Scholarship Luncheon

June 6, 2016
12 p.m.

Crowne Plaza
Welcome to
Berks County Community Foundation’s
2016 Scholarship Luncheon

Welcome
Kevin K. Murphy, President
Berks County Community Foundation

Lunch

Remarks
Harry Deitz, Associate Publisher and Editor, Reading Eagle

 Kevin K. Murphy

David Roland, Market President, BB&T bank

Karl Zinsmeister, Vice President, The Philanthropy Roundtable

Concluding Remarks
Kevin K. Murphy

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Karl Zinsmeister

Karl Zinsmeister oversees all magazine, book, and Web publishing at The Philanthropy Roundtable in Washington, D.C.

In 2016 he produced The Almanac of American Philanthropy, the 1,342-page culmination of a multiyear effort to create the authoritative reference on America's fascinating and culturally seminal tradition of solving public problems with private resources. He also founded and advises the Roundtable’s program on philanthropy for veterans and service members.

Karl has authored 11 books, including two different works of embedded reporting on the Iraq war, a book on charter schools, a storytelling cookbook, even a graphic novel published by Marvel Comics. He has also made a PBS feature film and written hundreds of articles for publications ranging from The Atlantic to The Wall Street Journal.

Earlier in his career he was a Senate aide to Daniel Patrick Moynihan, the J. B. Fuqua Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, and editor in chief for nearly 13 years of The American Enterprise magazine.

From 2006 to 2009 Karl served in the West Wing as the President's chief domestic policy adviser and director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. He is a graduate of Yale University and also studied at Trinity College Dublin.

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This is the 16th year of Reading Eagle Company’s Berks’ Best scholarship project. This project began as a way to highlight the many teenagers in our community who study, work and share their talents without media attention. We’re honored to have dedicated judges who come from local businesses, community organizations and colleges.

Judges say selecting winners from such a group of outstanding high school students continues to be an exciting and challenging task. Berks County is enriched by their accomplishments.

**Berks' Best Award Winners 2016**

**Business**

**Winner:** Paul Feightner, Wyomissing High School  
**Finalists:** Grace Cote, Daniel Boone High School; Nathaniel Gallen, Wyomissing High School  
**Judges:** Mark Dolinski, Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Kevin Murphy, Berks County Community Foundation; Bob Wert, Wert Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors

**Communications**

**Winner:** Melissa DeStefano, Twin Valley High School  
**Finalists:** Vaughn Golden, Gov. Mifflin High School; Alexander Keller, Wilson High School  
**Judges:** Anne Delong, Kutztown University; David Kline, Reading Eagle Company; Karin Mallet, WFMZ

**Taylor Seitzinger Award for Community Service and Leadership**

**Winner:** Caitlin Shellhamer, Daniel Boone High School  
**Finalists:** Amanda Boyer, Wilson High School; Dana Richard, Exeter High School  
**Judges:** Franki Aitken, Berks County Community Foundation; Michael Rivera, RIG Financial Solutions; Tammy Seitzinger, Taylor’s mother

**Computer Science**

**Winner:** Michael Swist, Exeter High School  
**Finalists:** Olivia Lazarchick, Wyomissing High School; Dominic Vottero, Wilson High School  
**Judges:** Barb Feeman, Weidenhammer Systems; Frank Heins, Weidenhammer Systems; John Weidenhammer, Weidenhammer Systems

**Foreign Language**

**Winner:** Sarah Lore, Tulpehocken High School  
**Finalists:** Lauren Oler, Twin Valley High School; Sara Ostergren, Wyomissing High School  
**Judges:** Karen Jogan, Albright College; Pat Pacifico, Reading Area Community College; Karen Rauch, Kutztown University
Mathematics

Winner: Zion Perry, Daniel Boone High School
Finalists: Gabriel Shchuka, Exeter High School; Harrison Tuckman, Wilson High School
Judges: Bill Bateman, Kutztown University; Selvi Jagadesan, Penn State Berks; Brittany Shelton, Albright College

Performing Arts

Winner: Stephanie Bonk, Exeter High School
Finalists: Olivia Steinmetz, Boyertown High School; Kevin Cook, Schuylkill Valley High School
Judges: Charles Gallagher, former editor, Reading Eagle Company; Shari Gleason-Mayrhofer, Main Street Brass and Friends of Chamber Music of Reading; Julia Matthews, Albright College

Science/Environment

Winner: Vu Nguyen, Reading High School
Finalists: Zion Perry, Daniel Boone High School; Dylan Shoemaker, Conrad Weiser High School
Judges: Rosemarie Chinni, Alvernia University; Tami Mysliwiec, Penn State Berks; Laura Sherrod, Kutztown University

Social Studies

Winner: Jack Mahon, Wyomissing High School
Finalists: Tyler Akers, Kutztown High School; Kyle Dimovitz, Schuylkill Valley High School; Lindsey MacGregor, Daniel Boone High School; Luke Myers, Gov. Mifflin High School
Judges: Doug Lea, Kutztown University; John Pankratz, Albright College; Victoria Williams, Alvernia University

Visual Arts

Winner: Michaelah Flanigan, Daniel Boone High School
Finalists: Brianna Bonaduce, Twin Valley High School; Alyssa Daubenspeck, Muhlenberg High School
Judges: Camille DeMarco, Kutztown University; Peter Rampson, Alvernia University; Erin Riley-Lopez, Albright College

Vocational/Technical

Winner: Nicholas Francone, Gov. Mifflin High School
Finalists: Nathan Berg, Tulpehocken High School; Sarah Diaz, Reading High School
Judges: Petrona Pearson, Scott Speece, Harry Tobias
What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a nonprofit corporation that serves as a civic leader for a region by developing, managing and distributing funds to meet existing and emerging community needs. Community foundations are created by local residents, governed by a volunteer board of directors and run by professional staff with expertise in identifying needs in the community. There are more than 780 community foundations in the United States and 1,838 worldwide.

The mission of Berks County Community Foundation is to promote philanthropy and improve the quality of life for the residents of Berks County. We help individuals, families, organizations and businesses achieve their charitable goals.

This is most often accomplished by creating charitable funds so that money will be available for grants, scholarships or both in perpetuity. We manage $65 million in assets and have distributed more than $45 million in grants and scholarships since our founding in 1994. We focus some of our grants on specific initiatives that we believe can greatly benefit Berks County. In recent years, that has meant concentrating on revitalizing downtown, nurturing arts and culture, increasing educational attainment, encouraging community leadership and improving access to quality health care.

Our headquarters and community conference center was the first green office building in the Greater Reading area. It has the highest level of certification awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council. The conference center provides free meeting space to nonprofits, which saves those organizations more than $3,000 per month.

In partnership with the Kutztown University Small Business Development Center, we also run Jump Start Incubator, which cultivates new businesses and fosters their commercialization. The Incubator and its clients occupy our third floor.
Berks County's new story

There’s a new story emerging about our community. It’s not about what we’ve lost, but what we’re building. It’s not about our flaws. It’s about our assets. It’s an exciting story and one that will be playing out in many ways.

Our new story involves a revitalized urban core of our community. West Reading is a bustling, interesting mix of shops and restaurants that serves as a core commercial hub for the region. Its success is spilling over into Reading. While there’s much to be done, the new Doubletree by Hilton hotel, the success of the Downtown Alive free concert series and the growing success of the Reading Fire + Ice Fest have brought new life to downtown Reading.

Communities like Boyertown and Kutztown continue to thrive, providing interesting living options.

Put it all together, locate it between the New York and Philadelphia areas and you have the recipe for an incredibly vibrant community that provides a high quality of life and great economic opportunities for its residents.

We have a lot of challenges. There’s work to be done to lift up those who are struggling to make it onto the economic ladder. We need to make sure that a future of prosperity doesn’t leave some of our residents behind.

But above all, we have many strengths and the ability to build on them.

Anyone can donate

Your don't have to start a fund to donate to good causes in Berks County. We have "field of interest" funds that support various types of programs in the community.


If you want to donate, create your own fund or simply learn more about us, please let us know. Visit our website, www.bccf.org, or call us at 610-685-2223 or email us at info@bccf.org.
Jorge Luis Acevedo, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Reading High School seniors who intend to enroll in a culinary arts program after high school. Named in memory of Jorge Luis Acevedo Jr., who was a Reading High School student at the time of his accidental death. **Recipient: Carlos Ulerio**

Alumni Association of the Reading Hospital School of Nursing Scholarship Fund
For students enrolled in The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences - Nursing Program. **Recipients:** Kristy Evans, Lindsey Graeff, Theresa Guthrie, Tara Jackson, Lisa Klahr, Jena Marrinucci, Dustin Orth, Daphne Ovalles, Christian Ponczka, Adrianna Pritchard, Shanna Richwine, Bethany Thierolf

Boyertown AMBUCS Scholarship Fund
For one or more graduating seniors of Boyertown Area Senior High School who plan to further their education in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, or other medical fields. **Recipient: Amanda Kalil**

Marion L. and Ernest L. Angstadt Scholarship Fund
For seniors graduating from Kutztown Area Senior High School who will pursue a 2- or 4-year degree in agricultural science. **Recipient: Kyle Lubak**

Antietam Foundation Scholarship Fund
For Antietam High School graduates who are involved in school and community activities. This fund was formed by combining separate scholarship funds that were originally established to honor the memories of Cortney Ann Kelly, Troy M. DeNunzio and Linda Evans. **Recipients:** Michael Hughes, Victoria Wagner

Arrow International Scholarship Fund
For high-achieving high school seniors who are Berks County residents and will go on to a 4-year college or university. Preference to children whose parents were employees of Arrow International before it was acquired. **Recipients:** Alexis Meals, Kegan Laman, Danielle Knowles, Megan Murphy, Luke Yeagle, Jack Mahon, Seth Henry

Iris M. Balthaser Adam Scholarship Fund
For high school seniors graduating from a Berks County school district who will attend Kutztown University to major in elementary education. **Recipient: Amber Lantz**

Carol and David Batdorf Scholarship Fund
For the male and female Tulpehocken High School seniors who graduate with the highest class ranks. **Recipients:** Timothy Groff, Isabelle Stull

Battle of the Badges Scholarship Fund
For high school graduates who are children of active or retired police officers or firefighters serving Reading who plan to continue education in a vocational technical program or at a 2- or 4-year college, university or trade school. **Recipients:** Heather Wentz, Sarah Flenders

Berks County Association of School Retirees Scholarship and Grant Fund
For Berks County high school seniors who will continue their education to become teachers. **Recipient: Caroline Riegel**

Berks County Scholastic Athletic Trainers’ Association Scholarship Fund
For seniors from Berks County who are pursuing 4-year degrees in Sports Medicine. **Recipients:** Riley Horner, Shania Sudler, Bryton Henry
Bertolet M. Bossler Scholarship Fund
For students graduating from Reading High School who were active in Arxalma, Knight Life, Red and Black, or Red Pen. Recipient: Dania Cabello-Ruiz

Boyertown Area Education Association Scholarship Fund
For Boyertown Area Senior High School graduates who intend to receive a bachelor's degree in education and certification to teach in the K-12 classroom. 2015 Recipient: Lauren Frey; 2016 recipients: Allison Foltz, Elizabeth Burrell

Martha Ann Boyer and Morris William Boyer Scholarship Fund
For Hamburg Area High School graduates pursuing business administration or nursing degrees. Recipients: Rebecca Hendricks, Alicia Pursell

Boyertown Woman in Life Science Scholarship Fund
For female graduates of Boyertown Area Senior High School pursuing 4-year degrees in biology or health sciences for careers in veterinary science or health care. Recipient: Leah Northington

Tim Braun Memorial Scholarship Fund
In memory of the former Muhlenberg High School softball coach, for Muhlenberg seniors who played varsity softball, are committed to sportsmanship and academics, and will pursue a post-high-school education. Recipient: McKenna Rusnock-Rozzi

Bill Brumbach Sportsmanship Award Fund
For Wilson High School graduates known for team spirit, fair play and enthusiasm, this award commemorates the former athletic director who was instrumental in building the interscholastic sports program. Recipient: Christian Sload

Building Industries Exchange of Reading and Berks County Fund
For Berks County residents who are pursuing post-secondary education in building trades or construction design. 2015 recipients: Charles Steele, Alexander Bobst, Gary Young, Joel Blankenbiller, Brandon Shobe, Joseph Alfero, Ronald Baker

Coach Ray Buss Scholarship Fund
For Fleetwood Area School District graduates who played varsity soccer, displayed team leadership and good sportsmanship and will continue their soccer career in college. The scholarship is in honor of Coach Ray Buss, a legend in Berks County soccer. Recipient: Matthew Schlegel

Carpenter Technology Retired Employees Scholarship Fund
For children and employees of Carpenter Technology (Berks County site), established by the late Dan Kubacki, who worked at Carpenter for 41 years. Recipients: Kirstin Himmelberger, Ethan Miller

Jesse K. Cataldi Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Antietam High School graduates who were members of an athletic team during senior year. Recipients: Erik Therrien

James W. Churchill Memorial Scholarship Fund
For male seniors from Governor Mifflin High School who participated on the wrestling team and will pursue a 4-year degree. Recipient: Zachary Scheetz

Helen M. Clymer Scholarship Fund
For single mothers who are furthering their education. Recipients: Tara Anspach, Angela Kline, Lisa Brown, Anna Davis, Raycine Ninzehltzer

John Rich Curran Memorial Scholarship Fund
For students from select high schools in Schuylkill County who will go on to a 4-year college or university. Recipients: Lauren Womer, Alexis Padelsky, Veronica Rutecky

Scott G. Daelhousen Engineer's Award Fund
This fund provides two annual awards: One to a student who obtains the highest grade on the annual MathCounts test administered by the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, and the other to the student who obtains the highest grade on the annual Reading-Berks Science and Engineering Fair Test. Recipients: Alexa Schneck, Cerys Stratton-Brown
Jim and Ruth B. Daley Family Fund  
For Berks County residents who are continuing their education. Distributions from the fund cover items such as living expenses, professional testing fees, books, child care and transportation.  
Recipients: Ashly Arndt, Joshua Brown

Edith Dohner Memorial Scholarship Fund  
For Reading High School seniors who will continue their education to become teachers. Named in memory of Edith Dohner in honor of a lifetime of service to her church as a Sunday School teacher and to her family business, Dohner Memorials.  
Recipient: Elise Jackson

Eppihimer Scholarship Fund  
No recipient in 2016

Diana M. Everson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
No recipient in 2016

Joseph W. Favinger Scholarship Fund  
This fund awards two scholarships to Governor Mifflin seniors. One is for a student who exhibits passion for a sport, love and loyalty to teammates and a "never quit" attitude. The other is for a student pursuing education in the medical field and who is respected by teachers and classmates for their enthusiasm for life.  
Recipients: Zoe Galvin, Melissa Martin

Jim and Margie Fegley Orchestral String Scholarship Fund  
For graduating seniors who are pursuing a degree or certificate in music, more specifically, orchestral strings.  
Recipient: Kariana Leinbach

Lauren Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship Fund  
This scholarship in memory of Lauren Fitzgerald, a 2003 graduate of Wyomissing High School, is for seniors from Wilson or Wyomissing high schools who have overcome adversity and will continue their education after high school.  
Recipient: Samantha Woerle

Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship Fund  
No recipient in 2016

Annie B. Fritch Scholarship Fund  
For female Parkland High School graduates who will major in elementary education. Named for Mrs. Fritch, who taught elementary school in the district for 43 years.  
Recipient: Jasmine Walling

Jere Gabrielle Award Fund  
For Wilson High School graduates who are outstanding in art, in honor of a Wilson alumnus who was in the first graduating class of Wilson High School in 1930.  
Recipient: Jordan Mannix

Howard D. & Rose E. Goodwin Scholarship Fund  
For graduates of Antietam High School who reside in the district and require financial assistance for college.  
Recipients: Erik Therrien, Alexandria McCord

Graduate Nurse Scholarship Fund  
For alumni of The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences - Nursing Program pursuing an advanced degree.  
Recipients: Allison Bossler, Emma Harris, Nicole Wetzel

Fred W. and Pearl P. Griemes Scholarship Fund  
For outstanding Governor Mifflin seniors who are furthering their education.  
Recipients: Allee Blessing, Ariana Chuprinsky, Elizabeth Cruz, Sarah Dague, Nicholas Francone, Danielle Freeman, Emily Gros cup, Amanda Hafer, Audrey Hill, Chad Kleinsmith, Madison Koehler, Morgan Reber, Ermonie Reviere, Zachary Scheetz

GRIP Dreamer Scholarship Fund  
For Berks County residents ineligible for financial aid.  
Recipients: Emely Tremols, Fatima Mendez, Silvia Vargas, Maria Mendez-Castellon, Rainy Leonor Lake, Lillibeth Tinoco, Jorge Sanchez, Lizeth Frutos, Sarah Verneret, Yeny Romero, Nancy Rivera, Jehiaquim Hernandez, Jonas Pena, Iris Rivera, Kyriakos Vachaviolos, Christian Garcia, Fernando Rivas, Josue Ramirez

Bruce R. Helwig Reading High School Scholarship Fund  
For Reading High seniors going to a 4-year college or university. Recipients have financial need, a well-rounded background and above-average academic standing.  
Recipient: Jasmine Argueta
Russell L. Hiller Charitable Trust
Judge Russell L. Hiller established this fund to support causes he cared about in the Shillington area and to provide scholarships for Governor Mifflin High School students. Recipients: Allee Blessing, Emily Groscup, Audrey Hill, Zachary Naugle, Ermonie Reviere

Hispanic Center Scholarship Fund
For academically talented Latinos in Berks County. Recipients: Bianca Martinez, Yailynn Picazo, Santiago Paniagua, Laura Herrera, Gabriela Gonzalez, Trent Soto, Jordan Carrasquillo, Ethan Brown, Francisco Acosta, Angel Sanchez

William M. Hoffman Scholarship Fund
For Boyertown Senior High School students who will pursue a career in law enforcement or criminal justice. Recipient: Elizabeth Reehle

Elizabeth Horvath Swimming Scholarship Fund
For seniors graduating from Berks County high schools who swam on school or club teams and will continue swimming on a team while pursuing a bachelor's degree. Recipient: Olivia Iswalt

Charles Hottenstine Memorial Award Fund
This award is for a Schuylkill Valley High School senior who exhibits superior achievement and contributions in at least two varsity sports during his or her junior or senior year, with major consideration given to the student’s character, teamwork and leadership. Recipient: Brett Sigoda

Georgine Dorrian Kearney Memorial Scholarship Fund
For a female Exeter High School student furthering her education for a medical career. Recipient: Jada Carwll

Matthew Kelly Epitome of Courage Scholarship Fund
No recipient in 2016

James DiCindio, Jennifer Gilbert, Leslie Saponsky, Boyertown Area Key Club, Kiwanis Club Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Boyertown Area Senior High graduates who are members of High School Key Club and have achieved academic success, demonstrated leadership and provided service to others. Recipients: Jaimi Wagner, Amber Strohl, Leah Northington, James Purnell, Emily Gehringer

Bryon F. “Corky” Knoll Memorial Scholarship
For Berks County students going to college to study professional turf grass management or professional golf management. Recipient: Tyler Schermick

Larry J. Kramer Scholarship Fund
No recipient in 2016

Helen Monkiewicz Kubacki Scholarship Fund for Mount Carmel Area Jr./Sr. High School
For Mount Carmel Area Jr./Sr. High School seniors pursuing education in nursing. Recipient: Miranda Moser

Helen Monkiewicz Kubacki Scholarship Fund for Wilkes University
No recipient in 2016

Daniel C. Kubacki Sportsmanship Award Fund
For Reading High School seniors who demonstrate sportsmanship in an athletic program. Recipient: Sahara-Ajee Randall

Kurr Foundation Scholarship of Tulpehocken Area School District
For Tulpehocken graduates from the Bethel Elementary School area who will continue their education. Named in honor of Mrs. Sara (Kurr) Zock, a native of Bethel Township and generous benefactor to the district for many years. Recipients: Rebekah Brossman, Kristen Ziegler, Danielle Bressler, Carly Schultz, Megan Emerick, Kyle Wyse, William Brungart, Brianna Whitman, Cassandra Kraemer, Morgan Hess, Kirsten Wenger
Lombardo Family Scholarship Fund
For Muhlenberg High School seniors who participated in varsity sports, had a commitment to academics and are pursuing a college degree. Recipients: Tiersa Curry, Dylan Gilav

Chris A. Luppold, CPA Accounting Scholarship Fund
For Reading High School graduates who will pursue an accounting career. Recipient: Alondra Mendez

James E. Mabon Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Exeter Township Senior High School graduates who demonstrated outstanding academic performance, were involved in community service and school activities and will pursue a bachelor’s degree. Recipient: Sarah Andreiux

Robert and Kenneth Mace Scholarship Fund
For Boyertown Area Senior High School graduates committed to academics and extracurricular activities. In memory of Robert F. Mace, who died at the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, and his brother, Kenneth, who died from leukemia in 2012. Recipient: Olivia Crocker

Beth Lynn Negley Manweiler Award for Compassionate Nursing Care
For members of the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences - Nursing Program graduating class. The recipient is selected by his or her classmates. 2015 recipients: Kaili Dotterman, Ellen Kirby

Elizabeth Martelli Scholarship Fund
For Reading High School seniors with a passion for writing who will continue their education after high school. Recipient: Jasmine Argueta

Masano Family Scholarship Fund
For Reading High School graduates who were active in student council or student government. Recipient: Elise Jackson

Sandra J. Massaro Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Boyertown Area Senior High School seniors who intend to further their education in business administration, majoring in accounting. Recipient: Kyle Dennin

Dave McCanney Scholarship Fund
For members of Olivet Boys & Girls Club pursuing education after high school, and for a female senior who played on Wilson High School’s lacrosse team in her junior and senior years and intends to attend a 4-year college or university. Recipients: Wynton Butler II, Molly Reinhart

Marc Mario McKently Memorial Scholarship Fund
For graduating Oley Valley High School seniors who have faced difficult challenges or hardships. Recipient: Kierstin Allen

Jan Millard Memorial Fund
For students who participated on a boys cross-country team, with preference given to students in the Twin Valley School District area. Recipient: Robert Ellis

Douglas S. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
For a Schuylkill Valley High School senior who will pursue a 4-year degree in engineering or science. Recipient: Matthew Milanek

Irv Noll Memorial Scholarship Fund
For seniors from one of Berks County’s public or parochial high schools who played on a golf, basketball, or baseball team, and who will further their education. Recipient: Ryan Weller

Jere O’Boyle Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Daniel Boone Area High School graduates who excel in music and will pursue a four-year degree, preferably in music. The fund was established in memory of Jere O’Boyle, a talented musician. Recipients: Jonathan Bucci, Emma Kauffman
Owls Sports Club Scholarship Fund
For members of the West Lawn Owls Legion Baseball Team. 2015 recipient: Patrick Causa

Penny Jar Fund
No recipient in 2016

Greg Prosseda Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Berks County high school students who played on their high school golf team during their junior and senior years. Recipient: Ryan Smith

George V. & Dorothy M. Prutzman Family Scholarship Fund
For Boyertown graduates who have demonstrated academic achievement and made a significant service contribution to their community, school or church. The Prutzmans were dedicated community volunteers. Recipient: Trevor Waldman

Nathan Prutzman Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Fleetwood Area High School seniors who will continue their education after high school. Recipient: Madison Wojciechowski

Reading High School Scholarship Fund
For a Reading High School graduating senior who demonstrates potential to excell in college and will be attending a 2- or 4-year college, university or trade school. Recipient: Thomas Mease

Reading-Berks Association of Realtors® Scholarship Fund
For Berks County high school seniors who will study business after high school. The fund was established in memory of Herbert J. Bellairs and Christos Vardaxis Jr. Recipients: Paul Feightner, Brooke Yerger, Samuel Sjosten

Earl and Mary and Gary W. Redner Scholarship Fund
For employees or children of employees of Redner’s Markets Inc. who will go on to college or graduate school. Recipients: Morgan Bensinger, Briana Berstler, Abigail Brauer, Jamin Levan, Kyle Sommers, Karleigh Veglia

Samuel Brooklyn Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Schuylkill Valley High School seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA who will go on to a 4-year college or university to study anthropology, archaeology, or history, or who have an interest in distance running. Recipient: Sophie Goad

Jeffrey S. Remley Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Fleetwood students who are pursuing post-secondary education and intend to play soccer in college. Recipient: Matthew Schlegel

Community General Hospital Foundation - June A. Roedel Healthcare Scholarship Fund
For Berks County residents pursuing careers in health care. The Community General Hospital Foundation created the fund with the guidance of the late civic leader, June A. Roedel. Recipients: Ross Baver, Nicholas Bentz, Shannon Deck, Amber Dietrich, Nicole Eshbach, Samantha Fisher, Courtney Konchan, Victoria Kissinger, Ludjelie Manigat, Colleen Plummer, Dana Richard, Abigail Schell, Jasmere Schleicher, Meghan Steffey, Eleanor Surhoff, Michael Tierney, Jennifer Uspal, Nicole Wetzel, Kevin Yeagle, Hannah Zerbe, Kristen Ziegler

Otis S. Rothenberger Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Schuylkill Valley High School graduating seniors who are furthering their education at a 4-year college or university to major in education. Recipient: Kevin Cook

St. Andrew United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund
For high school seniors who are members of St. Andrew United Methodist Church who have a record of success in education and who will further their education after high school as full-time students. Recipient: James Purnell

Gene D. Schoch Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Boyertown Area Senior High School seniors who are furthering their education. Recipient: Julia Morgan
Linda Schrufer - Whitey Miller Scholarship Fund
For Reading High School seniors who will go to college to study engineering. 
Recipient: Shawn Jackson

Seidel Family Scholarship Fund
For Berks County residents who are attending The Dickinson School of Law. Recipient: Charles Dutko

Taylor N. Seitzinger Hamburg Area High School Scholarship Fund
For Hamburg Area High School students who will pursue a 4-year degree. Recipients participated in school athletics and activities, and demonstrated leadership. Recipient: Melanie Haas

Delbert M. Sharon Memorial Scholarship Fund
For seniors graduating from Wyomissing High School who will attend a college, university, or trade school to study engineering, auto mechanics, or woodworking. Recipient: Charles Tonneslan

Small Steps Scholarship Fund
For Conrad Weiser Area School District students who plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college, university, trade or vocational school. Recipients: Julia Kesselring, Hunter Miller, Alexa Schneck, Brett Schultz, Erich Miller, Briana Sassaman

Snyder Family Scholarship Fund
This fund in memory of Mary Jane Snyder and in honor of Roy Snyder is for seniors graduating from Wilson High School who have been members of Wilson swim or dive teams, with preference to students who will continue to participate in aqua sports in college, and for Conrad Weiser High School graduating seniors who intend to major in education, with a preference for elementary education. Wilson recipients: Carter Young, Dominic Vottero; Conrad Weiser recipient: Caroline Riegel

Earl L. Speicher Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Brandywine Heights Area School District graduates who will continue their education and who demonstrate a well-rounded involvement in sports, music and school or community activities. Recipient: Hannah Leibensperger

The Krista Staudt Memorial Scholarship Fund
For students from Conrad Weiser, Governor Mifflin or Reading high schools who intend to further their education after high school and are either cancer survivors or are dealing with or have overcome a medical challenge. Recipients: Thomas Mease, Deschanel Mercado, Kayla Lazer

Andrew J. Straka Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Wilson High School graduates in the top 50% of their class and who participated in at least two sports in each high school year. Recipient: Kelly Ebner

Marguerite E. Swartz Scholarship Fund
For Wilson High School graduates who are furthering their education. 2015 recipients: Emily McGuigan, Joshua Keller

Sweet Street Desserts Scholarship Fund
For children of Sweet Street Desserts employees who are furthering their education. Recipients: Claire Herman, Abigail Wolfe, Kira Shultz

Twin Valley Community Education Foundation/ Dorothy S. Groff Scholarship Fund
For a Twin Valley High School senior with outstanding mathematical ability and overall character and attitude. In 2011, the Dixie Belle Clouser Memorial Scholarship Fund was merged into this fund. Recipient: Evlynn Hofbauer

Wayne R. Weidner Scholarship Fund
For Oley Valley High School seniors who will pursue post-secondary education at a 2- or 4-year college, university or trade school. Established by National Penn Bancshares in honor of Wayne R. Weidner’s retirement in December 2007. Recipient: Caroline Hannum

Carrol A. and L. May Weimer Memorial Scholarship Fund
For graduating seniors from Nucla High School in Nucla, Colo. Established in memory of Carrol A. and L. May Weimer, who were lifelong loving partners with a long family history of farming and ranching in Nucla. Recipient: Roxanne Ervin
Officer Scott A. Wertz Memorial Berks County Scholarship Fund
For graduating seniors who are children of police officers in Berks County, or for graduating seniors at Wilson High School, or for players, umpires or children or grandchildren of players or umpires in the Reading Softball Association and who will continue their education. This fund is in memory of Reading Police Officer Scott A. Wertz, who was killed in the line of duty in 2006.
Recipients: Nicholas Bentz, Serena Schade, Michael Schumacher

Thomas T. and Christine Hegeman Wheatley Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Berks County residents pursuing an education as an EMT or paramedic or in phlebotomy or nursing. Recipient: Meghan Steffey

Christopher Whitehead Memorial Fund
For Wilson High School graduates who have overcome physical difficulties to lead a positive life. In honor of Christopher Whitehead, a Wilson student at the time of his accidental death.
Recipient: Jacqueline Buck

Henry E. Williams Jr. Memorial Golf Award Fund
For a Berks County senior who was on the high school golf team and will major in professional golf management, enroll in the PGA Club Professional School or play golf in college. The fund memorializes Henry E. Williams Jr., a long-time professional golfer and retired head pro at Moselem Springs Golf Club.
Recipient: Ryan Smith

Wilson Scholarship Fund
For Wilson High School graduates who will pursue post-secondary education and have balanced extracurricular activities with academics, participated in activities that serve others and shown academic improvement.
2015 recipients: Kaylea DeLuca, Hassan Richardson, Gabrielle Dziuba, Mack Trexler

Gudrun R. Wilson Schuylkill Valley Middle School Memorial Scholarship Fund
No recipient in 2016

Carl A. Yescavage Scholarship Fund
For Boyertown Area Senior High students who will further their education after high school and who exhibit a strong commitment to academics and dedication to school or community activities.
Recipient: Trent Soto

Wendell Yoder Education Award Fund
For children, grandchildren and stepgrandchildren of current Wexcon Inc. employees. Recipients exemplify traits valued by Wexcon's founder, Wendell Yoder. Those traits include trust, loyalty and honesty.
Recipients: Caitlyn Pool, Shelby Strunk

Michael S. Ziolkowski Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Wilson High School graduates who have participated in school sports, are pursuing a degree and will play sports in college.
Recipients: Isaac Schannauer, Megan Sensenig
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June 22: Brothers Osborne
July 20: The Struts
August 17: Toad the Wet Sprocket & Rusted Root
September 7: Marc Broussard
October 15: Pat McGee Band

All concerts at 5 p.m., 500 block of Penn Street except for Oct. 15, which is at 4:30 p.m. in the 700 block of Penn Street outside Santander Arena.

For information about this free concert series, visit DowntownAliveReading.com
Thank You

Berks County Community Foundation thanks the families, businesses and individuals who made each of today’s scholarships possible. The scholarships and awards listed in this program represent a $590,000 investment in our community. Over the past two decades, the Community Foundation has awarded almost $6 million in scholarships.

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