

2022 NEWSLETTER

The Nation's Oldest Privately Funded Foundation Serving a Public School

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Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation Awards \$200,000 to 66 Students in 2022



A New Award Milestone

The Pennsbury Scholarship Foundation returned to PHS West's Keller Hall in June for its first Recipient Reception since 2019. After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was fantastic for the PSF Board of Directors and several endowed namesake scholarship donor families to be able to meet some of this year's scholarship recipients and their families.

PSF President Alan Chrzanowski presided over the evening's program. After welcoming the attendees, Mr. Chrzanowski announced that the PSF would be marking a new milestone by awarding \$200,000 in 2022—the greatest amount ever awarded in one year by the Foundation.

He continued by focusing on the generosity of the families who have established PSF endowed namesake scholarships in memory/honor of their loved ones, including six new awards this year. He emphasized the importance of these gifts, and the legacy that the scholarship recipients will help to represent.

Making a Mark through Character

Mr. Chrzanowski then introduced Pennsbury Superintendent, Dr. Thomas A. Smith, as the keynote speaker. In his remarks, Dr. Smith spoke about the rich traditions of Pennsbury, and noted the importance of the PSF within the district's 75-year history. He pointed out that receiving a PSF award not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but also challenges them to develop further by making a difference in the world.

In addition to the academic and leadership successes that helped the students earn their scholarships, Dr. Smith focused on their character by pointing out that the attributes they displayed during their time at Pennsbury—honesty, reliability, dependability, and positive spirit—are the same qualities they will be judged on throughout their lives.

He said, "Tonight you become part of an elite group of Pennsbury graduates...people who have changed the world. It is my sincere hope that each one of you will make your mark on the world and continue to make Pennsbury proud."

Dr. Smith closed by asking award recipients to continue to demonstrate good character, even when it is difficult, and continue to give back to their communities. He also reminded them to thank the people who had helped them along the way, since none of us can be successful without the help of someone else.

Recognizing the Recipients

After Dr. Smith's remarks, several endowed namesake donor families and members of the PSF Board of Directors congratulated the students and presented their individual awards. A complete list of the 2022 award winners—66 students who attend 50 different colleges and universities throughout the U.S.—is included on the next page.



Dr. Thomas Smith, Pennsbury Superintendent



Alan Chrzanowski, PSF President

Endowed Namesake Scholarship Recipients

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Cathleen Jones Haas Memorial Scholarship*	Samantha Tosh
Heisler Family Scholarship*	
Kristin Huggins Memorial Scholarship*	Brandon Ferraro
Kristin Huggins Memorial Scholarship*	Darya Neil
Kristin Huggins Memorial Scholarship*	Bridget Weed
Edith Allen Memorial Scholarship	Amanda Yu
Rick & Chris Block Memorial Scholarship	Pranav Ponam
Dorothy O. Breen Memorial Scholarship	April Gershman
F. Glenn Breen Memorial Scholarship	Katia Barricklow
Dolores Carlen Memorial Scholarship	Kelly Pruss
Mark Chebra Memorial Namesake Scholarship	Courtney Cooper
Claire Connell Memorial Scholarship	Chloe Cain
Nate DeTample Memorial Scholarship	Zachary Hetrick
Nate DeTample Memorial Scholarship	Daniel Sourwine
Nate DeTample Memorial Scholarship	Andrew Santella
Peter Dierks Memorial Scholarship	Alexis Erazmus
Michael E. Dolnick Memorial Scholarship	Rebecca Guloy
Dr. Joseph Farese Memorial Scholarship	Ellie Han
Joan Falconi Farrell Memorial Scholarship	Jack Goldman
Warren H. Gift Memorial Scholarship	Keion Whetstone
Scott Noel Gitomer Memorial Scholarship	
Bill Godshalk "Hartmann and Friends" Memorial Scholarship	Sacred Greene
Bill Godshalk "Bond and Grace Maureen Godshalk Family and Friends" Memorial Scholarship	Michaela Crowle
Bill Godshalk "76ers" Memorial Scholarship	
E. Paul Hartsfield Memorial Scholarship	
Matthew Henke Memorial Scholarship	
Judy Henke Memorial Scholarship	
Dr. Patricia Johnston Memorial Scholarship	Brody Kestel
Dr. Patricia Johnston Memorial Scholarship*	Layla Jenkins
Keller Family Memorial Scholarship	Pranav Shah
Hank Keller Memorial Scholarship	Andrew Rosso
Vincent J. Magyar, Sr., Namesake Scholarship	Colin McNamara
Mears Family Memorial Scholarship	Jessica Tosh
Clayton W. Mills Memorial Scholarship	Justin Hedges
Garrett Montgomery Memorial Scholarship	Peimiao Schlosberg
Anne Ehrenhardt Nolting Memorial Scholarship	Rebecca Oss
Rich Quake Memorial Scholarship	Krishna Thaker
Bonnie L. Redding Memorial Scholarship	Gabrielle Kruczkowski
Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship	Anna Ye
Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship	Nimay Mahajan
Sean Denis Sibner Memorial Namesake Scholarship	Arthav Vyas
Joan Sibner Memorial Namesake Scholarship	Isabella Davis
Susan Cintani Slack Memorial Namesake Scholarship	Hannah Mielke
Chad Stein Memorial Scholarship	Patrick Diamond
Brenda Carlen Zellner Memorial Scholarship	Emma Oss

*Denotes first year scholarship was awarded.

William H. & Anna C. Hayes Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Kenneth Akin, Aditya Gaba, Danielle Gershman, Mariam Khan, Caitlyn Martell, Ainsley McClure, Evan McNeely, Jayden Millwood, Rowan Mulholland, MaryKate O'Donnell

Pennsbury Community Scholarship Recipients

Magnolia Baroli, Matthew Cohen, Hannah Hawkes, Shayla Haymes, Elise Hermann, Olivia Hitchingham, Patrick Kirk, Gianna Lattanzi, Pranita Madaka, Chloe Manuli, Erin Mraz

PSF's Newest Board Members

James Riesenberger, DMD

James Riesenberger graduated from Pennsbury in 1982. He continued his education at Bucknell University and Temple University School of Dentistry, where graduated second in his class. He lives in Newtown with his wife and three children, and his orthodontic practice is located in Yardley.



James Riesenberger

Dr. Riesenberger has always remained connected to Pennsbury and is interested in giving back to the community.

Ashley Ritter, APRN, PhD

Ashley Ritter is a Pennsbury graduate and PSF award recipient. She has earned four degrees, all from the University of Pennsylvania. Most recently, she earned her PhD in Nursing and Masters degree in Health Policy. She is a geriatric nurse practitioner and the Director of Clinical Care Research at



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NewCourtland, a Philadelphia nonprofit providing housing and health services to older people. Additionally, she is the Chief Executive Officer of Those Nerdy Girls, a volunteer organization of female scientists providing factual and practical health information on social media. She lives in Yardley, PA with her husband and three children. As a first-generation college student, Dr. Ritter is eager to support other Pennsbury students in their pursuit of higher education.

Six New Endowed Namesake Scholarships in 2022

Due to the generosity of families within our community, the PSF Endowed Namesake Scholarship program continues to grow each year. Since its launch in 1998, forty-five endowments in memory or honor of 42 people have been established. Our new 2022 Namesake Scholarships are detailed below.

Kristin Huggins Memorial Scholarships

Established in August 2021 by the Huggins Family & Friends

Kristin was a 1987 graduate of Pennsbury High School and a 1991 graduate of Temple University. Art was what she loved best. Kristin was devoted to developing and sharing her love for art with everyone and she was prepared to pursue this career path in her adult life. Three Kristin Huggins Memorial Scholarships have been established through the outpouring of many caring and generous family, friends, and community members who were touched by Kristin's life and the tragic events that led to her death in 1992.



Kristin Huggins

Dr. Patricia Johnston Scholarship

Established in November 2021 by the Norma Johnston Family & Friends

Dr. Patricia Johnston will long be remembered in the Pennsbury School District and across Bucks County as an educator who made a difference in the lives of countless students, teachers, and administrators. Pat was a lifelong resident and graduate of Pennsbury, where she served as Director of Curriculum & Instruction (1998-2003), and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction (2003-2008). Prior to 1998, she taught in the Centennial School District, where her passion for education inspired many students and teachers. In addition, she was an adjunct professor at Delaware Valley College and the University of Pennsylvania and was a regular contributor at the Bucks County Intermediate Unit.



Dr. Patricia Johnston

Pat's compassionate manner and kind personality belied her rigorous work ethic, uncompromising dedication to education, and her untiring service to the community where she lived and worked. This is the second PSF scholarship in her memory—the first was established in April 2009.

Cathleen Jones Haas Memorial Scholarship

Established in April 2022 by the Jones Family
Cathleen graduated from Pennsbury in 2000,
Susquehanna University in 2004, and earned her
Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology
from West Chester University in 2008. While at
Pennsbury, Cathleen enjoyed participating in
the Music and Forensics programs, and she was
grateful for the opportunity to travel with the
Marching Band to Hawaii.

Cathleen was employed by ARC of Montgomery County. She fulfilled her passion by working with infants to three-year-old children and their parents to help overcome feeding and



Cathleen Jones Haas

speech difficulties. Cathleen married G. Patrick Haas in 2010 and had a son, Ryan, in 2014. She passed away from cancer at much too early an age in 2018. Cathleen will always be remembered as a loving, compassionate, creative, intelligent woman by her family, friends, and the many families she impacted.

Heisler Family Scholarship

Established in April 2022 by Gordon and Barbara Heisler

Gordon and Barbara Heisler feel a strong commitment to helping students meet their educational goals. Too often goals and opportunities are sidelined because of the financial burden of higher education. Giving to local students is their way of investing in the future of our community.



Gordon & Barbara Heisler

After graduating from TCNJ, Barbara spent her career teaching Special

Education students in Bucks County. Gordon graduated from Rider College. His career was in logistics with Sunoco Inc. where he saw firsthand the need for highly qualified college graduates and skilled technical workers. Their daughter, Kimberly Heisler Quay, graduated from PHS in 1988 and is the Chef/owner of ComfortFood & Kitchenette. Their grandchildren, Danny and Cecelia Quay, graduated from PHS in 2018 and 2020, respectively, and are currently attending college.

Paying It Forward Thank you to these recipients who repaid their loans in full between July 1, 2021 & June 30, 2022!

<u> 2004</u>

Justin Kaplan

<u>2007</u>

Julio Fredes

<u>2009</u>

John Egan Kory Geller

2010

Adam Greenfield

<u>2012</u>

Richard Brase Brian Noll Anastasia Richeal

2014

Bethany Gartner Kylie Howe

2015

Kevin Caruso Julia McGehean

<u> 2016</u>

Joseph Braun
Emily Gallo
Amanda Gaughan
Liana Minguela
Erin Parry
Cassandra Paterson
Christopher Rupprecht
Tyler Shirley

<u>2017</u>

Mohith Ancha
Michael Angelucci
Zachary Bucksar
Samantha Fallacaro
Eric Festa
Jacquelyn Gage
Mia Hibbs
Brett Hoffman
Jimmy Kim
Kayla Margerum
Ashlyn Nikles

2017 (con't.)

Arli Necowitz
Aarti Patel
Steven Pellegrino
Grace Piznar
Ninad Mahajan
Skylar Robidoux
Daniel Rottenborn
Kelly Ryan
Shannon Stumbaugh
Sean Sweeney
Ethan Waldner

2018

Josephine Golder Katharina Golder

<u>2020</u>

Madison Senter

<u> 2022</u>

Arthav Vyas



Scan this code to repay your loan via PayPal!

2021-22 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, 2021, and June 30, 2022. 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) Keith Bentley Lawrence & Linda Bruck Robert & Louise Harman Gordon & Barbara Heisler Jim & Karen Huggins Henry Johns James Johnston Charles & Susan Jones Wendy Keller **Doris Kolb Estate** Harold & Wanda Long Frances Redding Jeffrey Sibner & Jean Murphy Yardley Harvest Day

Scholar Donor Circle

(Donors of \$1,000+ since 2016) Keller Arnold & Adrian Costello Blair Harman Eric & Susan Rivera Zari Salimnejad Jean Marian Stone

Educator Donor Circle

(Donors of \$100+) Steve Ahrens Robert Allahand Warren Apollon Anthony & Vickie Brunozzi Robert & Susan Busch Ruth Busch Leslie Byron Lynne Davis Kim DeTample Cunningham Reid & Phyllis Edwards Kacie-Linn Engle Tom Engleman Katie Freeman & William Dolan Alan & Arlyne Gitomer Martha Glossner Stephen Gold & Yan Ni Susan Gotta Alfred & Loretta Halas Kevin & Karen Hand Christina Harman Lori Herz Erick & Carolyn Hjembo Charles & Myrna Kane Beverly Kepcsynski Kenneth & Michelle Koreyva

Educator Donor Circle (con't.)

Patrick & Niki McGinty Robert & Marianne Mohr Joan Moon Timothy Moonan Carol Moran Erin O'Neill **Bob & Patricia Orwig** Amy Patterson Pennwood Middle School PTO **Anthony Petsis** PHS Class of 1960 Deborah Pletnick Ranniello Fuel Oil Deborah Raykovitz Jim & Rhonda Rea Jonathan & Jill Rea Carol Regan Steve Ritzau **Tammy Simpson** Jeffrey & Suzanne Smith St. Catherine of Siena Preschool Staff Jeremi & Rachel Tyler Variety Lodge #37 IOOF John Wus **Carol Young**

Friendship Donor Circle

(Donors of up to \$100) Richard & Joy Allen Charles & Joelynn Berger Margaret Bergh James & Vonna Berkey Alice Bledsoe Anthony & Roberta Cherill Mike & Kelly Corso Caren Erlichman Michelle Findley Carol Grezlak Joseph & Tracey Hagan **Christine Harris** David Hartsfield Nyla Houser Russell & Julia Huff Mary Beth Kent Shari Leichter Roger & Connie Mancuso Judy McDonnell Ralph & Sandi Nuzzolo Scenery Park Psychology Group Daniel Schwarzkopf Mark & Rebecca Tarallo Michael & Patricia Tozer Maryanne Brennan Tyrell Joshua Waldorf

2021-22 Ring of Honor

The PSF received contributions in honor/memory of the following people between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022:

Lynn S. Allahand Lisa Becker Rick & Chris Block Dolores Carlen Mark Chebra **Edward Charles Curtin** Richard H. Davis Nate DeTample Michael E. Dolnick Claire Eberhart Harry B. Gallagher Scott Noel Gitomer Cathleen Jones Haas E. Paul Hartsfield Gordon & Barbara Heisler Kristin Huggins

Christina Hynoski Dr. Patricia Johnson Mitchel & Adele Juston Alpheus Keller Alpheus Keller II Caroline Keller Hank Keller Wendy Keller Gloria Levitt Al Matuza, Jr. **Ruth Lubbe** Vincent J. Magyar, Sr. Amy Nalli Margulies Joan McInerney **Bette Mead Garrett Montgomery**

Fran Nitkin **Emily Peters** Walter Peters Vincent Polisano Richard Quake Regina Raykovitz Bonnie L. Redding **Tammy Taylor Roberts** Rev. Donald Schuler Joan Sibner Sean Sibner Chad Stein **David Spilatore** Peter Wisnosky Charles K. Young Sr. Brenda Carlen Zellner

PSF in the Community



The PSF received a donation from Yardley Harvest Day in April 2022. Pictured from left to right: Heather DiPrato (Harvest Day Committee), Jeff Smith and MaryLou Bradley (PSF), Rich Wayne (Harvest Day Committee), Alan Chrzanowski (PSF President) and David Appelbaum (Harvest Day Committee).





The PSF booth at Yardley Harvest Day and Historic Fallsington Day.

Do you have time and talents to share? Consider becoming a PSF board member! Email scholarships@pennsburysd.org for details

Charles Levine

Daniel Mancini

Paul & Janet Long

Vincent Magyar, Sr.