

Report Card

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Lancaster Dollars

My name is Alyse Crandall. I graduated from Solanco High School in June 2015. I am now attending Lebanon Valley College in Annville, where I am an Early Childhood and Special Education dual major. I am looking forward to starting my junior year in the Fall of 2017. At college, I hold two jobs, as a student worker in the financial office and in the education suite. I also am working two jobs this summer to help pay for my tuition. I am very thankful for the loan assistance that I have been able to receive from Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning. My older sister and I have both benefited from this loan program. I think one of the amazing traits about this program is that one loan can help multiple students for many years because the loans are recycled. For example, I am currently receiving my loans; when I graduate and repay the loans, another student receives the money. When I spoke as a loan recipient in March on Behind the Lines with Diane Dayton, we laughed backstage because my sister is currently in the repayment period, so you could say her loan is being recycled to me.

I am so thankful for this program that helps Lancaster County students afford college and achieve their career goals by offering loans that have a repayment plan without interest. After graduation, I hope to be a teacher in Lancaster County. After becoming a teacher, inspiring young minds, and repaying my loans, I would like to continue to support this terrific program and be part of the force that will continue to help students here in Lancaster County. I want to say thank you to all of you who have made donations to make these loans possible for students like me. This loan made it possible for me to attend college and work towards being a teacher by alleviating a little stress.

There is a well-known proverb that says, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." This organization and your contribution show

the love and support our "village" has for our future generations. I am so grateful to be a part of a community that helps students make higher education a reality.

Thank you!

Alyse Crandall



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President's Letter

October 2017

Dear Friends:

Our mission to provide financial resources to Lancaster County residents in support of their post-secondary educational goals is such a vital one, and your support is so greatly appreciated! Thank you for helping our students with your generosity and commitment to their futures!

In May we held our first Donor Appreciation Luncheon downtown at the Ware Center. Fifty attendees were treated to lunch and a wonderfully positive message from Roger Bruszewski, vice president for finance and administration and CFO at Millersville University. Alyse Crandall, a loan recipient and Lebanon Valley College student, also inspired attendees with her gracious testimonial.

Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning continues to grow and change in a positive direction with our goal of aiding even more students. We are thrilled to announce that we just hired a new Executive Director, Christie Livengood! She comes to LDHL with a solid background in nonprofit and accounting work. Earlier this year, LDHL added a wonderful administrative assistant, Ashley Hemmelstein, to our office staff. After three dedicated years as president, Wanda Whare left the Board, but she will continue to assist us on our Board Governance Committee. Ann Womble, our former Executive Director, will also participate on our Fund Development Committee, so we are not really saving goodbye to these invaluable people!

We continue to be guided by our strategic plan to explore new paths of financial support and to raise our name recognition in schools and elsewhere about our interest-free loans. Truthfully, we could not do this without your generous support of our beloved Lancaster community!

With sincere gratitude,

Lisa R. Lewis
President

Lancaster Dollars Welcomes New Staff and Board Members



Christie Livengood

Christie Livengood is our new Executive Director, bringing a variety of experience to the position. Most recently, Christie was the Director of Operations for the Power Packs Project in Lancaster, working diligently to empower needy families to regularly provide healthy meals for their children by providing weekend food and nutritional information. Prior to this role, Christie worked as an accountant, utilizing her degree in Business Administration/Accounting from Bloomsburg

University. She is passionate about education and is currently working toward her master's degree in Business Education. Volunteer activities at church, school, and in the local community round out her very busy days. She lives in Willow Street with her husband and two children.

Ashley Hemmelstein is our new Administrative Assistant. She was a manager of her family's restaurant in Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey for 10 years before moving to Lancaster in 2015. She lives in Willow Street with her 1-year-old son. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, baking, making candles and traveling with her family. Ashley is very excited to be a part of LDHL and hopes to be part of our organization for many years to come.



Ashley Hemmelstein



Mary Manacher

Mary Manacher is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and is employed by the College managing the Franklin & Marshall Admission Network - FAN. Prior to working at F&M, Mary worked in corporate accounting for Armstrong World Industries, Lipton, and Pepsi Cola. She has also been active in the community serving on the Lancaster Country Day School Board of Trustees, the Franklin & Marshall Alumni Board, and Saint John

Neumann Pastoral Council. Mary lives in Manheim Township with her husband Dan. In her free time, Mary enjoys spending time with her three adult sons—two of whom work in New York City—,traveling with her husband, exercising, and hosting parties for family and friends.

Timothy R. Gallagher, CPA, CFE, CGMA is a Supervisor at Trout, Ebersole & Groff, LLP. Tim focuses his efforts on tax planning, preparation and compliance, individual and business consulting, entity selection and multistate taxation. Additionally, Tim has extensive experience serving clients in the Healthcare, Real Estate, Personal and Professional Services and Retail industries. Tim graduated Magna Cum Laude

Timothy Gallagher

from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting and a minor in Spanish. In his free time, Tim enjoys exercising, traveling, spending time with his wife and annually volunteering for Survival Challenge in Macomb, Illinois, a non-profit event based on the popular TV show *Survivor*. Tim resides in Lancaster with his wife.

SCHOLARS AWARDED LEGACY LOANS

Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning is thrilled to recognize the recipients of the legacy loans for the 2017-2018 academic year. These Lancaster County students' academic and extra-curricular contributions paved the way for this special recognition. These awards serve as recognition of both the generosity of our donors and their commitment to aiding Lancaster County students in their post-secondary educational pursuits.

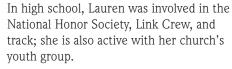


Brooke Balmer

Brooke Balmer, an Ephrata Senior High School graduate, is the recipient of the Margaret Gordon Lestz Legacy Loan. An active member of the National Art Honor Society in high school, Brooke will pursue

art education at Kutztown University. She hopes to become an art teacher to share with students the "importance of having a creative mind."

Lauren Becker has been awarded the Dr. & Mrs. Emmett Cooper Legacy Loan. This Donegal High School graduate intends to study nursing at Messiah College, hoping to participate in mission trips to improve the health of low-income families.





Alexa Bennetch

A National Honor Society member at Cocalico High School, **Alexa Bennetch** will pursue a neuroscience degree at Lehigh University. Alexa was an active member of student government, the LEO Club, and the soccer

team at Cocalico. Outside of school, she was the president of Venture Crew 532 this past year. Alexa is the recipient of the **Jim Hagelgans & Gale Zorian Legacy Loan**.

Jared Bitts hopes his study of electronic engineering technology at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology will launch his career as an electronics technician. This Pequea Valley High School graduate



Iared Bitts

played varsity football, was president of the STEM club and was a member of the Technology Student Association. Jared has been awarded the William S. Rothermel Foundation Scholarship Loan in Memory of Ali Fassnacht.



Abigail Burkholder

An Ephrata Senior High School graduate, **Abigail Burkholder** has received the **William Klein Jr. Legacy Loan**. Abigail intends to major in math and economics at Grove City College, hoping to become

an actuary and also become active in Youth With a Mission (YWAM). In high school she was treasurer of the National Honor Society and the LEO Club and played on the volleyball and swim teams. Playing piano and raising bunnies round out her interests.

The Gray Playter Memorial Legacy Loan went to Penn Manor High School graduate Daniel Cheston. Active in lacrosse and Envirothon in school, Daniel plans to study neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh and become a neurosurgeon.



Daniel Cheston



Nathaniel Deimler

Nathaniel Deimler plans to pursue a marine biology degree from Nova Southeastern University, eventually earning his doctorate to conduct his own research in the field. This Warwick High School

graduate was a four-year member of the marching band, serving as drum captain for two of those years. He was also active in varsity tennis and the Technology Student Association. Nathaniel is the recipient of the R. D. & Rhoda Buckwalter Legacy Loan.

Warwick High School graduate **Samantha Delmont** was awarded the **Frances Sarkisian Trust Legacy Loan**. This National Honor Society member will study accounting at the

University of Pittsburgh. Her desire to give back to the community and help others led to her volunteer work in retirement homes and with the Special Olympics; moreover, Samantha had the opportunity to travel to the Dominican Republic for a week to teach children English.



Taylor Griffin

The **Dr. Mary Elizabeth Dixon Legacy Loan**recipient is **Taylor Griffin**,
a Lampeter-Strasburg
High School graduate.
This Student Council
president was also a fouryear varsity cheerleader

and an active member of Cornerstone Community Church. Taylor will major in communications and political science at American University in Washington, D.C.

Elizabethtown University student Nicholas Herr has plans to either be a computer or video game programmer after earning a degree in computer science. For over a decade, this Lampeter



Nicholas Heri

Strasburg High School graduate has helped fill backpacks with school supplies for Children and Youth services, providing the backpacks for children who were abruptly removed from their homes. Nicholas received the Ronald and Patricia Tweed Legacy Loan.



Rrian Hines

Brian Hines was awarded the Binns Legacy Loan as he pursues studies in business at Franklin and Marshall College. Ultimately hoping to earn a law degree, this National Honor Society student was president of

Manheim Township High School's Lions LEO Club and was a member of both the varsity basketball and volleyball teams. Music is another interest of Brian's, as evidenced by his first chair trumpet section leader honors in both concert band and orchestra.

Majoring in secondary education and chemistry at Lebanon Valley College, **Joshua Wade Houck** is the recipient of the **Barbara K. Mank Legacy Loan**. Upon graduation, Joshua hopes to teach high



Joshua Wade Houck

school chemistry. At Garden Spot High School, Josh was vice president of the

school's theater group, was drum major in the marching band, and was a member of both the chorus and National Honor

Society.



Ashlea Huber

Ashlea Huber loved the friendships she made through her church youth group and her participation on the tennis team at Pequea Valley High School. Majoring in accounting at

Penn State Berks, Ashlea is proud to be a first-generation college student in her family. The **David & Tamela Fassnacht**Legacy Loan was awarded

Legacy Loan was awarded to her.

Manheim Central High School graduate **Marcus Huber** is striving for a music education degree at Temple University. The recipient of the **Mr. & Mrs. Isaac**



Marcus Hube

Weaver Legacy Loan, Marcus plans a career in education and professional performance. His leadership skills are evidenced by his selection as the Class of 2017 Class President and his role as Student Council president. Band and choir filled his schedule as well, but he still

found time to volunteer at church.



Kody Kegarise

As an actuarial science major who also plans to play football at Lebanon Valley College, **Kody Kegarise** wants to land a job as an actuary with an insurance

company. At Manheim Central High School, Cody served as a football team captain, but this three-sport athlete played basketball and was on the track team as well. A member of both the National and Spanish Honor Societies, Kody was also a member of the Spanish and Student Investment Clubs. Just the second child in his family to attend college, Kody was awarded the Allen Family Foundation Legacy Loan.

The recipient of the The Estate of Paul &

Genevieve Diller Legacy Loan, Madelina Marquez will study biology at York College of Pennsylvania and then hopes to attend graduate school. She was involved in track and field at Penn Manor High School where she was a member of



Madelina Marquez



Danae Martin

The **Elwood Bookman Estate Legacy Loan** was presented to **Danae Martin**, a Manheim Central High School graduate who is

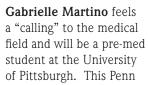
the National Honor Society

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Society.

attending Vanderbilt University. At school, Danae was president of the National Art Honor Society and was instrumental in organizing the district-wide art show. She was also a member of both the National and Spanish Honor Societies. Volunteering at several places in the community, Danae co-founded a community organization in her senior year called Convert to Code, which strives to facilitate the learning

of computer science and computer programming in Lancaster County.





Gabrielle Martino

Manor High School graduate and National Honor Society member was active in the arts, earning the lead role of Ariel in the school's production of *The Little Mermaid*. Her desire to help others, however, drives her pursuit of medicine. Last year she was selected to attend the National Academy of Future Physicians Congress and this past summer was selected for a medical internship at the Wistar Institute at the University of Penn in their melanoma research lab. This talented young woman intends to be an advocate "for those who don't always have a voice" and is the recipient of the **William & Violet**



Ahrielle Minnich

Abrielle Minnich plans to study nursing at the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences, becoming a registered nurse in Lancaster. A graduate of Warwick High School,

Dussinger Legacy Loan.

Abrielle led her field hockey team as cocaptain and volunteered her time through her membership in the National Honor Society and at LG Health Women & Babies Hospital. Abrielle has been awarded the Pryor E. and Arlene R. Neuber Legacy Loan.

Awarded the **Edith Smith Truxal Legacy Loan, Autumn Peters** is a
Lampeter-Strasburg High School graduate who intends to major in chemistry at



Autumn Peters

Millersville University and play field hockey as well. She hopes to further her studies in graduate school with a concentration in forensic/analytical chemistry as it applies to criminal justice. In high school she

was selected as a L-L League All Star and Academic All Star and was named to the National Academic Squad. This National Honor Society member played percussion

in the concert band and full orchestra and has earned several awards for her artwork.

Kyra Sangrey wants a career in the pharmaceutical industry and will major in ACS chemistry at Lebanon



Kyra Sangrey

Valley College. At J. P. McCaskey High School, Kyra was color guard captain of the marching band and participated in theater productions and stage crew. A member of the National Honor Society who enjoys community service work, Kyra is receiving The Steinman Foundation Legacy Loan.

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Erika Schell has been awarded the E. Ann Klein Charitable Trust Legacy



Erika Schell

Loan to help pursue her physical therapy studies at Lebanon Valley College, hoping to eventually obtain her doctorate and work for a children's hospital. At Donegal High School, Erika ran cross-country and track,

team and in the performing arts.

Mechanical engineering at Penn State University is the course of study for Hempfield High School graduate **Alec Tankesley**. He captained the boys' soccer team and



Alec Tankesley

was a member of Ski Club and Future Business Leaders of America in high school. Alec is presented with the **Dr. Lawrence**

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A. Ezard Memorial Legacy Loan.

The **Dale & Sadie High Legacy Loan** has been awarded to **Derek Thrush**, a graduate of Conestoga Valley High School. A three-sport athlete in soccer, basketball

and tennis, Derek also played cello in the orchestra, pit and county orchestra. This National Honor Society member plans to study mechanical engineering at Messiah College.

I am happy to tell everyone at Lancaster Dollars that I recently graduated from Millersville University with a Bachelor's of Arts in Spanish. I am forever grateful that I was part of the few who received loans! Thank you for investing in my education. —Jamie B. Millersville University

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This loan has really been a blessing. I thank your organization for helping me and giving me the opportunity to be sheltered from the crazy world of the student loans from the government.

- James D. Parent of Loan Recipient, Jessica D. Messiah College

This award will definitely be put to good use and to bettering my future. Thank you for all that you do for students like myself. — Bryan E. Eastern University

Three of our children have been blessed by this program during their college endeavors. Thank you. It is a significant help to us.

-Kim V. Parent of Loan Recipients I am very honored to be a recipient of these funds. Thank you for your generosity which will allow me to concentrate less on my school finances and more on studying and class. — Tyler J.

Penn State University

Thank you for awarding me an interest free student loan. It is truly a like myself who is for college. Thank you!

Goldey Beacom College

Every day I am able to enjoy my position as an art educator at Manheim Central Middle School and part of that is because of LDHL's efforts. Thank You!

– Keisha M. Millersville University

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With the help of LDHL, I was able to attend an academically-demanding private college, Colgate University, play Division I collegiate volleyball and make Friends that will last Forever. Thank you to LDHL for making this possible.

-Kaylee D. Colgate University

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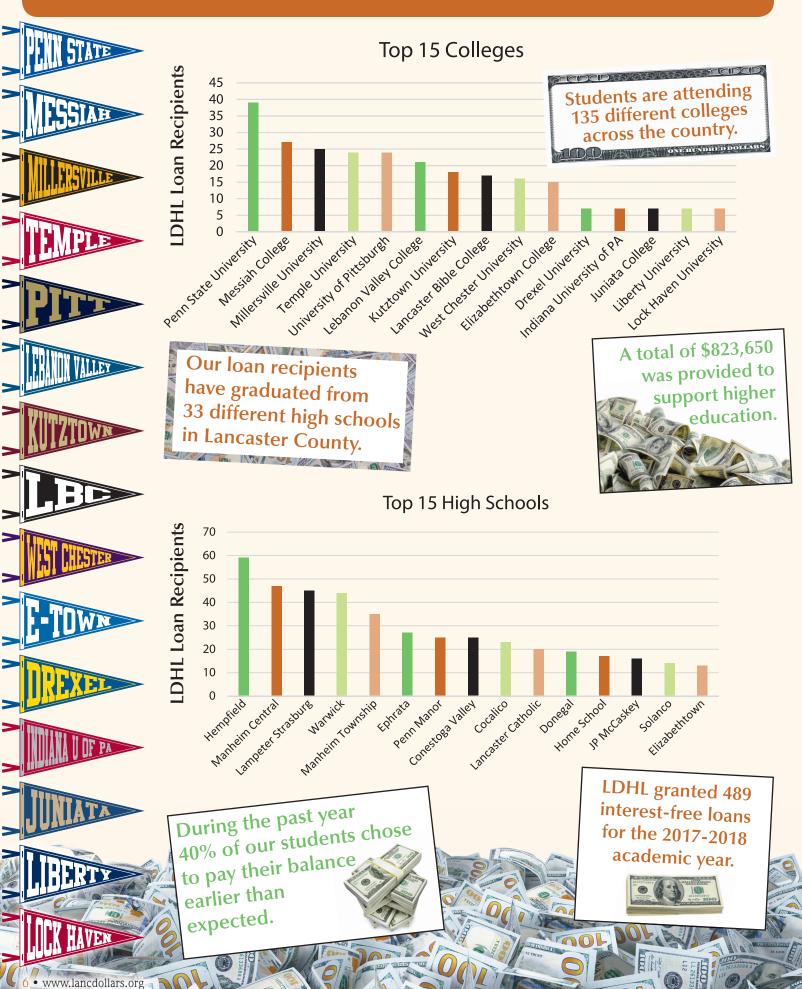
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appreciate it!

- Emily W.

Messiah College

2017 Interest-Free Loans for Lancaster County Students



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