Meet our 2020 Scholarship SUPERHEROES

281 Scholarships Awarded
Totaling $432,000 !!!
Our 2020 Scholarship season was met with new challenges as we made adjustments to our process during the COVID-19 pandemic. We also had to cancel our annual Scholarship Reception, an open house that allowed you to meet the donors and committee members that selected you, and for them to meet the person they read about on paper. Having said that, it pales in comparison to the challenges our 2020 graduating seniors faced with the loss of their graduations and other year-end festivities of this very special time in their lives. Our college students also faced many hardships including cancelled classes, dorm closures, and loss of jobs and internships. You will NO doubt have a special story to tell about this time in your lives.

For our Donors and Committee members, we thank you for your continued generosity and your flexibility during this scholarship season. We hope you enjoy putting a face to the name that was selected for your scholarship!

We would also like to share some information about the Jackson Community Foundation. We not only award scholarships, but also make grants to nonprofit organizations, school districts, churches and governmental agencies. To learn more about the Jackson Community Foundation or our scholarship program, go to www.jacksoncf.org.

Our Youth Advisory Committee is a mini-foundation made up of 24 local students who review education and youth-related grants. Two of them serve on the JCF Board as voting members! In 2019, YAC awarded six grants totaling $9,400 for youth mental health, two grants totaling $6,000 for community impact needs and $850 in mini-grants to three schools.

"We connect people and resources to causes that strengthen and build our community.

For Jackson. For good. For Ever.”
Early Bird Winner: You know the saying…“The Early Bird gets the worm!” Tera Faber submitted her application by the early bird deadline on February 1st and won a $500 scholarship via random drawing!

The Legacy Scholarship:
- The Legacy Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors attending a local Jackson County college/university: Baker College of Jackson, Jackson College or Spring Arbor University.
- Each recipient volunteers 20 hours of their time to local schools, nonprofits, service clubs or religious institutions.
- Kiwanis Club of Jackson sponsors 2 recipients and the Rotary Club of Jackson sponsors 1 recipient.
- 70 applications were received representing 14 local high schools. 55 students were awarded a $1,000.00 scholarship! Since 2008, over $2,000,000 has been awarded to Jackson County students!

JCF Competitive:
- Each scholarship’s eligibility requirements are different based on the donor’s intent. All of the scholarships require an essay on why they believe they should be awarded a scholarship. The applications are reviewed by an impartial volunteer committee.
- Over 250 applications were received representing 18 high schools.
- 55 Scholarships were awarded to 48 students for a total of $96,000.
- This year was the first time the Andrew LaFaive Memorial Scholarship was awarded.
JCF Competitive Scholarship Recipients

Adam Al-kanani
Dennis J. Beck Memorial Scholarship

Shelby Ankney
*Dorothy and Dick Burgess Scholarship
*Sue Walicki Nursing Scholarship

Kathryn Arndt
Faith Speckhard Scholarship

Jessica Bammer
Marvin W. and Rosaline A. Brandau Scholarship

Dana Bigham
John J. Dellas Memorial Scholarship

Chloe Blue
*Antonia Dellas Memorial Scholarship
*J. Sheridan Stewart Scholarship

Ashari Cain
Faith Speckhard Scholarship

Brooke Chapman
Edward and Nella Fullman Memorial Scholarship

Jamie Connell
Edward and Nella Fullman Memorial Scholarship

Eleanor Durkee
William and Beatrice Kavanaugh Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Erickson
*The Erma E. Biedermann Scholarship Fund
*Faith Speckhard Scholarship
JCF Competitive Scholarship Recipients

Tera Faber
General Scholarship

Reagan Fazekas
Dr. William A. & Marceleine J. Sautter Hanover-Horton Youth of Promise Scholarship

Amber Globensky
Martha and Oliver Hanson Memorial Scholarship

Madeline Godfrey
June Danby & Pat Pearse Education Scholarship

Maghen Hamilton
Janet C. Rochefort Scholarship

Kenedi Haney
Antonia Dellas Memorial Scholarship

Brett Haynes
Lawrence and Joanne Maino Memorial Scholarship

Hunter Hibbard
Melissa Eleanor Ernest Scholarship

Amelia Hitchingham
John J. Dellas Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Howe
Paul Tejada Memorial Scholarship

Emanuel Israel
Marvin W. and Rosaline A. Brandau Scholarship

Macy Jacobs
The Erma E. Biedermann Scholarship
JCF Competitive Scholarship Recipients

Matthew Johnson
The Erma E. Biedermann Scholarship

Gavyn Jones
Marvin W. and Rosaline A. Brandau Scholarship

Austin Kienutske
*June Danby & Pat Pearse Education Scholarship
*Lawrence and Joanne Maino Memorial Scholarship

Paige Leach
Henry Ford Allegiance Health Volunteer Scholarship

Rachel Miller
Lawrence and Joanne Maino Memorial

Brandon Mitchell
Phillip Guy Richardson Memorial Scholarship

Philip Nwozuzu
Henry Ford Allegiance Health Volunteer Scholarship

Amandip Pangly
*Andrew LaFaive Memorial Scholarship
*Faith Speckhard Scholarship

Alex Parrow
Eleanor A. Ernest Scholarship

Lydia Perry
Paul Tejada Memorial Scholarship

Oscar Perry
Dennis J. Beck Memorial Scholarship

Nathan Phelps
Phillip Guy Richardson Memorial Scholarship
JCF Competitive Scholarship Recipients

Emma Reel
ADCO Founders Scholarship

Cassandra Robinson
Henry Ford Allegiance Health Volunteer Scholarship

Lauryll Samon
The Erma E. Biedermann Scholarship

Bryce Sanders
Dr. William A. & Marceleine J. Sautter Hanover-Horton Youth of Promise Scholarship

Jessica Sherwood
Paul Tejada Memorial Scholarship

Austin Smith
MACI Scholarship

Austin Spice-Waldran
Marvin W. and Rosaline A. Brandau Scholarship

Olivia Tumey
Phillip Guy Richardson Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Ulstad
Robert P. Ernest Memorial Scholarship

Michaley Vieau
*Lawrence and Joanne Maino Memorial Scholarship
*Henry Ford Allegiance Health Volunteer Scholarship

Bree Vilminot
*Thought 1 Fund
*Stacy Lynn Davis Youth Leadership Scholarship

Olivia Wheeler
Dr. William A. & Marceleine J. Sautter Hanover-Horton Youth of Promise Scholarship
Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Cierra Guinn
Evelyn Hatfield
Joseph Haworth
Hannah Hinkle
Kaely Howard
Emanuel Israel
Morgan Kaschalk
Amber Korman
Kaleb Kramarczyk
Katie Lapshan
Michael Lusebrink
Collin Mizner
McKinnley Mosher
Samantha Neff
Mary Newton
Trinity Ortbring
Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Marjorie Oxley  Jada Patton  Lillian Plum  Makenzie Plumb
Lauren Polly  Alexis Pope  Anna Rauch  Glen Richardson III
Morgan Sedlecky  Natalie Shellberg  Sierra Siders  Dominic Simonetti
Alanna Taylor  Andrew Trepka  Alyssa Trumble  Bree Vilminot  Jenna Whisman
Myer and Lois Franklin, life long residents of Jackson, Michigan, were highly appreciative of the success they enjoyed as a result of the opportunities afforded them in the Jackson community. In order to give back to others, they chose to leave a legacy of education. As strong believers in the power of education, the Myer and Lois Franklin Charitable Trust was established to be utilized as a vehicle for providing scholarships to residents of Jackson County.

The ability to give back to the community and the right to an education for all was of extreme importance to the Franklin family. They created the trust to provide scholarships embracing all members of the Jackson community no matter what their background in an effort to promote acceptance and access to education to those seeking same. All scholarship recipients are expected to be a role model for the Jackson community and to demonstrate the qualities and perform the activities which enabled them to be selected as an outstanding scholarship recipient.
Myer & Lois Franklin Recipients

Josiah Freeman
Nolen Froedttert
Bianca Fulara
Gaea Gaecke

Rosemary Gedert
Grant Lewis Glen
Amber Globensky
Madeline Godfrey

Madison Grenke
Oliver Grenke
Taylor Gritzmaker
Danielle Hale

Kenedi Haney
Joshua Hart
Keara Hayes
Lilia Helmbreck
Myer & Lois Franklin Recipients

Lauren Howe
Madison Howe
Macy Jacobs
Annah Noel Jarrett
Courtney Johnson
Gavyn Jones
Hannah Marie Kalis
Brynn Kennedy
Anne Leach
Andrea Leach-King
Olivia Anne Lefere
Aaron Leiss
Heather Lowe
Mary Grace Lusebrink
Rebecca Mack
Alyssa Marchewka
Myer & Lois Franklin Recipients

Alayah Markiewicz
Jenna Maske
Emily Mast
Connor Maynard
Karsen McCord
Allison McDevitt
John Paul McDonald
Anna McEldery
Sarah Kathryn McEllis
Brandon Jay McIntyre
Emily McKay
Victoria Miers
Daniel Lewis Mikovits
Jennifer Miller
Mackenzie Lynn Miller
Makenzie Miller
Myer & Lois Franklin Recipients

Hannah Mitchell  Ryley Morton  Kailey Nazaruk  Alexandra Nelson

Eric Nelson  Austen O'Reilly  McKenna Michelle O'Shea  Molly O'Shea

Tyler Oxley  Camryn Pahl  Jillian Palmer  Suneet Panghli

Amandip Pangly  Manvir Pangly  Marissa Payne  Jamie Pequet
Myer & Lois Franklin Recipients

Jack Perry
Carly Petersen
Elizabeth Phelps
Lauren Polly
Alvaro Quiroga
Aaron Radecki
Claire Radecki
Allison Rasmussen
Lindsay Rasmussen
Judith Rector
Jeremiah Rigg
Rebecca Rigg
Cassandra Robinson
Hailey Roy
Mackenzie Ruba
Reagan Rudd
Myer & Lois Franklin Recipients

Kylie Rydjord
Kristen Sailor
Hannah Saunders
Connor Schefferly

Easton Schindler
Brandon Shepherd
Jessica Sherwood
Jacob Shields

Nicholas Shutt
Austin Smith
Robert Smith
Christopher Spencer

Elizabeth Spencer
Olivia Spicer
Scott Spicer
Morgan Sprunger
Myer & Lois Franklin Recipients

Thank you to the family of Myer & Lois Franklin for making these scholarships possible!
Erma E. Biedermann Scholarship, Up to $2,000
Erma E. Biedermann was a passionate educator who spent 27 years of her life as a teacher and principal in the Michigan Center School District. Shortly before her death in 1982, she established a trust fund to provide money for students desiring to continue their education in college. It was her intention to continue to help educate young people long after she was gone.

Marvin W. & Rosaline A. Brandau Scholarship, Up to $2,000
The Marvin W. and Rosaline A. Brandau Scholarship was established as a lasting tribute to long-time Jackson residents, Marvin and Rosaline Brandau. The Brandau’s did not have children of their own and their formal schooling was limited. “They realized, however, that the world of today is far different than what they experienced and that education is a requirement, regardless of one’s chosen work. It is their desire that those receiving financial assistance from the scholarship would continue their legacy of hard work, improving one’s self and helping others.”  – Chad Noble, nephew

Dorothy and Dick Burgess Scholarship, Up to $4,000
This scholarship provides deserving young students the opportunity to attend a smaller Michigan college. “I paid for my own college education and I know the difference it’s made in my life. I’d like to help deserving young people in our community do the same.”  – Dick Burgess

Stacy Lynn Davis Scholarship, Up to $1,000
This scholarship fund was established in memory of Stacy Lynn Davis. Stacy was an 8th grade student attending the Middle School at Parkside at the time of her death. She was an excellent student who set high standards for herself. She played second chair clarinet in the marching band and was a participant in varsity and symphonic band.
Antonia Dellas Memorial Scholarship, Up to $2,000
This scholarship was established by John J. Dellas in memory of his wife. “Antonia (Toni) lived her life by helping others in so many ways and always found time to help those in need. One path Toni chose to practice this was her career of working with children with special needs. I believe that the scholarship recipients who follow and stay true to this path, will not only contribute to society, but will also discover the joy and inner peace derived from guiding, helping, teaching, listening to and learning from those who are in need, challenged or just growing up. I can’t think of a better way to memorialize Toni than by helping others to follow her path, that is, one of performing angels’ work.” - John Dellas

John J. Dellas Memorial Scholarship, Up to $2,000
This scholarship was established in memory of John J. Dellas to honor the life of someone who became an engineer because he liked solving problems. John accomplished much in his 40-year career as an engineer for Consumers Energy, but his greatest achievement was what he brought to the world in his capacity as a father, a husband, and a fellow human being. John was someone who always put others before himself and used the problem-solving skills that served him so well as an engineer to improve the lives of countless others around him. He exemplified what it means to be a truly good person. The ideal recipient of this scholarship not only shows an avid interest in engineering, but also a giving heart.

Melissa Eleanor Ernest Scholarship, Up to $1,500
This scholarship was established by the family and friends of Melissa Eleanor Ernest. Melissa Eleanor Ernest was anticipating a promising career as an Esthetician upon graduation from Douglas J. Aveda Institute before her tragic death.

Eleanor A. Ernest Scholarship, Up to $1,000
The Eleanor A. Ernest Scholarship is awarded each year to a valedictorian, salutatorian, or student with the highest grade point average at a smaller Jackson County high school. The award recognizes exceptional high school achievement in academics, citizenship, and extracurricular activity.

Robert P. Ernest Scholarship, Up to $1,000
The Robert P. Ernest Scholarship is awarded each year to a valedictorian, salutatorian, or student with the highest grade point average at a larger Jackson County high school. The award recognizes exceptional high school achievement in academics, citizenship and extracurricular activity.

Edward and Nella Davis Fullman Memorial Scholarship, Up to $1,000
Established by Georgia and Travis Fojtasek, in memory of Georgia’s mother, Nella Davis Fullman. The purpose is to support students with financial need and compelling circumstances who wish to enter the field of nursing.

Martha & Oliver Hansen Memorial Scholarship, Up to $1,000
The Martha and Oliver Hansen Memorial Scholarship, established by Martha and Oliver’s children, Steve Hansen, Cindy Barrus and Marty Mercer, honors their parents’ dedication to learning. The purpose of the award is to recognize and encourage those who desire to enter the field of Education with the intention of teaching in the classroom. “We have all greatly benefited from the support our parents gave us in pursuing educational opportunities and would love to recognize our parents by opening opportunities for others to go to college as well.” - The Hansen Children
MACI Scholarship, Up to $1,500
The MACI Scholarship recognizes children of MACI associates for excellence in high school or college scholastic achievement, citizenship, and extracurricular activities through involvement in school and community. “It is our hope that students will be encouraged to continue their pursuit of excellence through education. Today’s children are tomorrow’s workforce. We offer this scholarship to encourage them to fulfill their potential as the most important asset of the future.” - Jan Johnson

Lawrence and Joanne Maino Memorial Scholarship, Up to $1,000
Larry and Joanne Maino loved their community of Michigan Center. They wanted to make a difference in the lives of the residents by providing exceptional care to their customers at Maino Pharmacy. Larry Maino also served for 26 years as a Jackson County Commissioner giving tirelessly his time and expertise to improve his community. The provision of this scholarship to Michigan Center High School students honors their memory and ensures their legacy in perpetuity.

June Danby and Pat Pearse Education Scholarship, Up to $1,000
The June Danby and Pat Pearse Education Scholarship recognizes those who desire to enter the field of education.

Phillip Guy Richardson Memorial Scholarship, Up to $2,000
The Phillip Guy Richardson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior Napoleon High School. It recognizes exceptional high school and college achievement in academics, citizenship and extracurricular activity. Phillip Richardson was a 1953 graduate of Napoleon High School. Phillip had a solid 3.0 or better GPA. He excelled in all sports ... basketball, football, baseball, and track. He was a team player whose leadership was an inspiration to his teammates.

Janet C. Rochefort Scholarship for Single Moms, Up to $1,000
The fund was established to provide scholarship assistance for single mothers. As a single mom, Janet realized the importance of education and was lucky enough to work for a company that provided educational expenses as a benefit. Janet used the proceeds from the sale of her fabric art to fully fund this scholarship. The fund is dedicated to single moms who need help to ensure their future and the future of their children.
Dr. William A. & Marceleine J. Sautter Hanover-Horton High School Youth of Promise Scholarship, Up to $1,000
Both Dr. William and Marceleine J. Sautter were strong advocates of education and saw their four children all become graduates of Hanover-Horton High School and pursue college degrees and beyond. This scholarship was established to recognize Hanover-Horton students for overall achievement and scholastic excellence.

Faith Speckhard Scholarship, Up to $5,000
The Faith Speckhard Scholarship provides scholarships to qualified Jackson High School graduating seniors who demonstrate motivation in their pursuit of higher education, are actively involved in their community, and have financial need.

Paul Tejada Memorial Scholarship, Up to $1,500
The Paul Tejada Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Paul Tejada, former President of W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital. Applicants must plan to attend an accredited college or university to major in Health Services Administration, Nursing or Human Medicine.

Thought 1 Scholarship, Up to $1,000
Thought 1 was established to help provide a Jackson County high school senior, whose life has been impacted by either losing a parent, step-parent or legal guardian to cancer or who is a cancer survivor themselves, a significant scholarship and an opportunity to continue their education.

J. Sheridan Stewart Scholarship, Up to $1,000
Virginia Allison Tompkins was a fourth grade teacher at Northwest Community Schools. Virginia established this scholarship in honor of J. Sheridan Stewart. He graduated from Jackson High School in 1935 and was always a very community-oriented citizen, serving many years as Trustee on the Tompkins Township Board. In his final years he made the decision to leave his 175-acre family Centennial Farm to the Township of Tompkins said to be the largest acreage ever donated to any Township in the State of Michigan.

Sue Walicki Nursing Scholarship, Up to $2,500
The Sue Walicki Nursing Scholarship was established in memory of Sue by Sue’s husband, Richard Walicki, and father, Jim Winter, in honor of the passion and dedication she had for her work. “She knew she wanted to be a nurse from the time she was a child.” – Richard Walicki

Henry Ford Allegiance Health Volunteers Scholarship, Up to $1,000
Provides an award to a qualified high school senior or graduate majoring in the field of health care. Applicants must be a dependent of an employee of Henry Ford Allegiance Health.
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