

Cook Family Foundation

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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 Enginering, 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 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

Owosso

Ella Sheedlo

Mason Collard Kathleen Dignan Lynnae Gilman Noah Jafri** Avery Peplinski Lucille Popovitch + William Scrimger Jorden Sowash**

Perry

Lindsey Bixler Kyah Ribble

* Enrolled at University of Michigan - Flint

- ** Enrolled at the University of Michigan Dearborn
- † 2019 Graduate



On the Pathway to Success at UM

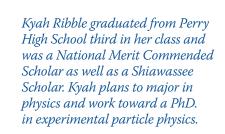
This fall, 23 young men and women from ten area high schools will start on their pathway to a degree from the University of Michigan.

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.



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.





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.

Celebrating **40** *Years* • 1980 - 2020



Shiawassee Scholars Program in its 20th 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 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 SRESD 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 Ouinn Skarich

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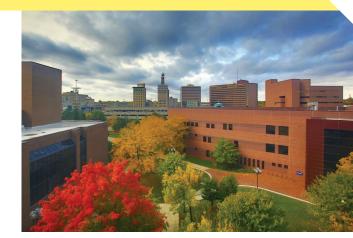


New 2020 Shiawassee Scholars University of Michigan Scholars 2020 **Donald Cook Scholarship Winner** βτά και ματά και μα

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

scholarships/ and www.umflint.edu.



For more information www.cookfamilyfoundation.org/

"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.