



# Foundation Focus

*Penn Manor Education Foundation Newsletter*

**Fall 2026**

## Donor spotlight:

### John and Jackie Barley give a record \$1M to PME

Barley might be an everyday name in the Penn Manor community, but John and Jackie Barley are not your everyday people. This past June, the Barleys, in historic fashion, established a \$1 million endowment with the Penn Manor Education Foundation to benefit the agriculture students at Penn Manor.

"Jackie and I have worked hard and made a decent living. Now we want to make a lasting impact to the school and program that have meant so much to us," John says. "We wanted to make a gift that kept on giving to future generations," Jackie adds.



John and Jackie Barley

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## 'Oh, the places you'll go!'

### With Venture Grants

The words of Dr. Seuss describe the theme of many of our 2025-26 Venture Grants. Penn Manor staff planned and received funding for 20 field trips that impacted students in every building at all levels. Academically, field trips can provide hands-on learning that can help students understand difficult concepts in ways that a textbook can't, increasing their motivation to learn.

But field trips can also build empathy, encourage teamwork and strengthen a sense of community. Trips can provide a learning experience for students that their families may not be able to provide, whether the trip is local or to New York City.

Central Manor first graders had the opportunity to visit the North Museum in Lancaster. Our local natural-history museum and planetarium served as a hands-



Students in NYC to learn about fashion, interior design.

on extension of the science and social studies curriculum. Teacher Casie Saxton shared that teachers hoped "to ignite a lifelong curiosity for learning and exploration of the world around them."

Letort sixth graders traveled to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia to enhance student learning by transforming abstract scientific concepts into interactive experiences.

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## Helping our students

### Strong & Healthy steps up with \$66,000



Incoming kindergarten students at Books for Lunch & Learn.

The PME Strong & Healthy Families initiative – established a decade ago to address the increasing needs of families in the Penn Manor community – this past school year provided \$66,000 in funding for many worthwhile endeavors. Indeed, nearly 50 percent of all district students now qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, and district-wide almost 200

students were homeless this past year. In addition to financial issues, students and families also face physical and emotional difficulties.

S&H grants target areas of need in our school community including nutrition, literacy, mental health, athletics, toiletries, household supplies and academic fees – as well as tools and uniforms for our Career & Technology Center (CTC) students. In 2025-26, PME worked in collaboration with other community groups to better meet these needs by supporting their efforts.

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# Recognition Gifts

Donations in memory or honor of others from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Gifts made to new or existing scholarships and endowments listed below in bold.

**Ellen Pollock Strong & Healthy  
Endowment**  
Ellen Pollock

**Eric & Jerissa Warfel Life Skills  
Endowment**  
Eric and Jerissa Warfel

**John M. & Jacqueline A. Barley Family  
Endowment**  
John M. and Jacqueline A. Barley

**PMAA Wall of Honor Endowment**  
Penn Manor Alumni Association

**Biemesderfer (PMAA VAL) Scholarship**  
Penn Manor Alumni Association

**Collier Teaching Scholarship**  
Catherine and Forrest Collier

**David Ober Memorial Scholarship**  
Erik and Evelyn Ober

**Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship**  
Janice Mindish

**Gus Birchler Memorial Scholarship**  
Robert and Marita Charles

**Jack & Joanne Herr Scholarship**  
Daniel Herr

**Karen Shenk Memorial Scholarship**  
Ronald and Marlene Ressler

**Luella Mellinger (PMAA) Scholarship**  
Penn Manor Alumni Association

**Mary Klemmer (PMAA SAL)  
Scholarship**  
Penn Manor Alumni Association

**Olga & Spencer Harvie Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Sylvia Shellenberger

**Shellenberger/Hosler Scholarship**  
Don and Carole Shellenberger  
Sylvia Shellenberger

**Sherilyn Schock Memorial Scholarship**  
Dana Diller  
Larry and Marjorie Rohm

**Tony Purcell, Sr. Memorial Scholarship**  
Kathleen M. Marvin

**Aument Family Scholarship**  
Tom and Louise Aument

**Bree Taryn Caffey Scholarship**  
Robin Caffey and Arielle Dunkle

**Craig Shyver Memorial Scholarship**  
Thomas G. and Charlene Shyver

**Donald Pollock Memorial Scholarship**  
Ellen Pollock

**Edgar Funk Family Scholarship**  
Barry and Dianne Smith

**Geist Family Scholarship**  
Frank and Joyce Geist

**Hans H. Haverstick Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Noel and Valerie Taylor  
Scott and Barbara Haverstick

**Harry Frey, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.  
John Sullivan  
Joseph and Janice Herman  
Julie Spangler  
Wayne Hoffman

**Jan Mindish Annual Scholarship**  
Janice Mindish

**Jere Hoin Memorial Scholarship**  
Jake Menapace, Eschbach Bus Services

**JK Mechanical Scholarship**  
Chris Leaman, JK Mechanical

**Joan Pollock Memorial Scholarship**  
Ellen Pollock

**Kevin B. Smith Memorial Scholarship**  
Barry and Dianne Smith  
Nancy Jo and Jay M. Johnson  
William and Cora Conrad

**Lanc. Co. Community Foundation,  
Ashton's Light Award**  
Lancaster County Community Foundation

**Lee "Todd" Amigh Memorial  
Scholarship**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Marian B. Davis Memorial Scholarship**  
Elizabeth Kaplan

**Mario-Angelo Russo Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Thomas and Davida Rende  
Vaso and Dominic F. Russo

**Martin Family Scholarship**  
Jon and Joyce Hanner

**Megan Lynn Martin Memorial  
Scholarship**  
Barry and Dianne Smith  
Bonnie and Bob Martin  
David H. and Norma J. Frey  
GSCO LLC  
Janice Mindish  
Jessica Martin  
Larry and Marjorie Rohm  
Maryann Saylor  
Melissa Frey  
Nathan and Danielle Geiter  
Nick and Peg Hess  
Nicole Markley  
The Souder Family

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Our board and staff: Seated, from left: Kathy Fish (IT coordinator/bookkeeper), Stephanie Keck, Randi Wolf, Jan Mindish (executive director), Taylor Skelly, Mary Beth Williams and Claudia Himes. Standing, from left: Jason Stover, Scott Stephan, Dianne Smith (executive assistant), Patrick Kline, Carole Chismar, Jerissa Warfel, Katie Hess, Michele Sipel, Wendy Letavic and Joseph Herman. Not pictured: Donald Mowery.

## Foundation welcomes two new board members

In July, PMEF welcomed two new board members and bid farewell to three members of the board – Brad Seiger, Reilly Noetzel and Mary Rafter. We thank them for their service on the board. Brad will continue as Golf Scramble chair after serving as Board President in his final two years.

Our new leadership team includes Pat Kline as President and Randi Wolf as Vice President. Steph Keck will continue as Secretary and Don Mowery as Treasurer. Our new board members are Taylor Skelly and Mary Beth Williams.

We are honored to add fourth-generation Penn Manor grad Taylor Skelly (2013) to our board. Expanding his family's deep Penn Manor roots, he married a PM grad, Emily Hutchinson Skelly (2011). The oldest of their three children, Quinn, will start kindergarten at Penn Manor this fall.



Taylor and Emily Skelly, who are both Penn Manor graduates.

Taylor's parents, grandparents and great-grandmother are all Penn Manor alumni. Taylor is Senior Vice President for Morgan Stanley Wealth Management and has a Bachelor of Arts from Franklin & Marshall College. Taylor feels ready to serve since he "became aware of PMEF through my basketball coach and long-time supporter of PMEF, Don Martin."

Mary Beth Williams moved with her family to Millersville in 2022 to start her job as Vice President of Student Affairs at Millersville University.

She and her husband, Jay Williams,



New board member Mary Beth Williams.

have three children: Kelly (25), a professional in Wilmington, N.C.; James (20), a Penn Manor grad enrolled at Millersville University; and Thomas (15), a student at Penn Manor High School.

Mary Beth has witnessed PMEF's support of music and arts programs, benefiting her children. She learned more about our work by attending committee meetings during the past year. She is "eager to give back through service to the foundation," and we're delighted to have her on board.

# Class of 2026 PMEF Scholarships/Awards



From left: The Dick Briola Scholarship is presented to Max Bunting by Pat Kline. Joe Herman presents the Lee "Todd" Amigh Scholarship to Luke DeVinney. Pat Kline presents the Steve Jones Scholarship to Oliver Hanna. Sarah Repkoe presents the Collier Family Teaching Scholarship to Kennedy Scotten.

**PMEF distributed** 109 awards totaling nearly \$140,000 to 106 seniors at the high school's annual Senior Awards Ceremony in May. The awards are funded by community members, businesses, Penn Manor staff, retirees and alumni. The foundation thanks scholarship sponsors for their commitment to invest in the future of our graduates.

Scholarship career categories include Tech/Trade/Ag; Healthcare; Teaching/Education; STEM/Math/Engineering; and Art/Music/Theater/Journalism/Business. Open-career scholarships focus on leadership and service to school and community.

The final awards in the program are given in memory of a student or graduate whom we have lost. PMEF is proud to provide friends and family with the opportunity to offer a special remembrance of a loved one through our memorial scholarship program.

| Scholarship/Award                                     | Recipient            | Plans after high school                |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Tech/Trade/Ag Scholarships</b>                     |                      |                                        |
| Political Science Scholarship sponsored by Manor Twp. | Gillian Moss         | Vassar College                         |
| Agriculture Study Scholarship sponsored by Manor Twp. | Lathan Axe           | Penn State Middletown Campus           |
| Star Rock Farms Foundation Scholarship                | Sarah Souhrada       | Louisiana State University             |
| Willis & Martha Herr Family Scholarship               | Carly Wise           | Penn State University                  |
| August "Gus" Birchler Memorial Scholarship            | Sara Gehr            | Workforce – Riverside Blooms           |
| Edgar Funk Family Scholarship                         | Chase Vinson         | Gap year – His Hill Bible College      |
| Edgar Funk Family Scholarship                         | Kassandra Welch      | Penn State Schuylkill                  |
| Doan Family Trade Scholarship                         | Mason Pepper         | Workforce                              |
| Pequea Valley Sportsman Association Award             | Braden Kahl          | Workforce – BN Excavating              |
| Pequea Valley Sportsman Association Award             | Josh Zook            | Workforce – SWF Industrial             |
| Beverly Longenecker Scholarship                       | Noah Gadberry        | Workforce – IronStrong Fabrication     |
| Lloyd and Ann Boyd Memorial Scholarship               | Ryan Landis          | Thaddeus Stevens                       |
| Wes McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship                   | Colin French         | Premier Custom Builders                |
| Wes McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship                   | Nomar Pineda Valerio | Workforce                              |
| Jim Livermore Memorial Scholarship                    | Wyatt Deford         | Army                                   |
| Kim Wells Trade Scholarship                           | Jayshawn Florentino  | Thaddeus Stevens                       |
| Kim Wells Trade Scholarship                           | Delvin Kneisley      | Thaddeus Stevens                       |
| J.K. Mechanical Trade Award                           | Peyton Englert       | Thaddeus Stevens                       |
| Dennis R. Herr Memorial Scholarship                   | Yoniel Cortes        | Workforce – Clark Mechanical           |
| Tony Purcell Sr. Memorial Scholarship                 | Quintin Hopstetter   | Thaddeus Stevens                       |
| Warren V. Lefever ('42) Memorial Scholarship          | Noah Reimers         | Thaddeus Stevens                       |
| Wade Groff Memorial Scholarship                       | Karan Rai            | Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative       |
| <b>Healthcare Scholarships</b>                        |                      |                                        |
| Betty Doan Memorial Scholarship                       | Aleejah Mahorney     | Millersville University                |
| Linda Jo Newswanger Mylin Memorial Scholarship        | Alexis Blechschmidt  | Lebanon Valley College                 |
| Patricia A. Texter Scholarship                        | Katelyn Umbarger     | Messiah University                     |
| Harold "Skip" & Dora Rhodes Memorial Scholarship      | Claire Mincemoyer    | Lebanon Valley College                 |
| Norma Lois Herr Memorial Scholarship                  | Maryam Alfayyadh     | Penn State Harrisburg                  |
| Karen Shenk Memorial Scholarship                      | Samantha Smith       | University of Mary Washington          |
| Dorothy Dart Milliman Scholarship                     | Jenna Railing        | Montana Wilderness School of the Bible |
| Joan Pollock Memorial Scholarship                     | Katherine Hamill     | St. Joseph's University                |
| Marian B. Davis Memorial Scholarship                  | Kaylee Brackbill     | Harrisburg Area Community College      |



The Education Foundation distributed 109 awards to 106 seniors at a ceremony in May.

| Scholarship/Award                                | Recipient         | Plans after high school                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>Teaching/Education Scholarships</b>           |                   |                                         |
| Harry Frey Jr. Memorial Scholarship              | Collin Robinson   | Kean University                         |
| Richard Hibshman Memorial Scholarship            | Julia Ditzler     | Lebanon Valley College                  |
| Dr. Perry Love Memorial Scholarship              | Madison Reed      | Millersville University                 |
| Jere Hoin Memorial Scholarship                   | Madeleine Rohrer  | Gap year – Ravencrest Chalet            |
| Frerichs Family Education Scholarship            | Kaitlyn Spalletta | Millersville University                 |
| PM Alumni Association – Mellinger Scholarship    | Adison Ulmer      | West Chester University                 |
| Collier Family Teaching Scholarship              | Kennedy Scotten   | Messiah University                      |
| Richard Briola Education Scholarship             | Max Bunting       | University of Washington                |
| Dan & Sandy Brown Education Scholarship          | Audrey Boyce      | University of North Carolina Wilmington |
| <b>STEM/Math/Engineering/Business</b>            |                   |                                         |
| Rintz Family Scholarship                         | Sujit Ghimire     | Penn State University                   |
| Rintz Family Scholarship                         | David Kirkley     | Messiah University                      |
| Rintz Family Scholarship                         | IzEldeen Salem    | Washington University                   |
| Kim Wells Scholarship                            | Diana Idrees      | Millersville University                 |
| Kim Wells Scholarship                            | Jett Kroesen      | Elizabethtown College                   |
| Michael Hnat Memorial Scholarship                | Owen Swank-Rahn   | Houston University                      |
| Donald Pollock Memorial Scholarship              | Lincoln Rachor    | Temple University                       |
| John R. Milliman Scholarship                     | Logan Kuhn        | Penn State University                   |
| Millersville Business Association Scholarship    | Lily Howry        | Commonwealth University of Pa.          |
| <b>Art/Music/Theater/Journalism Scholarships</b> |                   |                                         |
| Olga & Spencer Harvie Memorial Scholarship       | Aiden Whitfield   | Messiah University                      |
| Shellenberger-Hosler Scholarship                 | Lyla Walter       | Lycoming College                        |
| Christine A. Weidinger Memorial Scholarship      | Layla White       | Kent State University                   |
| William H. Duncan Jr. Memorial Scholarship       | Matthew Palmeri   | Messiah University                      |
| Nick & Marnice Charles Scholarship               | Rayn Andreychek   | Cairn University                        |
| James D. Harne Memorial Scholarship              | Evelyn Sweet      | Lebanon Valley College                  |
| William “Bill” Fisher Memorial Scholarship       | Aubrey Squires    | Charleston Southern University          |
| <b>Community-Sponsored Scholarships</b>          |                   |                                         |
| Stella Caldwell Memorial Scholarship             | Abigail Witmer    | Elizabethtown College                   |
| David Ober Memorial Scholarship                  | Alena Carrodo     | Ursinus College                         |
| Abram & Dorothy Sangrey Memorial Scholarship     | Matthew Palmeri   | Messiah University                      |

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# Venture Grant projects totaled \$140,000 in 2025-2026

In 2025-26 the Penn Manor Education Foundation supported our terrific teachers by providing funding for 57 grant requests totaling \$140,000 and impacting every school in the district. Many of the requests were collaborative, involving multiple teachers, grade levels, subject areas or entire schools. This also multiplied the number of students impacted by the grants.

In addition to 20 field-trip requests, there was a wide range of projects. Two projects, under \$200 each, provided games and chess boards for after-school programs. The largest request, \$11,496, provided a book for every family at Central Manor and Hambright to read together. Learn about this One Book Two Schools grant and other innovative projects in the highlights listed below.

## More field trips!

All Eshleman students experienced the **Magic & Wonder for All** dinner theater where the goal was to promote collaboration, mentoring and team building.

Central Manor sixth grade learn-



A grant supported the "Wild about Animals" publishing party at Letort.

ing-support students visited **Lancaster Central Market** to practice skills in financial literacy and social communication.

A Manor Middle field trip to **Gettysburg National Military Park** transitioned high-achieving history students from abstract concepts to a tangible, deeply personal understanding of American history.

**Pen Pal projects** involved students writing to a pen pal in another school and later visiting

the school. The fourth grade project paired Conestoga and Pequea, Letort and Martic, and Hambright and Central Manor buddies. The Pen Pal partnership developed writing and interpersonal skills through monthly letters.

High school Life Skills students experienced the **Fulton Theatre** in the fall. The students also had the opportunity to visit the **Philadelphia Zoo** in the spring, thanks to the new Eric and Jerissa Warfel Life Skills Endowment.

A **National Aquarium** field trip to Baltimore for High School Aquatic Ecology students provided an immersive, real-world experience.

The next two field trips enabled students to travel to attend competitions: **Technology Student Association** students at both middle schools and high school qualified to compete at the Region 2 Competition. PMEF supported their trip.

Registration fees were paid so the **Model UN club** could attend five conferences hosted by the Susquehanna Valley Model UN, where students participate in simulated international negotiations, resolution drafting and debate.

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## Field trips

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Teacher Kim Tercha said the goal was to "foster critical thinking, problem solving and a deeper curiosity about science and technology."

In May, Pequea, Martic and Hambright elementary schools attended the Baseball in Education Day at Penn Medicine Park in Lancaster. Students explored hands-on educational booths presented by Lancaster Science Factory, the Center for Dairy Excellence and other community partners. Administrator Kelli Eachus noted, "For many students, this was their first time attending a professional baseball game. The trip fostered a strong sense of community, team spirit and peer bonding outside the traditional classroom."

Manor and Marticville middle schools collaborated to offer two opportunities for

students. Eighth grade honor students attended an escape room experience where they applied critical-thinking, problem-solving and teamwork skills. Students in grades seven and eight attended a hip-hop performance where individuality, creativity and innovation were experienced through dance and storytelling with a cultural perspective.

At the high school, AP Spanish and Honors Spanish 4 students traveled to Harrisburg to see two performances of the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet. According to teacher Katharine Rodriguez, "The ballet connects students with various aspects of Hispanic cultures. The first show was a tour of Latin America via famous genres of music from different countries. The second performance focused on

traditional sounds of Spain, integrating iconic cultural elements into the show."

Family and consumer science teacher Elizabeth Sheerer received a grant to visit New York City to learn about the fashion and interior design industry. Students could see, question and analyze real-world applications in professional spaces, connecting theory to practice. One student shared her most memorable moment: "Seeing Times Square for the first time and the Empire State Building. I've never been to a city that big before."

AP Art History students traveled to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Teacher Chris Meier said, "For half of these students, this was their first visit to an art museum. We heard so many positive com-

ments from students. They were genuinely excited to see the artworks and to connect what they knew with what they were seeing."

Funding can be a major barrier preventing students from experiencing a field trip. The rising cost of transportation can be prohibitive. PMEF encourages staff to consider other funding sources such as PTO groups or fundraisers – if we can't cover the entire cost.

PMEF is proud to have supported the ideas of our staff to provide educational opportunities for Penn Manor students with \$140,000, funding 57 Venture Grants this past year.

Check out additional field trips and projects that PMEF funded in 2025-26 in the Venture Grant summary on this page and on Pages 7 and 14.

# Grant projects

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From left: A grant funded a mobile music recording studio. Another grant supported access to musical instruments, including those for the high school orchestra, while another grant funded educational and motivational assemblies.

## Literacy

Projects focusing on literacy include the **One Book Two Schools** project where each family in Hambright and Central Manor received a copy of “Odder” by The New York Times best-selling author Katherine Applegate.

Similarly, the **One Book One School** project was funded at Eshleman where every family received a copy of “The Lemonade Wars” for a school-wide literacy experience.

The **Novel Effect project** provided all district first grade teachers with a one-year subscription to the Novel Effect to transform traditional “read alouds” into an immersive multisensory experience.

A Conestoga grant for **Science of Reading Toolkits** impacted student learning by providing teachers with evidence-based, ready-to-use resources aligned with how the brain learns to read. Phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension were targeted.

A Letort third grade grant supported the science curriculum’s animal unit. Students wrote a report on an animal, researching how their life-cycle stages and adaptations to their environment supported their survival. Sixth graders supported the third graders through the research, writing, revising, editing and drawing phases of the process. PMEF funded publishing **Wild about Animals**, and every student received a copy.

The **Readathon** project has evolved over the years, now involving high school students running a two-day reading program to encourage literacy and a love of reading in all seven of our elementary schools.

## Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM)

High school physics staff received funding for a **second monitor** for students to use when calculating data, looking at graphs and taking notes on their computers, helping them to stay organized and on task.

**3-D Printing Enhancement** at the high school is integrated across Applied Engineering, Applied Science and Business classrooms to foster creativity, problem solving and real-world connections.

Funding for **3-D printers** was provided at both middle schools for use by all seventh and eighth graders in Applied Engineering classes, teaching problem solving, collaboration and critical thinking.

**3-D Printers** were purchased for use in grades 1-5 Applied Engineering classes in each elementary building. Students engaged in hands-on problem solving to understand complex concepts as they created objects.

High school Applied Engineering and Technology received a grant to develop an **Epoxy unit**. Epoxy resins are increasing in industry use with many applications for epoxy to be used as another medium to pair with wood projects.

The **Environmental Action Outdoor School** grant enabled gifted students from Conestoga, Eshleman and Marticville to attend the Lancaster Conservancy STEELS for an immersive outdoor educational experience.

**Micro:bit Wearable Kits** will be used by all students in the grade 3-6 computer science library curriculum, transforming coding from an abstract concept.

**Hands-on House** brought a developmentally appropriate dinosaur program to Hambright kindergarten as an in-house field trip. Children engaged in a bone dig, pieced a skeleton back together and created clay fossils, sparking a sense of scientific wonder and collaborative joy in young learners.

**Cardboard Boat Regatta** provides the opportunity for high school science students to design, build and race cardboard boats with PMEF paying the Millersville University pool-rental fee.

Middle school students at Manor and Marticville now have access to a **Mobile Music Recording Studio**. The goal was to provide access to high-level engineering and digital technology through music production, allowing students to experiment with the physics of sound and the art of creation.

## Assemblies

**Kindness assemblies** were held at both middle schools, reinforcing expectations for how students should treat each other, emphasizing kindness and building community.

**Jim Basketball Jones** motivational assemblies were delivered at all district elementary schools. They emphasized kindness, being respectful and working hard.

**Hip Hop & Poetry Residency** for fourth graders at Hambright was led by a professional hip hop artist. Music, poetry and performance were integrated through weekly themes.

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## RECOGNITION GIFTS: Donations to scholarships in memory or honor of others, July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026

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**Michael Hnat Memorial Scholarship**  
Elizabeth Kaplan

**Millersville Business Assoc. Scholarship**  
Millersville Area Business Association

**Nick and Marnice Charles Scholarship**  
Nick and Marnice Charles

**PMEF Scholarship in Memory of Mr. Dick Briola**  
Aron Basile  
Kathy Fish  
Michael Garko  
Linda Groome  
Patricia Heffner  
Patrick and Laura Kline  
Jennifer and Christopher Lilley  
Phyllis Martin  
Ellen Pollock  
Dick and Marianne Sullivan  
Candace Thompson  
Michael and Susan Wildasin

**PMEF Scholarships**  
Robert and Vivian Abel  
Roger and Mary Ann Bradley  
Frank and Stephanie Dell'Estate  
Patricia Heffner  
Walter and Elizabeth Loht  
Cinda Lee Maysilles-LaCon  
In Honor of James N. Maysilles  
Jack L. McSherry III  
Bruce and Carol Perry  
James White

**PVSA Scholarship**  
Pequea Valley Sportsman Association

**Rankin Gregory LLC Scholarship**  
Chad E. Rankin, Rankin Gregory, LLC

**Richard "Hibby" Hibshman Memorial Scholarship**  
Wayne Hoffman  
John Sullivan

**PMAA Legacy Scholarship**  
Alumni and Friends

**Rintz Family Foundation Scholarship**  
Rintz Family Foundation

**Sean Moore Memorial Scholarship**  
Lisa Anne Moore

**Harold "Skip" & Dora Rhodes Memorial Scholarship**  
Lancaster County Community Foundation

**Star Rock Farm Scholarship**  
Rob Barley, Star Rock Services

**Stella Caldwell Memorial Scholarship**  
Ray and Lisa Caldwell

**Patricia A. Texter Scholarship**  
Kyle Texter

**Daniel & Sandra Brown PMEF Scholarship for Teaching**  
Dan and Sandy Brown

**Steve Jones Memorial Baseball Scholarship**  
Jay and Kim Andrusisin  
Lori L. and Mark A. Fleckenstein  
Steven S. Haas  
Scott B. and Kathleen D. Haas  
Karen Haines  
Shari L. Jones  
Greg and Chris Mayfield  
Karen McLellan  
Elwood M. and Lori A. Pickell  
James F. Seiple  
David A. Seith  
Justin Vargas  
Jerle B. and Linda J. Weaver

**Wes McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship**  
William Keays, Lezzer Holdings Inc. Co Charity Fund

**Wade Groff Memorial Scholarship**  
Ray and Lisa Caldwell

**Warren Lefever '42 Memorial Scholarship**  
Allen and Wanda Miller

## RECOGNITION GIFTS: Other donations in memory or honor of others, July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026

**Jennifer Arnold**  
Craig Trout

**Janice Burkhart**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Ray Bear**  
Pat and Laura Kline  
Theresa Kline  
William T. Kline II  
Leslie and Don Rice  
Ronald and Jeanette Rice  
Richard and Susan Suter  
Tiffany and James Townsley

**Richard Beppler, Class of 1967**  
William H. Beppler

**Robert Beppler, Class of 1965**  
William H. Beppler

**William Beck, First Head Football Coach**  
John Sullivan

**Brett and Christine Caggiano**  
Tracy Seiger/Life Changes Realty Group

**Class of 1976 Teachers & Coaches of Joyce Herr**  
Joyce Herr

**Class of 2025 Music Graduates**  
Michele Ericson-Stern

**Jacob Craver**  
Corey Craver

**Zach & Lauren Conner**  
Tracy Seiger/Life Changes Realty Group

**Deidre DeZercie, "Dede"**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Disco Don!**  
John Messick

**Disco's Dedication**  
Wayne Work

**Dudley**  
William and Susan Althouse

**Kenneth E. Deubler**  
Charles F. Snyder Funeral Homes & Crematory

**The Diaz Family**  
Luis Diaz

**Donald Erb**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Meridith Eckroat, Counselor at Conestoga Elem.**  
Leslie and Don Rice

**Bill Forrey**  
Douglas Ritter

**Dolores B. Frankhouser**  
Kathryn Cody

**Harry Frey**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Marsha Frerichs**  
Steven DiGuseppe

**Georgia Graver**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Barbara Hearn, "Bubby"**  
Casey Hearn

**Claudia and Jeff Himes**  
Susan Wiley

**Dick Hibshman**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.  
Walter and Elizabeth Loht

**Jere Hoin**  
Elizabeth Hoin

**John Horning**  
Jane Horning

**Dell Jackson**  
Thomas and Julia Boyd  
Joseph and Janice Herman  
Friends of PM Field Hockey  
Lorraine McCann  
Charles and Linda Sauer

**Wendy Letavic**  
Susan and Michael Smith

**Don Mowery**  
Rodney Gleiberman  
Andrew Olenik

**Dorothy Fulmer Mummert**  
Roger and Robin Mummert

**Jan Mindish**  
Tracy Seiger/Life Changes Realty Group  
Kathy Fish  
Matt Johnson  
Dan Zdilla

**Jeannette S. Mateer**  
Christopher and Amy Helm  
Lee and Roberta Shoff

**Marticville Middle Alumni**  
Jeremy Morrison

**Current & Past Students of Kyle Lainhoff**  
Kyle Lainhoff

**Steven McCoy, Brother and Teacher**  
Barbara St. John

**David Neff**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Edward Otto**  
Doris Manning Otto

**PMEF Executive Directors, Past & Current**  
Frank Geist

**Ann C. & Forrest H. Reinhart Jr.**  
Beth Reinhart Mansh

**Terry Robb**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Brad Seiger**  
Pat Kline

**George Suydam**  
MyQ America, LLC

**Greg & Jen Seiger**  
Tracy Seiger/Life Changes Realty Group

**Jason Stover**  
Pat Kline

**Pat Taylor**  
James E. Amigh, Jr.

**Dave Wessner Class of '74**  
Leroy Weaver

**Derek Weiss**  
Nancy Weiss

**Harold Wild**  
Doris Ortman  
James and Katherine Wild

**Palma Runkle Youngquist**  
Jim and Monica Bishop

**Roger & Sylvia Yard**  
Carol A. Guazzo

**Doug Zima Class of '69**  
Tina Zima

# Executive director: connecting with community to help students

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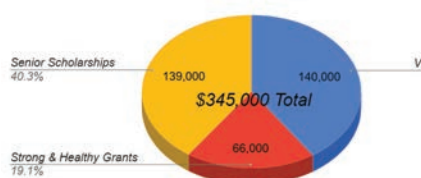
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## New \$1,000 scholarships

Penn Manor this year lost an icon in retired high school English teacher Richard Briola. Known affectionately as Mr. B by his students and Dick by his colleagues, he taught generations of students during his 40-year career, retiring in 2009. Dick shepherded hundreds of teens through junior- and senior-level English courses at the high school.

Students appreciated his courtly manners, calm demeanor and enthusiasm for the English language, literature and writing. Ex-colleagues, students and friends established a \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to honor the memory of Mr. Briola.



From left: Richard Briola, Kitty and Forrest Collier, CeCe O'Day, Sarah Repkoe, Steve Jones, Dan and Sandy Brown.

The Collier Family Teaching Scholarship was originated by Kitty and Forrest Collier to honor the Penn Manor teaching careers of Kitty and daughters Cece O'Day and Sarah Repkoe. Kitty taught in elementary schools, CeCe taught English at the high school and Sarah was a music teacher in the elementary schools.

The \$1,000 award is presented to a senior who has achieved academic success and is pursuing a post-secondary degree in education.

The Steve Jones Memorial Baseball Scholarship was awarded to a baseball player who best exhibits the qualities of scholarship, athleticism and sportsmanship. Steve Jones graduated from Penn Manor, Class of 1977, where he was on the golf team and pitched for the baseball team. He was very proud of the 1975 and 1976 Penn Manor baseball teams that won Lancaster Lebanon League championships.

Steve's high school friends became like family. This \$1,000

scholarship was created to honor Steve's memory after his death in 2024. James Seiple, Class of 1977 classmate and baseball teammate, reached out to classmates, teammates, friends and family of Steve to raise funds for this scholarship.

Retired Penn Manor teachers Dan and Sandy Brown approached PMEF this year asking if they could fund an additional PMEF scholarship. Their Penn Manor Education Foundation Scholarship was a \$1,000 award for a student planning to become a teacher.

## Strong & Healthy

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We work with the Loft Community Partnership to supply food support for more than 400 families each week. Loft launched a Growing Together program to include local businesses, other nonprofits and food banks. PMEF supported the Loft in addressing food insecurity in Penn Manor. That included easing the stress over the summer as the Loft provided fresh food such as vegetables and staples for families each week.

Another community partner, Power Packs, has served the families of Penn Manor – which has one of the highest enrollments in Lancaster County – for about 13 years. PMEF supports Power Packs' mission to get healthy, low-cost and easy-to-prepare meals into the hands of families, which receive a recipe and the ingredients necessary to make it. Families also receive basic staples such as milk, cereal and peanut butter. Serving about 90 families during the school year and 35-50 families over the summer, Power Packs is open to any family that qualifies financially.

PMEF also supports PM C.A.R.E.S, which provides personal-care items for district families. It was established in 2008 after information on the poverty level among Penn Manor families was shared at an in-service event. Funds raised by staff and supported by PMEF provide hygiene items such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and lotion.

Literacy continues to be a primary S&H goal. By supporting the district's Books for Lunch & Learn program, more than 350 incoming kindergarten students were able to attend a program at their home school for a time of socializing with other students, crafts, enjoying a delicious lunch and receiving a book to take home. Getting books into the hands of children remains one of our top goals. PMEF also provides funding for Scholastic News magazine for grades 1-6 non-English learners to support their literacy goals.

The Ellen C. Pollock Endowment provided funding for Penn Manor social workers to support students over the summer. This year, these funds

enabled students to attend summer camps, providing students with a safe, structured space to build on what they learned during the school year, while having fun and enjoying snacks. Donor funds also were available to cover end-of-year obligations for students with financial challenges, including overdue lunch costs for K-12 and CTC students.

Our fastest-growing need continues to be support for mental health issues. PMEF works with Penn Manor counselors to provide programs on drug and alcohol issues, along with one-on-one counseling in collaboration with Compass Mark and Samaritan Center counseling services.

PMEF also supports our Aavidum clubs at the middle and high school level to enable students to attend the Aavidum Conference. There, they learn how to build communities where everyone feels accepted, acknowledged, appreciated and supported.

S&H includes support of our CTC students. Penn Manor's 2026 senior class had 98 full-

day CTC students, or 23.3% of the class, and many faced financial challenges in paying for uniforms and supplies.

Academic fees covered by S&H funds include AP test fees and – for students with financial needs – tuition for dual-enrollment classes at Millersville University and Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology.

PMEF was grateful for the opportunity to again join our social workers at the 15th annual Back to School event at Penn Medicine Park. State Rep. Ismail Smith-Wade-El invited students in grades K-8 in his legislative district to access back-to-school needs: free haircuts, clothing, shoes and school supplies. PMEF provided additional school supplies specific to Penn Manor.

We also thank New Town Food & Spirits for sponsoring a Christmas in July event where guests and employees are asked to stuff backpacks with school supplies for Penn Manor students in need.

Your donations to the S&H program can target any of these categories mentioned above.

# 20th Annual Golf Scramble raises \$11,250

The Penn Manor Education Foundation celebrated a major milestone on June 16, 2026, as the community gathered at Meadia Heights Golf Club for the 20th Annual Golf Scramble.

What began two decades ago as a small fundraiser has grown into one of the Foundation's most cherished traditions. With 34 foursomes – 136 golfers in total – taking to the course, the day was filled with energy, camaraderie and a shared commitment to supporting Penn Manor students, families and teachers.

The generosity of the Penn Manor community was on full display throughout the day. Golfers and sponsors contributed to an impressive \$11,250 raised, funds that directly support the Foundation's mission of strengthening Strong & Healthy Families, expanding scholarship opportunities and fueling innovative Venture Grants for Penn Manor students and educators.

For the second straight year, the winning team was Phil, Grant and Aaron Gale and Larry Bellew.

The excitement continued off the course as well, with 37 raffle prizes awarded – adding fun and friendly competition and helping boost fundraising efforts.

A key reason for the scramble's continued success is the unwavering support of our sponsors and donors.

Their generosity ensures that the Foundation continue investing in programs that enrich learning, strengthen families and empower teachers to bring creative ideas to life. The 20th anniversary event was a powerful reminder of how much can be accomplished when a community comes together with purpose.

As the Penn Manor Education Foundation looks ahead – next year's Golf Scramble is on June 22, also at Meadia Heights – the support from countless golfers, sponsors and volunteers will continue to make a lasting impact.

The 20th Annual Golf Scramble was not only a celebration of tradition – it was a celebration of community, generosity and the bright future of Penn Manor.



## Grant projects

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### The Arts

The high school art program received funding for a **digital camera** for use by students in Drawing and Painting classes to create quality photos to reference in their artwork.

Two **macro lenses** were provided for high school photography classes to explore hidden details that may not be visible to the naked eye.

A grant provided high school **guitar** students with a class set of **capos and amps** that enable them to transpose music into different keys.

**Instrument Access for Secondary Orchestra** funded a variety of high-quality string instruments for middle and high school students to use, eliminating the financial barrier that might prevent their ability to participate in music.

Central Manor purchased **ChompSaws** for students in grades 4-6 Art and Applied Engineering classes to use to cut felt, foam and cardboard.

**Drying racks** were provided to use for painting projects in art rooms in five elementary schools: Central Manor, Conestoga, Hambright, Martic and Pequea.

### Other Projects

Manor Middle School received funding for a **treadmill** to use in Physical Education classes and After School Weight Room to facilitate data-driven learning.

A **hog and sheep crate scale** for livestock identification and monitoring will support high school students' livestock supervised agriculture experiences.

A.P. Psychology classes received a new **operant chamber** for use in the rat laboratory that will help students replicate the studies of B.F. Skinner.

A **Food Truck Entrepreneurial Experience** enabled Food Science & Nutrition students to collaborate with Business Marketing students to design a food-truck model with menus, recipes, marketing and budget.

**Chess boards** were purchased to use in the Chess Clubs at Conestoga and Eshleman after-school programs and at Marticville Middle during activity period.

A **Connecting Communities project** at Central Manor invited fifth graders to stay after school to play games with current and retired staff to build community.

# Alumnus lauds teachers at annual retiree breakfast

Penn Manor teachers prepared Steve Appel of the Class of 2000 to build his own hardscape business, he told more than 80 attendees at the Annual Retiree Breakfast in May.

Held at the high school and sponsored by PMEF, the breakfast recognizes school district retirees for their years of service and continued support of Penn Manor staff and students.

Steve, the annual alumnus speaker – who owns and operates 22-year-old Appel Hardscapes – entertained retirees with his stories, including showing off the wooden paddle that he won in an auction. The paddle was used by the beloved and late agriculture teacher August “Gus” Birchler.



Penn Manor alumnus Steve Appel (above) told attendees at the annual retiree breakfast that PM teachers helped prepare him to build his business.

The Manor Singers, directed by Lauren Ciemiewicz, are always a favorite part of the program, and this year they shared a preview of their Spring Concert.

Superintendent Phil Gale provided an update on

happenings at the school district, and PMEF Executive Director Jan Mindish thanked the retirees for their ongoing and generous support of PMEF’s mission to support the educational experiences of all students.

The breakfast provides an opportunity for retirees of all ages to share memories of their time at Penn Manor and learn what’s current and upcoming in the district.

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encourages teachers to consider grant ideas that will spark curiosity and creative thinking, to enhance student learning and provide memories that will stay with them long after they leave Penn Manor.

**Strong & Healthy Families Grants** to support students and families in need. This year PMEF funded more than \$66,000 in **S&H grants** for elementary literacy, CTC costs for students, AP exam fees and dual-enrollment classes. But the fastest-growing funding request is support for mental health issues at all grade levels.

**Scholarships** to support the continued education of our seniors. Penn Manor is envied by other districts because of the number of scholarships we provide to seniors. Thanks to our community, we added five scholarships this past year, bringing our total to 80 scholarships with more than 100 awards totaling \$139,000. These awards are funded



Venture Grants are used for many worthwhile endeavors, including for educational field trips. Above: The high school Spanish class visited the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet.

by community members, businesses, Penn Manor staff, retirees and alumni who are committed to investing in the future of Penn Manor graduates. PMEF is proud to be able to provide friends and families with the opportunity to offer a special remembrance of a loved one through our memorial scholarship program.

**The Event Net Revenue Graph on Page 9 illustrates where we receive our funding:** EITC program, Annual Dinner, ExtraGive, Annual Letter Campaign, Staff Payroll Deduction, Annual Golf

Outing and Alumni & Friends event. You will learn more about these events in this edition of Focus.

The **donor lists** published in the newsletter allow PMEF to recognize and celebrate our many donors. Our donors enable PMEF to continue to grow in our support of Penn Manor students and staff. This annual newsletter and our regular social media posts are filled with photos and stories describing the projects and people connected with PMEF and our mission to support our schools.

A final line from the LNP article noted at the beginning of this message aptly fits our donors. *Generosity cuts across everybody . . . community foundations offer a way for everyday people – not just the largest, wealthiest people – to participate in the change they want to see in their communities.* (Foundations: facing challenges, June 28, 2026, LNP)

**Please like PMEF** on Facebook and you will regularly see examples of programs that you make possible with your gifts. Thank you for your support!

# Eric and Jerissa Warfel establish Life Skills Endowment

Thanks to the generosity of Eric and Jerissa Warfel, an endowment was established this year to support students in the Life Skills program. This \$50,000 named endowment is dedicated to the advancement of the Life Skills program for all future generations of Penn Manor students.

The annual distribution from the Eric and Jerissa Warfel Life Skills Endowment will be used to fund a project benefiting the Life Skills students and program, developed by the Life Skills staff and approved by administration.



Eric and Jerissa Warfel founded a \$50,000 endowment for the Life Skills program in honor of their daughter, Nadia.

The fund is intended to provide ongoing financial resources that

expand educational opportunities, enhance student learning and develop programs for the students.

This endowment reflects the commitment of Eric and Jerissa Warfel to supporting the continued growth and success of the Penn Manor Life Skills program and the students it serves.

Eric, Penn Manor Class of 1990, serves on the Penn Manor School Board, and Jerissa serves on the PMEF Board. PMEF appreciates the Warfels' longtime support and this generous new endowment.

## ExtraGive, which raised \$35K+ last year, set for Nov. 20

ExtraGive is an annual daylong community-wide online fundraiser that is a terrific way to support PMEF. Last year the event raised \$10.4 million to support Lancaster County nonprofits.

Now in its 15th year, ExtraGive has raised more than \$120 million to support more than 500 charitable organizations. This is PMEF's 14th year of participation. In that first year we raised slightly more than \$3,000.

Last year, PMEF raised \$35,000 from nearly 200 donors, plus our share of the stretch pool that was based on our total number of donors. That included 30 first-time donors to PMEF.

The minimum donation is only \$10, and the more individual donors, the greater PMEF's share of the stretch pool of additional funds. Help us reach our goal of 226 donors in 2026!

We thank Bert & The Elephant and owners Bert and Amy Flores, who are Penn Manor alumni, for hosting our Happy Hour event the past two years.

Last year we added a second great location for folks to drop by, make their online donation in person and get



PMEF board members help the staff at Bert & The Elephant at last year's event.



PMEF supporters at New Town Food & Spirits at last year's event.

some free goodies. PMEF will again be at New Town Food & Spirits on Columbia Avenue from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20. We will then be back at Bert & The Elephant from 6-9 p.m.

We are encouraging our loyal donors – alumni, staff, retirees, community members and businesses – to help extend our reach to Penn Manor supporters

living across the country.

ExtraGive 2026 will be held on Nov. 20, 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.

Stop by Bert's or New Town if you can, but please take a moment on Nov. 20 to give wherever you. Thank you!



One PMAA endowment gives \$2,000 for a senior class activity, which recently has been a senior class picnic after graduation practice.

## Alumni Association continues support of students

The Penn Manor Alumni Association recently moved its remaining funds to PMEF, creating a new endowment and increasing three existing endowments.

The three existing PMAA scholarships (each increased to \$1,000) are: Biemesderfer Award (valedictorian), Klemmer Award (salutatorian) and the Luella

Mellinger Award (future educator).

Another existing PMAA endowment provides \$2,000 toward a senior class activity. In recent years that has been the senior class picnic following graduation practice.

The new endowment will provide \$2,000 to support the Distinguished

Alumni Wall of Honor and Athletic Wall of Honor, which are awarded in alternating years.

PMEF is grateful to our alumni association for its ongoing support of Penn Manor students.

## Spirit Night raises funds for Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship

Penn Manor Education Foundation's Alumni & Friends Spirit Night in February raised funds to support the Penn Manor Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to both a male and female senior whose parent or parents graduated from Penn Manor.

It was a terrific evening attended by many alumni, staff, retirees and friends. A big thank you to our host, Tobias Frogg, and its staff for all their hard work throughout the event.

Thanks to the generosity of our community that evening, we were able to fund the awards at \$1,000 each.

Join us again at Tobias Frogg in February 2027 for the next Alumni & Friends Spirit Night.



Volunteers at last February's Spirit Night included (clockwise from top left): Jim Keck (left) and Hans Mark; Chris Long and Jill Hess Long; Eric Bonds (left) and Ian Byrnes; and Jen (Shirk) Rohrer and Greg Rohrer.

# Founding Friends boosts grant funding by more than \$30,000

In the summer of 2006, the Penn Manor Education Foundation 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 grants annually, while the balance stayed invested. The campaign has proven to be a big success thanks to our wonderful community of individuals, families and businesses.

Thanks to the foresight of past PMEF board members and the generosity of our community, the foundation's budget for teacher Venture Grants and Strong & Healthy Families Grants increased annually by more than \$30,000, beginning in 2019-2020.

## Our Founding Friends

Lloyd M. Boyd  
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Millersville Woman's Club  
Ken and Heidi Long  
Jan Mindish  
1974 Football Team  
Class of 1972  
Chris and Trish Johnston  
Frank and Joyce Geist  
Wales Family Foundation  
Steve and Cathy Skrocki  
1971-72 Basketball Team

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Ellen Pollock  
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Andrew Scheid  
Dave and Sara Neff  
Fulton Family Foundation  
State Farm Insurance

## Donor spotlight

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Indeed, the John M. & Jacqueline A. Barley Named Endowment will be multigenerational. The gift will generate a minimum of \$40,000 per year for Penn Manor's Agricultural Department for needs such as entrepreneurial pursuits, teacher Venture Grants and student scholarships.

"I am very humbled by and thankful for the generosity exhibited by John and Jackie," writes Penn Manor Agriculture Department Chair Neil Fellenbaum. "Teaching a technical curriculum and giving students quality and practical hands-on experiences take resources that the district or our students sometimes don't have. This gift will remove those barriers, allow us to innovate and expand our programming, and give our students an edge when they enter the agricultural industry as business owners or employees."

Both John and Jackie have strong ties to Penn Manor. John is a 1959 graduate who participated in the ag program, was president of Future Farmers of America and worked on the family farm. "Mom and

Dad [Della and Earl Barley] had a grain, vegetable and dairy farm," recalls John. "I wasn't able to participate in sports because of my obligation to the farm."

Jackie (Afflebach) graduated in 1960 from Penn Manor where she studied the business curriculum. They met in high school, dated for several years and married in 1964 after John served in the Army. Both of their children, Brian and Heather, are Penn Manor graduates.

The work ethic that John learned on the farm and in FFA, and the business skills that Jackie acquired at Penn Manor, have served the Barleys well. John owned and operated a barber shop for more than 60 years before he turned it over to a new owner in 2013. Many in the Millersville area affectionately know him as "John the Barber." Jackie handled the finances for the barber shop as well as their real estate rental properties.

"Our time at Penn Manor and our home life taught us that hard work pays off," John says. "Now we want to do our part to make a difference." Jackie adds: "It [this endowment] is a leap of faith to

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**- Neil Fellenbaum, Penn Manor Agriculture Department Chair**

improve the lives of others. In turn, we also might inspire others to give."

The Barleys humbly show great joy in giving and in helping others succeed. PMEF is extremely grateful for their kindness and unprecedented generosity.



# SAVE THE DATES

## Save the dates of PMEAF events in 2026-2027 2026

**Sept. 20**

### Annual Dinner Gala

Join us for dinner, auctions and friends at Drumore Estate

**Sept. 25**

### Homecoming Game

Stop in the PMEAF tent and cheer on the Comets at MU football field

**Oct. 24**

### Trunk or Treat at John Herr's Market

Visit the PMEAF table for some treats!

**Nov. 20**

### ExtraGive Happy Hour Events

Visit PMEAF at New Town Food & Spirits (4-7 p.m.) and at Bert & The Elephant (6-9 p.m.)

## 2027

**Feb. TBD**

### Alumni & Friends Gathering

Join us at Tobias Frogg to raise funds for Legacy scholarships

**May 5**

### Retiree Breakfast

All PM retirees are invited to PMHS for breakfast and an update on Penn Manor

**May 20**

### Senior Awards Ceremony

Annual awards ceremony at PMHS for the Class of 2027

**June 22**

### Charity Golf Scramble

Join us at Meadia Heights for golf, lunch, dinner and raffle prizes

For details and updates, please visit our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/PennManorEducationFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/PennManorEducationFoundation)



The Drumore Estate hosted the 2025 Gala, which raised a record amount.

## Annual Gala at Drumore raises more than \$46K

The 2025 Penn Manor Education Foundation Annual Dinner Gala was an extraordinary celebration of generosity, community and the shared commitment to invest in Penn Manor students and families. Thanks to the incredible support of our donors, sponsors, volunteers and attendees, the event raised more than \$46,000 – making it the most successful Annual Dinner Gala in Penn Manor Education Foundation history.

This remarkable achievement means more than just a record-breaking number. Co-Chairs and Board Members Jerissa Warfel and Katie Hess shared that every dollar raised directly supported PMEAF's mission-based programming that provides meaningful opportunities, essential resources and financial support that enrich the educational experience for Penn Manor students and strengthen families throughout our community.

The evening was filled with memorable moments, heartfelt connections and the inspiring generosity that defines the Penn Manor community. It was a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when neighbors come together to invest in the

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## Education tax credit program adds partner, raises \$53,500

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit program enables approved businesses to receive a tax credit for their donations to approved school organizations, such as PMEF. We are so grateful to our seven EITC business partners whose 2025-26 donations total \$53,500.

PMEF awards grants to fund innovative teaching strategies, new equipment and materials and outside educational opportunities for which school-district funds are not available. EITC funds are used to support these grants, improving educational outcomes for thousands of students.

Six of this year's partners are repeat donors, having donated to PMEF in the past. PMEF appreciates the support of these six:



Donegal Mutual Insurance Co.  
Educational Opportunities LLC, Don and Gail Mowery  
Fulton Bank  
Garman Assets LC  
Gibbel Kraybill & Hess LLP  
Weis Markets Inc.

PMEF welcomed a new EITC partner this year: Utility Keystone Trailer Sales Inc., a first-time donor to our foundation. Utility Keystone is at 1976 Auction Road in Manheim.

We were contacted by Tracy (Ressler) Ferriker, a Penn Manor Class of 1986 graduate and employee of Utility Keystone Trailer Sales, with the good news.

We are so grateful to our seven EITC business partners. As you read about the Venture Grants that PMEF approved in 2025-26, know that EITC funds helped to make those grants possible.

To learn more about the EITC donation program, visit [pennmanoredfoundation.org/tax-credits-grants/eitc](http://pennmanoredfoundation.org/tax-credits-grants/eitc).

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future. Presenters from The Loft Community Partnership, Power Packs Project and Penn Manor High School counseling department, for example, shared how the funding they receive from PMEF impacts their mission to serve Penn Manor families.

As we celebrate last year's in-

credible success, we're looking ahead with great excitement to this year's Annual Dinner Gala to be held on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, at Drumore Estate, Pequea. Join us for an elegant evening as we gather once again to make a lasting difference in the Penn Manor community. Whether you're a

returning guest or attending for the first time, you'll enjoy an exceptional evening while helping fund programs that have a direct and meaningful impact throughout our school district.

Mark your calendars now – we can't wait to welcome you for another unforgettable eve-

ning of generosity, celebration and community. Please reach out to Jerissa Warfel at 717-203-5817 if you would like to become a sponsor at this year's Gala, or to reserve your seats.

Together, we can make this year's Gala our most impactful yet.