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Nominees for the Bruce and Jackie Cook Scholarship attended an overnight trip to UM-Ann Arbor in September 2021.



Shiawassee Scholars tour the newly refurbished entry to the LSA building on their UM trip in June 2022.

Back to Ann Arbor!

For more than 40 years, the Cook Family Foundation has been taking the leaders and the best on visits to Ann Arbor. The pandemic prevented some of these trips, but we have now resumed on-campus experiences.

The Shiawassee Scholars program recognizes the top eighth graders in Shiawassee County. After a two year break, this past June we were able to introduce 49 young men and women to the Ann Arbor campus. The goal is to give promising students a tangible target for their high school achievement. By setting their sights on admission to one of the most selective universities in the country, Shiawassee Scholars will have a broad range of college and scholarship opportunities upon their graduation from high school.

Last fall 25 nominees for the Bruce and Jackie Cook four-year, full-tuition Scholarship attended an overnight trip to visit the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. They toured the campus, met with counselors, and dined with students from their high schools who are attending U of M. This fall another group of the best and brightest students from this area will be making the same trip.

There are lots of ways to visit any of the three campuses of the University of Michigan! Contact us for help in arranging a trip.



On Their Way to U of M

This year 22 of the leaders and best from eight area high schools have enrolled at UM-Ann Arbor, garnering each a scholarship from the Cook Family Foundation.

Byron

Ella Coulter
Caleb Joslin
Anya Wasilenski

Chesaning

Hayden Williams

Corunna

Claire Buckley
Colin Lavery
Ashlee Napier

Durand

Danica Lienemann

Morrice

Adrianna Monear

New Lothrop

Hannah Beaucamp
Eva Harden
Luke Henige
Dillan Morell
Haley Vincke
Madison Wheeler

Ovid-Elsie

Koralyn (Quin) Bailie

Owosso

Kathleen Dignan*
Ellie Feldpausch
Jillian Klaver
Joseph Marcotte
Jack Smith
Justin Svarc

*2020 graduate

U of M - Flint Scholarship Students

Byron

Madeline Davis**
Paige Fondren**
Julia Lane**

Corunna

Lucas Cunningham
Noah Dutcher
John (Maxwell) Walker

Durand

Lauren Brewer
Alicia Wright

New Lothrop

Savannah Taylor***

Owosso

Keera Barnhill
Keenan Springer

**2021 graduate

***2019 graduate

Committed students as of publication

2022 Scholar Spotlight

The Cook Family Foundation offers a scholarship to all students from the greater Shiawassee area who are admitted to any of the three campuses of the University of Michigan.

The two most prestigious Foundation Scholarship winners are highlighted on page 4. There are many additional scholarships available to the University of Michigan, and each year local students receive significant financial awards once they have fully completed the University of Michigan application process. Below is a sampling of this year's recipients:



Claire Buckley of Corunna received a William Stanton four-year, full-tuition scholarship to the UM School of Nursing. She plans to become a nurse practitioner.



Noah Dutcher of Corunna received a Maize & Blue Merit Scholarship of \$5,000 per year for four years and a full tuition HAIL Scholarship. He plans to study mechanical engineering.



Ellie Feldpausch of Owosso received a Ferrante Scholarship of \$15,000 per year for four years. She plans to study biochemistry.



Eva Harden of New Lothrop received a UM Victor's Award of \$8,000 per year for four years and a full tuition HAIL Scholarship. She plans to pursue a career in the medical field.



Colin Lavery of Corunna received a UM Engineering Scholarship of Honor of \$8,000 per year for four years. He plans to pursue a degree in space sciences.



Jack Smith of Owosso received a U.S. Navy ROTC full scholarship to U of M. He plans to major in computer engineering.



Anya Wasilenski of Byron is the recipient of the first \$20,000 Kuhlman Family Scholarship, administered by the Cook Family Foundation. She is enrolled in the College of Engineering.

To learn more about the support we give academically promising students, visit the Scholarships tab on our website at cookfamilyfoundation.org. We provide scholarship support to any of the campuses of the University of Michigan, but you must first fill out our application at cookfamilyfoundation.org/scholarships/.

Follow us on Twitter @GoBlueGoBruce for the latest updates.

2022

Shiawassee Scholars Program In Its 22nd Year



Shiawassee Scholars 2022 Inductees *Graduating Class of 2026*

Byron

Josiah Johncox
Ashtyn Lantz
Emerson Moleski
Molly Webster
Chase Winegarden

Corunna

Gabriel Aldrich
Nolan Carr
Payton Chandler
Sarabdiil Chauhan
Joel DeLorge
Elizabeth Dettman
Mackenzie LeCureux
Harrison Lindberg
Cadie Miller
Gracie TerMeer
Sophia Wellman

Durand

Madison Dennis
Madeline Frelich
Carver Purdy

Laingsburg

Hazel Burley
Joseph DeShone
Liam Esch
Izabella Latuszek
Joshua Marble
Madison Phillips
Laura Rademacher
Skylar Stiff

Morrice

Jacob Greene
Parker Mockridge

New Lothrop

Sean Dammann
Reece Eustace
Brenden Olsen
Zane Rumisek
Laura Sharpe
Alexia Wendling
Landon Wendling
Aidan Wenzlick

Owosso

Colin Bernard
Destinee Buckner
Danica Dwyer
Liam Hathaway
Claire Jones
Adam Senk
Sarina Shannon
Kira Worthington

Perry

Boaz Mergos
Autumn Pavlica
Rylee Price
Chandler Webb
Emma Winans

St. Paul

Owen Skarich
Gabrielle Hufnagel

For 22 years, the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (SRES D) has supported academic achievement with support from the Cook Family Foundation. Every year, the top eighth grade students are identified by their high scores on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). In 2022, the newest groups of Shiawassee Scholars from nine schools were recognized in March at a well-attended reception.

Shiawassee Scholars participate in several programs to prepare them for success in college, starting with a three-day trip to Ann Arbor (see page 1). Through their high school careers, Scholars are invited to workshops, information sessions, and in-school "Dish and Dessert" events to help them plan their high school curriculum, seek out on-line and dual enrollment classes, and practice their test-taking skills.

Scholarships are available to the Shiawassee Scholars for summer academic programs. This enables high school students to learn a subject in-depth on a college campus with other talented students from around the country. Scholars have attended programs in healthcare, engineering, meteorology, environment and other topics at Michigan Tech, Michigan State, Johns Hopkins, Wake Forest, and other universities.



Leadership Changes

For the last 13 years, Renee Dotson has done an outstanding job directing the Shiawassee Scholars Program and helped over 600 students get the most out of their high school experience. Working closely with high school counselors, parents, and university officials, she advocated for the education and success of Shiawassee Scholars. As she has now moved on to a new position, we wish her well, and a new SRES D leader will take over the program this year.

On the Path to Success

This year, 22 Shiawassee area students are attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with help from the Cook Family Foundation. The two most prestigious local scholarship winners are Dillan Morell and Ella Coulter.

Dillan Morell, the co-valedictorian of New Lothrop High School, won the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship, a four-year full-tuition award. He is the 17th winner of this scholarship, which is funded separately from the Foundation by its namesakes. Dillan, an Eagle Scout, plans to study computer science.

Ella Coulter, the salutatorian of Byron High School, was awarded the Donald Cook Scholarship from the UM School of Literature, Science and the Arts; she intends to pursue a career in behavioral health. This four-year, \$10,000 per year scholarship is named in honor of the Foundation's benefactor.



Dillan Morell of New Lothrop won the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship.



Ella Coulter of Byron High School, was awarded the Donald Cook Scholarship.



The Go Blue Guarantee from the University of Michigan is an offer of free tuition to any Michigan resident whose family earns less than \$65,000 and has assets of less than \$50,000. Significant financial aid is available to other students. Learn more at: goblueguarantee.umich.edu

New 2022 Shiawassee Scholars
University of Michigan Scholars 2022
Donald Cook Scholarship Winner
Bruce & Jackie Cook Scholarship Winners

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