

DESCRIPTIONS OF LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Kevin Allison Memorial - Kevin was a 1994 graduate of RRHS and co-captain of the baseball team. He attended Kent State University the following year. In the summer of 1995, he died suddenly from an aortic aneurysm. He was only 18. This scholarship was established by his coach, friends and family in Kevin's memory. Each year it is awarded to a varsity baseball player chosen by the coach. Every June, the Kevin Allison Memorial baseball game supports this scholarship.

American Red Cross - Scholarships are provided by the American Red Cross to graduating seniors pursuing college degrees, because RRHS participates in the Bloodmobile.

The "Balancing Act" - This scholarship is awarded by Ken and Martha Taylor, to a graduating RRHS senior who has participated in four years of instrumental or choral music, has participated in at least one sport during each of his or her four years, and has taken one or more languages in at least three of his or her four years in high school.

Jane L. Balla Memorial - Jane L. Balla, mother of Mark Balla (Class of 1987) and Michael Balla (Class of 1991), possessed a Ph. D. in English Literature from Western Reserve College (now Case Western Reserve University). She taught at Rocky River High School in 1968 and many of the local colleges throughout her career. This scholarship memorializes Jane's love of teaching and willingness to give students a second chance to reach their true potential. It is for a graduating senior pursuing a degree in English, Education, or Theatre Arts.

James J. Bartolozzi Memorial - James Bartolozzi is remembered by those who knew him as a classic Renaissance man. He was a distinguished litigation attorney and served as a Rocky River Councilman from 1999 until his unexpected death in September 2003. His children, Victoria and Jeff, are Rocky River High School graduates. This scholarship is for a student who exhibits those qualities that typify the classic Renaissance man (someone who knows and appreciates the value of studying both the arts and sciences. A life long learner who strives to do their very best and to make a positive contribution to their world). Student must have a 3.0 GPA or better.

Nev Chandler Memorial - Nev Chandler, a 1964 graduate of Rocky River High School, was a nationally known sportscaster and did play-by-play for the Cleveland Browns. He died of cancer in 1994 and the scholarship was established in his memory. It is designated for someone who will study Journalism or English.

Roger Davidson Memorial - Mr. Davidson was a Rocky River resident and father of Shannon Davidson, a 1994 RRHS graduate. Mr. Davidson died suddenly in 1997. The scholarship is given to a student who intends to pursue a career in computer technology. Mrs. Davidson was a trustee of the Rocky River Education Foundation.

Joseph V. DeGrandis Memorial - Joseph DeGrandis was the father of Fred DeGrandis who was a Rocky River City School Board Member for sixteen years from 1988 to 2004. Scholarship was established by Fred to honor the memory of his father.

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Do Your Best Scouting and Scholar Award - This scholarship is awarded to a RRHS senior who has earned the rank of *Eagle Scout* from the Boy Scouts of America or the *Gold Award* from the Girl Scouts of America. The student must have at least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average and be active in one or more extracurricular activities during at least two full years while attending Rocky River High School.

Alice Ferry Memorial - This scholarship is designated for a student of outstanding moral character who demonstrates a spirit of selflessness, social commitment, and volunteerism, and has a 3.00 or higher GPA. The student is one who shows an interest in helping others, especially the disadvantaged or those in need, as witnessed by faculty and/or staff. The student with a consistent and enthusiastic involvement in volunteer activities throughout their entire HS career.

Judy Hanson Memorial Rocky River Soccer Organization - Senior female and male varsity soccer players with high academic standards and community service are chosen by the Soccer Organization through an application process.

Jack Harris Memorial - Because of Mr. Harris' focus on education, this memorial scholarship was made available from contributions of friends and family at the time of his sudden death in 1996. All seven of his children were educated in Rocky River schools and now several grandchildren are part of the school system. Designated for a student pursuing a career in the sciences.

Melissa Herstrum Memorial - Established in 1992 by friends of the Herstrum family in memory of Melissa Herstrum, a 1990 RRHS graduate who was killed while attending The University of Toledo. It is designated for a student who will study nursing or a related field in medicine.

Brad Horn - Brad Horn is a 2000 RRHS graduate, who currently works for J. P. Morgan in New York City. He is awarding this scholarship to a senior who has shown initiative and is pursuing a career in business or finance at an out of state college.

Bryan Johnson Memorial - This award was established by friends and family of Bryan Johnson, an Industrial Technology and Computer Education teacher at Rocky River Middle School, after his unexpected death in March, 2009. It is designated for graduating seniors who were students of Mr. Johnson and participated in Channel 10 while attending RRMS.

Meta Kramer - Awarded from a foundation set up in the names of William and Meta Kramer to students in good standing, without regard to grades, who have a sincere interest and desire to continue their education at an accredited college or university.

League of Women Voters - Given to a student who is active in public affairs, civic or community activities and preferably pursuing a political science, pre-law or related degree.

Dan and Lee Ludwin Memorial - This scholarship was established by their son, Rick. Dan Ludwin was a teacher and Director of Recreation for the City of Rocky River from 1956 to 1974. He supervised the construction and operation of the Rocky River Municipal Skating

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Rink and Pool, which opened to the public in 1958. He was a long-time member of Kiwanis and avid golfer. Lee (Leanore) Ludwin was the owner and operator of a Cleveland sheet metal construction company and a past president of the trade group Women in Construction. Mr. Ludwin died in 1989; Mrs. Ludwin in 2002. Their scholarship is intended to help pay college expenses for a graduating senior who demonstrates educational ability.

Moriah Lydon Memorial - Moriah Lydon was a sophomore at Rocky River High School and a member of the Cross Country Team. While running with the team in 2001, she died of an undetected heart defect. This scholarship was established by her family and friends in honor of her memory. Scholarships are awarded to male and female members of the RRHS Cross Country Teams.

Julia Litzler Mayer - This annual scholarship is given to a female graduating senior who has a 3.00 GPA or above. Established by Mr. Litzler for his daughter, Julia Litzler Mayer, a 1990 graduate, who currently resides on Cleveland's west side.

Penny Mead - This scholarship is given in honor of Penny Mead, a Rocky River parent and long-time educator. It is awarded to a student pursuing a career in education, with preference given to the student who plans to major in special education.

Medical Mutual of Ohio - Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior with academic achievement, who submitted an application and was chosen by the Local Scholarship Selection Committee.

Nancy Mihocik Memorial - Nancy Mihocik was a teacher at Rocky River High School for many years before retiring in 1999. Nancy created a popular course on women in Literature and began the French language program at RRHS, including an honors course. She also initiated an overseas exchange program and led tours to France. This honorarium, created by her husband John, a former trustee of the Education Foundation, is given annually to the best student in French AP.

Harold P. Murton Memorial - Mr. Murton was a Physical Education teacher in the Rocky River school system. Mr. Murton died of cancer in 2000.

Ohio Association of Public School Employees #381 - Three scholarships are awarded this year to graduating seniors who have demonstrated perseverance within their academic program throughout high school. These individuals possess strong moral character and are involved in school and community activities. They plan to pursue post-secondary education at a two or four year college.

Pepsi - Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors attending a four-year college, who submitted an application and were chosen by the Local Scholarship Selection Committee.

George A. Purdy, Jr. Memorial (Class of 1962) - George attended the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in computer science. He had a successful career in computer management using innovative approaches to solve business and computer problems. An outstanding high school and college athlete, George was co-captain of

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the River football team and class officer. He was known for his integrity, sense of humor, friendship and devotion to family. This scholarship is given to a student athlete who shows leadership, good sportsmanship, integrity, respect for his/her fellow classmates and plans to pursue studies in science, math or computers.

Nicholas Charles Rauser Memorial - On December 21, 2008 Nicholas was the lone fatality in a car accident in North Olmsted. Nicholas was just fifteen years old. He will always be remembered by his smile, sense of humor, good nature and love of sports. The Leader Light Foundation (a non-profit organization dedicated to the memory of Nicholas Rauser) grants annual scholarships to graduating seniors in local area schools. It was created to support Nicholas' passion for sports and to reward other students who display these same characteristics. Recipients have proven to be not only good athletes, but also caring teammates, good citizens and good friends.

Rocky River Chamber of Commerce Business - Business scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who submitted an application and were chosen by the Local Scholarship Selection Committee.

Rocky River High School Alumni Association - Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors attending either a two or four-year college, who submitted an application and were chosen by the Local Scholarship Selection Committee.

Rocky River High School Alumni Association

Dr. Robert C. Cawrse – Susan Cawrse Hodgson (RRHS Class of 1960) and her husband Thomas R. Hodgson (RRHS Class of 1959) have established this scholarship through the RRHS Alumni Association in honor of Dr. Robert C. Cawrse, who was principal of RRHS from 1954-1961. He was also a football coach in several Ohio school systems and was a strong supporter of high school athletics. Dr. Cawrse left RRHS to become the Superintendent in Chagrin Falls, then went to Bay Village and finished his career in Lakewood. Students who are strong athletes should be considered eligible. Preference should be given to those student athletes intending to major in education.

Dr. William A. Turner, Jr. Memorial – Dr. William A. Turner, Jr. died in 1995. Bill was a 1965 graduate of Rocky River High School who went on to become a distinguished researcher and instructor in Biological Sciences at Wayne State University. The Dr. William A. Turner, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Foundation was founded in his memory and honor. This scholarship is awarded to eligible graduating senior(s) who will pursue college studies in the field of Biological Sciences.

Rex Zirbes Memorial – Rex L. Zirbes was an English teacher at Rocky River Middle School from 1959-1989. He died suddenly in 2005. This scholarship, established through his will, is awarded annually in his memory to a graduating senior pursuing a college degree in English. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Rocky River High School Class of 1965 Memorial - After their 40th Reunion in October, 2005, the Class of 1965 established a scholarship fund in honor of their parents, teachers and classmates who have died. This scholarship is to be awarded to a senior who has contributed to the life of Rocky River High School and who deserves to be rewarded for their commitment

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to the school. This year an additional scholarship is given in honor of *Robert and Elaine Niebaum*.

Rocky River High School PTA - A parent of the student receiving a PTA scholarship must be a current member of the Rocky River High School PTA.

Rocky River Junior Women's Club - Scholarships awarded to graduating women who have demonstrated continued commitment to community through volunteerism as determined by the Local Scholarship Selection Committee.

Rocky River Kiwanis - Scholarships awarded to deserving students chosen by the Local Scholarship Selection Committee, and where possible, to students who have been active members of the Kiwanis Key Club.

Rocky River Masonic Lodge #703 - The members of Rocky River Lodge #703 are proud to provide this scholarship. As a fraternity dedicated to high moral standards and charitable deeds, they welcome this opportunity to support the future leaders of our community in this manner and wish the senior good luck in their future endeavors. Scholarship is awarded to a hard-working, energetic student who is actively involved in some kind of community service. Student must have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Rocky River Middle School September 11 Memorial Fund - This scholarship is being offered as a result of the initiative that funded the September 11 Memorial at Rocky River Middle School. The 9/11 project raised enough money to build the memorial and provide money to a graduating senior, planning a career in firefighting, law enforcement, or rescue safety.

Rocky River Parks & Recreation Foundation - This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior with excellent artistic ability, and who plans to pursue a career in art. The Rocky River Parks and Recreation Foundation encourages the pursuit of artistic excellence among Rocky River's young people, and confirms the city as a vibrant community nurturing the arts.

Rocky River PTA Council - For over thirty years, the Rocky River PTA Council's Student Scholarship fund has provided scholarship assistance to graduating RRHS seniors pursuing higher education opportunities. The scholarships are named by nominations from Council's membership. It is funded through proceeds from the RRHS Homecoming dinner, each of the five local PTA units, and contributions from the Republican and Democratic Clubs of Rocky River. These scholarships are named in honor of the following:

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Rocky River Teachers Association - Scholarships given to students pursuing a career in education.

Lester C. Roig Jr. Memorial - This award was established by Randy, Wendy and Reed Roig in memory of their father, Lester C. Roig, Jr., who grew up in Rocky River and graduated from Rocky River High School in 1941. He received his BA in Economics from Baldwin-Wallace and MA in economics from Bowling Green State University. He spent his career working for Cleveland based companies - beginning as a staff economist for the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. and then from 1953-1984, in the finance department of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad (now CSX). He retired as Vice President and Treasurer of CSX and moved with his wife Middie to Sun City, Arizona to enjoy their retirement away from Cleveland winters. He died after a short battle with cancer in 2002. Although none of his children attended school in Rocky River, his grandson, Ben Roig, spent K-12 in the Rocky River School system - graduating in 2005 as class "Salutatorian" from Rocky River High School. The scholarship will be awarded to RRHS senior who plans to major in Finance or Economics in college. Total scholarship will be distributed over 4 years of college.

Gail Ryan Memorial - Gail Ryan was a 1960 graduate of RRHS and was sales manager for the Patrick Media Group before dying of cancer in 1991. An initial donation was established by the Patrick Media Group.

Danny Scherry Memorial - This award was established in 2007 by friends and family of Danny Scherry, a 2005 RRHS graduate and marine who was killed while serving our country in Iraq. It is given to a football player who exhibits an unwavering passion for the game and team. The recipient is a true leader in spirit, and in their convictions both on and off the field.

Charles Scott - Salons and Spas - This award is given by Mr. Henline, owner of the Charles Scott - Salons and Spas, to a student pursuing further education in beauty, art, architecture, fashion design or drama.

Kristen Stephens Calculus Award - Nate Black, a 2003 RRHS graduate, is giving this award in honor of Mrs. Kristen Stephens. Nate now appreciates her being "pretty tough on him" while he was in her Calculus class, as he received both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Mathematics following his graduation from RRHS. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding senior calculus student who has shown an interest in pursuing a career in Mathematics.

Susan Thibo Memorial - Susan was a French teacher at Rocky River High School but she earned her living by touching student's lives. Susan educated her students but taught them about life. She wanted her students to expect a lot from others, to expect more from themselves, to be courageous and to be determined. Her life lessons were best taught when she battled cancer. She continued to help others when all they wanted was to help her. This scholarship is provided by family, friends and colleagues of Susan Thibo. It will be awarded to a RRHS senior who truly cares about people, has demonstrated a passion for learning, is willing to work hard to pursue his/her dreams and chooses an area of study that will provide them with a career where they can make a positive influence on children.

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Thomas and Thomas Distinctive Photography - Established by Robert and Monica Thomas, and continued by Sarah Edelman and Amy Laing-Nahva, to assist an outstanding RRHS senior who possesses a strong social consciousness and has demonstrated academic achievement with a 3.0 GPA or higher. The student must have a personal involvement in an academic, civic or religious organization. Recipient must have ordered personal senior portraits from Thomas & Thomas. Approximately seventy percent of the class ordered pictures from Thomas & Thomas.

Marie and Bob Wiesenberg - Mr. Wiesenberg was a trustee of the Rocky River Education Foundation and former member of the Rocky River City Council. Mr. Wiesenberg died in 2001 at the age of 83 after a brief battle with brain cancer. Mrs. Wiesenberg was a Girl Scout leader for forty-five years and ran the summer Brownie Day Camp at Elmwood Park for a number of years. Mrs. Wiesenberg died last September (2010) at the age of 93. This fund was initially established by the Wiesenberg daughters, Peg and Lynn, both graduates of Rocky River High School. The scholarships are designated for graduating RRHS seniors who have excelled in the area of community service.

Mary Kay Wilhelmy Memorial - Established by Albert Wilhelmy (RRHS Class of 1967) in memory of his wife, Mary Kay Wilhelmy, who fought a long battle with cancer and passed away in 2004. Mary Kay was a woman with a warm heart who quietly dedicated herself to her family and the community. This scholarship will be awarded to a RRHS senior student-athlete. The student-athlete must exhibit excellence in the classroom and hold a minimum grade point average of 3.2. The student must participate in a recognized varsity sport for a minimum of three years, including their senior year. The recipient demonstrates positive moral character in and out of the classroom.

Zerbey Family - This scholarship is awarded by Dan and Nancy Zerbey, to a graduating RRHS senior who has demonstrated academic achievement with a 3.25 GPA or higher, played at least one year of either boys or girls varsity soccer, taken Spanish III or higher, and interested in or attending either Kent State University or Ohio University (schools attended by their children, Diane and Kevin).

H. Robert Bueck Memorial - This award is being given in honor of Robert Bueck, a computer specialist for Avon Schools, whose life was cut short in October, 2009. He worked for a short time in Rocky River Schools as a high school computer teacher and substitute. The recipients of this award exemplify philanthropy, strong commitment to community, appreciation for life and a strong sense of self - qualities that Robert personally embraced and was known and loved for possessing. Robert wanted to share his love of learning and enjoyed working with kids of all ages. The computers being awarded were donated by the staff of Rocky River High School in Robert Bueck's name.