

2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following 23 Highland High School graduates who were awarded a total of \$39,500 in scholarships through The Highland Foundation.

HIGHLAND FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



Jillian Auvil is attending Miami University where she is studying pre-med. She is the daughter of Daniel and Darlyn Auvil of Hinckley Township.



Abigail Ellis is attending the University of Alabama where she is studying biology. She is the daughter of Jim Ellis of Granger Township and Jenni Ellis of Sharon Township.



Matthew Hennessey is attending Grace College where he is pursuing a degree in biblical studies. He is the son of Jim and Jill Hennessey of Granger Township.



Anna Lewton is attending Case Western Reserve University where she is studying mechanical engineering. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Albert of Granger Township and Zachary Lewton of California.



Molly Stillwagon is attending the University of Dayton where she is studying accounting. She is the daughter of John and Kim Stillwagon of Sharon Township.

WILLIAM O. WAGAR MEMORIAL MATH & SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



Inspired by 1983 graduate Bill Wagar who died of cancer in 2000, this scholarship is awarded to a senior majoring in a math or science-related field. **Madalyn Schreiner** is attending Cleveland State University where she is studying environmental science. She is the daughter of Gregory and Melissa Schreiner of Sharon Township.

LALITHA CHADA SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,500)



Offered to a senior who plans to pursue a career in a science-related field of study, this year's recipient was **Kennedy Liggett** who is working toward a degree in nursing at The Ohio State University. She is the daughter of Gregory and Tricia Liggett of Granger Township.

STEVEN J. BILECKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,500)



Established by the Bilecky family in memory of their son, Steven, a 1988 graduate, applicants must demonstrate high academic achievement and participate in an interview before a faculty committee. **Cassidy Kuhar**, daughter of Richard and Susan Kuhar of Granger Township, is currently majoring in psychology at the University of Pittsburgh.

VICTORIA M. JACKSON PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



This scholarship was established by the Jackson family in memory of their daughter, Victoria, who passed away in an auto accident in 2009. This scholarship is presented annually to an outstanding performing arts student. This year's recipient is **Elise Nayman** who is studying diagnostic medical ultrasound at Kent State University. She is the daughter of Alan and Kathleen Nayman of Hinckley Township.

HUGH & GRACE EYERDOM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



This scholarship was created by Don and Edith Simmons in loving memory of Edith's parents. The scholarship is presented to a student pursuing studies in horticulture, agriculture or other closely related field. **Adam Rischar** is attending The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute where he is studying agribusiness. He is the son of Jeff and Nancy Rischar of Hinckley Township.

FORMER FRIENDS OF THE HINCKLEY LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



Applicants of the Library Science Scholarship, offered through by the Former Friends of the Hinckley Library, should pursue a degree in Information Sciences/Technology or Education. This year's recipient was **Collin Kalina** who is pursuing a degree in education at Baldwin Wallace University. He is the son of Chris and Carrie Kalina of Hinckley Township.

MIKE KUDLA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



Mike Kudla was a 2002 Highland honors graduate and member of The Ohio State University championship football team. He went on to play for the NFL and have a successful business career. Recipients of this award must be passionate in their life goals, possess the qualities needed to persevere through life's obstacles and the determination to make a difference by helping others in the community. **Madelynn Madison** is pursuing a degree in graphic design and fine arts at Cleveland State University. She is the daughter of James and Carrie Madison of Sharon Township.

To learn more about past scholarship recipients or to apply, visit highlandfoundation.org.

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BAKER FAMILY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



Established by Donald and Carol Baker as a renewable scholarship, the recipient will be a college-bound Highland senior in the top 10% of his/her class who has demonstrated exceptional academic and social leadership traits at school and/or in the community. **Owen McInnes** is attending the University of Findlay where he is working toward a degree in pre-veterinary medicine. He is the son of Chris and Jodie McInnes of Sharon Township.

(RENEWAL: \$1,000)

BAKER FAMILY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP



Lily Coss, a 2020 graduate, is receiving her second \$1,000 award from the Baker Family Leadership Scholarship. She is currently a sophomore at the University of Akron where she is studying toward a degree in Civil Engineering. She is the daughter of

Tob and Mary Ann Coss of Sharon Township.

LETHA E. HOUSE SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000)



Mrs. House was a life-long resident of Medina County and was very interested in horticulture, specifically flowers and gardening. Recipients must pursue a career in horticulture or related field of study. **Emma Cox** is currently studying environmental geology at Ohio

University. She is the daughter of Tom and Natalie Cox of Sharon Township.

ALYSSA & JUSTIN HAUN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,500)



This scholarship was established as a means to give back to the community that gave so much to the Haun family in the wake of the siblings' tragic deaths in July 2018. This renewable scholarship is awarded to a college-bound senior pursuing a STEM course of study and one who has positively impacted others. This year's recipient was **Maggie Petersen** who is studying neuroscience and marketing at Miami University. She is the daughter of Eric and Ann Petersen of Granger Township.

(RENEWAL: \$2,500)

ALYSSA & JUSTIN HAUN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



This scholarship may be renewed for up to three years provided the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA or higher and achieves sufficient academic credits to advance to the next class year. **Cecilia Mainzer**, a 2019 graduate, received her third award in the amount of \$2,500 from the Alyssa & Justin Haun Memorial Scholarship (year one was \$5,000; year two was \$2,500). Cecilia is a junior at the University of Akron and studying Chemical Engineering. She is the daughter of Doug and Julie Mainzer of Hinckley Township. **Evan Buck**, a 2020



graduate, received his second award for \$2,500 (year one was \$5,000). The son of Dan and Sherri Buck of Sharon Township, Evan is a sophomore at Allegheny College pursuing a degree in STEM studies.

GEORGE R. AYRES MEMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (\$3,000)



These scholarships were created through the estate plan of long-time area resident George Ayres. The scholarships are offered to college-bound Highland seniors in the top 20% of their class who have demonstrated high achievement in scholastic activities, have a record of performance in activities both in school and in the community, and who plan to pursue collegiate STEM studies. **Christian Pedersen** and **Elissa Scheel** were this year's recipients. Christian, the son of Randall and Anita Pedersen of Granger

Township, is studying computer science/software engineering at Baldwin Wallace University. Elissa, the daughter of Rob and Debbie Scheel of Granger Township, is majoring in occupational therapy at Gannon University.

(RENEWAL: \$3,000)

GEORGE R. AYRES MEMORIAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP



Anna Lanier, a 2020 graduate, is receiving her second \$3,000 award from the George R. Ayres Memorial Achievement Scholarship. She is a sophomore at The Ohio State University where she is studying Biochemistry. She is the daughter of Matt and

Stephanie Lanier of Sharon Township.

GEORGE R. AYRES MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS (\$3,000)



Made possible through the estate plan of long-time area resident George Ayres, these scholarships are available to Highland seniors in need of an opportunity of their own in order to pursue a professional/technical program, associates degree or traditional college course of study. Applicants explain what inspires them to learn and how this scholarship will impact their future educational and career opportunities. **Samantha Kuczynski** and **Warren Wright** are this year's recipients. Samantha is studying

business/marketing at John Carroll University and is the daughter of Kevin and Victoria Kuczynski of Hinckley Township. Warren is the son of Gary and Theresa Wright of Granger Township and plans to serve with AmeriCorps before pursuing a degree at Kent State University.