

Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation Awards \$200,000 to 62 Students in 2024



PSF's Newest Class of Recipients

At a reception held in June, the Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation awarded \$200,000 to 62 Pennsbury graduates for the 2024-25 school year. The PSF Board of Directors and several endowed namesake scholarship donor families were on-hand in PHS West's Keller Hall to present students with their awards.

PSF President Jeff Smith began the evening by welcoming the guests and noting that the 2024 recipients would be continuing their education at 33 different colleges and universities located throughout the country.

Mr. Smith spoke briefly about the history of the foundation, which has been built over the last 68 years through the help of donors and supporters. He mentioned the significance of the PSF's endowed namesake scholarship program and announced that five new scholarships in honor/memory of three people would be awarded for the first time during the evening.

In addition, Mr. Smith highlighted the unique composition of Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation awards, with each being one-half grant and one-half zero-interest loan. He impressed upon recipients that the repayment of their loans would help to sustain the PSF and support awards for future Pennsbury graduates.

Following his remarks, Mr. Smith introduced keynote speaker, Ryan Newman.



Jeff Smith,
PSF President

Learning Through Failure

Ryan Newman, a 1997 graduate of Pennsbury High School and 2023 inductee into the Pennsbury High School Hall of Fame, is a managing director at Goldman Sachs. In addition to leading several philanthropic ventures, Mr. Newman and his wife, Meredith, have donated two PSF endowed scholarships, honoring Mark Chebra and Toni Newman.

In his remarks, Mr. Newman discussed the fact that his path to success included several failures along the way. He spoke about the failures he faced in high school and the lessons he took with him to college, along with the similar failures and lessons he took from college into his career.

Mr. Newman also mentioned the importance of becoming comfortable with being uncomfortable. He encouraged the recipients to take advantage of relationship-building and networking opportunities that will arise throughout their college years and beyond, rather than being dissuaded by fear of failure.

Presentation of Awards

After Mr. Newman's remarks, members of the PSF Board of Directors and several endowed namesake donor families presented the 2024 recipients with their awards. A complete list of the 2024 award winners is included on the following page.



Ryan Newman, CFA



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2024 Scholarship Recipients

Charles P. Kane Memorial Scholarships*	Brynn Duffy, Cooper Gray, Carter Sargent
Joey Monaghan Memorial Scholarships*	Benjamin Bedard, Theodore Mangan
Toni Newman Namesake Scholarship*	Julia Tonetti
Edith Allen Memorial Scholarship	Megan Oleynick
Rick & Chris Block Memorial Scholarship	Amanda Marion
Dorothy O. Breen Memorial Scholarship	Angela Huang
F. Glenn Breen Memorial Scholarship	Emilia Navarrete
Dolores Carlen Memorial Scholarship	Eliana Riggall
John Edwin Cebular Memorial Scholarship	Isabella Davis
Mark Chebra Memorial Scholarship	Harshavi Birla
Claire Connell Memorial Scholarship	Gianna Mathas
Nate DeTample Memorial Scholarships	Ahtesham Alvi, Simone Cordisco, Emilee Tomczyk
Peter Dierks Memorial Scholarship	April Gershman
Michael E. Dolnick Memorial Scholarship	Aidan Keesler
Dr. Joseph Farese Memorial Scholarship	Kathryn Miller
Joan Falconi Farrell Memorial Scholarship	Taylor Askey
Warren H. Gift Memorial Scholarship	Ashlyn Haymes
Scott Noel Gitomer Memorial Scholarship	Andrei Zamfiroiu
Bill Godshalk "76ers" Memorial Scholarship	Samarth Mannikeri
Bill Godshalk "Bond & Grace Maureen Godshalk Family & Friends" Mem. Scholarship	Magnolia Baroli
Bill Godshalk "Hartmann and Friends" Memorial Scholarship	Isabelle Vazapphilly
Cathleen Jones Haas Memorial Scholarship	Danielle Gershman
E. Paul Hartsfield Memorial Scholarship	Colin McNamara
Heisler Family Scholarship	Jade Michalowski
Matthew Henke Memorial Scholarship	Samira Shermamatova
Judy Henke Memorial Scholarship	Quintin Travagline
Kristin Huggins Memorial Scholarships	Lilyana Baehser, Jennifer Cataldo-Smith Gabrielle Kruczkowski
Dr. Patricia Johnston Memorial Scholarships	Grace McEwing, Erin Mraz
Hank Keller Memorial Scholarship	Gavin Kuebler
Keller Family Memorial Scholarship	Grey Simon
Wanda E. Long Memorial Scholarship	Cecelia Quay
Vincent J. Magyar, Sr., Namesake Scholarship	Sarah Hawley
Mears Family Memorial Scholarship	Samantha Centofante
Clayton W. Mills Memorial Scholarship	Siya Patel
Garrett Montgomery Memorial Scholarship	Calvin Rafferty
Anne Ehrenhardt Nolting Memorial Scholarship	John Brady Burgfechtel
Vincent Polisano Memorial Scholarship	Ariana Lafferty
Rich Quake Memorial Scholarship	Phillip Polichtchovk
Bonnie L. Redding Memorial Scholarship	Lily Abraham
Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarships	Naya Schubel, Theresa Vazapphilly
Joan Sibner Memorial Scholarship	Annamarie Radzinski
Sean Denis Sibner Memorial Scholarship	Christin Webb
Susan Cintani Slack Memorial Scholarship	Dani Sherman
Chad Stein Memorial Scholarship	Karla Cadena
Robert B. Waterbor Memorial Scholarship	Patrycja Cwalina
Brenda Carlen Zellner Memorial Scholarship	Angel Lin
William H. & Anna C. Hayes Memorial Scholarships	Danielle Gruenke, Kaitlynn Kisler, Dean Majikas, Darya Neil, Varun Patel, Vaunsh Patel, Gabriela Plona

*Denotes first year scholarship was awarded.

Paying It Forward

Thank you to these recipients who repaid their loans in full between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024!

2007

Rachel Slack Nguyen

2013

Liliana Frankel, Steven Maiorino,
Natalie Schneck

2014

Jessica Gallup, Karen Johnson,
Kyle Owens, Amanda Yarson

2015

Carina Bonasera, Leah Fitchett,
Lindsay Fitchett, Sujna Gohil,
Daniel Tokar

2016

Emily Towne Almeter,
Phillip Chrzanowski,
Alexandria Doyle,
Matthew Hetrick, Noah Martin,
Sarah Metts, Susha Nataraj

2017

Frank Caruso, Gia Golder,
Olivia Herman, Daria Jelic,
Rebecca Kimock, Isaac Kravatz,
Jake Mako, Amanda Palmer,
Netree Pandya, Hiral Patel,
Baillie Poulton, Micaela Yarson

2018

Benjamin Abraham, Karli Akin,
Steven Budzinski, Sarah Davis,
Kameryn Furiness, Heema Joshi,
Zarif Morshed, Jake Tosh,
Dean Wadley

2019

Diana Atar, Kevin Cryan,
Nicole Decker,
Catherine Diamond,
Jamie Dreisbach, Nicole Dunn,
Mackenzie Gain, Kelli Hunter,
James Lattanzi,
Christian McKernan,
Rebecca Oss, Jessica Umbro
Julia Westphal, Catherine Young,
Georgia Young

2020

Amanda Rearden

2023

Kira Sendlock

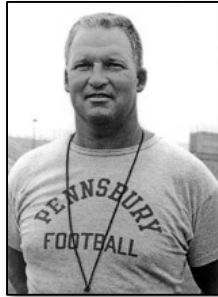
Five New Endowed Namesake Scholarships in 2024

The PSF Endowed Namesake Scholarship program continues to grow each year. Since 1998, a total of 55 namesake scholarships have been endowed in memory/honor of 49 individuals, including 20 Pennsbury graduates. Our new 2023-24 Namesake Scholarships are detailed below.

Charles P. Kane Memorial Scholarship

Established in September 2023 by Family, Friends & Former Football Players

Charles P. Kane, Jr. was raised at St. Vincent's Orphanage and Saint Joe's House in Philadelphia. By the age of 16, Chuck understood that "Family" came in various forms. Although he did not have a traditional family, he always felt supported and safe. Priests, teachers, and coaches were always within reach to support him, listen to his concerns, offer guidance, and help him realize his full potential.



At age sixteen, Chuck returned to his home in Collingdale and continued to receive guidance and support from his Collingdale High School football coach, Lou Bonder. Bonder guided Chuck in applying to West Chester State Teachers College, including earning a football scholarship to help cover the cost. Chuck earned a degree in Physical Education with a minor in Social Studies, and was recognized as a West Chester Hall of Fame College Athlete. While attending West Chester, Chuck also met the love of his life, Myrna Neeld, a Pennsbury graduate. Chuck and Myrna married, raised three children, and celebrated 65 joyful years together.

Chuck started his career with Pennsbury in 1959 and taught in the district for 40 years. Chuck loved teaching and he was extremely passionate about coaching football. He recognized that he was not a "self-made man" and sincerely appreciated the support he received throughout his lifetime. Chuck knew that as an educator and coach, he could fulfill his lifelong dream of helping others achieve their potential, just as he had received so much guidance himself.

Coach Chuck Kane was proud to be a part of the Pennsbury family. He would be honored to be remembered through these scholarships. Far more meaningful to him, though, would be the knowledge that, through the generosity of family, friends, and former football players, these funds will help to support Pennsbury graduates in realizing their own full potential. There are three endowed scholarships in memory of Coach Kane.

Toni Newman Namesake Scholarship

Established in October 2023 by the Newman Family

When Toni's son, Ryan, was inducted into the Pennsbury Hall of Fame in 2023, he presented her with this PSF Namesake Scholarship. She was overwhelmed, but then in the next instant, she started to think about the reality that in the years to come, people will wonder, "who was Toni Newman?"



In her words, Toni Newman is someone who, from the age of 8, always knew she wanted to be an elementary school teacher. During her 30-year teaching career, she was approached more than once to consider being a principal, but working with children in the classroom was always her first love. Her philosophy was that all the children in her class would meet with success, whether it was learning to read or mastering long division. She was also instrumental in helping to establish the first computer lab in a Pennsbury elementary school, followed by training all the other elementary computer teachers in the district. Toni is passionate about elementary education because she feels that a child's elementary education is the foundation to all future education.

Joey Monaghan Memorial Scholarship

Established in May 2024 by the Monaghan/Duffy Family & Friends

This is the second PSF scholarship in memory of Joey Monaghan, a proud Pennsbury Falcon. Joey exemplified his athleticism through basketball at the age of 5 and continued to grow from there, including as captain of the PHS boys team in his junior and senior years.



Joey continued his love of basketball by playing at Marywood University. He received his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science and Nutrition in 2021 and landed a job with the Philadelphia 76ers. In his free time, he was an assistant coach of an AAU basketball team. Joey was diagnosed with a very rare form of incurable sarcoma in July 2022. He left this earth on September 22, 2022, with a legacy of kindness, strength and giving back that will never be forgotten.

2023-24 PSF Ring of Honor

Contributions were made in honor/memory of the following people between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024:

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| Lynn S. Allahand | Jill Faust | John Katsock | Amy Nalli Margulies | Richard Quake |
| Mariana Banash | Joe Gavin | Alpheus Keller | Joey Monaghan | Joan Sibner |
| Arthur Carlen | Scott Noel Gitomer | Alpheus Keller II | Michael Monaghan | Sean Sibner |
| Dolores Carlen | Marcy Goldhammer | Caroline Keller | Garrett Montgomery | Michael J. Snyder |
| Janice Curtin | E. Paul Hartsfield | Hank Keller | Emily Peters | Charles K. Young, Sr. |
| Nate DeTample | Dr. Patricia Johnson | Wendy Keller | Walter Peters | Brenda Carlen Zellner |
| Michael E. Dolnick | Mitchel & Adele Juston | Harold Kramer | PHS Class of 1958 65th Reunion | |
| Mary K. Everett | Charles "Coach Chuck" Kane | Wanda Long | Vincent Polisano | |

2023-24 Donor Giving Program

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, 2023, and June 30, 2024. The Medill Bair and Scholar Donor Circles are reached through cumulative donations beginning with the program's inception in 2016.

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 Joseph & Tracey Hagan
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Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the PSF Board of Directors!



Mauli Griesbaum



Brandon McFadden



Donna Nicholson



Mary-Anne Smith

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