



## 2009 ENDOWMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED



David Burdge



Tyler Burns



Joshua Dorsheimer

**Dollars for Scholars® of Lancaster County** has awarded endowment loans to fifteen distinguished Lancaster County students for the 2009-2010 school year.

Endowment award loans, named for their financial donor, highlight a student who has received a Dollars for Scholars® loan and achieved excellence both in and out of the classroom. This year Dollars for Scholars® awarded a total of 552 loans, nearly 100 more than last year.



Celeste Hershey



Emalee Hribick



Kevin Hines

**David Burdge**, a returning student studying Accounting and Management at Millersville University, received a loan funded by the *Frances Sarkisian Trust*. Married and the father of two children, he is a 1991 graduate of Palmyra Area High School and lives in Millersville.

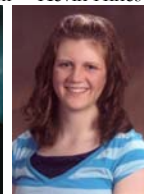
**Tyler Burns**, a graduate of Pequea Valley High School, attends Messiah College, where he majors in Adventure Education. Tyler received the *Pryor E. and Arlene R. Neuber Endowment Loan*. He sang in the chorus and chamber singers in high school. Tyler is the third member of his family to receive a DFS loan.



Donovan Hoffer



David Leisey



Megan McDonic

**Joshua Dorsheimer**, a Communication/Theater major at Millersville University, received the *Edith Smith Truxal Scholarship Loan*. He performed and worked backstage as a student at Garden Spot High School and is actively involved in The Ephrata Performing Arts Center and all the theatrical organizations at Millersville. His parents and five siblings are all involved in local theater.

The *Binns Scholarship Loan* went to **Celeste Hershey**, a Manheim Central graduate now attending Lehigh University majoring in Architecture. In high school Celeste performed in four musicals and two plays. She also participated on the Quiz Bowl Team.



Cathryn O'Neill



Kaitlin Pettis



Elliott Pfautz

**Emalee Hribick**, a graduate of Manheim Central High School, received the *Kiwanis Club of Lancaster* endowment award. A varsity cheerleader and dance team member, she now studies at Temple University to become a pharmacist.

**Kevin Hines**, a Manheim Township graduate now concentrating on pre-med studies at Franklin and Marshall College, received the *William and Violet Dussinger Endowment Loan*. He was a student representative on the Strategic Plan Steering Committee for Manheim Township School District and volunteered at the Hands-on-House

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Samantha Steele



Zachary Wilt

### The Economy and the Financial Aid Office

By Dwight Horsey, Director of Financial Aid - Millersville University

The goal of every Financial Aid Office is to assist students and families seeking the resources they need to pursue higher education. Over the last two years this has become a much more difficult task. The combination of changes in legislation and the downturn in the economy have had a significant impact on both the aid industry and the families who rely on it.

In many aid offices, there has been an increase in the number of requests for special consideration as families experienced a loss of income. This loss wasn't limited to the parents. Students accustomed to getting jobs in the summer to help with their educational expenses also experienced difficulty. Those who had jobs saw their hours cut. Some never got a job at all. As they prepared for school this fall, they looked for additional assistance from the financial aid office. Some schools were able to assist with increases in financial aid packages. For state schools it was more difficult to provide any additional assistance. The usual source for

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## Endowment Award Recipients

**Donovan Hoffer** received the *James Hale Steinman Foundation* award. A graduate of Penn Manor, he now attends the American Musical and Dramatics Academy in New York, where he majors in musical theater with a concentration in dance. Donovan also performed at the Ephrata Performing Arts Center.

**David Leisey** was honored with the *Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Weaver* endowment loan. At Warwick High School he was involved in varsity baseball; he was also active in his church youth group. He is majoring in Sports Ministry at Union University.

**Megan McDonie**, who received the *Paul and Genevieve Diller Scholarship* loan, graduated from Conestoga Valley High School, where she participated in a variety of musical, sports, service and journalism activities. She also volunteered at Landis Homes. She now studies at Susquehanna University.

**Cathryn A. O'Neill** graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School, where she lettered in softball, tennis and basketball and was also president of the French Club. She volunteered at the Humane Society of Lancaster County. At the University of Pittsburgh she majors in Finance/International Business with the goal of working for a multinational corporation. She received the *David and Tamela Fassnacht Scholarship Loan*.

**Kaitlin Pettis**, who graduated from Ephrata High School, will receive the *Dr. Mary Elizabeth Dixon Scholarship Loan*. Last summer she participated in the Volunteer Services Student Program at Lancaster General Hospital, volunteering for fifty hours in ten weeks while working with a nurse mentor. She is studying nursing at Penn State University.

**Elliott Pfautz**, a graduate of Ephrata High School, attends the University of Richmond, where he majors in Economics. He received his loan from the *John Frederick Steinman Foundation*. Active in sports in high school, he plans to get an MBA and become a financial consultant.

**Samantha Steele**, a graduate of Manheim Township High School, received the award named for the late Lancaster artist *Margaret Gordon Lestz*. She is attending Tyler School of Art at Temple University, where she is majoring in Fine Arts and Art History planning to become an independent artist or an art director. For three years she participated in Animal Assisted Therapy with her dog Kiki through the American Red Cross.

**Zachary Wilt** graduated from Pequea Valley High School, where he was a competitive swimmer. He is attending Franklin and Marshall College in the pre-med program. He received the award given by the *Elwood Bookman Estate*.

**Teresa Bair** is honored by the *Dr. Emmett Cooper Award*. For a photo and story, please see Page 4.

## TWO MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE BOARD

**Rosalyn Evans** is an educator with experience teaching elementary school in Virginia and Pennsylvania. She has held numerous community leadership positions, including board membership on Community Health Charities of PA, Carlisle Area United Way, and Carlisle Family YMCA. Roz is the founder of ABC's Breast Cancer Support Group and Co-Founder of "Mr. Yuk," a poison prevention program. She has been honored with the Carlisle United Way Outstanding Campaign Volunteer Leadership Award. She remains active with the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, church and neighborhood activities.

**Ann Womble** is president of the board of Ballet Theater of Lancaster and Committee-woman on the Republican Committee of Lancaster Township. A former board member of the Junior League of Lancaster, she has served this group in many capacities. Ann has been an adjunct faculty member of Harrisburg Area Community College and a legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Bill McCollum (R-FL). She is a graduate of Furman University with an M.B.A. from the University of Florida. Ann and her husband, Kemp, are native Floridians but have been in Lancaster for 13 years. They have five children. Ann enjoys reading and running.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I was speaking with a friend of mine who has a son who just entered the ninth grade. He was sharing his concern with me about the "looming college bills" that were "just four years away." I listened attentively and explained to him that there are many parents who are forced to deal with this issue right now and today's difficult economic times are making it significantly more challenging. Their need is urgent and immediate.

Dollars For Scholars ® of Lancaster County was able to grant loans to 552 deserving students of Lancaster County this year. How were we able to grant these loans despite the current economic uncertainties? The answer is simple. It's from your generous financial support. In fact, your donations have allowed DFS to help over 6,600 students reach their dream of pursuing a higher education.

I would like to extend my personal thank you for all your past kindness and your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Paul Fazzini  
President  
Dollars for Scholars ® of Lancaster County

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## GOOD-BYE TO THREE GOOD FRIENDS

Our Board of Directors has lost three very good friends and former members of our Board during the past year.

### Helen Buller Mason

**Helen Buller Mason** died at the age of 100 on November 5, 2008. Ms. Mason was a person of many talents and she served our community in many ways. She was a talented artist and designed Christmas cards for Goodwill. She served on the Board of Directors for Dollars for Scholars for many years. She was then honored by the Board as a lifetime member. She was employed as the Executive Secretary for John F. and J. Hale Steinman of the Lancaster Newspapers. She was also a writer, having published several books and short stories.

She was an avid golfer and often used her time with friends on the golf course to raise money for several of the non-profit organizations in which she had an interest, particularly Dollars for Scholars. She was well-known among her friends for always being extremely well-dressed and for wearing hats.



### Gary C. Mundorf

**Gary Mundorf** died on March 19, 2009. He was a graduate of Manheim Township and attended Millersville University. After serving in the Army, Gary worked for thirty years in the family business with his brother Howard as co-owner of The Mundorf Swan Hotel in Lancaster. He decided that he would "semi-retire" in 1990. After that, he served as a volunteer for the Veterans Administration, taking veterans to medical appointments at the VA hospital. He was also a member of the Elks, the Conestoga Area Historical Society, the Lamberton Lodge F. & A. M., the Lancaster Shrine Club, and was a Scottish Rite Mason. Gary and his wife of forty-four years, Bonnie, loved spending time with their two daughters and six grandchildren.



### John C. "Jack" Kaufmann

**Jack Kaufmann** died on May 1, 2009. He served on our Board for many years. During that time, he served as President, and he also served as the speaker for Awards Night. Jack worked for Armstrong World Industries from 1969 until he retired in 1999. He was a chemist by training; however, he worked in several other capacities at Armstrong. He held two United States Patents. After he retired, he was a substitute teacher with the School District Of Lancaster. He also taught at Elizabethtown College and Montgomery County Community College. In addition, he worked as a consultant for Clair Brothers Audio in Lititz. Jack, and his wife, Frances, loved spending time with his daughters and grandchildren.



### The Economy and the Financial Aid Office Continued from page 1

additional money was private student loans. With the change in the economy, lenders changed the criteria for their private loans. The extra funds many students received in the past came from private loans so the changes made a difference. Money that was once easily obtained is now much more difficult to get.

The change in the economy also caused many schools to experience an increase in the number of aid applications this year. Families called and came in to aid offices to discuss their situations and to ask for more financial aid. The stress people are dealing with is apparent as those conversations are not always pleasant ones. There is much more tension in the interactions with families. Some are desperate to find ways to keep their student in school and are very frustrated when there isn't one.

Now, more than any time in the past, is the time for students and families to pursue every funding opportunity available to them. The financial aid office can assist families but sometimes hard choices have to be made. If a student can't afford to go to school full time, he/she may need to think about going part time. For some students without the resources, this may be the time to take a break from school or to attend a community college where the costs are lower. These more difficult times don't have to end students' college dreams. They just may have to be more resourceful and realistic about what they can and cannot afford to do.

### Our Scholars say "Thanks!"

*"I have really appreciated your continued support throughout my college years. I hope that one day I will be in a position to assist some deserving student in the same way that you have helped me. Your assistance has made it possible for me to learn and grow and do all of the things that I love for three amazing years." — Stephanie Kielb, Johns Hopkins University*

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*"Thank you so much for the renewal of my interest-free loan...This award makes a tremendous contribution towards my college education." — Lindsey Waters, Villanova University*

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*"We want to thank you again for giving us a Dollars for Scholars loan. We deeply appreciate your financial help. Thank you for helping our young people achieve their educational goals." — Joseph L. and Cheryl Hollinger and son, Joseph C. Hollinger, Eastern Mennonite University*

## 552 INTEREST-FREE LOANS FOR LANCASTER COUNTY STUDENTS

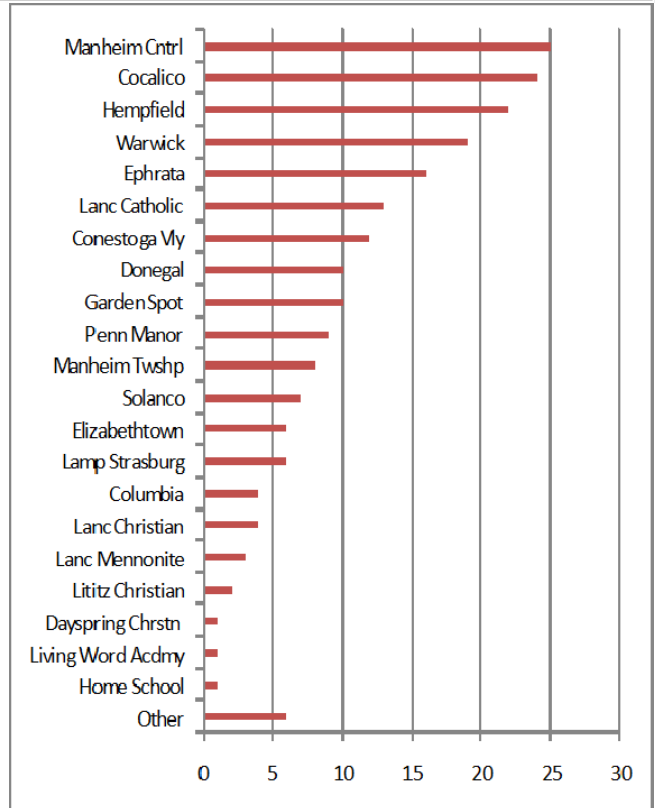
On May 20 2009, members of the Board of Directors of Dollars for Scholars ® of Lancaster County met to vote upon the number of loans to be awarded for the 2009 – 2010 school year and the amount of each loan.

This year’s application process resulted in 552 DFS loan checks being sent to institutions of post-secondary education on behalf of 220 new applicants and 332 reapplicants. Each loan for new applicants was awarded at \$1,300 and for reapplicants at \$1,500. The total amount dispersed was \$784,000.

Of the 220 first-time loan recipients, 58% are female and 42% are male. Approximately 88% of all first-time loan recipients will be attending a 4-year college while 7% will be attending a Vocational-Technical School, 5% will be going to a Community College, and one student will be going to Graduate School.

Twenty Lancaster County High Schools, as well as one home school family, are represented by the 220 new applicants. Manheim Central High School represents the largest number of new loan recipients having 25 successful candidates (see graph to the right).

The 220 new applicants have chosen to attend 88 different colleges and other post secondary schools. Penn State University (all campuses) has the largest number of new students receiving Dollars for Scholars ® of Lancaster County interest-free loans with 19.



### Mothers and Daughters

**Gabrielle Barger** says it’s a “brave” thing her mother Ellen is doing returning to school especially since her mother has been a diabetic since childhood. **Hayley Bair** says her mother Teresa’s decision to return to the classroom while raising four children is truly “amazing.”

**Ellen Barger** and **Teresa Bair** are not only non-traditional students taking on this challenge at a time in life when most women are thinking about slowing down, but also they are 2009 loan recipients of Dollars for Scholars ® of Lancaster County interest-free loans – as are their daughters **Gabrielle Barger** and **Hayley Bair**.



**Ellen Barger** graduated from high school in 1981, attended college to major in gerontology but soon decided that she wasn’t interested in pursuing a degree. Twenty-seven years later, she’s enrolled at Harrisburg Area Community College to pursue a career using her gift for helping women. A volunteer with various organizations for 20 years, Ellen hopes to continue her studies in counseling at either Lancaster Bible College or Millersville University after receiving her AA degree in social work from HACC. She is supported in this decision by her husband Douglas and her step-daughters Jessica 26, Kristina 24, her three grandchildren - and, of course, daughter **Gabrielle** 18.

**Gabrielle Barger**, a 2009 Lancaster Catholic High School graduate, is a freshman at Philadelphia Biblical University. An English education major, Gabrielle credits LCHS “Freedom Writer” English teacher Anne Schober - who helped her with some “really hard decisions” - with inspiring her to pursue her chosen major. Her aspiration is to teach children in inner-city Philadelphia, “children others don’t want to teach.” The Bargers are “really excited” to have DFS loans. “This is all about ‘community,’” **Ellen Barger** says.

After **Teresa Bair** graduated from high school in 1978 she received a bachelor’s degree in nutrition. Seven years ago she was certified and has worked as a substitute teacher. Now, however, she has a three-fold goal leading her to the RN program at Lancaster General College of Nursing. First, she wants a career with higher earning potential, including benefits, and one in which she has had a “great interest.” Her first goal comes from having four children to educate. Both Ryan 23, who is completing his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at St. Francis University, and **Hayley** 21, a rising senior, have had four DFS loans. Higher education costs for sons Nolan 15 and Bradley 10 loom on the horizon. The second goal is a job with benefits since her husband Gregg is self-employed. And the third goal is to help others as the nurses attending her during the difficult births of her four children helped her.



**Hayley Bair**, Teresa’s second child and only daughter, graduated from Conestoga Valley High School in 2006 and is a music education major at Susquehanna University. She gives private lessons on the violin, viola, and cello; she is also becoming proficient in all instruments she will be certified to teach to K – 12 students come her May 2010 graduation. The Bairs are very grateful that DFS has such a program. “It’s the first educational loans that we and our children will pay off,” says **Teresa Bair**, “so that the money will be there for future students.”

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