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The Legacy Continues

A record number of Shiawassee area students received scholarships to the University of Michigan this year, with 34 starting at Ann Arbor and 27 attending the Flint campus (see page 2).

The philanthropic work of the Cook Family will continue and grow in the year ahead. The Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship is now permanently endowed at the University of Michigan, joining the Donald Cook Scholarship to provide support to the leaders and best of high school graduates from the greater Shiawassee region.

The Cook Family Foundation is expanding its scholarship efforts, working with the Kuhlman Family to encourage students to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. As well, the Foundation provides a \$3,000 scholarship to any of the three campuses of UM for Shiawassee area students with a 3.5 GPA or higher. *(continued on Page 2)*

The Shiawassee Advantage

Any student from the Shiawassee area with a 3.5 GPA or greater will receive a scholarship upon enrollment in any of the three campuses of the University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, Flint, or Dearborn.

On Their Way to Ann Arbor

This fall, 34 of the leaders and best from ten area high schools are enrolled at UM-Ann Arbor.

Byron

Ruby Rittman

Chesaning

Hannah Cooper

Joshua Sicard

Emily Smith

Eric Waswick

Corunna

Sydnie Gillett

Isaiah Shook

Durand

Zachary David

Jillian Reddy

Alaina Rouse

Jaxon Smith

Molly Winson

Laingsburg

Josephine Keenan

Kathryn Magyar

Sydney Morrill

Casmir Palazzolo

Olivia Rodriguez

Ian Smith

Morrice

Savannah Dansby

Payton Gutting

New Lothrop

Tyler Kohlmann

Ovid-Elsie

Ryan Gavenda

Owosso

Claire Agnew

Tanner Cummings

Abigail Dryer

Fletcher Johnson

Mya LaMay

Liam McGraw

Marisa Rose

John (Jay) Tuttle IV

Perry

Cassidy Flick

Victoria Kilgore

Jonah Smith

David Zheng



The Donald Cook Scholarship is awarded to Shiawassee area graduates enrolled in UM's College of Literature Science and the Arts. From left: Marisa Rose, Abigail Dryer, Cassidy Flick, Payton Gutting, Tanner Cummings, Mya LaMay, Zachary David with Executive Director, Tom Cook (center). This year the above students received a four-year, \$5,000 annual scholarship.



The Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship is a four-year, full-tuition scholarship. The 18th winner of this scholarship is Emily Smith of Chesaning, pictured here with her parents Brad Smith and Amy Maier, and Tom Cook – son of the scholarship's benefactors.



Paul and Kit Kuhlman have provided support to Jonah Smith of Perry, pictured here with his parents Paul and Stacy Smith.

On Their Way to Flint

This year, 27 students from these six area schools are starting their UM education in Flint.

Byron

Jalen Branch

Brooklyn Durand

Nathan Erdman

Amber Greene

Nathan Philburn*

Madeline Stark

Corunna

Laurie Platner

Durand

Mackenzi Aslin

Ethan Garner

Alivia Gilson***

Brandon Hopton

Ciera Justice

David Martin

K'Shawn Phillips

Simon Salaev**

Hannah Sharkey

Keenan Shephard

Mason Wells

Laingsburg

Hayley Cronk

New Lothrop

Aaron Vincke****

Owosso

James Elford

Samantha Harris

Faith Rogers

Elizabeth Rood

Barbara Shepard

Sydney Somers

Rylie Yeiter

*2014 graduate

**2019 graduate

*** 2021 graduate

****2022 graduate

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/



2023



Shiawassee Scholars 2023 Inductees *Graduating Class of 2027*

Shiawassee Scholars Program in its 23rd Year

For 23 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 March, the newest group of Shiawassee Scholars from eight schools were recognized at a reception where they heard an inspiring talk from Tim McKay, Professor of Physics and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education at the University of Michigan.

Shiawassee Scholars participate in several programs to prepare them for success in college, starting with a three-day trip to Ann Arbor. 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.

Byron

Adrian Doty
Mya Keway
Jonah Spencer
Larry Voight

Corunna

Elliot Carr
Camilla Colbry
Kaminee Auge
Levi Butts
Emmie Hebekeuser
Kayla Hook
Jayde Meyer
Ezra Nellis
Austin Sweet
Sophia Walter
Evan Warner
Payton Wiggins
Eden Wyatt
Micah Yates
Ruger Zeeman

Durand

Brody Demo
Elise Drauch
Jacob O'Bryant
Nathaniel Schaefer
Clara Siemen
Richard Taljonick
Austin Wagner

Laingsburg

Thomas Brooks
Anna Fickes
Karianna Graham
Annabell Irwin
Aiden Jodway
Logan Liebgood
Grant Sprague
Payge Woodworth

Morrice

Maxwell Horvatin
Kane Mclean

New Lothrop

Sophia Henige
Nolan Henige
Frederick Ziola

Owosso

Rylie Butcher
Julia Ciarlino
Waylen Duckworth
Lukas Lawrence
Alexander Nees
Madison Woods
Ariston Dallas

Perry

Lucas Batsios
Calhoun Place
Alexander Rockafellow
Leah Schneider
Riley Smith
Emma Thielen

Change in Leadership



The Cook Family Foundation and the Shiawassee Scholars Class of 2027 welcomed Kelsee Gewirtz as the new Shiawassee Scholars Coordinator. For more information about Shiawassee Scholars, contact Kelsee at the SRES D at 989.743.3471 ext. 2602 or email her at gewirtz@sresd.org.



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Cook Family Foundation Fellows Pay It Forward

The Fellows program provides an opportunity for talented young people to give back to the Shiawassee region. Cook Family Foundation scholarship recipients are given a summer's employment with a local community organization and put their skills to work, learn more about their community from a new perspective, and gain additional financial support for their continued education.



*Emily Smith, winner of
Bruce and Jacqueline Cook
Scholarship (see page 2
for more).*



**To learn more, visit our website at
www.cookfamilyfoundation.org
and click on the "Fellows" tab.**

*From left: Alaina Rouse (Shiawassee Area YMCA),
Emily Smith (DeVries Nature Conservancy),
Anyia Wasilenski (Steam Railroading Institute),
Jillian Klaver (Shiawassee Arts Center),
Dillan Morell (Cook Family Foundation),
Ellie Feldpausch (Memorial Healthcare),
Tim Marvin (City of Owosso),
Ashlee Napier (Shiawassee Council on Aging), and
Jaxon Smith (Durand Area Chamber of Commerce).*