



The Shiawassee Community Foundation recently hosted a momentous Scholarship Awards Night at the Owosso High School Auditorium on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, commemorating five decades of impactful giving within the community.

We welcomed nearly 300 guests to celebrate the 2024 recipients. There were 155 scholarships, awarded from 83 funds, totaling over \$184,000, covering 12 school districts across the county. The evening's keynote address was delivered by Benjamin Frederick, Associate Vice President of Advocacy and Government Relations at Memorial Healthcare. Mr. Frederick emphasized the importance of community stewardship and praised the seniors for their potential to positively impact Shiawassee County. Following the awards ceremony, the Foundation celebrated its illustrious 50-year journey with a commemorative video showcasing its enduring impact on the local community.

We would like to express our gratitude to our board, staff, and Youth Advisory Council for their unwavering dedication. Special thanks are extended to event sponsors including Young Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC, Horizon Bank, Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, DayStarr Communications, Huntington Bank, Memorial Healthcare, and Zaleski Law Firm, whose generous support made the awards night possible.

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THE TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER OF GIVING...



The Foundation is my anchor, where I find myself among driven individuals all united by a singular purpose: enriching our community. Every day, we collaborate closely with donors who trust us with their contributions to support causes dear to them. Additionally, we work hand in hand with fellow nonprofits and government leaders to bring projects to life, pooling our resources to enhance the quality of life in Shiawassee County.

Why does this matter so deeply? Because we are invested in shaping a future where our children and grandchildren thrive. We envision Shiawassee County as a beacon for families, drawn by excellent schools, vibrant parks, and lively festivals—a place where giving back is woven into the fabric of daily life.

For us, giving isn't merely an occasional act; it's a passion that grows with each contribution. There's immense joy in knowing that our efforts make a tangible difference in someone's life. This joy is so profound that once you experience it, the desire to give back only intensifies. I learned the importance of giving from a young age, observing my grandmother's tireless support for the Red Cross and her church, and witnessing my parents continue to volunteer long into their retirement. Giving isn't just something we do; it's a legacy we inherit and pass on, enriching lives and strengthening communities as we go.

I urge each of you to embrace the role of a generous leader. Lead by example for your family, friends, and neighbors, demonstrating the transformative power of philanthropy. By sharing your passion for giving, you not only inspire others but also discover a profound sense of inner peace, fulfillment, and purpose in supporting your community. Whether you dedicate your time, leverage your talents, or contribute your resources, your efforts undoubtedly contribute to a positive difference. Our community flourishes when individuals like you and I step forward to give, and for that, I am sincerely grateful. Thank you!

Kim Renwick
 Executive Director

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Alexander Women's Scholarship Fund
Jadyn Spaleny

Karl F. and Ziritha H. (Lowers) Allert Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jeana Travis

Bancroft Lions Club John Wright Memorial Scholarship Fund
Gabrielle Koehler

Nancy Ruth Patenge Beyer Memorial Scholarship Fund
Elijah Whiteside Rebekah Starr

Dr. Bhaskaran Memorial Scholarship
Elizabeth Rood

Elsie Blair & Suzanne Blair Anderson Memorial Scholarship
Zoie Brandt

Olive Blanner Scholarship
Quinn Skarich Tyler Hufnagel

Brittany Buchholz Memorial Scholarship Fund
Quinn Skarich Kenzee DeFrenn Jaidyn Sadler

Byron Community Scholarship Fund
Allissa Ash Baylie Villani Violet Schmidt

Byron Community Scholarship - Chase
Allissa Ash

Byron Community Scholarship - Duncanson
Desirae Young Thomas Harris

PFC Shane W. Cantu Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kylee Matznick Madelyn Wright

Emily Chapman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Emma Warren Julia Bur Mackenzie Pancheck

Philip and Inez Colton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Isabelle Cooper

Phyllis L. & Alton D. Crandell Memorial Scholarship Fund
Haley Munson

Karen K. Dasen Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lillia Reid

Rollin V. Dasen Memorial Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth White

Norman L. & Marcella C. DesJardins Memorial Scholarship Fund
Madison Salander Olivia Savage

Margaret E. Dittenber Memorial Scholarship Fund
Amelia Freehling

Shana Lynne Dumond Memorial Scholarship Fund
Allyson LaMay Madelyn Miller Rorie Babcock

Durand Lions Club Scholarship Fund
Marcus Johnston

Durand Rotary Club Scholarship Fund
Madeline Bias

Shellie (Bowles) Edgington Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lillia Reid

Alford and Alice Emmert Scholarship Fund
Cassie Stone Mason Struck Lindsey Wendling

Don and Becky Galloway Scholarship Fund
Olivia Krejci Colton Symons
Hayley Lademann Calena Stevens

Cheryl Gapinski Memorial Scholarship Fund
Zoie Brandt

The GFWC Owosso Woman's Club Scholarship Fund
Kaitlyn Kingsbury

Cyril C. and Ella M. Gregoricka Scholarship Fund- Agriculture Scholarship
Gabrielle Koehler

Cyril C. and Ella M. Gregoricka Scholarship Fund- Environmental Scholarship
Bryce Kuchar

Phyllis Lundie Gruver Memorial Scholarship Fund
Megan Dear-Marme Kaydence Cooper

Harold J. Haas Memorial Scholarship Fund
Madelyn Miller

Coach Tom Harkema Athletic Scholarship Fund
Ryan Dahl Tegan Passinault
Libby Summerland Skotti Ball-Duley

Ellane I. Hogan Memorial Scholarship Fund
Abigail Harrison

C.S. Hood Memorial Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth Poirier Madeline Bias Maryn Kisser
Madeline Eustace Baylie Villani Emma Hawkins
Sydney Leydig Hannah Sebenick Meghan Morrow

Cheryl L. Hrccka Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sara Dammann Kaitlyn Kingsbury Kayla Brunner

Harold V. and Ima B. Johns Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rorie Babcock

Donald A. Knieper Memorial Scholarship Fund
Colton Symons Allie Richardson

Knights of Columbus St. Mary Council 7955 Scholarship
Bradyn Kleimola

Knights of Columbus St. Mary Council 7955 Scholarship - Dr. Jean and Peter Sloan Memorial Scholarship
Gina O'Brien

Kris Marie Kulhanek Memorial Fund
Emma Challender Sara Dammann

LaJoye-Shenk Scholarship Fund
Paige McPherson

Walter E. Lawrence Jr. Cross Country/Track Memorial Fund
Joe Marcotte

Jackie Leone Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kaitlyn Cunningham

Jill Malzahn Health Fund
Raegan Taylor Jeana Travis

Dr. Mark Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund
Logan Vowell Jorja Napier

Eugene and Joyce Moiles Memorial Scholarship Fund
Evan Livingston

Vicki Joan Musser Fund
Olivia Krejci Lauren Gaskin

JoAnn (Butcher) Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Braden Andrejack Brevin Boilore

New Lothrop Schools Endowment Fund
Liliana Bruff

Nathan Nover Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ethan Brunner

Nover Owosso High School Sparkplug Award Fund
Hayden Smith

Martin and Leona O'Brien Scholarship Fund
Brock Holek

Owosso Education Association's Mary E. Harper Scholarship Fund
Allyson LaMay Elijah Whiteside Tyler Dewley Zane Elkins

Owosso High School Leadership Scholarship Fund
Sydney Wing

Andrew Osika Endowed Agricultural Scholarship Fund
Emma Challender

Paul Penjaska Family Scholarship Fund
Alexis Bruff Emma Warren Ellie Feldpausch
Ashlee Napier Jillian Klaver Delaney Gross
Emma Johnson Emma Bishop Jaedyn Kline
Makayla Lienau Anya Wasilenski Emily Daley
Savanah Hewitt Taylor Munro Quentin Goodwill
Blake Princinsky Taylor Muzer
Madeline Eustace Karissa Potter

Shirley (1936) and Joseph Poirier Scholarship Fund
Camden Yerrick Rajvinder Kaur

Kyler Raffaelli Memorial Scholarship Fund
Brayden Bukovick Alex Rust

David A. Reed Agricultural Fund
Allison Zdunic

Evan James Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund
Klara Mulcahy

Andrew Rehmann Memorial Fund
Kaitlyn Kingsbury

Owen A. and D. Arlene Rood Journalism Scholarship Fund
Kaitlyn Cunningham

Erwin Ryckman Scholarship Fund
Braeden Tokar

Bill and Kay Scarlett Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rian Kirby

Margaret Scoutten and Raymond O. Nash Memorial Scholarship Fund
Brynn Wilson Jaylei Kramer
Ronald K. Seelhoff Memorial Scholarship Fund
Madison Salander Emma Johnson

Shiawassee County Bar Association's Patricia Carmody Memorial Scholarship
Madelyn Wright

Joseph T. Sierzenga, III Memorial Scholarship Fund
Madelyn Wright

Robert G. Skinner Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mason Stark

Stephen and Pauline Smith Family Scholarship Fund
Sydney Spaulding Emma Hawkins Noah Fryer

John and Joan Spindler Family Scholarship Fund In Memory of John, Jennifer & Jeri Spindler
Elizabeth White

Devin Allen Swatman Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robbyn Walters Alex Rust Gavin Holmes

Roger and Marian Talbot Family Scholarship Fund
Claire Chrisinske

Irene Turk Memorial Scholarship Fund
Maryn Kisser

Iris (Turk) Lott Memorial Scholarship Fund
Isabelle Cooper

Brad A. VanPelt Memorial Scholarship Fund
Olivia Shell Paul Hrncharik IV Ella Haddix

Carson James Vincent Memorial Fund
Braeden Tokar

Troy A. Vincke Memorial Scholarship Fund
Colton Symons Klara Mulcahy

Carl E. Voorhies & Kathryn D. Voorhies Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund
Kierra Conten

Mary Bea deBoom Wasper Scholarship Fund
Zoie Brandt

Carl R. Woodbury Memorial Scholarship Fund
Evan Livingston Wyatt Shetter

Kevin A. Zmitko Agricultural Scholarship Fund
Brock Holek Gabrielle Koehler

Zonta Club of Owosso Scholarship Fund
Tatiana Vyshegorodtsev



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OUR SPONSORS

Thank you to our sponsors for generously sponsoring the Scholarship Awards Ceremony and 50th Anniversary Celebration! We appreciate your support in all that the Shiawassee Community Foundation does!

GOLD



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SILVER





Total Investment in Students
\$184,892

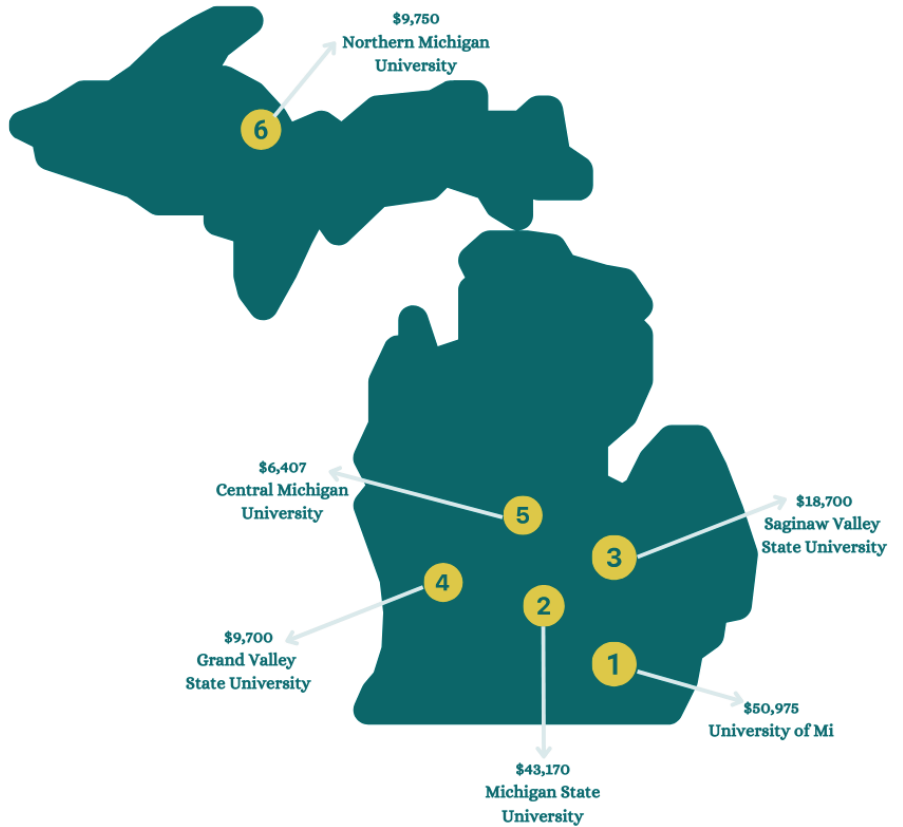
155 Scholarships Awarded!

93% of Scholarships to Michigan Colleges & Universities

Student Gender



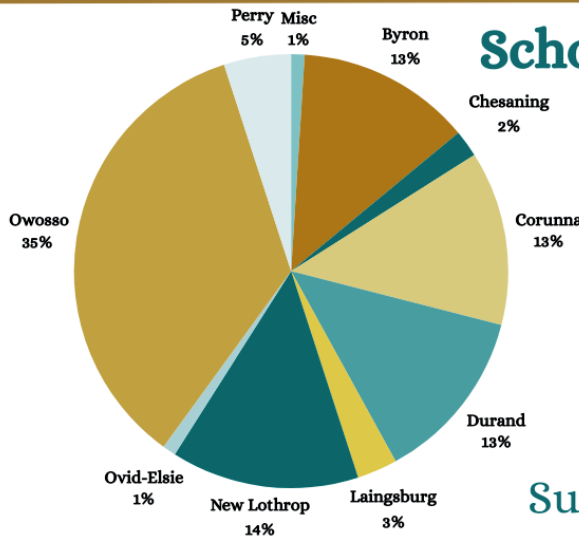
75% Female
25% Male



Student Level



Scholarships by School



Start a Scholarship Fund

Support Local Students!

Top Majors



Thank You Horizon Bank!

A big shoutout and heartfelt thanks to Horizon Bank for their incredible \$3,000 donation to our Community Cares Fund! This generous contribution truly embodies their dedication to supporting local initiatives and positively impacting Shiawassee County.

With Horizon Bank's support, we're able to strengthen our efforts in addressing crucial needs within our community and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. Their commitment exemplifies the spirit of collaboration and generosity that fuels positive change in our region. Thank you, Horizon Bank, for your unwavering support!



New Funds!

Scholarship- Walter E. Lawrence
(English/Journalism) Memorial Fund

Scholarship- Walter E. Lawrence (Track/Cross
Country) Memorial Fund

Field of Interest- Elizabeth Ippy Rancour
Memorial Fund

Scholarship- Vicki Joan Musser Fund

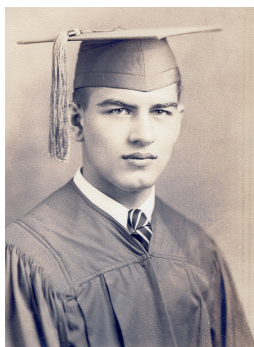
Donor Designated Fund- Jackie Flynn
Memorial Fund

Donor Designated Fund- Friends of the
Corunna Historical Village

Field of Interest- Women and Children
Advocacy Fund in Memory of Joyce Jones

Advised Charitable Agency Fund-
Shiawassee Free Medical Clinic

A Seed Planted, A Forest Grown: The Legacy of Paul Penjaska



In 2003, Paul Penjaska planted a seed at the Shiawassee Community Foundation, a seed that has since grown into a thriving forest of opportunities for local students. Paul Penjaska, a skilled machinist and owner of Penjaska Tool, left a substantial bequest to the Foundation with a vision to inspire and support future inventors and innovators in his community.

Mr. Penjaska's passion for invention and engineering was evident in every corner of his home. His dining room and kitchen tables were adorned with calculators, protractors, a compass, and pages filled with handwritten calculations and geometric drawings. Upstairs, mathematical books and blueprints were stacked like novels, reflecting his lifelong dedication to engineering and invention, despite having no formal education beyond high school.

The Paul Penjaska Family Scholarship Fund, created from his generous estate gift of \$440,000, has grown to \$643,642 and has awarded 209 scholarships totaling \$407,277. These scholarships have supported students pursuing a wide range of disciplines including welding, engineering, education, healthcare, business, technology, biochemistry, finance, aviation, meteorology, animal science, physics, criminal justice, automotive, and environmental science.

Paul Penjaska's legacy continues to make a significant impact on Shiawassee County. His vision and generosity have opened doors for students to attend college, trade schools, workshops, and more, with a primary focus on the trades, physical sciences, and engineering. His story is a testament to the lasting difference one person can make in their community.

You too can leave a legacy like Paul Penjaska. By leaving your estate or a portion of it to the Shiawassee Community Foundation, you can create a fund that will continue to positively impact the community you love. To start your legacy, call Kim today and make a lasting difference in Shiawassee County.

209 Scholarships totaling \$407,277!!!

2024 Grants to Date

PFC Shane Cantu Memorial Scholarship Fund

American Legion Post 57
New Lothrop Police Department

Ryan Jones ALS Memorial Fund-

W. Smith Motorized Scooter
A. Purgatori Bathroom Remodel

Montgomery Family Fund-

Friends of Corunna Historical Village

The Playground Restoration & Maintenance Fund-

DeVries Nature Conservancy

Debra Wegman Memorial Fund-

Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts

Russell and Annabelle Woodard Family Fund-

Friends of Pat's Place
Friends of Corunna Historical Village

Alford and Alice Emmert Youth Fund-

Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts
Shiawassee RESD-SLC-W

Youth Advisory Council

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Fund-

Looking Glass Community Outreach
Capital Area Community Services, Inc
The ARC of Mid-Michigan
Voices for Children Advocacy Center Shiawassee
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

Memorial Healthcare and Memorial Healthcare Foundation Community Health and Education Fund-

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee
Memorial Healthcare Wellness Center
Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts



SUMMER GRANTS ARE OPEN!

Memorial Healthcare Foundation Community Health and Education Fund:

support local non-profits in health outreach programs
primarily serving residents of Shiawassee County.

William "Bill" J. Brooks Memorial Fund:
support community beautification projects.



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for more info

Grants Open 7/1/24-8/15/24





Congrats Kim!

L to R: Matthew (son), Kim, Tom (husband), Tom (son)

Congratulations to the amazing Kim Renwick on being named The Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year!

We are incredibly proud of our Executive Director! Being honored as the 2024 Citizen of the Year is a testament to her dedication and significant contributions to community affairs in Shiawassee County. Her tireless efforts and passion for bettering our community make her so deserving of this recognition.

Kim, you are a wonderful leader, a positive light, an incredible mentor, and a true champion in our community. You inspire everyone to show kindness and lead with compassion. You truly epitomize the essence of community spirit.



At ShiaCF, our mission focuses on enriching the lives of our community through good stewardship of our funds. We spend much of our time helping donors create a legacy for their loved ones. In 2024, we are celebrating our 50th anniversary. Over the past 50 years, the ShiaCF has left a legacy of its own on our community. We have been successful in carrying out our mission thus far and need your help to continue our important work.

How can folks help us celebrate our 50th anniversary? One way is to get involved with what we do at ShiaCF. I am going to celebrate SCF's 50th anniversary by becoming a sustained donor by contributing a monthly amount to ShiaCF. There are many other things folks can do too. You could volunteer to be a scholarship reviewer, help with one of our community service projects, or volunteer to sit on our Board or on one of our committees. The work that we do not only benefits students, community groups, youth programs, and other non-profits, it also is very rewarding. It always warms my heart to see the good that ShiaCF does every day. I would be remiss if I didn't thank our board members, Youth Advisory Council, Executive Director, staff, and, most of all, our donors for contributing so much to ShiaCF so we can continue serving our mission to the people of the Shiawassee County Area.

Please join us this year as we celebrate all the successes of ShiaCF.

Cordially,
Patrick A. Wegman II
Chair, Shiawassee Community Foundation

WANT TO HELP YAC MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Our Youth Advisory Council provides high school students living in Shiawassee County with a unique opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our community through philanthropy and community service.



WHAT DOES YAC DO?

- **Volunteering:** Many community organizations ask the YAC for help with local events ranging from litter cleanups to Easter egg hunts to 5k races. YACers are always ready to lend a hand in their community.
- **Philanthropy:** The YAC sponsors charitable events throughout the year, including projects like giving out Thanksgiving meals for Family Volunteer Day, purchasing Christmas gifts for low-income families, and handing out free movie tickets for Random Acts of Kindness day.
- **Grantmaking:** Each year, the YAC awards grants from the W.K. Kellogg Fund to community non-profits and school organizations for youth-related projects in Shiawassee County. YAC members review the applications and make funding recommendations that are then approved by the SCF Board of Directors.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?

YAC members gain a deep understanding of our community's needs and issues related to youth, our local nonprofit sector, and how philanthropy and volunteering can make a meaningful difference in strengthening our community.

Scan for the
application or visit
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Celebrate our 50th anniversary with us by joining our community in filling our window with teal and gold balloons, each symbolizing generosity & kindness. Visit shiacf.org to learn more.