

## Endowed Loan Recipients Named

Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning is delighted to recognize the recipients of the endowed loans for the 2014-2015 academic year. These students from across Lancaster County received this special recognition due to their academic and extracurricular contributions. Two generous donors have allowed our organization to expand our endowed loans to twenty-two. This year, the **Gray Playter Memorial Endowment Loan** and the **Ronald and Patricia Tweed Scholarship Loan** were added. These Awards serve as recognition of the generosity of our donors and also demonstrate their commitment to aiding local students in the pursuit of post-secondary education.



As a Business Management major at Washington College, **Brent Longenecker** has become involved in the campus community. He volunteers as a swim instructor with the Special Olympics, the CMO of Washington College Enactus and the Project Manager for a non-profit called Shore Marketing. Brent graduated from Donegal High School in 2012 and is the inaugural recipient of the **Gray Playter Memorial Endowment Loan**.

*Brent Longenecker*



*Victor Hagerstrom*

**Victor Hagerstrom** is the first recipient of the **Ronald and Patricia Tweed Scholarship Loan**. An Eagle Scout, member of the Manheim Township Baseball Team and active in the National Honor Society, Victor is pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Penn State University. With a lifelong interest in cars, Victor hopes to apply his education to a career with an American car company. Victor states that a LDHL loan relieves "some of the financial and emotional stress" in obtaining his higher education degree.



*Alyssia Whalen*

A graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School, **Alyssia Whalen** is the recipient of the **R.D. and Rhoda Buckwalter Endowment Loan**. She became interested in anatomy and physiology as a result of fifteen years of ballet training. She will graduate from Drexel University with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. She is currently preparing for her practical experiences, which include being on the Sacaton Indian Reservation.



*Justin Gaukler*

**Justin Gaukler** has been awarded the **E. Ann Klein Charitable Trust Endowment Award**. A 2014 graduate of Penn Manor High School, Justin is pursuing a degree in Engineering at Lehigh University. During high school, Justin was a member of the Junior Olympic Gymnastics Team at Prestige Gymnastics. He credits this experience with enabling him to grow "both physically and mentally tough."



*Jennifer Bechtel*

A graduate of Warwick High School, **Jennifer Bechtel** is pursuing a nursing degree at Harrisburg Area Community College. She is the recipient of the **Dr. Emmett Cooper Award**. With the goal of being a lifelong learner, Jennifer hopes to utilize her education to aid others. She is considering working in either an underserved area or with the military. In high school, Jennifer was active in a variety of areas including swimming, volunteering and music.

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## Interest-Free Loans Assist 512 Lancaster County Students

Arizona – California – Georgia – Illinois – Maine – Maryland – Massachusetts – Michigan – Ohio – Oregon – New Hampshire – New York – North Carolina – South Carolina – Texas – Virginia – West Virginia

These are just some of the states to which Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning (LDHL) interest-free loan recipients headed this fall to pursue their academic goals and to gain the skills necessary to become greater assets to the Lancaster County community. There are 146 different

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## *President's Letter*

October 2014

Dear Friends:

Thank you once again Lancaster County. Thank you for supporting our students with your generosity and commitment to higher education.

This year will be an exciting one for Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning. In the past year, we have dealt with the growing pains surrounding our name change from Dollars for Scholars of Lancaster County to Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning and the challenges of instituting an online application process. We are now ready to embark upon fundamental changes in the way we operate by developing a more focused committee structure. We expect those committees will push the organization toward an auspicious future with increased participation and name recognition.

We appreciate your contributions and commitment to our worthy objective of providing assistance to Lancaster Countians in meeting their higher education goals.

Sincerely,

Wanda S. Whare  
President

## New Name, Same Mission



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On January 1, 2014, Dollars for Scholars of Lancaster County (DFS-LC) officially became known as Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning (LDHL.) You may be asking, "What does this name change mean?"

Starting in 1961 and until this year, we had been a chapter of a national organization called Scholarship America. The Lancaster chapter began as Citizens' Scholarship Foundation and kept that name until 2006 when our name became DFS-LC. At that time, all chapters across America were asked to use the name Dollars for Scholars to show brand name consistency.

In 2012, Scholarship America issued a requirement that all its chapters had to offer only scholarships beginning in

2014. For most chapters in America, that edict was not a problem, but for us it was different. From the beginning, Lancaster has been committed to interest-free loans as our mode of assistance to students. We have thrived financially because we commit to donors that a donation today will end up helping many generations of Lancaster County students because of the "re-cycling" effect of repaid loans. By reaffirming this mission commitment, our board knew we would have to break away from SA and use a new name going forward.

In 2013, we conducted a thorough survey of donors, current and past loan recipients, and board members to help us develop a name descriptive of who we are and what we do. From that exercise emerged Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning (LDHL.) Aside from a new name, we also embarked on some ambitious technology and accounting upgrades to achieve efficiencies and better communications.

You can be assured that, although we have a new name, our mission and vision to serve as many deserving Lancaster County students as possible each year remain the same.

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*Michenzie Foltz*

**Michenzie Foltz** has received the **David and Tamela Fassnacht Scholarship Loan**. A

graduate of Manheim Township High School, Michenzie is attending

Penn State where he is majoring in business. A two season athlete, he participated in both football and lacrosse in high school. He also volunteered at a number of local organizations. Michenzie has always dreamed of going to college and hopes to make a profound impact on his community.



*Mercedes Thomas*

**Mercedes Thomas**

balanced work, school and serving as captain of the Conestoga Valley High School Marching Band Color Guard. At West

Chester University, she is eagerly pursuing a major in English. As the recipient of the **John Frederick Steinman Foundation Award**, Mercedes sees this LDHL loan as a “tremendous help in paying for college.”

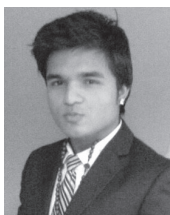


*Matthew DeVirgilis*

**Matthew DeVirgilis** is

enrolled in the Ford ASSET degree program at Penn College of Technology. A graduate of Ephrata High School, Matthew received the **William S. Rothermel**

**Foundation Scholarship Loan in Memory of Ali Fausnaught**. He loves rugby and played at the club level for six years. Matthew hopes to work as an engineer for the Ford Motor Company.



*Rabin Subedi*

**Rabin Subedi** was

born in a refugee camp in Nepal. His family moved to Lancaster and he graduated this year from JP McCaskey High School. Rabin is studying Nuclear

Engineering at Penn State University. He held the position of secretary in the BASC (Bhutanese American Student Circle) club at his school and also volunteered at a children's library. Through his education, Rabin hopes to create a positive impact on the world.

# THE EXTRAORDINARY GIVE

IT'S BACK! NOVEMBER 21

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On November 21, 2014, help YOUR Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning (LDHL) to provide financial assistance for Lancaster County students by participating in the third annual Lancaster County Community Foundation's ExtraOrdinary Give.

For 24 hours only, you will be able to donate online to LDHL, one of the participating Lancaster County non-profit organizations, at

**<http://www.extragive.org/#npo/lancaster-dollars-for-higher-learning>**

and help it to not only reap the benefit of your personal contribution but also to receive a proportional share of the \$250,000 “stretch” dollars from the Lancaster County Community Foundation and its presenting sponsors.

The times for giving on-line are 12 midnight to 11:59 PM on November 21.

Although you can donate to LDHL anytime during that 24-hour period, LDHL is asking you to focus on two time periods throughout those 24 hours where your dollars might help even more by qualifying LDHL for an extra \$1,000 to be added to your donation.

- Are you getting ready for work **between 5 AM and 8 AM**? Take a few minutes during that three hour time period while your coffee cools to make your donation.
- Are you planning dinner **between 4 PM and 6 PM**? Sit down at your computer or grab your smart phone while the stew simmers and make your donation.

Remember to use this URL:

**<http://www.extragive.org/#npo/lancaster-dollars-for-higher-learning>**

to access LDHL's unique giving page. You'll feel good that you did—and our loan recipients will be ever so grateful!

He is the recipient of the **Dr. Lawrence A. Ezard Memorial Endowment Award**.



*Heather Brubaker*

**Heather Brubaker** is double majoring in Biology and Spanish at Ursinus College. She was selected to receive the **William and Violet Dussinger Endowment Loan**. A

graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School, Heather is an accomplished gymnast. Involved with the sport since an early age, she has devoted countless hours to training and competing.

In addition, Heather volunteered at Lancaster General Hospital, which further cemented her interest in pursuing a career in medicine.



*Michael Brown*

Manheim Central graduate **Michael Brown** is pursuing a degree at Penn State University this fall. He is interested in corporate finance as a major and hopes someday

to own his own business. Football is one of Michael's passions. A coach and announcer for youth teams, he is also a manager for Penn State football. He has received the **Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Weaver Endowment Loan**.

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Katie Vuu

Highly involved at JP McCaskey High School, **Katie Vuu** has joined the campus community of Swarthmore College where she is considering a Biology major. Her high school activities included: Treasurer of the National Honor Society, a member of the Field Hockey team, and backstage volunteer for the theater productions. Katie was also involved in the Asian Club. She is the recipient of the **Dr. Mary Elizabeth Dixon Scholarship Loan**.



Dixie Young

The **Margaret Gordon Lestz Endowment Loan** has been given to **Dixie Young**. Dixie, a graduate of Hempfield High School, is attending Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. She is studying animation and hopes to also gain a better understanding of related computer programming. In high school, Dixie was active in the National Technical and National Art Societies, her church youth group and SkillsUSA.



Nicholas Good

Juniata College welcomes **Nicholas Good** into its campus community, where he is majoring in Journalism. Nicholas graduated from Garden Spot High School where he was active in Model UN, the Drug Awareness Coalition and the National Honor Society. As the recipient of the **James Hale Steinman Foundation Award**, Nicholas appreciates the help this loan provides in obtaining his college degree.



Atalie Winters

Penn State University has welcomed **Atalie Winters** to campus this fall. Atalie, who is pursuing a degree in Agribusiness, received the **William Klein Jr. Endowment Award**. Her active participation in 4H, FFA, and Youth Group has instilled in her a desire to work in the field of farming after graduation. Her Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning loan is aiding her in obtaining her education. She graduated from Lampeter-Strasburg High School.



Luke Redcay

**Luke Redcay**, a graduate of Solanco High School, is the recipient of the **Binns Scholarship Loan**. He is attending Messiah College where he intends to focus his studies on Biomedical Engineering. Luke hopes to utilize his degree to help others with health problems. During high school, he was active in the Spanish Honor Society and coached in a youth basketball league.



Darren Hamric

**Darren Hamric** is attending Valparaiso University. With the goal of "positively impacting youth and changing the educational system," Darren is majoring in secondary education. A graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School, he was very active in his church community. Darren has been awarded the **Estate of Paul & Genevieve Diller Endowment Loan**.



Daniel Spangler

The **Pryor and Arlene Neuber Endowment Loan** recipient is **Daniel Spangler**, a homeschool graduate. For over four years, Daniel has learned and volunteered many hours in the realm of Audio Technology. He is eager to attend Cornerstone University and study his passion as an academic major. Daniel recently completed a service trip to South Africa which provided him with a different world view. He is eagerly attending college with the intention of utilizing his knowledge to benefit others.



Kelly Rineer

A 2014 graduate of Hempfield High School, **Kelly Rineer** received the **Edith Smith Truxal Scholarship Loan**. Kelly is attending Millersville University. She is entering undeclared, but is seeking a major that will enable her to help others and give back to her community. Kelly has five siblings and describes herself as "family oriented."



Colton Frey

**Colton Frey**, a graduate of Hempfield High School is the recipient of the **Elwood Bookman Estate Award**. Colton is attending Eastern Mennonite University, where he is pursuing a degree in elementary education. On the volleyball team in his high school, he was also active in both his church youth group and the Worship Band. Colton plans on working in a rural community where he hopes to impact both his students and others as well.



Heather Bendinsky

The **Frances Sarkisian Trust Award** recipient, **Heather Bendinsky** attends Temple University. A graduate of Warwick High School, she plans to pursue a career in athletic training. Entering her sophomore year at Temple, Heather works in the Writing Center and is also an Ambassador for the Honors program. In high school, she ran both track and cross country and served as manager for the junior varsity cross-country team. She was also active in her church youth group.



Kelson Northeimer

A graduate of Ephrata High School, **Kelson Northeimer** is the recipient of the **Kiwanis Club of Lancaster Award**. He is attending Temple University where he is studying History and Pre-Law. Kelson was active in high school in both the Jazz Band and as the President of the National Honor Society. In addition to his school activities, he volunteered as a Student Historian at the Ephrata Cloister.

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*Thanks for your help!*

# Loan applications move to the web!

In early 2014, our loan application process went online. Instead of filling out paper forms, applicants were directed to a new website (<http://apply.lancdollars.org>) to apply for a loan from Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning (LDHL). Applicants created an account on this secure website and then filled out online forms and uploaded supporting documents. The website provided feedback to the applicant indicating what was still needed in order to submit the application.

The online application process allows them to work on their application over time. Students away at school can work collaboratively with their parents to fill out the application. The website allows them to see the status of their application. Applicants who have begun an application but not yet submitted it will receive reminders. In the years ahead, students who are applying again will find that some of their information

will be brought forward from the previous year's application.

The online application process also helps LDHL. The online forms are able to validate the information being entered by the applicant before it is submitted. Deciphering handwriting will no longer be a challenge. LDHL is able to move data from the application

form to other systems without having to retype the information.

"Moving from a paper system to a web-based system was no small challenge, but we look forward to improving the process to provide an even better experience for LDHL and our applicants," said Wanda Whare, president.



*Above: Board Members meet in January 2014 for a retreat. Right: Board Members stuffing envelopes in July to mail loan checks to the student's institution of choice.*



## LDHL Accepting Electronic Applications for Loans

For the first time ever, LDHL began accepting electronic application for loans during the 2014 application period, streamlining the process for new or repeat applicants. Who better to offer insight about completing a hard copy loan application versus an electronic application than the Glisson family from Lititz? As a high school senior in 2013, Josh Glisson had submitted his first application in paper form. This year, Josh's reapplication for a second loan was completed electronically. The new format was a perfect fit for Josh and his father, Jeffrey Glisson, because Josh was at college in New York, five hours away. Together, father and son were able to complete the process successfully and easily from their respective locations in a timely fashion, each filling in his portion and signing the form without mailing paper forms from state to state.



*(l-r) Jeffrey and Joshua Glisson*

Mr. Glisson acknowledged that though he uses technology, he feels more comfortable using hard copies of documents and so was a bit concerned about how smoothly the newly-implemented electronic process would go. To his pleasant surprise, he found the transition from paper to electronic filing easy. For one thing, the two applications are the same. Furthermore appropriate help has been built into the online process in several ways: initially, there is a link to a document with hints for preparing the application, and at the bottom of each page of the form there is a "help" link. Additionally, the administrator was available to answer any questions by phone or online, a resource that Mr. Glisson greatly appreciated. Mr. Glisson emphasized the importance of the relevant follow-up and clear identification of any parts of the application that were incomplete.

Finally, Mr. Glisson expressed his appreciation for receiving a confirming email when all sections were complete. He noted, "The application website clearly reflects good advance planning and testing before it was launched. We appreciate the work of Lancaster Dollars and the opportunity this program provides to support Josh's college education."

2015 electronic interest-free loan applications will be available online at [www.lancdollars.org](http://www.lancdollars.org) beginning January 1, 2015.

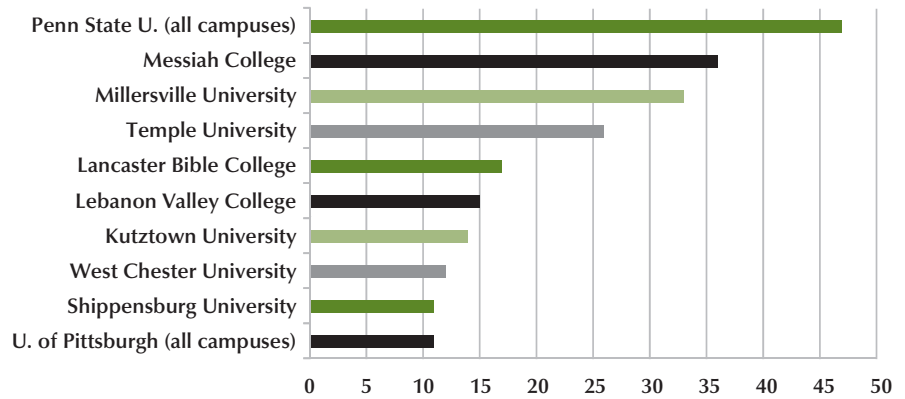


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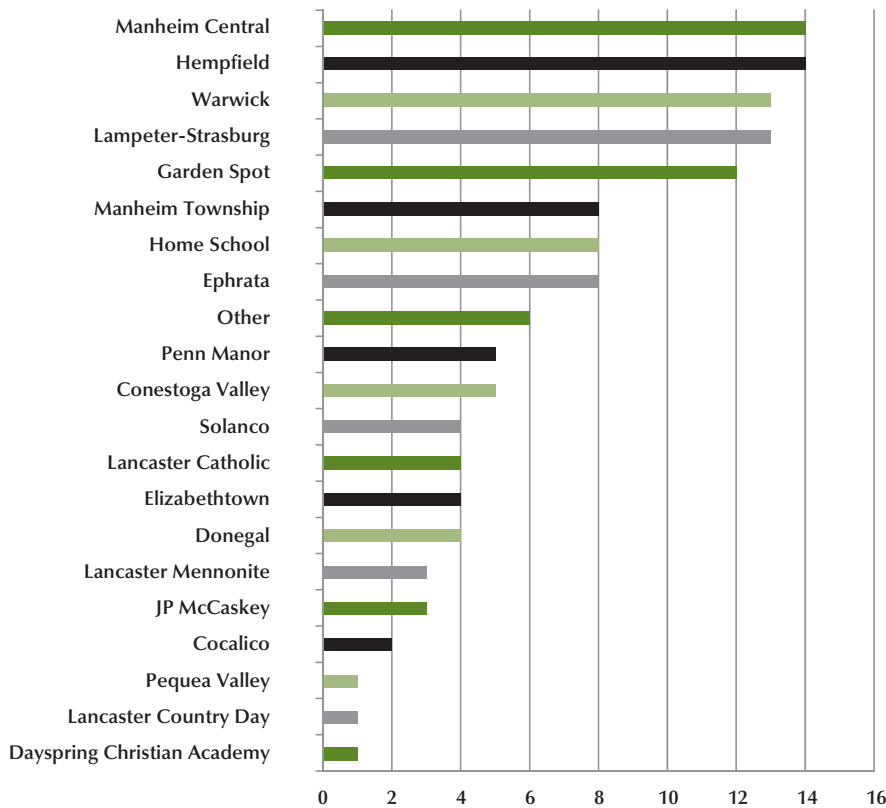
institutions of higher learning represented by the pool of recipients.

The majority of loan recipients, however, chose to remain in the Keystone State for their higher education. The chart on the right shows that the top ten schools chosen by LDHL 2014 loan recipients all were based right here in Pennsylvania.

LDHL mailed 512 interest-free loan checks totaling \$812,000 to colleges on behalf of Lancaster County students. As we are all too aware, average tuition increases at all institutions of post-secondary education – public and private - have far outpaced annual inflation. Therefore the mission of LDHL to assist families cope with these rising costs becomes more important each year.



**Top 10 Colleges for 2014**



**First Time Loan Recipients • High Schools**

Statistically, those applicants awarded this year's interest-free educational loans, reflect a wide spectrum of personal demographics, of academic pursuits, and of institutions of choice for their higher educations:

- Approximately 93% of the 512 interest-free loan recipients attend four-year colleges, while 12 of the students are enrolled at vocational-technical schools, 10 study at community colleges, and 12 pursue graduate degrees.
- Women received 60% of the 512 loans awarded, and men received 40%.
- The 133 first-time loan recipients represent 19 Lancaster County public and private high schools, as well as eight students who were home schooled and six students who received their high school education from another source (see chart at left).

In addition to statistics, LDHL donors should know that these very real individuals appreciate the aid that is being given to them through the donors' generosity. Listen to what four first time loan recipients have to say:

- "Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning has been a big blessing to me with helping to pay my tuition with this interest-free loan."
- "It really helps to lessen the monetary burden."
- "LDHL will help me reach my goals by lightening my financial burden. This will allow me to spend less time working at my part-time job and to spend more time focusing on my studies."
- "Being able to immerse myself entirely in my studies, without having to worry endlessly about finances alone will allow me to get the most out of my education possible. You guys are keeping me sane! Thank you!!"



*Jeffrey J. Worley*

**Jeffrey J. Worley, Esq.** is an attorney at Gibbel Kraybill & Hess, LLP. Jeff is a graduate of Lancaster Mennonite High School and Millersville University. He received his J.D. from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. A former operating board member of Junior Achievement of Central Pennsylvania, he presently serves on the board of Lancaster Day Care Center. Jeff is the Repayments Chair of LDHL. He lives in East Hempfield Township with his wife and two children.



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# 2013 – 2014 Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning Honor Roll

## Endowment Level Donors

Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning Endowment Recognition is accorded to those friends whose gifts have accumulated \$10,000 or greater. Those generous contributors identified with an asterisk have consented to have named endowment awards presented in their honor (see Endowment Awards article in this newsletter).

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Summa Cum Laude recognition is accorded to those friends whose gifts from June 2013 through May 2014 total \$1,000 or more.

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Because our newsletter is published annually, any errors that may inadvertently have occurred in a Report Card take a year to correct. It is with sincere apologies – and heartfelt gratitude – that Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning (previously Dollars for Scholars of Lancaster County) recognizes the following additional supporters of our non-profit organization during June 2012 – May 2013:

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