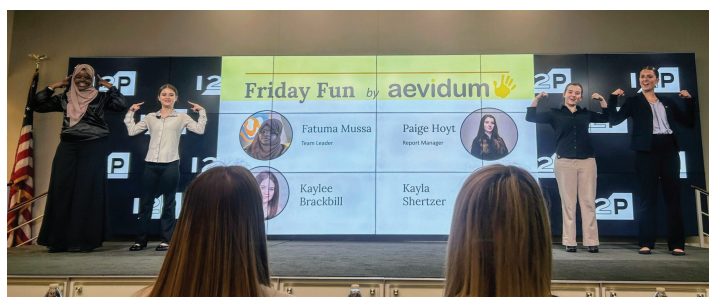
This past year, that support paid off, as the Penn Manor High School Aavidum Club won a national award for a program to help students bond with their peers and open up about their mental health struggles.

“Friday Fun: Flexin’ To De-Stress and Check In on Our Mental Health” won the top prize and a \$5,000 award

in a nationwide competition sponsored by Invent2Prevent, Edventure Partners, and the Department Of Homeland Security’s Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3).

“We are beyond thrilled to have been chosen for first prize,” said Maria Vita, a high school psychology teacher and advisor for the high school Aavidum Club, which organized and implemented the “Friday Fun” campaign.

This past year, Aavidum received more than \$1,000 in PMEF Strong & Healthy



*Penn Manor High School Aavidum Club members present their program to a panel of judges in Washington, D.C.*

Grants to pay for training and materials for members in clubs at the high school and Marticville Middle School.

Over the years, the Foundation has supported Aavidum with other grants that have helped it expand its scope. Its mission is a good

fit with the Strong & Healthy goal of helping to address the mental health needs of Penn Manor students.

We congratulate these Aavidum Club members and their advisors on earning this prestigious award!

## Pollock Endowment

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latest of many contributions Ellen and her family have made to the Foundation.

Ellen annually funds two \$4,000 scholarships (in memory of each of her parents, Joan and Don) to deserving high school graduates. She also includes PMEF in her planned giving and is recognized on our Legacy Donors plaque.

“I contribute to PMEF because I believe in its mission,” Ellen said. “It is a great way to support PM’s dedicated and caring administrators, teachers and support staff.”

Ellen has a long history with Penn Manor School District. She began her Penn Manor career in 1978 as a high school English teacher.

She also served as a high school track coach, junior high field hockey coach, and advisor for Penn Points and the yearbook.

After teaching at Marticville Middle School, she accepted leadership roles as assistant principal and principal at the middle school.

From there, Ellen became principal at Pequea Elementary before serving Penn Manor as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

In 2012, after 34 years of dedicated service, Ellen retired from the district. But that did not stop her from serving



*Ellen Pollock*

her community and former employer.

Ellen serves on the board of PM’s Family Fund—a nonprofit that supports families in financial need.

“The Family Fund is administered by the district’s social workers and continues to thrive through the ongoing contributions of Penn Manor staff, students and a small army of Penn Manor retirees and community members who simply want to help remove obstacles that impede student learning,” Ellen said.

“It also thrives because of the financial support of PMEF. This new endowment will help continue this collaborative spirit. Small efforts and contributions can make a big difference.”

Thank you, Ellen, for your incredible generosity to support PMEF’s mission of enhancing the educational experiences of Penn Manor students.



# Retirees rekindle friendships at PMEAF breakfast

*Eighty former Penn Manor employees gather*

Penn Manor Education Foundation recently welcomed more than 80 retirees to Penn Manor High School for the annual Retiree Breakfast.

Retirees of all ages



gathered to share a meal and memories of their time at Penn Manor while learning about the work PMEAF is doing to support Penn Manor families and enrich the educational experiences of all students.

Frank Geist, a Penn Manor alumni and former PMEAF board member, was the guest speaker.

Attendees also got to hear an update on the school district from Superintendent Phil Gale and were entertained by the talented Manor Singers, led by choral director Lauren Ciemiewicz. Other guests included PMEAF board members and district administrators.



The high school meeting room was decorated with student artwork and flower arrangements created by Penn Manor Floriculture students.

Many thanks to those who attended this event, which is our way of thanking our retirees for their ongoing support.



## Message

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Tom asked everyone with administration/faculty ties to step away so PMEAF could give it a shot at being an independent organization.

"The decision was made that we needed structure, working committees, and a strong mission statement," said Geist.

These changes resulted in PMEAF raising \$100,000 and spending much of that on Venture Grants for teachers to support innovative teaching.

### Pivotal moments

Key moments in the foundation's history included reaching a million dollars in commitments for the Founding Friends program in 2006, deciding we needed an executive director, and building our treasury so we could benefit from working with an investment bank.

In 2001, founding board member Don Martin started our annual fundraising dinner, which raised over \$200,000 under his 15

years of leadership.

In 2006, the Golf Scramble started under the leadership of Pat Kline.

Don Stewart retired as Penn Manor superintendent in 2009, and took over as PMEAF executive director in 2010. He and Geist started the Leave a Legacy for Learning program in 2005, and PMEAF continues to benefit when Penn Manor supporters include PMEAF in their estate planning.

PMEAF began sponsoring an Annual Retiree Breakfast 2008, to thank our Penn Manor retirees for all they've done for Penn Manor schools. In return, our retirees have become very generous donors. In 2023-24, they donated \$67,000 to support PMEAF's three funding targets.

In 2014, PMEAF participated in the ExtraGive online fundraiser, raising \$5,100. This event was crucial in 2020, when our traditional fundraising events were canceled because of the COVID pandemic. We raised over \$30,000 during the ExtraGive that year. In recent years we have

averaged over \$20,000 from donors from across the country.

### New faces

Anne Kinderwater Carroll followed Don Stewart as executive director, leading the implementation of the Strong & Healthy Families program in 2016 and increasing PMEAF's social media presence.

Superintendent Mike Leichter continued the level of support and strong working relationship that Don provided to PMEAF.

Today, we are fortunate to have PM graduate and CPA Don Mowery serve as our volunteer treasurer. PMEAF added a paid part-time bookkeeper as our finances continued to grow.

I joined the PMEAF board in 2010, after retirement, and was honored to be named executive director in 2018. Our 15-member volunteer board, all committed to supporting Penn Manor staff and students, has made my job easier.

We now partner with the Penn Manor Alumni Association to manage funds that support several PMAA

scholarships and an annual senior class project. We also reach out to our alumni to provide connections to Penn Manor through the ExtraGive and Alumni and Friends events.

Our scholarship program has doubled in the past eight years, from awarding \$60,000 to 63 seniors in 2016 to awarding over \$120,000 to 100 seniors in 2024. The recent addition of Dianne Smith as our executive assistant and Kathy Fish as our bookkeeper has helped PMEAF to operate our programs more efficiently.

PMEAF benefits from our close working relationship with PMSD administration and staff. Superintendent Phil Gale appreciates the work of PMEAF and enables staff to support PMEAF through a payroll deduction program. Penn Manor staff support our mission with an average of \$19,000 in donations each year.

PMEAF owes its success to the many community members who have stepped up to make us the strong organization that we are today.



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# Save the dates of upcoming PMEF events

2024

2025

Sept.  
22



### Annual Dinner Gala

Our annual dinner gala and auction, held at the beautiful Drumore Estate, is one of our largest fundraising events.

Oct.  
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### PMHS Homecoming

Annual gathering for Penn Manor alumni and friends to enjoy the Comets Homecoming football game.

Oct.  
26



### Trunk or Treat

Join our board members in this trick-or-treat event in the John Herr's Market parking lot.

Nov.  
22



### ExtraGive Gathering

Hosted by Bert & the Elephant, this event supports the ExtraGive 24-hour online giving fundraiser.

Feb.  
To be  
announced



### Alumni & Friends

Tobias Frogg Restaurant hosts this event, which benefits PMEF's Strong & Healthy Families program.

May  
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### Retiree Breakfast

Penn Manor retirees are invited to this annual gathering, held at the high school.

May  
22



### Scholarship Awards

Our annual awards ceremony to present scholarships to graduating seniors, held in the high school auditorium.

June  
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### Charity Golf Scramble

Hosted by Meadia Heights Golf Club, our annual golf outing includes lunch, dinner and an auction.