

# THE MANSFIELD WAY

Turning Generosity  
Into Opportunity

THE  
MANSFIELD  
FOUNDATION

## INSIDE:

Explore our legacy scholarships and meet the remarkable students carrying forward the generosity, vision, and enduring impact of those who believe in their potential.

**Montel Williams**  
**UNITED BY SERVICE**  
**2025 Annual Veterans Day Dinner**





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Montel Williams addresses fellow veterans and members of the military at the Foundation's annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

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## Letter from the Executive Director

For more than five decades, The Mansfield Foundation has been turning generosity into opportunity and we are just getting started.

Fifty-one years ago, a small group of visionaries believed that education could reshape the lives of students attending then Mansfield State College and strengthen families and communities across the Northern Tier. They did not have major endowments or a large staff. They were armed only with the conviction that when generosity and opportunity meet, lives are transformed.

Since then, the Foundation has grown not only in scale, but in purpose and possibility. With the same conviction as our founders, The Mansfield Foundation has become a playbook for possibility: adapting, learning, and leading with purpose. Some may call us an old foundation; I prefer original and experienced. We know what works because we have lived it, refined it, and watched it change lives.

This inaugural edition of *The Mansfield Way* magazine celebrates our decades of scholarships, collaborations, and community impact. Together, we have awarded millions in aid, supported thousands of students, and strengthened connections across our region. But behind every number is a name, a dream, and a community that cares.

I think of the first-generation student who found her voice, the donor who contributes faithfully because someone once believed in them, and the volunteers whose quiet dedication makes our work shine. These stories are the true measure of our success and proof that generosity is not a moment but a movement.

As we look to the next fifty years, our mission remains the same: to open doors, lift dreams, and build stronger communities. Throughout this publication, you will see how many hands, hearts, and hopes come together to make that possible. This is the Mansfield Way.

To everyone who has shared their time, resources, and belief in what is possible: THANK YOU! You are part of a legacy that grows stronger with every scholarship, every grant, and every story. Here is to fifty more years of creating opportunity through generosity, the Mansfield Way.

With gratitude,  
Mindy Engel  
Executive Director





## Celebrating 50 Years of Impact: The Mansfield Foundation's Legacy

The Mansfield Foundation proudly celebrated 50 years of service, scholarship, and lasting community impact. Since its founding in 1974, the Foundation has remained steadfast in its mission to open doors for students and support their educational aspirations throughout the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania.



Created to provide funding for educational programs, scholarships, and research opportunities, the Foundation began with a clear and urgent purpose: to raise scholarship dollars so prospective and current students at then Mansfield State College, could stay enrolled and complete their degrees. At a time when rising costs threatened many students' ability to continue their education, the Foundation stepped forward to ensure financial hardship did not become a barrier to opportunity.

In the fall of 1976, the Foundation awarded its first scholarships, beginning a tradition that would go on to support thousands of students over the next five decades. For 42 years, the organization worked closely with the college (later becoming Mansfield University) and even adopted the name Mansfield University Foundation. During this period, it strengthened scholarship resources, expanded student support, and played a key role in major initiatives at Mansfield such as fundraising for North Hall.

In 2016, Mansfield University formally disaffiliated from the Foundation in spite of the Foundation's desire to remain affiliated, initiating a long period of uncertainty for both entities. Despite this structural change, the Mansfield Foundation's commitment has never wavered. Fifty years later, the Foundation remains deeply dedicated to expanding educational opportunities, supporting students, and investing in the future of the Mansfield community. Today, it manages nearly 300 scholarship funds, most of which support students attending Commonwealth University – Mansfield.



As we honor this milestone, we celebrate the visionaries who built the Foundation, the donors who sustain its mission, and the students whose stories inspire our work every day. The Mansfield Foundation looks forward to the next fifty years of empowering students and strengthening the region, one donor, one scholarship, and one community at a time.



## Financial Highlights

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<b>Assets</b>	2024	2023
Cash/Cash Equivalents	\$ 214,981	\$ 231,802
Investments	\$ 22,810,755	\$ 20,631,208
Other Assets	\$ 2,376,813	\$ 2,386,409
Total Assets	\$ 25,402,549	\$ 23,249,419
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Annuities	\$ 194,634	\$ 197,941
Accounts Payable	\$ 20,270	\$ 100,973
Total Liabilities	\$ 214,904	\$ 298,914
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 2,460,338	\$ 2,724,583
With Donor Restrictions	\$ 22,272,307	\$ 20,225,922
Total Net Assets	\$ 25,187,645	\$ 22,950,505
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	\$ 25,402,549	\$ 23,249,419

(Fiscal year: July 1 – June 30, 2024)

Total Net Assets  
\$25,187,645

## Financial Statement

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### Investment Strategy

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies to support current as well as future generations. The goal of the investment strategy is to protect the inflation-adjusted spending power of the Foundation's assets over time.

### Financial Partner

The Mansfield Foundation uses certain financial institutions to manage portions of our charitable pool.

### They Include:

Commonfund  
Citizens & Northern Bank

### Auditor's Report

The Mansfield Foundation's financial statements are audited by independent public accounting firms. The audits for the years ending June 30, 2023, and 2024 were performed by Mengel, Metzger, Barr + Co.

## Turning Generosity into Opportunity

At the Mansfield Foundation, we are committed to improving the quality of life in the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania. Central to this mission is our unwavering belief that every student deserves access to higher education, regardless of their financial circumstances. When we keep the doors to college open, we create pathways for students to return home, strengthen the workforce, and build vibrant, resilient communities.

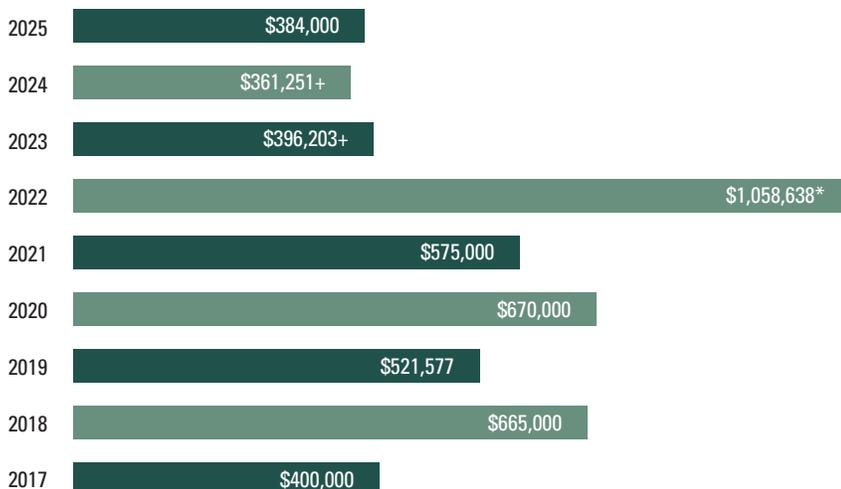
We also believe in the power of neighbors helping neighbors, in residents stepping forward to solve local challenges, and in passionate individuals showing generosity to support the next generation of community leaders.

The Mansfield Foundation fosters a spirit of philanthropy by connecting donors with the causes that matter most to them and building permanent charitable funds that create lasting, sustainable impact. These funds ensure that the intentions of our donors endure for generations. But we cannot do this work without you. With action comes solutions. With generosity comes opportunity.

### Total Assets Since 2017



### Total Scholarships and Grants Awarded Since 2017\*\*



\*Amount includes special allocation of \$400,000 by the Board of Directors to Commonwealth University - Mansfield for unrestricted scholarships to assist with increasing enrollment.

\*\*The Foundation's annual allocation often exceeds the total amounts awarded depending on finding qualified student recipients for each award.

## Ways to Help

Everyone can make a difference and play a vital role in growing the Foundation's mission. For fifty years, donors have trusted us to steward their generosity and turn it into meaningful change.

You can help be that change by contributing to an existing fund or create your own charitable legacy. Our team is here to work with you, your financial advisor or attorney to ensure your philanthropic goals are met.

Together, we can continue building opportunities, one act of generosity at a time.

### Ways to Donate

- IRA Charitable Rollover
- Planned Giving
- Gifts of Stock
- Cash

For more information on developing your family's philanthropic plan or information on how you can help, visit our website at: [mansfieldfoundation.org](http://mansfieldfoundation.org) or contact us at: [mufdn@mansfieldfoundation.org](mailto:mufdn@mansfieldfoundation.org) or Mindy Engel (570) 463-4041.



# Scholarship Awards 2025-2026 Academic Year

Scholarships are vital investments in the future, opening doors for promising students who might otherwise be unable to pursue their educational goals. Thanks to the generosity and vision of our donors, these endowed funds do more than provide financial assistance, they create lasting legacies that continue to uplift new generations year after year. We are deeply grateful to those who have chosen to make such a meaningful impact through their endowments. It is our honor to share the scholarships awarded this year and to recognize the remarkable students who have benefited from these enduring gifts.

## **50th Anniversary Scholarship**

Katherine Mossman, Covington, PA; Alyssa Parks, Troy, PA; Sydney Rice, Wellsboro, PA; Kayla Thompson, Athens, PA; Ella Wyble, Lawrenceville, PA

## **Ada Mae Frailey Saxton Music Endowed Scholarship**

Quinn Lightner, Loysville, PA

## **Albert Dalmolen Endowed Scholarship in Political Science**

Annabell Woodburn, Candor, NY

## **Albert J. Crispell Elementary Education Award Endowment**

Stephanie Dorn, Covington, PA

## **Albert L. & Dr. Marcella Hyde-Smith Endowed Scholarship**

Marissa Allen, Mifflinburg, PA; Ashlyn Harkness, Columbia Cross Roads, PA; Ryan O'Connor, Canton, PA; Aubrey Reinert, Boyertown, PA; Rachel Sherman, Macungie, PA

## **Alexander E. Sidorowicz Endowed Scholarship**

Campbell Bomberger, Jonestown, PA; Martina Bradford, Troy, PA

## **Alumni Basketball Scholarship**

Sterling Scott, Detroit, MI; Julian Wilson, Williamsport, PA

## **Alumni Track/Football Scholarship**

Joey Biviano, Elmira, NY; Calvin Cragle, Big Flats, NY

## **Amy Place Barnes Nursing Endowed Scholarship**

Rachel Jelliff, Columbia Cross Roads, PA

## **Anthony & Patricia Fiamingo Athletic Endowed Scholarship**

Kathryn Thomas, Christiana, PA

## **Arden D. Smith Baseball Endowed Scholarship**

Isaiah Dull, York, PA

## **Arlyne M. Garrity Communications & Theatre Endowed Scholarship**

Valerie Miller, Arkport, NY

## **Art Scholarship**

Emilyn Buckingham, Meshoppen, PA

## **\*Arthur and Martha Sharpe Scholarship Endowment**

## **Athletic Women's Endowed Scholarship**

Lillie Maynard, Wyalusing, PA; Sophia Vadnais, Amherst, NY

## **B. Foster & Marlene Borck Wetmore Endowed Scholarship**

Melanie Esh, New Holland, PA

## **Bea Klingaman Music Education Endowed Scholarship**

Jason Gao, Athens, PA

## **Bertram Francis Endowed Scholarship**

Nicholas Albano, Beach Lake, PA; Miriaha Myers, Wyalusing, PA

## **Bob Bridgeman Endowed Scholarship**

Guy Longenberger, Catawissa, PA

## **\*C. Frank & Helen M. Seidel Endowed Scholarship**

## **Caitlin Knoll Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Social Work**

Elaina Kinney, Troy, PA

## **\*Carl D. Ruck Music Scholarship**

## **Carrie Krise Carl Endowed Scholarship**

Cody Weaver, Waverly, NY

## **Charlie Allen Scholarship**

Lillie Maynard, Wyalusing, PA

## **Chemung Canal Trust Company Scholarship**

Abrielle Drehmer, Pine City, NY

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## **Christine S. Lewis Endowed Scholarship**

Michael Andreula, Jackson, PA;  
Christian Balliet, Harrisburg, PA;  
Alex Beardsley, Gilbertsville, PA;  
Tyler Eick, Bethlehem, PA; Clayton  
Purcell, Gillett, PA; Abigail Rice,  
Towanda, PA

## **Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship**

Natalie Bliss, Mansfield, PA

## **Class of 1954 Endowed Scholarship**

Karson Dominick, Mansfield, PA;  
Dylan Larick, Blossburg, PA

## **Class of 1955 Endowed Scholarship**

Isaac Braucht, Spring Mills, PA

## **Class of 1956 Endowed Scholarship**

Lorena Marquardt, Muncy Valley,  
PA

## **Class of 1957 Endowed Scholarship**

Mazie DeMedio, Colledgeville, PA;  
Benjamin Fitch, Canton, PA

## **Class of 1958 Endowed Scholarship**

Elizabeth Ritchie, Blossburg, PA;  
Lily Romig, Millville, PA; Sarah  
Shupp, Beavertown, PA

## **Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship**

Annabelle Woodburn, Candor, NY

## **Class of 1960 Endowed Scholarship**

Lily Baird, Harrisburg, PA

## **Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship**

Natalie Brunick Reinholds, PA

## **Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship**

Sophia Castaldo, Endicott, NY

## **Class of 1963 Endowed Scholarship**

Michael Andreula, Jackson, PA

## **\*Class of 1966 Endowment**

## **Claverack/Tri County Rural Electric Cooperative Endowed Scholarship**

Katherine Mossman, Covington, PA;  
Aiden Oldroyd, Ulster, PA; Aubrey  
Sodon, Montrose, PA; Clayton  
Purcell, Gillett, PA; Jenna Johnson,  
Towanda, PA

## **Clio Reinwald Home Economics Scholarship**

Caelyn Pine. Columbia Cross Roads,  
PA

## **Commonwealth Scholarship Award**

David Allison, Woodbourne, NY;  
Robert Forbes, Sayre, PA; Jason  
Gao, Athens, PA; Dashel Little,  
Philadelphia, PA; Sarah Lopez,  
Reading, PA; Madison Nelson,  
Morrisdale, PA; Cana Riley, Cogan  
Station, PA; Mackenzie Roio,  
Scranton, PA; Arthur Russell,  
Scranton, PA; Skylar Sanders,  
Hellam, PA; Caden Skasko, Harvey's  
Lake, PA; Erin Thomas, Corning,  
NY; Isaac Tice, Mansfield, PA; Evan  
Woznick, Scranton, PA; Adriana  
Zebrowski, Blossburg, PA

## **D. Keith Palmer Endowed Scholarship**

Rocco DelGiudice, Stroudsburg, PA

## **David J. Dick Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Justin Knarr, Bechtelsville, PA

## **Dean L. & Elizabeth E. Phillips Endowed Scholarship**

Sarah Begg, Trout Run, PA; Sydney  
Foresman, Montgomery, PA

## **Delta Zeta Housing Assistance Scholarship**

Maisie Cole, Gaines, PA; Kari Doran,  
Knoxville, PA; Gabby Gregory,  
Liberty, PA; Anna Holcomb,  
Galeton, PA

## **\*Donald E. & Elaine C. Lugg Endowed Scholarship**

## **Donald L. & LaRene T. Ayres Endowed Scholarship**

Maddison Austin, Shinglehouse, PA

## **Dorothy Tozer Miller Endowed Scholarship**

Nicholas Albano, Beach Lake, PA

## **\*Dr. A. Vernon Lapps Broadcasting Scholarship Endowment**

## **Dr. Ishrat Mustafa Endowed Scholarship**

Elzandie L. Du Plessis, Pretoria,  
Gauteng South Africa

## **Dr. John D. Trimmer Endowed Scholarship**

Madison Bailey, Mercersburg, PA

**\*Dr. John K. Tillinghast  
Communications Scholarship**

**Dr. John M. & Betty Thomas  
Nursing Endowed Scholarship**

Kaelyn Crawford, Hunlock Creek,  
PA

**Dr. Nancy Cooledge  
Endowed Scholarship**

Clayton Purcell, Gillett, PA

**\*Dunham Family Endowed  
Scholarship**

**E. Edward Brown Music Theory  
Endowed Scholarship**

Jason Gao, Athens, PA

**\*Ed Wilson Athletic  
Endowed Scholarship**

**Edward McInroy Association  
Endowed Scholarship**

Marley Kunsman, Mansfield, PA;  
Christian Ling, Tioga, PA; Avrielle  
Pecynski, Wellsboro, PA; Chandler  
Southard, Elkland, PA

**Eileen Finn Kuritz  
Endowed Scholarship**

Alanna Moreau, McDonald, PA;  
Caelyn Pine, Columbia Cross Roads,  
PA

**Elden & Marjorie Tewksbury  
Endowed Scholarship**

Marissa Allen, Mifflinburg, PA \$650;  
Dylan Larick, Blossburg, PA \$675

**Elinor Schipbanker Educational  
Endowed Scholarship**

Emilyn Buckingham, Meshoppen,  
PA

**Eugene Jones Music Vocalist  
Endowed Scholarship**

Ethan Hinshaw, Bensalem, PA;  
Quinn Lightner, Loysville, PA

**\*Ferris J. Lutes Athletic  
Endowed Scholarship**

**Field Hockey**

Kylee Boardman, Shippensburg,  
PA; Regan Fiorito, Pennsburg, PA;  
Madison Kurtz, Lancaster, PA;  
Kathleen Marchiani, Wilmington,  
DE; Kelsey Sears, Burlington  
Township, NJ

**Fielding-Eliot Endowed  
Scholarship in English/  
Modern Languages**

Kira Good, Canton, PA

**Francis Hendricks '79 &  
Connie Hendricks H2S  
Endowed Scholarship**

Katherine Sheeler, Rixford, PA

**\*Frazer Endowed Science  
Scholarship**

**\*Frederika Michelfelder Lawrence  
(1898) Endowed Scholarship**

**Friends of George Dolph  
Book Award**

Gavin Fessler, Covington, PA

**Gladys Frick Weaver  
Award Endowment**

Shae'anna Farr, Lawrenceville, PA;  
Alison Haberstroh, Westfield, PA;  
Dashawna Jones, Hunlock Creek,  
PA; Ibrahim Sheriff, Sinking Spring,  
PA

**Gordon Van Wormer  
Endowed Scholarship for  
Music Education**

Nadia Impellitier, Lancaster, NY

**Grace & Margaret Steadman  
Endowed Scholarship**

Quinn Lightner, Loysville, PA

**Grace S. Evans Memorial  
Endowed Scholarship**

Eliza Ellers, Athens, PA

**\*GSE Endowed Scholarship**

**Harland & Beverly Evans  
Endowed Scholarship**

Oyejadesola Diya, Darby, PA

**Harold E. Terry  
Endowed Scholarship**

Cole Gelbutis, Sayre, PA

**Harry B. Furman  
Endowed Scholarship**

Leah Toskey, Selinsgrove, PA

**Hartley B. Dean  
Endowed Scholarship**

Maddison Austin, Shinglehouse,  
PA; Analiese Eisenhart, York, PA;  
Sandra Lemus, Long Branch, NJ;  
Luke Liptak, Hawk Run, PA; Ava  
Mondulick, Bear Creek Township,  
PA; Madi Palmer, Columbia Cross  
Roads, PA; Amanda Ray, Deposit,  
NY; Abigail Rice, Towanda, PA;  
Cana Riley, Cogan Station, PA; Kyla  
Stevenson, Colebrook, CT; Meltem  
van Helden, Towanda, PA; Halle  
Wilson, Eldred, PA; Emma Wonsick,  
Dauphin, PA; Rachael Wood,  
Owego, NY

**Helen D. Lutes Field Hockey  
Endowed Scholarship**

Amanda Duke, Bartonsville, PA;  
Jenna Duke, Bartonsville, PA; Emma  
Shaw, Factoryville, PA

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## **Helen D. Lutes Softball Endowed Scholarship**

Britni Motter, Schellsburg, PA

## **\*Helen Dieffenbach Lutes Athletic Endowed Scholarship**

## **Howard J. Jr. & Olynda Chaffee Smith Music Endowed Scholarship**

Campbell Bomberger, Jonestown,  
PA; Isaac Braught, Spring Mills, PA;  
Jocelyn Frantz, Susquehanna, PA;  
Jason Gao, Athens, PA; Justin Knarr,  
Bechtelsville, PA; Rachael Wood,  
Owego, NY

## **Hunsicker Endowed Scholarship**

Christian Lyons, Orangeville, PA

## **Ina G. Tabor Social Work Endowed Scholarship**

Ashley Dexter, Lawrenceville, PA;  
Destiny Dunn, Bensalem, PA

## **Isabel Ochsner Choral Accompanying Endowed Scholarship**

Jason Gao, Athens, PA

## **Jack M. Wilcox Endowed Scholarship**

Justin Knarr, Bechtelsville, PA

## **Jacob Oberly Earth Science Endowed Scholarship**

Grace Kreger, Liberty, PA

## **Janice Kennedy, '46 & Annie Cooper International Student Endowed Scholarship**

Meltem van Helden, Frankfurt,  
Germany

## **\*Jean E. Koch Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

## **\*Jenna Rose Pastelyak Endowed Scholarship**

## **\*Jerry Mattis Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Athletics**

## **\*James York Glimm Endowed Scholarship in English**

## **John & Audrey Baynes String Endowed Scholarship**

Aidan Scott, Elmira, NY

## **John E. Novak Memorial Scholarship**

Brayden Pequignot, Covington, PA

## **John Heaps & Winifred Neff Endowed Scholarship**

Sara Small, Mill Hall, PA

## **John Heaps Baseball Endowed Scholarship**

Isaiah Dull, York PA

## **\*John Mansfield Endowed Scholarship**

## **Jonathan George March Endowed Scholarship**

Maelee Putnam, Millerton, PA

## **\*Joseph C. Ashkar, '34 & Lois E. Weir Ashkar, '36 Scholarship Fund**

## **\*Joseph R. Maresco Softball Leadership Endowed Scholarship**

## **Josephine Brace Wolfe Endowed Scholarship**

Clayton Purcell, Gillett, PA

## **\*Kaitlyn 'Mic' McBride Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

## **\*Katherine E. Keller Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

## **Keller Leadership Endowed Scholarship**

Morgan Earl, Pine City, NY

## **Laverne M. Zook Endowed Scholarship**

Jason Gao, Athens, PA

## **Lawrence B. Mansfield Greek Book Endowed Scholarship**

Dylan Larick, Blossburg, PA;  
Jeremiah Smith, Meshoppen, PA

## **\*Linda A. Ballard Huslander Endowed Scholarship**

## **Linda Dix & Lewis B. Lee Music Education Endowed Scholarship**

Justin Knarr, Bechtelsville, PA

## **\*\*Linda Farrer Endowed Scholarship**

## **Loeschke Leadership Endowed Scholarship**

Ethan Hinshaw, Bensalem, PA

## **Lona Rose D'Angelo Scholarship**

Diarmid Stewart, York, PA

## **Lori Barnett Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Nursing**

Alison Haberstroh, Westfield, PA

## **\*Louie Pompei Memorial Scholarship Endowment for Criminal Justice**

## **Louise C. McConnell Choral Endowed Scholarship**

Rachael Wood, Owego, NY

## **Mansfield Association for Educational Office Professionals (MAEOP) Award**

Jeannie Harvey, Reading, PA

## **Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation Odyssey Scholarship**

Rebecca Knight, Pittsburgh, PA;  
Aaliyah Stocks, Manchester, MD

## **Mansfield Way Scholarship**

Jocelyn Frantz, Susquehanna, PA;  
Melanie Mecca, Willow Grove, PA;  
Aliah Meyer, Mansfield, PA; Alyson  
Mitchell, Wellsboro, PA; Alexandria  
Reisinger, Newport, PA; Gabrielle  
Rogerson, Aspers, PA; Mackenzie  
Roio, Scranton, PA; Alyssa Shuman,  
Bloomsburg, PA; Connor Trimber,  
Millport, NY

## **Marguerite Baumann & Margaret B. Stahley Educational Trust**

Natalia Vazquez, Tunkhannock, PA

## **Marilyn Melhuish Elementary Education Endowed Scholarship**

Lacey Mahosky, Blossburg, PA

## **\*\*Marion Lydia Bisbee Clark and H. Louise Palmer Harris Memorial Scholarship for Music Endowment**

## **\*Martha Rockwell Greer Nursing Scholarship**

## **Mary & Martha Colegrove Educational Trust Scholarship**

Natalie Bliss, Mansfield, PA;  
Stephanie Dorn, Covington, PA;  
Serenity Esterline, Surprise, AZ;  
Serena Gassner, Wellsboro, PA;  
Gabrielle Ives, Wellsboro, PA;  
Grace Kreger, Liberty, PA; Marley  
Kunsmann, Mansfield, PA; Lacey  
Mahosky, Blossburg, PA; Aliah  
Meyer, Mansfield, PA; Alyson  
Mitchell, Wellsboro, PA; Kendra  
Moises, Lawrenceville, PA; Sydney  
Rice, Wellsboro, PA; Elizabeth  
Ritchie, Blossburg, PA; Mackenzie  
Roio, Scranton, PA; Lateefa Samad,  
Blossburg, PA; Kellen Sharp, Tioga,  
PA; Elizabeth Stinger, Lawrenceville,  
PA; Jocilyn Strange, Lawrenceville,  
PA; Ella Wyble, Lawrenceville, PA

## **Mary A. & Robert H. Rodine Endowed Scholarship**

Janiliz Arcelay-Cruz, Hazleton, PA;  
Evan Woznick, Scranton, PA

## **\*Mary McInroy-Sheffer Endowed Scholarship**

## **Maryon Farrer Powell Endowed Scholarship**

Alanna Moreau, McDonald, PA

## **\*Richard F. and Joan E. Day Mason Space Endowed Scholarship**

## **Melissa Signor Endowed Scholarship**

Rocco DelGiudice, Stroudsburg, PA

## **Members of the Military Scholarship**

Vedder Conyer, Coudersport, PA;  
Daniel Keyser, Wellsboro, PA; Dylan  
Larick, Blossburg, PA

## **Michael Galloway Endowed Scholarship**

Tyler Eick, Bethlehem, PA

## **Michael J. & Nancy L. Sidell Endowed Scholarship**

Tyra Williams, Columbia Cross  
Roads, PA

## **Michael Leiboff Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Amanda Duke, Bartonsville, PA

## **Michael R. & Peggy L. Lane Music Endowed Scholarship**

Alex Beardsley, Gilbertsville, PA

## **Michele Towers Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Chloe Campbell, Towanda, PA

## **Mildred Packard Wright Endowed Scholarship**

Christian Lyons, Orangeville, PA;  
Chase Satterly, Sayre, PA; Owen  
Stevens, Wellsboro, PA

## **Nancy Caverly Matylas-Prutsman Endowed Scholarship**

Abigail Rymell, Gillett, PA

## **\*Norjane J. Hendrickson Endowed Scholarship**

## **Northern Appalachian Storytelling Endowed Scholarship**

Valerie Miller, Arkport, NY

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## **Nursing Endowed Scholarship**

Emma Evans, Covington, PA

## **Oliver & Louise George Endowed Award**

Angel Gule, Camp Hill, PA

## **Paul H. Kriass Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Aerianna Landmesser, Towanda, PA; Kyelan Perko, Hector, NY; Wyoming Trudeau, Endicott, NY

## **Paula Welch Business Endowed Scholarship**

Paley Adams, Brackney, PA

## **PDK Endowed Scholarship**

Jocelyn Simmons, Tunkhannock, PA

## **Perfect Song Endowed Scholarship**

Dustyn Gingerich, Waverly, NY

## **Peter B. & Grace A. Murray Endowed Scholarship**

Mayla Falank, Elmira Heights, NY

## **Psychology Scholarship**

Ivy Spalding, Troy, PA

## **\*Pursell Educational Endowed Scholarship**

## **Ralph H. & Carol A. Meyer Endowed Scholarship for Student Retention**

Emma Bartosch, Gillett, PA; Gavin Bush, Jonestown, PA; Timothy Dudinski, Wellsboro, PA; Gavin Fessler, Covington, PA; Grace Howard, New Albany, PA; Katie McNeill, Lindley, NY; Natalia Vazquez, Tunkhannock, PA

## **Ralph H. Evans Endowed Scholarship**

Jeremiah Smith, Meshoppen, PA

## **\*Raymond F. Paskvan Endowment**

## **Reva Dickinson & Dana Lee Learn Endowed Scholarship**

Abrielle Drehmer, Pine City, NY; Mayla Falank, Elmira Heights, NY; Benjamin Fitch, Canton, PA; Quinn Lightner, Loysville, PA; Guy Longenberger, Catawissa, PA; Connor Trimmer, Millport, NY; Halle Wilson, Eldred, PA

## **\*Rhoda Bartell Music Endowed Scholarship**

## **Richard & Esther Purvis Cook Endowed Scholarship**

Clayton Purcell, Gillett, PA

## **\*Richard L. Kemper & Kurt E. Hider Double Reed Endowed Scholarship**

## **Richard N. & Doris M. Talbot Music Endowed Scholarship**

Miriaha Myers, Wyalusing, PA

## **Richard Springman Memorial Endowed Scholarship**

Isabelle Krauthem, Folcroft, PA

## **RLK Fisheries Endowed Scholarship**

Samuel Dutkiewicz, Dickson City, PA

## **Robert & Carol Wooley Endowed Scholarship**

Marley Kunsman, Mansfield, PA

## **Robert C. "Bob" Maris Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Biology**

Greysen Kupsky, Berwick, PA

## **Robert D., '76 & Mary Manbeck Shorb, '78 Endowed Scholarship**

Madison Bailey, Mercersburg, PA

## **\*Robert J. Garofalo Music Endowed Scholarship**

## **Rod C. Kelchner President's Endowed Scholarship**

Kira Good, Canton, PA; Teagan Herbers, Golden, CO; Elaina Kinney, Troy, PA; Gabrielle Rogerson, Aspers, PA

## **Roger N. Maisner Athletic Endowed Scholarship**

Jordan Brunnabend, Breinigsville, PA

## **Ronald G. & Betty B. Goodwin Leadership Endowed Scholarship**

Madisyn Hart, Gillett, PA

## **Round Robin's 1935 Endowed Scholarship**

Abrielle Drehmer, Pine City, NY; Benjamin Fitch, Canton, PA; Kira Good, Canton, PA; Guy Longenberger, Catawissa, PA; Aiden Oldroyd, Ulster, PA

## **Ruth Redman Stephens Endowed Scholarship**

Aiden Oldroyd, Ulster, PA

**Ruth Tozer Bixby  
Trust Scholarship**

Christian Balliet, Harrisburg, PA; Dominic Bill, Endwell, NY; Caelyn Fisher, White Haven, PA; Carlos Huertas, Ithaca, NY; Rachel Jelliff, Columbia Cross Roads, PA; Austin Keeler, Bernville, PA; Olivia Kline, Collegeville, PA; Parker Klingbeil, Johnstown, NY; Maura Kulp, Ottsville, PA; Breanna Lock, Harrisburg, PA; Maya Lynch-Dickerson, Harrisburg, PA; Madison McNeal-Buchanan, Canton, PA; Riley Novitske, Blossburg, PA; Kyelan Perko, Hector, NY; Sanyah Roloson, Aspers, PA; Emma Roy, Troy, PA; Nicholas Smith, Montoursville, PA; Cassandra Souffront, Whitehall, PA; Madison Sunderland, Port Deposit, MD; Jake Williams, Harrison Valley, PA

**\*S. Manford Lloyd Memorial  
Endowed Award**

**\*Sandra B. Linck Childcare  
Assistance Endowment**

**\*A. Hugh Schintzius International  
Endowed Scholarship**

**Schneider Endowed Scholarship  
for Nursing**

Alison Haberstroh, Westfield, PA

**Scranton Alumni Book Award**

Shae'anna Farr, Lawrenceville, PA; Tyra Williams, Columbia Cross Roads, PA

**Shirey-Cromley Yellow Ribbon  
Endowed Scholarship**

Kenadie McDonnell, Scranton, PA

**Shirley Sandrock & Robert  
A. Barnhardt Endowed  
Scholarship**

Dylan Larick, Blossburg, PA; Christian Lyons, Orangeville, PA; Sydney Rice, Wellsboro, PA; Chase Satterly, Sayre, PA; Jocelyn Simmons, Tunkhannock, PA; Cody Weaver, Waverly, NY

**Slabey Award Endowment**

Elzandie L. Du Plessis, Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa

**Soufan Endowed Scholarship**

Meltem van Helden, Frankfurt, Germany

**Stanley Henry Nauman Memorial  
Endowed Award in Wildlife &  
Fisheries Sciences**

Emma Elias, Tunkhannock, PA

**\*Strohecker Endowed  
Scholarship**

**\*Student Retention  
Endowed Scholarship**

**\*Sue Cunningham Music  
Scholarship Endowment**

**\*Susan Higley Endowed  
Scholarship**

**\*Terry & Michele Manning  
Athletic Endowed Scholarship**

**\*The Delta Zeta Iota Theta  
Scholarship**

**\*The Descartes Scholarship  
in French**

**\*The Dr. Bone Scholarship**

**\*The Dunham Family Scholarship  
Endowment**

**\*James York Glimm Endowed  
Scholarship In English**

**\*The Rhoda Bartell Music  
Endowment Scholarship**

**\*Robert J. Garofalo Music  
Scholarship**

**Thomas R. & John Halloran  
Endowed Scholarship**

Jake Williams, Harrison Valley, PA

**Timothy & Christina Mulroy  
Endowed Scholarship**

Kiley Stoltzfus, Middletown, PA

**Tioga County Association of  
Township Officials Endowed  
Scholarship**

Bailee Smith, Millerton, PA

**Track Scholarship**

Allyson Lewis, North Monmouth, ME

**Track/Racewalk Scholarship**

Allyson Lewis, North Monmouth, ME

**University Senate Scholarship**

Madison Stahli, Mount Jewett, PA

**\*Valts Athletic Support  
Endowed Award**

**Van W., Sr. & Katherine  
R. Emmons '72 Endowed  
Scholarship for Social Work**

Shauna Knapp, Mansfield, PA

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## **Veterans & Members of the Military Scholarship**

Daniel Keyser, Wellsboro, PA

## **\*Virginia S. Hough Endowed Scholarship**

## **\*\*Walter Gates Memorial Endowment Scholarship**

## **\*\*Walter L. Winch Endowment Scholarship**

## **Ward Manufacturing Endowed Scholarship**

Cassidy Andreason, Lawrenceville, PA; Alondra Caban-Cruz, Bensalem, PA; Hannah Carr, Port Trevorton, PA; Hailey Copson, Williamsport, PA; Kyelan Perko, Hector, NY

## **\*Ward Manufacturing Jump Start College Endowment**

## **Waunita Simonson Price Endowed Book Award**

Chloe Campbell, Towanda, PA

## **Wendell & Jobyna Judson Endowed Scholarship**

Teagan Herbers, Golden, CO; Rebecca Knight, Pittsburgh, PA; Caelyn Pine, Columbia Cross Roads, PA

## **William Merryman Nursing Endowed Scholarship**

Sarah Dgien, Muncy, PA

## **Winifred Neff & Wellington "Clark" Engel Endowed Scholarship**

Gabrielle Ives, Wellsboro, PA

## **Women's Softball Scholarship**

Britni Motter, Schellsburg, PA

## **\*\*Woody Payne Memorial Fund Scholarship**

While many of The Mansfield Foundations's current scholarships and endowments are designated to support students attending the Commonwealth University - Mansfield (formerly Mansfield University), the Foundation also proudly partners with donors who want to invest directly in students from their hometowns by establishing community-based scholarships for graduates of their local high schools. Community-based scholarships allow families, individuals, businesses, and organizations to establish funds that support graduates of a specific high school as they pursue education at any accredited college, university, or trade school. These scholarships create a lasting legacy of opportunity, ensuring that local students can take their next steps with financial support and encouragement from the communities that helped shape them. Whether honoring a loved one, celebrating a business milestone or giving back in a meaningful way, establishing a community scholarship is a powerful way to open doors for future generations.

We are deeply grateful to our donors whose generosity and vision make it possible to expand access to education and create lasting opportunities for students throughout our communities.

\*The Mansfield Foundation makes every effort each academic year to identify a qualified student for each scholarship. However, in some years, a student who meets the specific criteria of an individual scholarship may not be available. In those cases, funds are returned to the endowment and stewarded carefully to ensure they are awarded when an eligible student is identified in keeping with donor intent.

\*\*Endowments currently in investment phase.





## United by Service: A Veterans Day Celebration with Montel Williams

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The Mansfield Foundation welcomed community members, veterans, families, and supporters to its second annual Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner, an evening filled with gratitude, reflection, and inspiration. This year's theme, "United by Service," echoed throughout the event as guests gathered to honor the courage, sacrifice, and ongoing contributions of the men and women who have served our nation.

### Honoring Those Who Served

As Foundation Executive Director, Mindy Engel opened the evening, she reminded guests that this gathering is not born of routine but of deep gratitude. Veterans, she noted, show us that freedom is earned through devotion, sacrifice, and an unwavering belief in something greater than oneself. Their example challenges all of us to carry forward that same spirit of service through our families, our work, and our communities. "True service," Engel shared, "does not always make headlines, but it always makes a difference."

### A Special Guest: Montel Williams

The Foundation was especially honored to welcome Montel Williams, whose life and career exemplified the evening's theme. A decorated United States Naval officer who served for 22 years, Williams has dedicated his post-military life to lifting others through service, advocacy, and storytelling.

Williams first became a household name as the Emmy Award winning host of *The Montel Williams Show*, earning the trust of millions of viewers over seventeen years. Today, his voice remains a powerful force for good. As host of "Military Makeover with Montel" on Lifetime, he leads life-changing home renovations for military families. He also co-hosts "The Balancing Act," tackling essential life issues and empowering viewers through thoughtful conversation.

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An accomplished author, Williams recently released his ninth book, *The Sailing of the Intrepid* (Hanover Square Press, 2025), which recounts the USS *Intrepid's* harrowing first combat voyage during WWII. The story of sailors crafting a 3,000-square-foot sail to save their ship after a torpedo strike is a testament to ingenuity, resilience, and the human spirit under pressure.

Beyond television and print, Williams reaches audiences through two impactful podcasts:

- **“Let’s Be Blunt with Montel,”** exploring the science, policy, and culture of cannabis,
- **“Free Thinking with Montel,”** taking deep dives into health, wellness, and social issues.

His passion for service extends into philanthropy as well. Williams actively supports organizations dedicated to veterans’ welfare, children, animal rights, and medical advancement, and serves on the boards of the Fisher House Foundation, The Ann Romney Center for Neurologic Diseases, and The Research & Recognition Project. His military accolades include multiple Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Commendation Medals, and Navy Achievement Medals.

His message to veterans from our region was one of strength, resilience, and unity: a reminder that service does not end with the uniform and neither does the community that surrounds those who served.

### **Recognizing Scholarship Recipients**

Central to the Mansfield Foundation’s mission is the belief that opportunity changes lives. During the dinner, Engel recognized this year’s Members of the Military Student Scholarship recipients, Vedder Conyer, Dylan Larick, and Daniel Keyser whose dedication to country and community reflects the very essence of service. Their pursuit of education symbolizes the Foundation’s promise: that those who served will always have access to pathways that help them learn, lead, and build brighter futures.

### **Gratitude for Community Support**

Events like the Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner are made possible by the generosity of sponsors, supporters, and local businesses who believe in the power of community. Their contributions ensure that this gathering remains not only a celebration, but a tradition of hope and one that honors past service while investing in the generations to come. A special thank you to Ward Manufacturing, Seneca Resources, Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation, Blaise Alexander Family Dealerships, AJ’s Outdoor Power Equipment, Moose’s Enterprises, and Lawrence B. Mansfield, Esq. for their support of this dinner. Also, thank you to the following for their support of our Members of the Military Scholarship: Wreaths Across America, American Legion Post 283 – Sayre, PA, Knoxville VFW Post 6753 – Knoxville, PA, American Legion Post 478 Austin-Cox – Mansfield, PA, Van Etten-Spencer VFW Post 8139 – Van Etten, NY, American Legion Post 730 Williams Greengrass– Addison, NY, Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 426 – Montour Falls, NY, Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 145 – South Williamsport, PA, Sons of the American Legion Post 1612 – Big Flats, NY, American Legion Post 1612 Skinner Ernest – Big Flats, NY, American Legion Post 84 W. Earle Champaign – Wellsboro, PA, and Mr. Richard Joachim.

### **A Night United by Purpose**

As the evening closed, Engel expressed heartfelt thanks:

- to the veterans for their courage,
- to the sponsors for their generosity,
- to the scholarship recipients for their promise,
- to the youth volunteers for their leadership,
- and to Montel Williams for reminding us that service, in all its forms, is what unites us as Americans.

The Mansfield Foundation remains committed to upholding this spirit year-round. This Veterans Day, and every day, we honor those who gave of themselves and we pledge to continue serving our community with the same dedication that has protected our freedom for generations.

UNITED BY SERVICE

# Second Annual Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner



*Montel Williams addressing the audience.*



*Erick Coolidge, Foundation Board;  
Tioga County Commissioner, retired.*



*Renata Stiehl, WENY News  
Director/Anchor; Event Emcee;  
Foundation Board.*



*Carl D. Ruck, Foundation Board;  
Department of Defense Schools, retired.*

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*Dr. Larry Nesbit, Foundation Board Emeritus;  
US Army, Vietnam Veteran, Bronze Star  
Recipient; Mansfield University Faculty, retired.*



*Sam VanLoon, Tioga County  
Commissioner, Veteran Pennsylvania  
National Army Guard, retired.*



*Montel Williams accepting  
a Quilt of Valor presented  
by Quilts of Valor.*





## Honoring Legacies That Shape Our Past and Inspire Our Future

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### **A Legacy of Excellence: The Life and Impact of Bertram W. Francis**

Bertram W. Francis devoted more than three decades to shaping Mansfield's musical and educational landscape. Born in East Chicago, Indiana, in 1912, he pursued music education at Dennison University and Northwestern University before beginning a distinguished teaching career. In 1940, Francis moved to Mansfield, Pennsylvania, to lead instrumental music at Mansfield State Teachers College, where he taught wind and percussion instruments, directed multiple ensembles, and helped build the institution's growing reputation for musical excellence. Even after serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he returned to Mansfield to continue what would become a remarkable career marked by passion, discipline, and innovation.

Professor Francis transformed the university's instrumental program, founding the Mansfield Concert Wind Ensemble in 1953, one of the nation's earliest elite audition-only collegiate wind ensembles, and elevating the standards of performance across the region. He was known as the "Band-Daddy of the Twin Tiers" for his mentorship and influence on generations of musicians. His leadership extended beyond Mansfield through service in state and national music organizations, culminating in his election to the prestigious American Bandmasters Association in 1964. Students and colleagues remembered him not only for his musical excellence but for his integrity, humility, and genuine care for those he taught. As one former student wrote, "I never feared his wrath. I only feared doing something that would disappoint Francis."

Today, Bertram Francis's legacy continues through The Bertram Francis Scholarship Fund, established by his four children to honor his dedication to music education. The scholarship recognizes Francis's "wide and renowned service" and supports entering freshmen majoring in instrumental music who demonstrate academic strength and financial need. The fund reflects Francis's lifelong belief in nurturing talent and ensuring opportunity for promising young musicians. His vision lives on as the scholarship helps new generations study, perform, and contribute to excellence in music, just as he did.

### **Looking Forward: New Endowed Scholarships Supporting Future Musicians**

The Mansfield Foundation is also proud to celebrate the creation of the new Marion Lydia Bisby Clark & H. Louise Palmer Harris Endowed Scholarship, established by Phil and Annie (Harris) Clark of Mansfield, PA. This fund honors the memory of their mothers - two women whose lifelong love of music enriched both their families and the broader community. Known throughout the region for their dedication to singing, performing, playing, and supporting the arts, the Clark and Harris families built a legacy rooted in creativity and service.

This new endowment will support student musicians with a strong preference for piano students. Through their generosity, the Clark family is ensuring that aspiring musicians can pursue their degrees with fewer financial barriers and greater confidence as they develop their craft. Their gift represents the future-focused spirit of philanthropy that continues to strengthen the mission of The Mansfield Foundation.

## Turning Generosity into Opportunity: Hardship Grants Keep Students on Track

At the Mansfield Foundation, we believe opportunity should not disappear when life becomes difficult. While scholarships open the door to higher education, staying in school often requires support beyond tuition. That is why hardship grants, small, rapid-response awards for students facing unexpected crises, have become an essential part of our mission to ensure that no student's dream is derailed by circumstances beyond their control.

### Why Hardship Grants Matter

For many students, the path to a degree is marked by determination and sacrifice. Yet even the most diligent student can be thrown off course by a car repair, a medical bill, a family emergency, or a sudden loss of income. These challenges are real and immediate, and without help, students are often forced to choose between staying enrolled or stepping away from their education. Hardship grants prevent that outcome by delivering timely support that removes barriers, reduces stress, and keeps students moving forward.

### Real Students, Real Impact

Behind every grant is a life-changing moment:

- *“I didn't know how I'd finish my classes.”*

Analiene, a nursing student taking 21 credits and paying for college on her own was hit with an unexpected software fee required for her clinical coursework. With no family support available, she feared falling behind or dropping a course. A hardship grant covered the cost, allowing her to continue her program without interruption and stay on track toward becoming a nurse.

- *“I was choosing between textbooks and groceries.”*

Michael, a first-generation business student supporting his younger siblings faced reduced work hours and an impossible decision. A hardship grant provided food assistance and course materials, helping him remain enrolled and ultimately finish the semester with honors.

- *“I thought I'd have to drop out.”*

Kevin, a student-athlete who saved all summer for tuition had to use his earnings to help his family after his mother's car was totaled. A hardship grant reduced his outstanding bill so he could register for classes, and financial aid counseling from the Foundation's scholarship manager helped secure a state grant that covered the rest. He remains enrolled and working toward his degree.

### A Commitment That Changes Lives

Every hardship grant is a lifeline, ensuring a crisis does not become a lost semester and that promising students stay on the path to graduation. The Mansfield Foundation Board of Directors has prioritized funding these emergency awards, awarding \$22,500 in hardship grants this academic year alone, and \$57,000 over the last two academic years. These grants embody the heart of our mission: keeping the doors to higher education open, especially when life gets hard.

With generosity comes opportunity. And with your support, students continue moving toward brighter futures no matter what challenges arise.

## Hardship Grants at a Glance: The Impact of Your Generosity

### \$57,000 Awarded

Emergency grants that kept students enrolled, stable, and moving toward graduation. The Mansfield Foundation Board of Directors has allocated special funds each year to help meet the rising needs of students.

### \$22,500 Awarded This Academic Year

Rapid-response support when students needed it most.

### 92% of Students Who Receive a Hardship Grant Remain Enrolled

(National data trend; Your support keeps students in the classroom).

### Small Amounts, Big Impact

Most hardship grants average \$250–\$750, yet they often make the difference between staying in college and dropping out.

### Top Categories of Student Need:

- Unexpected university fees.
- Unanticipated required course materials & technology.
- Food insecurity.
- Emergency medical expenses.
- Housing instability.
- Transportation & car repairs.

### Why It Matters:

- *One Grant;*
- *One Student Stays in School;*
- *One Future; Transformed.*

Your generosity provides stability, dignity, and opportunity when it matters most.

# Celebrating Community

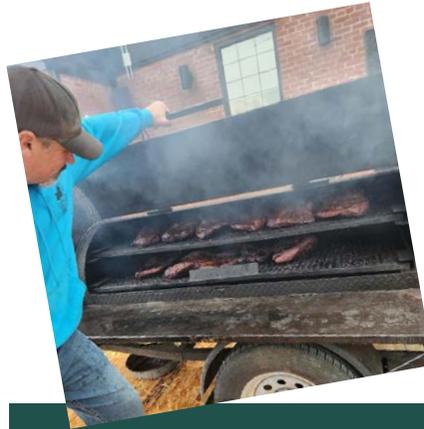


**Scoops, Smiles, and Summer Vibes!**

Our ice cream social brought local elementary and high school students together for one last celebration with free ice cream and games in our courtyard. A special THANKS to the 'Til the Last Lick ice cream truck!



*Mansfield Borough Police make a big hit with the kids!*



**Brisket & Beer Benefit**

A sold-out fundraiser bringing the community together to support the Mansfield Town Pool. A huge note of appreciation for Rolling Smoke BBQ for the delicious food!



**Final Friday in Smythe Park**

At the Chamber's Final Friday in August, our sponsored petting zoo drew families to Smythe Park for photos, animals, and summer fun delighting kids of all ages!



*Denise Davey, Mansfield Foundation Scholarship Manager*



*Ralph Garvelli, retired MU professor.*

# the Mansfield Way



## Community Day at the Mansfield Campus

A great day on campus, meeting students, sharing scholarship opportunities, and building stronger campus connections!



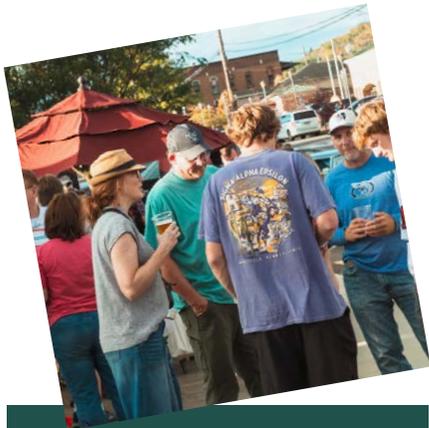
## Mansfield Days & Homecoming

From an old-fashioned parade float to 1890s festivities, our root beer floats and sundaes raised funds for the Mansfield Way Scholarship.



## A Spooky Good Time!

The Foundation staff served hundreds of trick-or-treaters S'more Kits during Mansfield's Trunk-or-Treat celebration.



## Final Fridays in the Courtyard

Before entering Smythe park, crowds had the opportunity to relax with a glass of wine and beer from Innerstoic Winery, Staggering Unicorn Winery, and Bald Birds Brewing.



*The Mansfield Foundation's Homecoming parade float.*



## IFC Holiday Dinner

Foundation Board Treasurer, Larry Mansfield welcomed Commonwealth University – Mansfield Interfraternity Council members to his home for a special Thanksgiving dinner, sharing a meaningful evening of food, conversation, and community.



*Foundation staff and volunteers.*



## When Federal Aid Shifts, Community Support Steps In

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The landscape of higher education is shifting, and students across our communities are feeling the impact. Recent federal changes to financial aid and student loan programs are ushering in a period of transition and uncertainty. While efforts to expand access, such as increases to the Pell Grant, are encouraging, the reality for many students is more complex.

Updates to the FAFSA process, changes in how financial need is calculated, and evolving eligibility criteria mean that some students may receive less aid than they anticipated. These shifts can be especially challenging for working and middle-class families, first-generation students, and those already navigating significant financial barriers. For them, even small gaps in aid can determine whether college enrollment is possible or whether their educational plans must be delayed.

Compounding these challenges is the rising cost of borrowing. For the current academic year, federal student loan interest rates have increased dramatically:

- 6.39% for undergraduate students,
- 7.90% for graduate students,
- and 8.94% for Parent PLUS loans.

These higher rates increase the overall cost of attendance and long-term debt burden for families who already rely on loans to bridge affordability gaps. For many students, borrowing is no longer just a temporary solution but instead a lasting financial strain that can influence academic decisions, enrollment status, and persistence.

Looking ahead to the 2026-2027 academic year, additional federal changes are expected to affect how students borrow and repay educational loans. Federal policymakers are restructuring loan programs and repayment options, which may alter borrowing limits, repayment timelines, and long-term costs for students, particularly those enrolled part-time or balancing school with work and family responsibilities. While details continue to be finalized, what is clear is that navigating college affordability will remain complex and uncertain for many students.

In times of change, donor support becomes more essential than ever. Scholarships and hardship assistance funded by generous donors provide a crucial safety net stepping in where federal aid falls short or arrives too late. Because of you, the Mansfield Foundation can respond quickly and compassionately, helping students stay enrolled, focused, and moving toward graduation. Your support ensures that opportunity does not disappear when policies change or financial challenges arise.

## Your Generosity Creates Opportunity Today and for Generations to Come

For more than fifty years, the Mansfield Foundation has expanded access to education and strengthened communities across Pennsylvania's Northern Tier. Through scholarships, hardship grants, and endowed funds, we ensure that financial barriers do not stand in the way of a student's future.

### Ways to Support the Mansfield Foundation:

- Make a one-time or recurring gift to the Mansfield Foundation to support our vision for a vibrant region.
- Support a current Fund (scholarship or special interest) at the Foundation.
- Establish a named scholarship.
- Create a community-based scholarship.
- Include the Foundation in your estate or planned giving.

### Making a Gift is Easy:

- Give online at [give.mansfieldfoundation.org](http://give.mansfieldfoundation.org).
- Scan the QR code.
- Mail your check made payable to:  
The Mansfield Foundation  
54 S. Main Street  
Mansfield, PA 16933



The Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

## Did You Know?

If you are 55 or older, you may be in a position to make a legacy gift that:

- Reduces estate taxes.
- Allows you to retain control of your assets during your lifetime.
- Honors a loved one through a named scholarship.
- Supports students long after you are gone.

### Options may include:

- A bequest in your will.
- Naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy.
- Establishing an endowed scholarship fund.
- Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from an IRA (for donors 70 1/2 and older).

We would be honored to speak with you about how your legacy can reflect your story. To learn more about creating a legacy gift, contact Mindy Engel confidentially at: (570) 463-4041 or [mengel@mansfieldfoundation.org](mailto:mengel@mansfieldfoundation.org).

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## Leave a Legacy of Opportunity

A simple provision in your will or estate plan can create lasting impact.

By including the Mansfield Foundation in your estate plans, you can:

- Establish a named scholarship.
- Strengthen the Hardship Grant Fund.
- Support students in your hometown.
- Reflect the values that matter most to you by benefitting a cause that matters most to you.

Planned gifts cost nothing today and can have extraordinary impact tomorrow.

One student recently shared:

*“Thank you to the Mansfield Foundation for this incredible opportunity and scholarship support. Coming from a small family where I work to help my parents maintain financial stability, pursuing college has not been easy. This scholarship eases that burden, helps cover my expenses, and opens doors I once thought might be out of reach. I am deeply grateful.” S.H.*

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Help us keep you informed about the lives you are changing. If your mailing address, email, or phone number has recently changed, please take a moment to update your contact information so we can continue sharing scholarship stories, student successes, and the impact of your generosity. You can easily update your information by emailing The Mansfield Foundation at [mufdn@mansfieldfoundation.org](mailto:mufdn@mansfieldfoundation.org). We also invite you to connect with us on social media and LinkedIn to stay engaged with the latest news, events, and opportunities to make a difference. Together, we are achieving meaningful things and we want to keep you part of every step forward.