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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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The Value of a University of Michigan Degree

In the last 40 years, the Cook Family Foundation has helped more than 800 students from the Shiawassee region attend the University of Michigan. Here is what they say about their experiences:

"The road to success was not always straight and smooth, but there's one sure thing: the Michigan experience was so worth it!"

— *Kellie (Durling) Grasman*
BS Mechanical Engineering, 1997
New Lothrop High School



"The word 'family' in the foundation's name is broader than it being about the Cook family; rather, once you are connected to and with this organization, you become a genuine part of their local family and the state, national, and international University of Michigan family."

— *Brad Hubbard*
BS Education, 2002
Owosso High School

"I was able to develop a network of peers within my major, study abroad in Japan, be a member of the Michigan Marching Band, participate in Greek Life, and so much more."

— *Kirsten Johnson*
BS Computer Science, 2019
Laingsburg High School

"I worked with a diverse group of people in my UM classes, which helped me to easily transition into leading a large diverse team of employees located around the globe in my career."

— *Megan (Taack) Raines*
BS Chemical Engineering, 1999
Corunna High School

"Before getting to visit UM with the Cook Family Foundation my senior year of high school, I had never thought that I would be able to attend such a great university."

— *Ramneet Chauhan*
Microbiology, 2022
Corunna High School



On the Pathway to Success at UM

This fall, 23 young men and women from ten area high schools will start on their pathway to a degree from the University of Michigan.

Two students, **Mason Collard** of Owosso and **Kyah Ribble** of Perry, have been awarded one of the highest accolades in the greater Shiawassee County region, the Bruce & Jacqueline Cook Scholarship, which provides four years of tuition to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This scholarship is funded by its namesake, and not the Foundation.

Another 21 students have received scholarships from the Cook Family Foundation to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Dearborn, and Flint.

On Their Way to U of M

This year 23 of the leaders and best from ten area high schools have enrolled, garnering each a scholarship from the Cook Family Foundation.

Byron

Brandon Brozich

Chesaning

Katrina Pursche

Corunna

Evan Roka

Durand

Jacob Lockhart

Laingsburg

Anne Claus

Morrice

Hayley Lademann*

Alina Stinson

New Lothrop

Kerra Hinrichs

Charles Weber†

Ovid-Elsie

Shayne Loynes

Benjamin Maynard

Noah Payne

Ella Sheedlo

Owosso

Mason Collard

Kathleen Dignan

Lynnae Gilman

Noah Jafri**

Avery Peplinski

Lucille Popovitch†

William Scrimger

Jorden Sowash**

Perry

Lindsey Bixler

Kyah Ribble



Kerra Hinrichs graduated from New Lothrop High School and is the recipient of the four-year Donald Cook Scholarship. She is a Shiawassee Scholar. Like six of our other scholarship recipients, she was the class valedictorian. She plans to pursue a pre-med major in Ann Arbor.



Kyah Ribble graduated from Perry High School third in her class and was a National Merit Commended Scholar as well as a Shiawassee Scholar. Kyah plans to major in physics and work toward a PhD. in experimental particle physics.



Mason Collard is the salutatorian of his class at Owosso High School and was a National Merit Commended Scholar as well as a Shiawassee Scholar. He also received the Frederick E. Gould and a Regents Merit Scholarship from the University of Michigan. He plans to major in Biology or Microbiology in the hope of working in the field of scientific research.

* Enrolled at University of Michigan - Flint

** Enrolled at the University of Michigan - Dearborn

† 2019 Graduate



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Shiawassee Scholars Program in its 20th Year

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

The Shiawassee Scholars Program provides resources and support to academically talented high school students to reach their full potential. Students are identified in eighth grade by achieving the highest scores in the county on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test).

Shiawassee Scholars participate in several programs, including a three-day trip to the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor. Through high school, Scholars have the opportunity to practice their test-taking skills, attend several informational sessions regarding planning for college and career, get assistance with dual enrollment options and accelerated academic programs, and can apply for a scholarship for a summer academic program.

For more information on the program, contact Renee Dotson at the SRES D at dotson@sresd.org, 989-743-3471 or visit the Programs & Services section of their website at sresd.org

Shiawassee Scholars 2020 Inductees *Graduating Class of 2024*

Byron

Laine Freidel
Thomas Harris
Haydn McDonnell
Taylor Muzer
Alana Riddell
Mason Stark

Corunna

Braden Andrejack
Makenzie Hall
Claire Milton
Jorja Napier
Lillia Reid
Kaylin Robertson
Marissa Rowe
Jude Suchyta
Logan Vowell
Joshua Zuckschwerdt

Durand

Noah Fryer
Quentin Goodwill
Paige McPherson
Raegan Taylor

Home Schooled

Richard Stuart
Brody Webb

Laingsburg

Cameron Ballard
Kaitlyn Kingsbury
Jaylei Kramer
Audrey Rowley
Piper Sequin
Brynn Wilson

New Lothrop

Josie Bauman
Brynne Birchmeier
Emma Bishop
Liliana Bruff
Kayla Brunner
Sara Dammann
Rylee Elkins
Aaron Ernst
Elizabeth Heslip
Jaedyn Kline
Bryce Kuchar
Colton Symons

Owosso

Clayton Brown
Allen Cole
Hunter Gillen
Joseph Kulhanek
Grace Leasher
Elijah Morgan
Sierra Wright

Perry

Madison Reeder
Jaidyn Sadler
Calena Stevens

St. Paul

Quinn Skarich



"Go Blue!" In Flint or Dearborn

The Cook Family Foundation is expanding its scholarship programs to include the University of Michigan-Flint and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Since its beginning, the Foundation has supported Shiawassee area high school graduates who have gone to Ann Arbor to pursue a UM degree. Over the years, several successful students have shown us that the road to Ann Arbor can also pass through either Flint or Dearborn. While we have, on a case-by-case basis provided scholarships to UM-Flint and UM-Dearborn, with the 2020-21 academic year, we are making these schools formal options in our scholarship programs. Stay tuned to our website for details. We are excited about the prospect of helping students from 10 area high schools take advantage of the wonderful University of Michigan opportunities in our backyard.



University of Michigan-Flint campus

For more information www.cookfamilyfoundation.org/scholarships/ and www.umflint.edu.

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