The Cook Family Foundation Partners with UM to Benefit Local Students

In May, Andrew Martin, Dean of the UM College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LS&A) travelled to Shiawassee County to recognize 19 local high school students who had made the decision to attend the University of Michigan this fall. All of them received scholarships from the Cook Family Foundation. “All of the students we admit bring a unique combination of talents, goals, ambitions, personality and passion,” observed the Dean.

Special recognition was given to Hunter Glew, the recipient of the Donald Cook Scholarship, now awarded annually by LS&A. The scholarship is worth $20,000 over a four year education at UM. Hunter graduated top of her class from Corunna High School, took a rigorous course of classes, and was active in several student groups, dance and her 4-H club. “She is very leadership- and task-oriented,” said Leo Constine, her high school principal. “She’s a go-getter.”

Hunter, the daughter of Matt and Cynthia Glew, was a Shiawassee Scholar (see page 3). That program enabled her to attend the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington DC and explore the fields of Psychology and Neuroscience; she plans to major in one of these subjects at the University of Michigan.

The Donald Cook Scholarship and its legacy comes from a 30 year commitment of Don Cook, his family, and the Cook Family Foundation. Read more on page 2.
Don Cook graduated from Owosso High School in 1920 and the University of Michigan in 1924

The Cook Family Foundation was created by Donald and Florence-Etta Cook in 1978, and scholarships have been awarded every year since to high school graduates from the Shiawassee region.

In 1987, the Foundation began a partnership with UM College of Literature, Science and the Arts (LS&A) by helping to start the Dean’s Merit Scholarship to help the School attract the most promising students from across the nation.

Donald Cook passed away in 1997 and the assets of the Foundation grew considerably. In 2010, the Foundation and UM revised the Donald Cook Scholarship to provide four years of support to a Shiawassee area student enrolling in LS&A.

Last year, the Foundation entered into an agreement with LS&A to permanently endow the Donald Cook Scholarship so that every year a student from Shiawassee County will be awarded a four-year scholarship. Hunter Glew of Corunna is this year’s recipient (see page 1).

As always, the Foundation will assist all with a scholarship. Many of these students have been awarded other scholarships and significant need-based financial aid. The total value of UM scholarships awarded to Shiawassee area students this year is $272,000. Next year, the University is expanding its commitment to financial aid with the Go Blue Guarantee, a promise of four years of free tuition for families earning less than $65,000.

For more information, visit goblueguarantee.umich.edu

To learn more about scholarship opportunities to the University of Michigan see our web page at cookfamilyfoundation.org/scholarships

Elizabeth Hoornstra, daughter of John and Jennifer Hoornstra, has been a leader on several sports teams, active in student government, and served through the Key Club. She plans an education and career in Public Health.

“The Scholarship has lightened the financial burden of attending a university. Thank you for your generosity and investment in my future.”

— Elizabeth Hoornstra

Elizabeth Hoornstra poses with the benefactors of the Bruce and Jackie Cook Scholarship
Shiawassee Scholars Program in its 18th Year

With funding from the Cook Family Foundation, the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (SRESD) supports the area’s most academically talented students in their high school careers.

The Shiawassee Scholars program recognizes eighth grade students by their performance on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test), a test designed for high school seniors. The top 50 scorers from the Shiawassee County area, who chose to enroll full-time in one of eight public high schools, are eligible to become Shiawassee Scholars.

The Shiawassee Scholars are eligible to apply for scholarships for summer and school-year academic enrichment programs, are given counseling support, and are all invited to spend three days on the campus of the University of Michigan. The goal of these efforts is to inspire and qualify these students for admittance to top colleges and merit-based scholarships.

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Byron
Paige Fondren
Jay Harris
Regan Kopesky
Sarah Marvin
Maryann Montgomery

Durand
Elijah Beland
Goldyn Graham
Isaac Hager
Rauidhrich Krautheim
Aidan Loos
Brynn Patsey

New Lothrop
Grace Adelberg
Connor Aiello
Matthew Bishop
Jacob Burgess
Trevor Eustace
Drew Kohlmann
Makayla Lienau
Macy Matthews

Perry
Emma Cochrane
Rachel Follman
Trevor Krauss
Parker Lewis
Ethan Smith
Kyle Taft

Corunna
Elizabeth Forbes

Laingsburg
Cameron Allen
Alexandria Claus
Autumn Eyre
Grace Graham
Jordan Langdon
Sierra Price
Ethan Regan
Emilie Saint Amour
Caitlyn Sanders
Tylar Scanlan
Dawson Shastal
Miana Washington
Logan Zukatis

Owosso
Lauren Gaskin
Bryan Hathaway
Tyler Hoag
Silas Krajniak
William Lavigne
Elizabeth Tolrud
Reyn Tuttle
Claire Wingenier
Lonnie Wisenbaugh

St. Paul
Samuel Feldpausch
Alexandra Schulz
Noah Waldorf

For more information on the program, contact Renee Dotson at the SRESD at dotson@sresd.org 989-743-3471 or visit the Programs & Services section of their website at sresd.org
"Thank you for expanding my horizon to schools and opportunities beyond what I had previously thought possible."
– 2016 Perry HS graduate

“My time (at UM) was hard, challenging, rewarding and absolutely wonderful.”
– 2010 Ovid-Elsie HS graduate

“I cannot wait to see where my Michigan education takes me in the future. Thank you, this scholarship has changed my life in all of the best ways.”
– 2012 Owosso HS Graduate

“I am so grateful for the opportunities you have provided me. Four years ago as a brand new Shiawassee Scholar I had no idea what I was getting into. Your contributions made it possible for me to see the possibilities of higher education.”
– 2014 Durand HS Graduate

"Being the only person to attend college from my blue-collar family, I wanted you to know how important your mentorship was and is to so many kids.”
– 1989 Byron HS Graduate