



The Cook Family Foundation

PURPOSE

Serving as both a resource for the community and a catalyst for positive change.

OBJECTIVE

Through strategic, proactive use of funds and grants, strengthen institutions, extend their mission and enable their growth.

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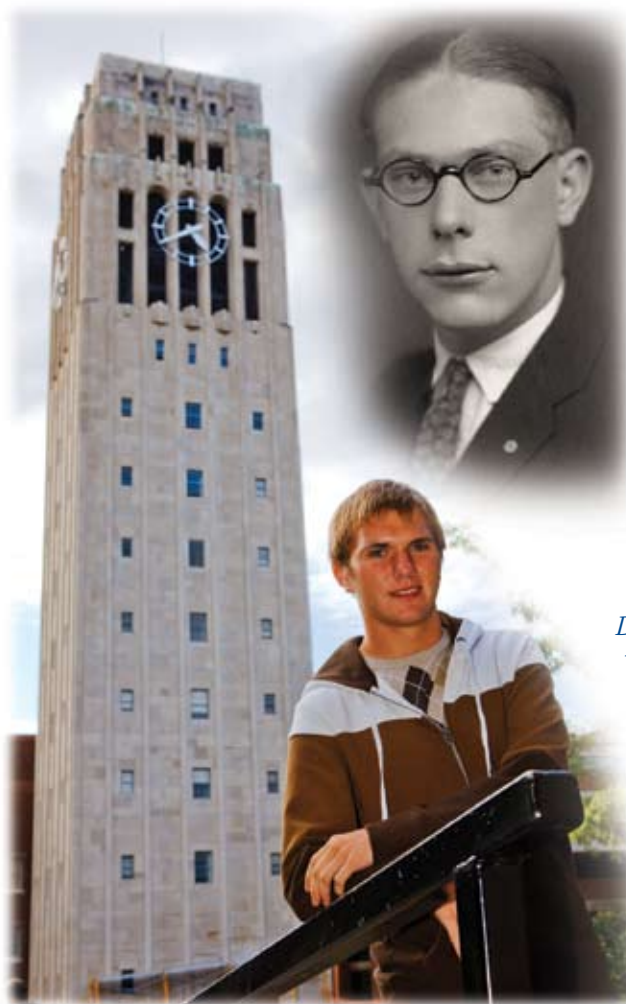
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Donald Cook was a 1920 graduate of Owosso High School and a 1924 graduate of the University of Michigan. He worked his entire career at Wolverine Sign Works and in 1978 he and Florence-etta established the Cook Family Foundation. One of the two first grants made by the Foundation was a scholarship to the University of Michigan.

Drew Barnes' academic potential was recognized in eighth grade when he was named a Shiawassee Scholar (see story on page 3). Four years later he was one of the top graduates at Owosso High School. A member of the National Honor Society with over 100 hours of community service, Drew was also captain of the OHS tennis team. He plans to pursue a pre-medical course of study.

The Legacy Continues

The Cook Family Foundation was established through the generosity of Donald Cook, and this year his legacy is being recognized through the establishment of a scholarship in his name.

The first recipient is Drew Barnes, an outstanding Owosso High School graduate who will begin his undergraduate education this fall in Ann Arbor.

The Donald Cook Scholarship is a four-year \$40,000 scholarship funded jointly by the Cook Family Foundation and the University of Michigan. It will be awarded every other year to a Shiawassee County student to provide a need-based scholarship to a student selected by the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.



This year, the University of Michigan, Cook Family Foundation and Bruce and Jackie Cook have awarded U of M scholarships to 42 Shiawassee County students, with a collective value of over \$370,000.

Shiawassee 2010 U of M Scholars

Byron

Valerie Foster

Corunna

Briana Dumond
Margaret Hannah
Barry (B.J.) Krembs
Alyssa Renwick
Kelsey Schmidt
Jacob Smith
Nathan Wesseldyk

Durand

Angelica Cates
Alexandra French
Sydney Sturgeon
Annie Wilson

Haslett H.S.

David Laczynski

Laingsburg

Rachel Cash
Scott Godbold
Michal Marshall
Jacob Miller
Scott Wickham

New Lothrop

Kristen Baryo
Jennifer Birchmeier
Ariel Loll
Amanda Sanders

Ovid-Elsie

Andrea Jones
Jessica Smith

Owosso

Drew Barnes
Sean Beaulac
Joseph Blanchett
Kyle Carey
Tyler Carlton
Krista Ellis
Erin Fox
Christian Heiney
Mitchell Kilbourn
Janie Klapko
Nick Miller
Evan Mueller
Rachel Osmer
Megan Phillips
Mark VanAlstine

Perry

Rebecca Feuka
Tessa Lairmore
Charles Kitzinger

More Scholarships to the University of Michigan than Ever Before

This fall, a record 42 students from Shiawassee County (see list) will start at the University of Michigan with scholarship assistance from the Cook Family Foundation.

We have continued our commitment to provide a scholarship to all Shiawassee County residents who are admitted to the University of Michigan. These scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,500. In addition, many of these students have received merit-based scholarships and/or financial assistance based on need. While all of these students have outstanding high school records, we highlight a few below:



Corunna High School – B.J. Krembs has received the prestigious Stamps Scholarship that provides \$20,000 per year in assistance. B.J., an Eagle Scout, is enrolled in the School of Kinesiology.



Durand High School – Annie Wilson was the valedictorian of her class and is enrolled in the College of Engineering. A Shiawassee Scholar, she plans to study biomedical engineering.



Laingsburg High School – Michal Marshall was a finalist for the Bruce and Jackie Cook Scholarship. Mike, valedictorian of his class, received a Regents Merit Scholarship and is enrolled in the College of Engineering.



New Lothrop High School – Amanda Sanders was a finalist for the Bruce and Jackie Cook Scholarship. The co-valedictorian and senior class president, she plans a pre-medical course of study.



Ovid-Elsie High School – Jessica Smith was the valedictorian of her class and a two-sport captain. She is enrolled in the College of Nursing.



Owosso High School – Christian Heiney was a finalist for the Bruce and Jackie Cook Scholarship. He was valedictorian of his class and has received a \$20,000 scholarship from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.



Perry High School – Charles Kitzinger collected enough credits to graduate a year early from high school and is enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts. He was a Shiawassee Scholar.



Shiawassee Scholars: One Step Ahead

Shiawassee County has strong middle schools. Every year, the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (SRES D) recognizes the top eighth grade students in our communities as Shiawassee Scholars. This program, funded by the Cook Family Foundation, seeks to support and encourage the brightest students through their high school careers. The goal is enable these students to achieve their highest potential and open the door to the most college opportunities possible.

This year, 47 Shiawassee Scholars were selected based on their performance on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test), a test normally taken by high school juniors and seniors for college admission. The top scorers on this test, listed on this page, each receive a \$500 scholarship to be applied to some academic enrichment program. Additional funds are competitively available to help pay for more expensive summer programs or for those in financial need.

Students have used their scholarships for a wide range of activities with examples including: accelerated math and English programs at Michigan State and the University of Michigan; summer programs in music and engineering; career exploration in areas such as medicine and law; travel abroad study programs and a variety of other academic endeavors.

In addition to scholarships, the Shiawassee Scholars are supported throughout high school with workshops, extra counseling and field trips to Big Ten Universities.

For more information on the program contact Denise Brady at the SRES D: 989-743-3471 brady@sresd.org

2010 New Shiawassee Scholars

Byron

Emmitt Forbush
Alana Rose

Corunna

Brent Bendall
Christian Bitterman
Anthony Ferzo
Brody Hall
Garrett Hurley
JoAnna Lincoln
Emmanuel Montoya
Spencer Napier
Kelsey Quinn
Stephanie Rasmussen
Rachel Swatman
Tyler Thayer
Logan Thomas
David Walker
Kaila Watson
Taylor Williams

Durand

Madeline Dietrich
Hanna Dudzik

Laingsburg

Jordan Bird
Brandon Derke

Morrice

Denae Hummel

New Lothrop

Rachel Carlton
Tabbitha Duncan
Taylor Krupp
Nolan Wendling
Kyle White

Owosso

Kelvin Alderman
Jordan Bannan
Alice Beilfuss
Caitlin Harrell
Janae Hurd
Ryan Kelley
Megan Konopacke
Olivia Pritchett
Brian Stanhope
Samantha Traylor
Madison Van Epps
Cameron Weede

Perry

Jeremy Allie
Nicholas Brooks
Daniel Calkins
Chase Dunn
Tess Johnson
Tyler Shooltz
Courtney Smith

Byron High School Valedictorian Earns Full Four-Year Scholarship

Valerie Foster is the 2010 recipient of the Bruce and Jackie Cook Scholarship given annually to a Shiawassee County student who has achieved academic success, demonstrated leadership and shows significant academic promise for success at the University of Michigan.

Each year, **Bruce and Jacqueline Cook** provide the funding for a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan for a talented student from Shiawassee County. The Cook Family Foundation assists in the recruitment and selection of the candidates and provides a scholarship to all nominees and finalists attending UM.

Valerie Foster was the valedictorian of Byron High School and a student leader and community volunteer with over a 100 hours of service. She also served as a peer mentor and has a strong interest in psychology. She took the initiative to learn more about this field and to find an internship in a halfway house for mental health patients. Valerie is enrolled in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.



Valerie Foster with her parents Jennifer and William Micol and scholarship donors Bruce and Jackie Cook.

“Valerie is an incredibly strong and accomplished young woman,” said Bruce Cook. “While there were a number of highly qualified candidates, we selected Valerie because we believe she has the drive to be successful and we knew our scholarship would help her achieve her goals.”

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