



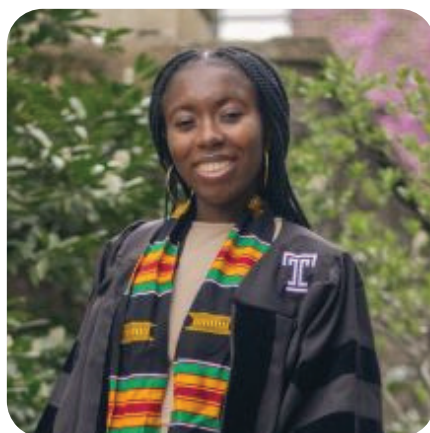
## Celebrating Interest-Free Student Loans

# 2024 Report Card

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**Our Educated Community**



Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning's mission is to provide financial resources to Lancaster County residents in support of their post-secondary educational goals.



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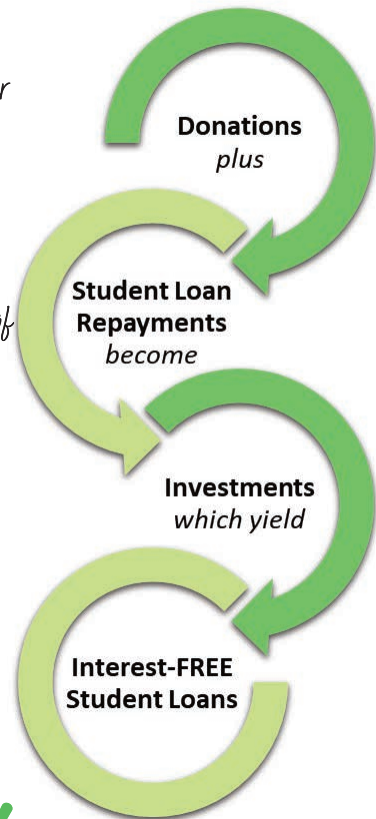
**F**or the 63rd year in a row, the hands and hearts of our supporters opened again to help Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning (LDHL) provide interest-free loans to Lancaster County students, who are pursuing their goals of higher education.

While loans are offered on an annual basis, the successfulness of LDHL to achieve its mission would not be possible without the work of dedicated staff, Board leaders, community volunteers, generous donors, graduates in repayment, and certainly current LDHL loan recipients.

*I am deeply indebted to each, and every person included in this Report Card—it is you who help us to continue and achieve the mission, and who make students' dreams of higher education become realities.*

*In celebration, thank you one and all,*

*Jean Bednarski*  
*President of the Board of Directors*



This year, a total  
of **\$681,150** was  
provided in interest-  
free loans.

LDHL awarded  
interest-free loans  
to **362** students for  
the 2024-25  
academic year.

Loan recipients  
graduated from **28**  
different high schools  
and are attending **111**  
different institutions  
around the U.S.





# Celebrating Our New Legacy Donors



**T**his year 40 Legacy Loans were awarded thanks to the addition of new Legacy donors. Three donors explain below why supporting LDHL's mission is so important to them.



Ronald Barton

"I first was made aware of LDHL by my client Kathy Potier who was a former board member. It was a cause I felt was needed as education is most important for our young students. I was able to receive my Cosmetology education through the G.I. Bill having served in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years, so by helping to support LDHL I feel I am paying back to this wonderful organization that helps the students of Lancaster County.

With this named Legacy Loan, I'm honoring my grandmother. She was known as Mom to me as she raised me from age two, after having nine children of her own. She was a woman with only a 4th-grade education but was always so caring for young people and wise beyond her schooling. What a blessing she was to her 32 grandchildren, all the neighborhood children, and me.

To all of us who help support LDHL, let it not be the best-kept secret in Lancaster County, but help see that all Lancaster County students are aware of the aid we offer. Thanks as always for the 60+ years of hard work by the staff and volunteer board of directors."

"Ronald Barton introduced us to LDHL last year when he invited us to make a holiday contribution. He advised us about the dedicated Board of Directors and staff there, and that there was a very low expense ratio at this charity in making funds available for loans to needy students.

My wife, Elizabeth Jacobs, was diagnosed with glioblastoma in October 2023 and died in May 2024. Between these dates she and I interacted with scores of nurses at LGH, the Willow Valley Glen, Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute, and Hospice and Community Care. Elizabeth expressed a desire to assist nursing students in achieving their educational goals, particularly established LPN and RN's studying to earn a bachelor's degree (BSN). She wanted to invest in a fund that would benefit local nursing students in reaching their educational goals. LDHL advised us it could set up a legacy loan program with a preference to assist local nursing students. So, we decided that LDHL was the most efficient vehicle to accomplish Elizabeth's wishes.

With this named Legacy Loan, we're honoring Ronald Barton. We've known him since 2001 and have admired his contributions to the community as a dedicated supporter of his church and as an effective advocate for numerous community arts and welfare programs."



Kenneth Jacobs



Yvonne Kauffman

"I'm not sure I could have gone to college without the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation as it was named back then. This loan was a godsend! I like to pay back to the organization for helping to make it possible for me to graduate from a private institution. Those were the best 4 years of my life and prepared me for the outstanding career I enjoyed. It was now time to pay back by helping others. I want to help other Lancaster County young people have the same benefits I had. I think it is important to administer loans to our college students so that they can pay back the monies without interest to then help future students.

I am honoring my brother Bob with this named Legacy Loan. He came to me during my senior year of high school and said we can't both afford to be in college at the same time. He proposed to me if I get a full-time job for a year and support him so he doesn't have to work and can go full-time his senior year he will then work and help support me the four years I will be in college. That's what we did. That experience brought us closer than we had ever been. After my graduation, we remained close, took many trips together, and supported each other through lifelong situations. Until his passing in 2011, Bob was my best friend."



# Celebrating Our Lifetime Legacy Donors



**L**egacy recognition is accorded to those friends whose gifts have accumulated \$10,000 or more. Those generous contributors identified with an asterisk \* have consented to have named legacy awards presented in their honor.

Legacy Loans, which are given in the same amount as Traditional Loans, are named after an individual, group or organization that has donated at the \$10,000 level, either as a onetime donation or over several years. Students can only receive a Legacy Loan one time. Donors can set small preferences, such as specific major or specific school.

Allen Family Foundation Legacy Loan\*

Anonymous

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# Celebrating Our Legacy Loan Recipients



## **Allen Family Foundation Legacy Loan**

*Chrissa Balsley*

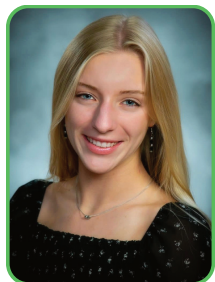
Lancaster Catholic High School  
West Virginia School of Pharmacy  
PharmD



## **Irel Buckwalter Legacy Loan**

*Hannah Ya*

Ephrata High School  
Grove City College  
Entrepreneurship



## **Mary Mae Barton Memorial Legacy Loan**

*Calla Stoltzfus*

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Messiah University  
Nursing



## **R.D. and Rhoda Buckwalter Legacy Loan**

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Welding



## **Friends of Ronald Barton Legacy Loan**

*Madeline Eichelberger*

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Nursing



## **City Limits Foundation Legacy Loan**

*Elijah Arthur*

Manheim Township High School  
Automotive Training Center  
High Performance Automotives



## **Binns Legacy Loan**

*Nicholas Miller*

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Millersville University  
Secondary English Education



## **Dr. Emmett Cooper Legacy Loan**

*Rebecca Troutman*

Solanco High School  
York College of PA  
Nursing



## **Elwood Bookman Estate Legacy Loan**

*Brittany Braun*

Penn Manor High School  
Arcadia University  
Doctorate of Physical Therapy



## **The Estate of Paul & Genevieve Diller Legacy Loan**

*Andrew Bui*

Hempfield High School  
Saint Joseph's University  
Pharmacy



# Celebrating Our Legacy



## **Dr. Mary Elizabeth Dixon Legacy Loan**

*Armin Cokrlija*

Manheim Township High School

Penn State University

Political Science



## **Jim Hagelgans & Gale Zorian Legacy Loan**

*Brayden Burkholder*

Cocalico High School

Messiah University

Finance



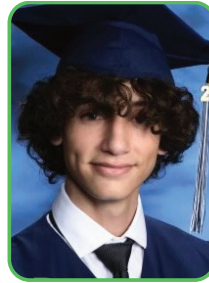
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*Alexis Cook*

Elizabethtown Area High School

King's College

Physician Assistant



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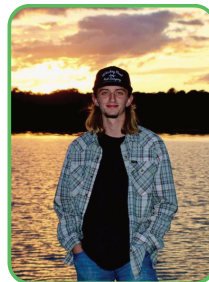
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Clemson University

Finance



## **Richard A. Humphreville Memorial Legacy Loan**

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University of Northwestern Ohio

High Performance Engine Technology



## **Garofola Legacy Loan**

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Penn Manor High School

Susquehanna University

Early Childhood Education



## **Robert Kauffman Memorial Legacy Loan**

*Daniel Joseph*

Manheim Township High School

Elizabethtown College

Physician Assistant



# Loan Recipients



**E. Ann Klein Charitable Trust  
Legacy Loan**

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Southeastern University  
Aviation



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**William Klein Jr. Legacy Loan**

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Garden Spot High School  
DeSales University  
Medical Studies



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Lebanon Valley College  
Athletic Training



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Grove City College  
Elementary Education



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Chinese Studies



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York College of PA  
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Conestoga Valley High School  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Web & Mobile Computing



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Solanco High School  
Penn State University  
Special Education



**William S. Rothermel Foundation Legacy  
Loan in Memory of Ali Fausnaught**

*Ian Switzer*  
Penn Manor High School  
Shippensburg University  
Civil Engineering





# Celebrating Our Legacy Loan Recipients



**William S. Rothermel Foundation Legacy Loan in Memory of Bryant A. Houseal**  
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Wildlife Biology



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Exercise Science



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Penn Manor High School  
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Physical Therapy



**Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Weaver Legacy Loan**  
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Garden Spot High School  
Penn State University  
Plant Science



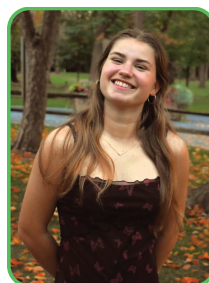
**Luci Steele Legacy Loan**  
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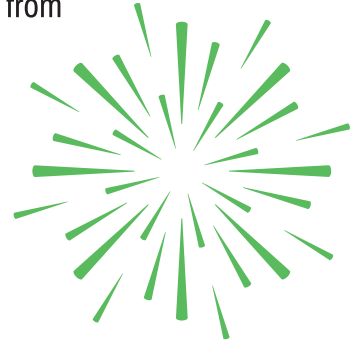
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*"I celebrate and thank each person included in this issue of the Report Card. Together loans to help further their education, all because of your involvement and generosity."*



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*we have enriched the lives of more than 360 students who have received interest-free*  
- Jean Bednarski, President of the Board of Directors



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The Mortarboard & Tassel is a way to recognize donors who have included LDHL in their estate plans. The ultimate expression of loyalty of these thoughtful donors ensures the future strength of LDHL impacting the organization beyond their lifetimes.



David Logan Steele always had a passion for the mission of Lancaster Dollars for Higher Learning. In 1963 he joined the Board of Directors and was dedicated to helping students afford to pursue their dreams of higher education. He soon took on the role as Treasurer of our nonprofit which was known as Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of Lancaster County. He maintained that responsibility for more than 15 years. Dave was inducted as an Honorary Life Member in 1987. With a long career in banking and as an Accredited Estate Planner and Certified Trust and Fiduciary Advisor he understood the value of estate planning and how beneficial it was to include LDHL in his will. "LDHL was Dave's favorite nonprofit" says his wife, Page. He believed the loan program was very valuable to students. Joel H., another dedicated donor, remembers Dave Steele providing guidance to him in the 1970's as he applied for and received interest-free loans to earn his degree at Penn State University. Dave was always looking out for the best interest of the students in Lancaster County. With his careful planning and generous contribution from his estate, Dave's legacy will continue through generations of students as they reach their goals of higher education. LDHL extends our gratitude to David Logan Steele and his family for years of dedication to these lifelong learners.



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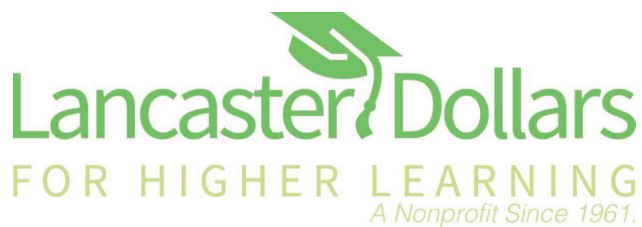
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