

Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation Awards \$160,000 to 91 Students in 2020

The Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation awarded \$160,000 in scholarships to 91 Pennsbury graduates for the 2020-21 school year—the greatest dollar amount awarded in one year in the PSF’s history. Since 1956, the PSF has awarded approximately \$3.3 million to more than 1,700 Pennsbury graduates.

Unable to hold our traditional Recipient Reception due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we asked this year’s award recipients to send us photos of themselves with their award certificates. Some of these photos are shown below, and a complete list of this year’s recipients is included on the next page.



Flexibility Amidst Uncertainty

A Message from Outgoing PSF President Mary Lou Bradley

Where to begin? This has certainly been a challenging year for all of us due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation is no exception. Starting in March when everything shut down and the schools shifted to virtual learning, we began planning for new procedures to award our scholarships for the 2020-21 school year.

The first step we took was to extend our application deadline from May 1st to June 1st. We wanted to give students extra time to complete their classes and get all of the information needed to submit their applications.

The next hurdle we tackled involved scoring applicant essays. Typically, PSF volunteers meet in-person on the first Sunday in June to read and score essays. Since such an event was impossible this year, we turned our focus toward developing a remote scoring system. Thank goodness

we have the digital tools available to transition our procedures to an online platform! This new process worked out very well, and even afforded the opportunity for participation from volunteers who otherwise would not been able to help.

Once everything was scored and tabulated, we were able to determine how to award the scholarships. In the end, we awarded \$160,000 to 91 recipients, and extend congratulations to each and every one of them!

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our traditional Recipient Reception this year, and instead had to mail the awards to students. We certainly missed acknowledging our 2020 award winners in person, but we have enjoyed receiving photos from recipients.

Although our procedures had to be adjusted this year, our goal remains the same and the work of the PSF is continuing on. The PSF has a long history dedicated to helping Pennsbury graduates. Despite the roadblocks put before us this year, we remain dedicated to that purpose.

2020 Endowed Namesake Scholarship Recipients

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| Edith Allen Memorial Scholarship | Elise Hermann |
| Rick & Chris Block Memorial Scholarship | Samantha Tosh |
| Dorothy O. Breen Memorial Scholarship..... | April Finrock |
| F. Glenn Breen Memorial Scholarship | Ella Herman |
| Dolores Carlen Memorial Scholarship | Jake Gray |
| Mark Chebra Memorial Scholarship | Cecelia Quay |
| Claire Connell Memorial Scholarship..... | Gweneth Child |
| Nate DeTample Memorial Scholarship..... | Brooke Burns |
| Nate DeTample Memorial Scholarship..... | Phoebe Child |
| Nate DeTample Memorial Scholarship..... | Christopher Heitmann |
| Peter Dierks Memorial Scholarship | Joshua Kwak |
| Michael E. Dolnick Memorial Scholarship | Victoria Przybos |
| Joan Falconi Farrell Memorial Scholarship | Brooke Garretson |
| Dr. Joseph Farese Memorial Scholarship..... | Ashley White |
| Warren H. Gift Memorial Scholarship | Devisree Tallapani |
| Scott Noel Gitomer Memorial Scholarship | Liana Turturro |
| Bill Godshalk – “Bond and Grace Maureen Godshalk Family & Friends” Memorial Scholarship..... | Brooke Guerrero |
| Bill Godshalk – “Philadelphia 76ers” Memorial Scholarship..... | Daniel Howarth |
| Bill Godshalk – “Aleese Hartmann & Friends” Memorial Scholarship | Marissa Wolf |
| E. Paul Hartsfield Memorial Scholarship | Noah Erdogan |
| Judy Henke Memorial Scholarship | Lily Bae |
| Matthew Henke Memorial Scholarship..... | Ethan Huegler |
| Dr. Patricia Johnston Memorial Scholarship..... | Elizabeth Pingor |
| Hank Keller Memorial Scholarship | Sutirth Mannikeri |
| Keller Family Memorial Scholarship | Bria Mullaghy |
| Vincent J. Magyar, Sr. Scholarship..... | Caroline Estey |
| Mears Family Memorial Scholarship | Allison Schaeffer |
| Clayton W. Mills Memorial Scholarship..... | Madison Senter |
| Garrett Montgomery Memorial Scholarship | Amanda Rearden |
| Anne Ehrenhardt Nolting Memorial Scholarship..... | Monica Constable |
| Rich Quake Memorial Scholarship..... | Ava Gray |
| Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship..... | Ryley Opielski |
| Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship..... | Nathan Shin |
| Joan L. Sibner Memorial Scholarship..... | Claudia Jastrzebski |
| Sean Denis Sibner Memorial Scholarship | Madeline Karabell |
| Susan Cintani Slack Memorial Scholarship | Adriana Lanza |
| Chad Stein Memorial Scholarship..... | Julianna Martin |
| Brenda Carlen Zellner Memorial Scholarship | Gabriella Zalot |

William H. & Anna C. Hayes Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Katia Barricklow, Hannah Erdogan,
Brandon Ferraro, Jacquelyn Gage,
Katharina Golder, Olivia Herman,
Kelly Heyduk, Elliot Hodge,
Kathryn Howarth, Savanna Lattanzi,
Jordan Newton-House

Community Scholarship Recipients

Ben Abraham, Rainier Acierto, Simra Ahmed,
Cynthia Budzinski, Mary Burke,
Christine Cataldo-Smith, Diya Cherian,
Aubrey Dansberry, Daniel Donaghy, Nicole Dunn,
Taylor Ferry*, Casey Glynn, Josephine Golder,
Sarah Hermann, Tyler Hibbs, Daria Jelic*,
Toni Jelic, Zachary Kaczor, James Lattanzi,
Gina Maiorino, Tanvir Malhi, Julia Maurer,
Margaret McFarland, Rachel McGurrin,
Zarif Morshed, Zoe Necowitz, Mollie Nellist,
Robert Oleynick, April O'Melia, Ryan O'Melia,
Sophia Parrish, Siya Patel, Kyle Pruss,
Emalyn Scheg, Lance Steiner, Jake Tosh,
Jessica Umbro, Delaney Vasvilla, Dean Wadley,
Evan Wadley, Riley Young, Carlye Zuckerman

** 4-year PSF scholarship recipient.*

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so you can learn
more about the PSF
or make a donation!**



Paying It Forward

Thank you to the recipients who repaid their loans in full between July 1, 2019 & June 30, 2020!

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| <u>2005</u> James Laskowski | <u>2010</u> Trevor Parker Ajay Patel Jessica Williams | <u>2012 (con't.)</u> Sunaina Gohil Greta Jusyte Julia Tokar | <u>2014</u> Alexandra Costello Kaitlyn Denshaw Neha Gupta Megan Heverly Anna Hoffman Jennie Kratz Gina Liu Nancy Nam Joseph O'Neill Robert Peters | <u>2014 (con't.)</u> Danielle Reppert Erica Rottenborn Kalyn Sourwine Elli Tatsumi Robert Wagner | <u>2016</u> Rebecca Susko |
| <u>2006</u> Rishabh Phukan | <u>2011</u> Maryia Mostyka | <u>2013</u> Paige Misawic Jesse Perlstein Benjamin Schreiber Margaret Zelin | | <u>2015</u> Emily Kumpf Sana Vora | <u>2019</u> Riley Davis Kathryn Klock Nolan Lombardo Daniel Rosenthal Anthony Witoshkin Julia Witoshkin Zeran Zhang |
| <u>2008</u> Alexandra Miller | <u>2012</u> Jared Baumgarten Rachel Baumgarten | | | | |
| <u>2009</u> Ahsan Mahmood | | | | | |

Meet Our Volunteers

The Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation is managed by an all-volunteer board of directors. Chosen based on their background, experience, and relative skills and interests, each member brings a unique perspective to the board. Interested volunteers may email scholarships@pennsburyisd.org to request a board membership application.

The PSF board of directors has been meeting virtually since the pandemic hit, and recently held its annual election of officers.



PRESIDENT - Alan Chrzanowski is a parent of 3 sons who graduated from PHS. Alan joined the PSF board 4 years ago after retiring from the corporate world (Vice President at Macy's) He looks forward to helping shepherd the PSF through the COVID-19 crisis and to listen to board members to insure that every voice is heard. He would also like to expand the number of scholarships given each year.

SECRETARY - Vickie Brunozzi is a PHS band parent of two sons, one in college and one a PHS junior. She is currently the President of the Pennsbury Instrumental Music Boosters, who plan activities and events for all music students. Vickie is also the Community Outreach and Publicity Chair for PSF.



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT - Jeff Sibner, a local dentist, was himself a Pennsbury graduate and PSF recipient. His two sons also graduated from Pennsbury. When his son, Sean, died from natural causes, a namesake scholarship was completed in his memory by family and friends. Jeff has been serving as our Scholarship Screening Chair for several years.

TREASURER - Louise Harman joined the PSF board in the mid-1980's, and is one of our longest serving members. Following a brief time as Assistant Treasurer, Louise has been Treasurer for 25 years. She and her husband are both PHS graduates and ardent supporters of the PSF.



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT - Keller Arnold is a Pennsbury Marching Band parent and recently retired from the corporate world. She started a non-profit organization "Pennsbury Kids" and works with Pennsbury social workers to help kids and families who need some assistance. More information is available on Facebook. Keller serves as chair of the PSF Investments and Technology committees.

ASSISTANT TREASURER - Mary Lou Bradley began reading PSF applicant essays as a community volunteer more than 12 years ago. She joined the board not long after, and currently chairs our Recipient Contact committee (loan repayments). She served as interim president last summer as we worked through the scholarship screening and awarding process with COVID-19 limitations. (She is also a very new grandmother!)



PSF's Newest Member

Katie Freeman

Katie Freeman is a Pennsbury resident and a parent of a 2020 graduate. She works as a Director of Biology at Fox Chase Chemical Diversity Center in Doylestown. She was interested in becoming more involved and supporting PSF after being a reader for Scholarship Screening. Welcome, Katie!



2020-21 PSF Board of Directors

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Kelly Corso

2019-20 Donor Giving Program Members

The PSF Donor Giving Program was created to encourage people and businesses from within the community to support our mission. Contributors are recognized as Educator and Friendship Donor Circle members in accordance with their level of giving between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020. The Medill Bair and Scholar Donor Circles are reached through cumulative donations beginning with the program's inception in 2016.

Medill Bair Donor Circle

(Donors of \$2,500+ since 2016)

Bruck, Lawrence & Linda
Johns, Henry
Keller, Wendy
Long, Harold & Wanda
Sibner, Jeffrey & Jean
Yardley Harvest Day

Probst, Michael & Margaret
Ranniello Fuel Oil
Reppert, Pauline
Salimnejad, Zari
Schaller, Michael & Helaine
Sibner, Gary & Deborah
Simpson, Tammy
Smith, Jeffrey & Suzanne
Swenson, Donald & Charlotte
Tyler, Jeremi & Rachel
Young, Carol

Scholar Donor Circle

(Donors of \$1,000+ since 2016)

Harman, Robert & Louise
Johnston, James
Stone, J. Marian

Friendship Donor Circle

(Donors of up to \$100)

Allahand, Robert
Althouse, Barbara
Bledsoe, Alice
Bradley, Richard & Mary Lou
Cherill, Anthony & Roberta
Chick-Fil-A at Oxford Valley Road
Codd, Jean
Corso, Michael & Kelly
Edgewood Elementary School PTO
Edwards, Reid & Phyllis
Elliott, Michael & Victoria
Gordon, Judith
Gotta, Susan
Hagan, Joseph & Tracey
Hartsfield, David
Houser, Nyla
Nicol, David & Susan
Nuzzolo, Ralph & Sondra
Rea, Jeremy
Regan, Carol
Russell, Elliott & Mary
Savaria, Anna Marie
Schwarzkopf, Daniel
Wettstein, Kathleen
Whyte, Barbara
Yanushis, Paul & Nancy
Zarr, Claire
Zenker, Leah

Educator Donor Circle

(Donors of \$100+)

Apollon, Warren
Arnold, Keller
Busch, Robert & Susan
Chebra, Jack & Carol
DiLorenzo, Daniel
Duffy, Bill & Del
Engle, Kacie-Linn
Gitomer, Alan & Arlyne
Gold, Stephen & Yi, Nan
Halas, Alfred & Loretta
Haywood, Sally
Herz, Lori
Hibbert Company, The
Holmes, Celia
Hutchings, John & Patricia
Jordan, Christina
Kearney, Christopher
Kepcsynski, Beverly
Laskowski, James & Luna
Levine, Charles
Magyar, Louis & Joyce
Moon, Joan
Moore, Beryl & Betsy
Pennwood Middle School PTO
PHS Class of 1997
Pogeler, Gary & Kathy

2019-20 Ring of Honor

The PSF received contributions in honor/memory of the following people between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020:

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| Lynn Allahand | E. Paul Hartsfield | Vincent J. Magyar, Sr. |
| Ronald Beede | Nick Hovemeyer | Clayton W. Mills |
| Lucille Brody | Dr. Patricia Johnston | Emily Peters |
| Arthur Carlen | Norma Johnston | Dr. Cynthia Schaffer |
| Dolores Carlen | Mitchel & Adele Juston | Cheryl Sherrard |
| Mark Chebra | Alpheus Keller | Joan Sibner |
| Matthew Costanza | Alpheus Keller II | Sean Sibner |
| Nate DeTemple | Caroline Keller | Mary E. Steiner |
| Sandra DiLonardo | Hank Keller | Nancy P. Steiner |
| Michael E. Dolnick | Wendy Keller | Charles K. Young, Sr. |
| Scott Noel Gitomer | Burt Lavin | |

Donor Spotlight



Mary Lou Bradley recently accepted a donation to the PSF from Yardley Harvest Day Committee representatives David Applebaum and Rich Wayne. The money was raised during Harvest Day 2019. "Every dollar we raise goes directly into our scholarships," said Mary Lou. "This donation represents one more scholarship that we can give. We really appreciate all the help that we get to achieve our mission, which is to help kids."

Committed to the Future

A Message from PSF President Alan Chrzanowski

I don't have to tell you what a year it has been. I know we're all looking forward to 2021 and for the light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel!

I just want to let you know that despite all the financial and education obstacles that we have encountered this year, our dedicated Board of Directors remains firmly committed to our mission of assisting Pennsbury graduates. We are already working on our 2021 awards, using all of our learnings and successes from last year to be flexibly prepared for any unique situations that may arise in 2021.

That being said, **we still need your help!** As you know, donations and loan repayments are used to fund the upcoming year's scholarships. We all pay it forward with the knowledge that financial difficulties abound because of COVID-19 and can negatively impact next year's students.

Additionally, in the current environment of social distancing, it is a little harder for us to get the word out amongst this year's PHS seniors, as well as potential donors. So if you could, **please help spread the word!**

In closing, just know that our dedicated members are committed to the spirit of the PSF founders, to our named scholarship families, and to insuring the perpetuation of funding to the many talented Pennsbury students. Thank you for your support and stay safe!

Make An Impact

- Mail a contribution check to our office.
- Donate via the **PayPal** link on our website.
- Visit smile.amazon.com and designate PSF as your charitable organization.
- Consider including the PSF in your estate plans.
- Volunteer your time to read applicant essays in June.

