

# LANCASTER DOLLARS FOR HIGHER LEARNING 2021 REPORT CARD FALL 2021 | VOLUME 20

# SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

In 1961, a high school graduate from Hempfield High School was accepted at Franklin and Marshall College. It was an impossible dream for a boy raised with two brothers by their mother living in the Lancaster County farmland. The challenge was money – just as many other students faced since WWII. But a new organization formed by a volunteer board accumulated enough monetary donations to offer interest-free loans to college students. It was then named "The Citizens' Scholarship Foundation."

Steve Harper received these loans all four years at F&M, graduated, and successfully paid back the lended funds, which were then loaned to new students. Not only was this an innovative solution for higher education, but students learned about borrowing and paying back.

After joining the Board, Steve was selected for a term as president. This gave him a chance to work with leaders in the Lancaster community, meet and interview students, speak in public meetings, seek additional funds, and participate in decision-making in the organization.



Steve Harper, loan recipient and former Board President

"Citizens' Scholarship Foundation has meant much to me – one of the first students who became absorbed in the organization for many additional years serving our community."



Allison Douglas-Snyder, Ioan recipient Allison Douglas-Snyder attended Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and graduated in May 2012 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

She worked as a pharmacist at a local Weis Markets Pharmacy for eight years before recently achieving her dream job at Lancaster General Hospital.

"I have loved being a community pharmacist within a grocery store because I felt like I was the most accessible healthcare professional and could reach so many members of our community. Patients really trust their pharmacists and I was so touched and honored to have an impact on their health. My experience working in the hospital has been rewarding thus far as well, helping patients navigate what is often one of the most stressful times in their lives. Thanks for your role in putting me where I am today!"

# **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It was in 1961 that a group of civic-minded Lancastrians decided to establish a nonprofit corporation fashioned after one existing in Fall River, Massachusetts. The Articles of Incorporation for the "Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Lancaster County" state that it was established "to provide scholarships, loans and other suitable means, opportunities for education to those whose financial resources are inadequate and to educate the community to the vital need of expanding opportunities for higher education." They wanted to provide a way that all area students could aspire to and earn a college or university





bachelor's degree, even if they did not have the financial means to do so on their own.

These dedicated volunteers pledged their own money to start the fund and reached out personally to ask other community members to join them in giving money for loans. From the outset, the founders stated that students were "morally obligated" to pay back the amount of the loan received when able. Additionally, the founders stipulated that all loans would be interest-free.

One member of the initial Board of Directors stated, "There is tremendous satisfaction in this work, especially when you see the people who might have lost out on a chance for higher education, who can get to college through this aid."

In addition to establishing and distributing loans, the founders noted that it was important to have students and their families understand the importance of obtaining a college education as a means of enriching their community as well as for their personal betterment.



While the name of our non-profit organization has evolved to now be known as Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning, our mission has remained essentially the same for 60 years. We still provide financial resources to Lancaster County residents in support of their post-secondary educational goals. All loans remain interest-free, and students are still obligated to repay their loans, thus providing the core of funds to redistribute to the next generation of college-bound students.

#### In this our 60th anniversary year, to honor and formally acknowledge the foresight and dedication of our founders, the following committed leaders are now named as Founding Board members –

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We are grateful to our founders, and for those who have subsequently served as Directors. Our sincere thanks also go to our generous current and past donors, and especially to the exceptional donors who remembered our organization in their wills and estate plans. They are now recognized in the newly established Mortarboard and Tassel legacy giving circle. We deeply appreciate our staff, our volunteers and supporters who have joined together during these last six decades to give interest-free loans. We collectively remain dedicated to annually serving as many deserving Lancaster County students as possible.

It is the loan recipients, current and past, who form the heart of Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning. They work hard to achieve their educational dreams. As they repay their loans, they provide a valuable source of funds which are in turn awarded to the next generation of students needing interest-free loans.

To all who have contributed to the success of our organization, I share my admiration for your generosity and support of our enduring mission.

Jean Bednarski, Board President

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# **MEET LEANN DOUTRICH** OUR EXTRA GIVE FEATURE STUDENT

Leann is a current LDHL loan recipient. She is currently a Senior at Susquehanna University working toward her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. She has taken courses relating to accounting, management, marketing, and finance.



"Your support is an incredible relief for young

adults in our community. Many young adults in our community must pay for college on their own, which can cause a lot of stress for many because of the costs of higher education. However, through LDHL and the people who donate, that burden can be eased just a little bit."

We'll share more about Leann in the coming month and how your support during the Extraordinary Give will impact students like her.

# WILL YOU BE OUR EXTRA GIVE CHAMPION?

We're counting down the days to the November 19 Extraordinary Give, Lancaster County's largest day of giving, and we need your help.

If you've never raised funds before, don't worry! Visit extragive.org, and search for Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning to become a fundraising champion to help raise funds for Lancaster County students!

# 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR SNAPSHOT

STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING 82 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

A TOTAL OF \$429,250 WAS PROVIDED TO SUPPORT HIGHER EDUCATION. LDHL AWARDED INTEREST-FREE LOANS TO 257 STUDENTS FOR THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.

LOAN RECIPIENTS GRADUATED FROM 27 DIFFERENT HIGH SCHOOLS.

# SCHOLARS AWARDED 2021 LEGACY LOANS



#### ALLEN FAMILY FOUNDATION LEGACY LOAN Jenna Wagner Manheim Central High School PA College of Health Sciences Nursing



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Warwick High School Penn State University/Berks Occupational Therapy



#### **DR. MARY ELIZABETH DIXON LEGACY LOAN Breanna Fluhr** Lampeter-Strasburg High School Misericordia University Medical Imaging



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Hempfield High School Penn State University Biomedical Engineering



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#### PANGBURN FAMILY LEGACY LOAN Eliana Shenk Manheim Central High School

Lebanon Valley College **Business Administration** 



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Elizabethtown Area High School University of Maine Earth Science



## EDITH TRUXAL LEGACY LOAN Jesse Rice Homeschool

Millersville University Secondary English Education



# **RONALD & PATRICIA TWEED LEGACY LOAN**

Chase Yarberough Warwick High School Grove City College Finance



#### MR. & MRS. ISAAC WEAVER LEGACY LOAN Sabrina Lawrence Donegal High School

Central Penn College Accounting



#### **CATHERINE N. WITMER MEMORIAL** LEGACY LOAN Emily Clouser

Garden Spot High School Penn State University/Berks **Forensic Science** 





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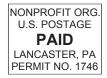
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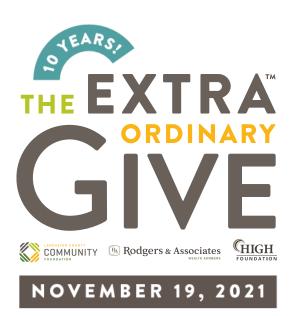




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