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RE: Bridge Builders Community Foundations Awards Scholarships

Bridge Builders Community Foundations (BBCF) is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization established in 1975 with numerous separate restricted and unrestricted funds contributed by various donors. Each fund is managed separately and administered under the terms of the donor's instructions. We currently have over 90 funds serving Clarion, Forest and Venango Counties. The main purpose is to develop, manage and distribute funding to meet the present and future needs of the community.

Our Vision: Unifying diverse private and public interests, the Foundation will lead our community to a bright and prosperous future.

Our Mission is to contribute to the quality of life in Clarion, Forest and Venango Counties.

We will lead by:

Focusing on critical needs and facilitating the community's response; Facilitating the creation of permanent community endowments that make giving effective and personally satisfying for contributors; and Allocating Community Foundation resources to address the needs of those we serve.

Bridge Builders Community Foundations is pleased to announce that \$168,610 in scholarships to local high school graduates has been awarded for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

The following scholarships have been awarded by the scholarship committees of the **Clarion**

County Community Foundation:

The **Mary E. Shaner Memorial Scholarship** committee awarded \$4000 worth of scholarships to five (5) Keystone High School graduates. They are: Bryan Botts, Christopher Cobler, James Gillen, Kaitlin Kohlenburg, and Spencer Weimer.

The **John Loeffler Memorial Scholarship** recipient of this \$950 scholarship is Logan Wetzel, a graduate of Allegheny – Clarion Valley High School.

The following scholarships have been awarded by the scholarship committees of the **Forest County Community Foundation**:

The **Forest County Taxpayers Scholarship** committee awarded \$500 to Alexandra Patton, a West Forest High School graduate.

Two (2) \$2000 **Robert Kinnear Scholarships** were granted to: Rachel Greathouse and Sean Weaver, West Forest High School.

The **J. Bowman Proper Scholarship** committee awarded \$29,000 worth of scholarships to West Forest High School graduates: Hilary Clark, Casey Dubrawka, Rachel Greathouse, Selese Huth, Amanda Lamberto, Jesse McFarland, Devin Mendez, Kately Say, Kristina Taylor, Audrey Tucker, Jason Turba, and Sean Weaver.

The **J. Jack and Grace Sherman Scholarship** committee awarded \$1000 to Casey Dubrawka, West Forest High School.

The **Arthur “Bud” Van Nort Memorial Scholarship** committee granted Samantha Ellis a \$500 scholarship. Samantha is a graduate of East Forest High School.

The following scholarships have been awarded by the scholarship committees of the **Venango Area Community Foundation**:

Ten (10) scholarships were awarded, from the **Chester A. and Beulah Baum Memorial Scholarship Fund**, worth \$34,400 for the 2011-2012 school year. This scholarship was awarded to: Allison Dailey, Danielle Daugherty, Jesica Frishkorn, Alysha Graham, Amy Hummel, Caleb Knapp, Erin Lockhart, Quinn Mitchell, Dylan Myers, and Alycia Shreffler. The Baum scholarship is designated for Cranberry High School Students.

The **Walter H. Flinchbaugh Memorial Scholarship** committee awarded 12 scholarships worth \$16,150.00 to: Eric Beichner, Allison Cowels, Allison Dailey, Danielle Daugherty, Jessica Frishkorn, Amy Hummel, Jillian Kellner, Julia Kirwin, Caleb Knapp, Quinn Mitchell, Dylan Myers, and Sheila Sheatz. This scholarship is for Cranberry High School students.

The **Nicholas R. Sanford Memorial Scholarship** awarded two scholarships. The first is offered to Cranberry High School seniors. This scholarship went Allison Dailey of Cranberry High School in the amount of \$1500. The second scholarship (\$1000) was awarded to Sheridan Clyde who graduated from Oil City High School. This award is designated to a student interested in Journalism.

The **Don Hall Memorial Scholarship** is given each year to senior members of the Cranberry High School Girl's Varsity Basketball Team. This year \$800 in scholarships were awarded to Erica Adams, Danielle Daugherty, Sarah Lutz, and Quinn Mitchell.

The following students received a \$250 scholarship through the **Venus Telephone Company Scholarship**: Danielle Daugherty, Amy Hummel, Quinn Mitchell, and Alycia Scheffler. The Venus Telephone Corporation makes an annual gift to the Venango Area Community Foundation for this scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to: graduating seniors from Cranberry High School, who are enrolled in college, and live in the Venus Telephone Corporation Service Area.

A \$1000 **Robert and Ruth Bear Memorial Scholarship** has been granted to Emily Edmondson a graduate of Franklin Area High School.

Two \$2000 **Susan L. Daniels Memorial Scholarships** were awarded: Ronald O'Dell from Rocky Grove High School and Zachary Ray from Franklin Area High School are the recipients.

The **Anna Ewalt Memorial Scholarship** committee awarded \$500 to Emily Edmondson, Franklin Area High School.

A \$1000 **Will Fabry Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Donna Gadsby, Franklin Area High School.

The **Franklin Rotary – Jay French Miller Scholarship** committee awarded four (4) scholarships of \$500 each to: David Comiske and Nicholas Jones from Franklin Area High School and Aaron Stearns and Leah Stearns from Rocky Grove High School.

A \$280 **Francis Gibbons Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to Shannon Myers, a graduate of Franklin Area High School.

Five (5) \$400 **Eugene Hanna Memorial Scholarships** were awarded to Franklin Area High School graduates: Katherine Burgett, Stephanie Carr, David Comiske, Nicholas Jones, and Autumn Stausbaugh.

Three (3) **Janet Henc Memorial Scholarships** \$250 were awarded to Stephanie Carr and Rachel Stachelrodt from Franklin Area High School and Emma Bean a PA Cyber School graduate.

A **Jenna Lee Knight Memorial Scholarship** of \$500 was awarded to Nicholas Turk, Rocky Grove High School.

The **William Locke Memorial Scholarship** committee granted scholarships worth \$46,950 to 19 Oil City Area High School graduates. They are: Bryan Bearer, Trevor Botts, Sadie Clifford, Sheridan Clyde, James Dunn, Abigail Espy, Jessica Fleegeer, Samuel Heasley, Brett Heber, Patrick Huber, Nicole Luben, Rebecca Moon, Sean Mortimer, Jonathan Rishel, Jonathan Rogers, Jeremy Siegel, Mary Tock, Sara Toombs, and Matthew Williams.

The **Vera Lamey Scholarship** committee granted \$9500 in scholarships to seven (7) Oil City Area High School graduates. The students are: Bryan Bearer, Shannon Bearer, Patrick Huber, Sean Mortimer, Jonathan Rishel, Jeremy Siegel, and Mary Tock.

A \$500 **Oil City Moose Scholarship** was awarded to Andrew Angros a graduate of Oil City Area High School.

Two (2) \$500 **Coach Steven B. Rood Memorial Scholarships** were awarded: Arthur Capozzi from Cranberry High School and Mary Tock from Oil City Area High School.

Three (3) \$300 **Virginia Gordon Russel Scholarships** were awarded to Franklin Area High School graduates: David Comiske, Emily Edmondson, and Donna Gadsby.

Two (2) \$1000 **Remember Roy Sanner Scholarships** were awarded to Rocky Grove High School graduates: Alexis Beach and Matthew Peterson.

A \$1000 **Troopers Patterson and Richey Scholarship** was awarded to Jesse DePietro, a graduate of Franklin Area High School.

Six (6) \$500 **Young Wood Scholarships** were awarded: Allison Dailey, a graduate of Cranberry High School; Emily Edmondson, Franklin Area High School; Brett Heber, Oil City Area High School; Mary Maleski, Venango Christian High School; Jonathan Rogers, Oil City Area High School; and Aaron Stearns, Rocky Grove High School.

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