

Allegany County Area Foundation



A BRIDGE
TO THE FUTURE

Annual Report 2020-2021

Friends of ACAF,

First of all, I must recognize and thank outgoing president Lori Dzielski for the outstanding job she did as president. The Allegany County Area Foundation has had our best year ever in 2020-2021. Donors have been very generous, and our investments have brought a strong return. Everything seems to be going great. Lori certainly had a lot to do with the foundation's success and her leadership will be missed. I only hope that I can continue to provide the leadership she has.

For me it is all about the people. The foundation has given over one thousand Allegany County students nearly \$4 million dollars in scholarships since making our first award in 1990. Each of these students not only got funding but also some encouragement to pursue their academic endeavors. We also have awarded dozens of grants to local nonprofit groups. This past year we were able to partner with the United Way to provide some special covid relief grants.

The foundation volunteers and staff are so dedicated and capable. It is an honor and privilege to work with all of them, including and special thanks to secretary Patty Oliver, treasurer Peter O'Connor, and executive director Bruce Campbell. What an inspiring group effort it is.

Last but not least, the many donors who make all of this possible. With your support we have made a positive difference in many people's lives. The generosity we have seen is hard to describe. Thank you to all of you.



Rodney Bennett

President
Allegany County Area Foundation
Board of Directors

Dear Foundation Friends,

What do the Allegany County Area Foundation, Chicken McNuggets, and Nintendo have in common? Not much, you're right – but we all got our start in 1983; in our case on June 22 that year at Moonwinks Restaurant in Cuba, NY. That 1983 DOB means the Foundation turns 40 in a couple years. Were ACAF a person, we might be aiming to color or regain our hair, lose a few pounds, or buy a convertible. Since we plan to be around for many generations, we don't see 40 as our middle age. It's a milestone just the same, though, and a natural time to think about where we are, and where we want to go.

One area we're exploring is needs in Allegany County that are not yet served by dedicated ACAF funds. Based on this conversation and interactions with others in the county – who've been asking us this very question – we've built a new funds wish list, and we thought we'd share it with you. Here it is:

Library Funds – Allegany County's 17 libraries serve as centers for information, provide internet access, run after-school and summer programs, offer meeting space, and so much more – with limited resources. Dedicated funds help to keep programs running and facilities maintained.

Support for the Arts – This can take many forms; helping local theater, bringing music, arts, and theater to our communities and schools, providing funds for students to attend arts-related camps, or college scholarships specifically for students pursuing the arts.

Cemetery Funds – Cemeteries speak to the history of our small towns, and some serve as places for walking and reflection. The financial picture for most local cemeteries is challenging. Support from an endowed fund can be the difference between minimal upkeep or a more appropriate level of care.

Discretionary Grant Funds – Endowments like our Allegany, Moogan, and Shear funds, which allow ACAF to respond to grant requests across the county and for a variety of needs, are especially important.

Scholarships – ACAF started as a scholarship organization, and that will remain a central part of our mission. As college costs increase, there will always be a need for more scholarship funds. Even with 45 existing funds, we see a few 'gaps' in our scholarship offerings, including:

I. School-specific scholarships – While we have several awards any student may apply to, there is a real benefit to scholarships devoted to specific high schools. At this time, Bolivar-Richburg and Fillmore central schools do not have ACAF scholarships solely for their graduates, nor does Houghton academy.

II. Non-traditional Student Scholarships – We have seen that many adult students don't meet the criteria for our scholarships, most of which are set up for traditional aged students. Funds for these non-traditional students are limited, but requests are increasing.

I hope this list will be helpful in letting you know what we're thinking about, and perhaps, too, in your charitable and estate planning. If you'd like to know more about how these funds work, call or email and I can send some info or set up a call or meeting.

As ACAF looks ahead to 40 we so appreciate the interest and generosity of friends like you, who have helped us serve our students, families, communities, and non-profits. Thank you for caring about Allegany County and for making this work possible.

Bruce Campbell

Bruce Campbell
Executive Director



Our Funds

Scholarship Funds

ACAF General Scholarship
Alfred Wood Scholarship
Allegany County Deputy Sheriff's Assn Scholarship*
Ann Barwick Swift Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Anne McAndrew Teaching Scholarship
Barbie Ludden Scholarship
Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Betty Embser Wattenberg Community Service Schsp
Beverly Grantier Memorial Scholarship
Carl Atwell Memorial Scholarship
Catherine Schuyler Chapter NSDAR Scholarship
Cuba Council of Churches Scholarship
Daniel R. McCarthy Scholarship
Delores Ackerman Scholarship
Dennis Amore Memorial Scholarship
Dresser-Rand Scholarship
Dr. Robert G. Hutter, Esq. Memorial Scholarship
Edward Brewster Scholarship
George and Ella Shear Scholarship
George and Irene Fisk Scholarship
Hobart Rhinehart Memorial Scholarship
John Robertson and Flora Whiteman Scholarship
Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Julianne Doyle Bentley Memorial Scholarship
Kane Family Scholarship
Karen A. Kunz Memorial Scholarship
Lee Gridley Memorial Scholarship
Leonard and Margaret Kelley Scholarship
Leslie Newland Thomas Memorial Scholarship
Lois M. Lily Scholarship
Marie Miller Gleason Scholarship
Marion Green Scholarship
Mary A. Bishop Scholarship
Mary Lou Canessa Scholarship
M. Gretchen Probst Scholarship
Millicent Friendly Graduate Student Scholarship
Penny's from Heaven Scholarship
Presutti Family Scholarship
Road to the Future (highway superintendents) *
Sgt. Ian Gregory Bole Memorial Scholarship
Stephen V. Ambroselli Scholar Incentive Award
Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Wellsville Area Homeschoolers Scholarship*
Wellsville Central School General Scholarship
Wellsville Rotary Club Service Above Self Schsp
William F. Farnsworth Scholarship
* = non-endowed (funded annually)

Unrestricted Grant Funds

Allegany Fund
Norbert Shear Memorial Fund
Thomas and Laura Moogan Family Fund

Designated Funds and Field of Interest Funds

Allegany County Cancer Services Fund
Allegany Senior Foundation Fund
Angelica Free Library Fund
Bartoo Family Fund (Richburg-Wirt Historical Society)
Belmont Masonic Lodge (Belmont Clock Fund)
Celebrate Service, Celebrate Allegany Fund
Cuba Chamber of Commerce Legacy Fund
Cuba Memorial Hospital Fund
Cuba-Rushford Toys for Kids Fund
Doris Church Fund (Andover Library)
Fund for the Andover Free Library
Hydramec Fund (Scio Library)
Jonathan A. Dahlgren Eczema Fund (Nat'l Eczema Assoc.)
Joseph Damiano Mem. Direct Support Professional Fund
Kathryn and Conrad Church Fund (Andover Landscaping)
Ken and Judi Van Dine Christian Service Grant Fund
Lester and Dorothea Harris Fund for the Whitesville Rural Cemetery
Pioneer Oil Museum Fund
Robert Christian Fund (local history)
Shirley J. Weatherly Memorial Grant Fund
SPCA Serving Allegany County Fund
Susan Foster Myers Memorial Fund (Scio Library)
Walter Taber Memorial Trust Fund (Friendship, NY)
Wellsville Shop With A Cop Fund
Wide Awake Club Library Fund
WNY Public Health Alliance Fund

*Though these funds are endowed, they can
(and many do) receive new donations*

Types of Funds Held by ACAF

Designated Funds: Established to benefit a specific organization (e.g., library, cemetery).

Field-of-Interest Funds: Support a general type of endeavor (e.g., local history).

Scholarship Funds: Donor may specify general criteria (e.g., high school, college, academic program) but not select recipient.

Unrestricted Funds: Grant funds with broad or non-specific criteria, giving ACAF flexibility to devote support to where it is most needed.

Non-Endowed (donor-advised) Funds: Scholarship or grant funds that are not endowed but are instead funded by donor on an annual basis. Donor may establish general criteria but not select recipients.

Grants from Designated Funds

Conrad and Kathryn Church Landscaping Fund

\$5231.00 - Endowed through a gift from Kathryn Church, this fund provides for the upkeep of trees in the Village of Andover.

Jonathan A. Dahlgren Eczema Fund

\$649.00 - Established by former ACAF Executive Director Denis Dahlgren and his wife Colleen to memorialize and honor their son, this annual grant supports the National Eczema Association in its research, outreach, and service programs.



Richburg-Wirt Historical Society Endowment Fund

\$4509.00 - The programs and operations of the Richburg-Wirt Historical Society & Museum benefit from this fund.



Cuba Memorial Hospital Fund

\$2239 - Annual support for hospital operations.



Walter Taber Fund

\$1507 - This fund supports non-profits working to benefit the Village of Friendship. This initial grant from this endowment was used for Main Street beautification.

LIBRARY FUNDS

Our local libraries really benefit from endowed funds that provide an annual grant to help with programs, facilities, and operations. This past year ACAF's library funds made the following grants:

The Doris O. Church Fund

\$337.00 - Provides annual support for the Andover Free Library.

Susan Foster Myers Memorial Fund

\$285.00 - This fund provides annual support to the Friendship Free Library.

Hydramec Fund

\$614.00 - The Hydramec Fund supports the Scio Memorial Library.

Fund for the Andover Free Library

\$927.00 - Provides annual support for the Andover Free Library.



Grants from Unrestricted and Field of Interest Funds

ACCORD Corporation

A \$500 grant from the Shop With A Cop Fund boosted two efforts to brighten the holidays for children and families, helping ACCORD's Community Angels Holiday Assistance Program and the Division of Social Services Foster Care Christmas Party. Both efforts provided gifts to families. Local law enforcement generously assisted Foster Care Party organizers with gift delivery and drive through distribution.

A new program, the Fatherhood Connection offers support, information, and training to any parenting father, or father figure, and explores a variety of important topics, including child development, communication, anger management, blended families, legal matters, healthy relationships, and discipline vs punishment. ACAF supported this with a \$1500 Allegany Fund grant.



Independence Emergency Squad/Whitesville Volunteer Fire Department

A \$1000 Allegany Fund grant helped with replacement of the IES/WVFD sign board. "Our old sign served the community well for many years" noted IES Captain Dennis Graves. "A new sign will allow multiple announcements at one time and emergency notifications would be more visible." In addition to emergency and IES/WVFD messages, the sign displays general announcements, and notices from schools, non-profits, etc.

YMCA of Wellsville

The Wellsville YMCA was awarded \$1500 to purchase one-year memberships for sixty local youth. This grant was provided by the Foundation's Allegany Fund, Thomas F. & Laura L. Moogan Family Fund, and Norbert Shear Memorial Fund.

Wellsville Cemetery Restoration

The Foundation's Robert Christian Fund, which supports activities related to local history, awarded \$429 to the American Legion Riders Post 702 for its efforts to clean up and renew Wellsville's Nathaniel Johnson Cemetery. The 400 persons interred in this historic site include more than two dozen veterans, including some who served in the Civil War and the War of 1812. With significant donations of equipment, materials, and time, the cemetery landscape has been cleaned up, and headstones repaired and straightened. According to Riders director Dennis White, the most interesting experience was unearthing the stone for 19 year old Civil War casualty Luther Bray. Existing documentation had shown him buried in a different location, without a marker.

Remote Area Medical Clinic

An Allegany Fund grant of \$1500 is supporting Genesee Valley Central School as it hosts a free Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic (see www.ramusa.org for more information). Slated for October 2021, RAM has the potential to see 400-500 visitors; ACAF's donation will help GVCS provide for the 200 or so volunteers that will staff the event.

Thanks to your faithfulness in giving, we were able to provide many great programs. We appreciate you so much! Thank you for your support and encouragement of the youth and staff at Fillmore Powerhouse Youth Center. Your support and thoughtfulness help us in so many ways. God bless you!

~Powerhouse Board & Staff

More Grants

Cuba Circulating Library

ACAF's Thomas F. and Laura L. Moogan Family Fund assisted the Cuba Circulating Library's Story Walk project with a \$327 grant. This creative activity encourages literacy and fitness by posting pages from a children's book along an accessible, walkable path.

Shirley J. Weatherly Grant

2021 Cuba-Rushford Central School graduate Jersey Jones has been awarded the 2021-2022 Shirley J. Weatherly Memorial Grant. This award provides college or training support for a CRCS graduate who has shown character, hard work, and perseverance in overcoming challenges.

This fall Ms. Jones will attend Jamestown Community College in pursuit of a nursing degree. CRCS staff praise her kindness, persistence, and positive contributions to the CRCS community.

Established by her family and friends in 2018, this endowed fund honors and memorializes Shirley J. Weatherly, who passed away in 2017. Born in Cuba, NY, Shirley worked for Chemung County BOCES in the accounting department. Her family and friends remember her as a hard worker who never allowed physical disability to deter her from achieving her goals.

It is so heartening when we receive support from a generous donor that allows us to say 'yes' to one more child, family and those who need us most. Thank You from everyone at the YMCA

~Twin Tiers YMCA (Wellsville)

We have received your very generous check for the Almond Area Food Pantry. We plan to use your donation to buy perishable items. Plus, we plan to give Easter food baskets to our clients. Again, I thank you so much for your donation.

Best Regards

~Almond Area Food Pantry

Additional Grants

Allegany County Association for the Blind \$700 for a new computer (Norbert Shear Fund)

Angelica Free Library \$500 for repairs to the library's historic building (Allegany Fund)

Family Service Society \$1000 for mentoring programs at GV and Whitesville schools (Allegany Fund)

Fillmore Strong Food Program \$1500 for pandemic food program (Allegany Fund)

Genesee Library \$1000 for a storage shed (Allegany Fund)

Town of Friendship \$450 for reprinting of bicentennial book (Allegany, Moogan, and Shear funds)

Whitesville Public Library \$500 funds for summer programming (Allegany Fund)

New Funds

Cuba Council of Churches Scholarship

The Cuba Council of Churches (Council) has entrusted its scholarship program to the Allegany County Area Foundation (ACAF).

The Council is made up of five Cuba-based churches - Christ Episcopal, Cuba United Methodist, First Baptist, North Park Wesleyan, and Our Lady of Angels Roman Catholic - that work together to support the Cuba community. In addition to the scholarship program, the Council supports a combined food pantry and annual holiday assistance program. The five member congregations are also active individually in service and outreach.

The scholarship will be awarded to a CRCS senior who is an active participant in her/his church (the award is not limited to the five Council congregations) and demonstrates an active faith and service.

Council President Rev. Jonathan D. Ward of North Park Wesleyan Church notes that the Council chose to work with ACAF given the Foundation's track record "and the ability to turn our current funds into guaranteed benefit to our community instead of having to rely upon annual fundraisers that any given year may or may not be sufficient. God has blessed us in this generation in order to make the world a better place for future generations for His glory. It is our joy to be faithful in passing on what He has entrusted to our care."

Catherine Schuyler Chapter NSDAR Scholarship

Allegany County's National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) organization, the Catherine Schuyler Chapter NSDAR, has created an endowed scholarship through the Allegany County Area Foundation (ACAF). With 3000 chapters and 180,000 members nationally - and 125 and 3000, respectively, in NY - the DAR is a women's volunteer service organization focused on historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

The scholarship will be awarded to a senior at, or graduate of, a high school in Allegany, Cattaraugus, or Steuben County whose academic plans include history, museum studies, or social studies education. Students with personal or family involvement in this DAR chapter may apply regardless of college major, as can children/grandchildren of chapter members living outside the area.

The Catherine Schuyler DAR chapter was founded in 1897 and remains vital with 90 local members. It is familiar to many through school-based essay contests, citizenship awards, participation in parades, and local historic preservation efforts. This local chapter also provides service to veterans and has been involved in PPE collection and distribution during the pandemic.

For more information about the DAR check out Website: <https://catherineschuylernsdar.weebly.com/> or contact the chapter at CatherineSchuylerChapterNSDAR@gmail.com.



Thank you for your recent grant to provide funding for the Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier (YMST) programs. This funding will support our efforts to provide more local, underserved, and underprivileged children with high quality mentoring services. Children served by YMST achieve higher grades, become more confident, and make better decisions, giving them a higher quality of life. Thank you for supporting this program and the children in our community.

~Family Service Society/Youth Mentoring of the Southern Tier

To learn how you can establish a scholarship or grant fund,
contact the foundation at: 585-296-5616 or director@acafny.org.
Or write to us at: 6087 State Rt 19N, Belmont, NY 14813

Millicent Friendly Graduate Student Scholarship

A newly established fund will provide scholarship assistance to Allegany County high school graduates studying beyond the bachelor's degree.

The Millicent Friendly Graduate Student Scholarship is the first Allegany County Area Foundation (ACAF) program devoted solely to students in graduate or professional degree programs.

While in recent years local graduates in law school, medical school, and health-related programs (PA, PT, OT, etc.) have received Foundation scholarships, this has been fairly limited as most ACAF funds are restricted to study through the bachelor's degree level – which is not uncommon for endowed scholarships.

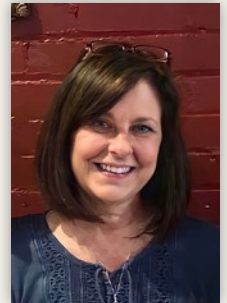
The scholarship donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, adds "Teachers, accountants and of course doctors and lawyers require post-baccalaureate education, and many are working and have family obligations while they are studying for advanced degrees. There are few scholarships available for these students, and as with all ACAF scholarships we hope it means more than the money, we hope it is recognition for achievement so far and encouragement to keep up the good work."

Thank you very much for this scholarship. This money will help me pay for some of my bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences.

~Cody

Barbie Ludden Scholarship

The Cuba Central School Class of 1981 established a scholarship to honor and memorialize its friend and classmate Barbie Ludden, who tragically lost her life in August 2020, a victim of domestic violence. This scholarship will be available to a senior graduating from Cuba-Rushford Central School.



Barbie was a popular classmate and friend – loved, appreciated, and admired for her kind, caring, and positive demeanor, and desire to make the world a better place. She was a strong believer in education.

A certified pharmacy technician, Barbie worked for the Seneca Nation Health System. She developed lasting friendships with her co-workers and went above and beyond for her patients. She was a very active member of the Cuba AmVets Post #1 and volunteered for many fundraising events throughout the year, giving her time, energy, and infectious smile. Friends and family will remember her dedication to helping others.

The recipient of this scholarship will be a student that displays Barbie's personal qualities and is striving for a career in a health-related field. The first recipient is CRCS 2021 graduate Jersey Jones. Ms. Jones will begin nursing studies at Jamestown Community College - Olean Campus this fall.

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being chosen as a recipient of the Joseph and Inez Hupp Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year. The generosity of this scholarship eases the financial burden of pursuing a college education and makes students' goals easier to achieve. I am grateful and humbled by this honor.

~Lauren

New Funds *continued*

Pioneer Oil Museum Fund

An anonymous donor has established a fund for the benefit of the

Pioneer Oil Museum in Bolivar. This endowment was created in memory of the late Allegany County Judge James Eukin and will provide an annual grant for the Museum's facilities and operations.

The donor notes that the museum preserves a history that Judge Eukin treasured, going back to his teenage summers working on a pipeline. "Although he loved his career as a lawyer, District Attorney and judge" the donor recalls, "his passion was his work with oil men. He loved walking in the woods where old oil rigs remained, he loved the maps and the leases and the "get rich" and "go bust" stories of oil prospectors."

Museum volunteer Kelly Lounsberry says the museum is grateful for this assistance. "Being a small non-profit, funds such as this are vital to both our existence and ability to improve and grow." Indeed, the museum has completed several projects recently, including restoration of the marker at the site of O. P. Taylor's historic Triangle #1 well.

The donor and Mr. Lounsberry, both acquainted with Judge Eukin, remember him as 'a kind and polite gentleman, the kind of man you tried to emulate ...highly respected.' They agree that this fund benefitting the Pioneer Oil Museum is a fitting tribute.



Wide Awake Club Library Fund

Fillmore's Wide Awake Club Library will benefit from ACAF's newest fund. This endowment has been established by an anonymous donor whose own childhood was enriched by the library.

The Wide Awake Club Library (WACL) was born in January 1896, when a women's study group connected to the Maccabees Lodge determined that a library was essential to staying up to date (or 'Wide Awake' – hence the uniquely clever name they chose for their venture) on current events. A physical presence on Main Street, Fillmore, soon followed and the library has been a mainstay of the community ever since.

Like most small town libraries, the WACL has evolved along with the local needs. The library has the second highest circulation of all county libraries, and among its programs are pre-school and baby/toddler times, talk by local authors, summer reading, genealogy resources and instruction, homeschooler support, Cookbook Club, and the Escape to the Library after school activity coordinated with Fillmore Central School. The library also holds a collection of local history resources.

A part-time staff of seven runs the library, with help from twenty volunteers. Director Roxanne Baker is pleased for the annual support the Wide Awake Club Library Fund will provide "I'm super excited that someone thought to do this for us. I know the library will benefit from this for many generations."

On behalf of the Allegany County Blind Association, thank you so much for the \$700 grant awarded for our new computer. The computer is much needed to assist us in communicating with our clients and other community agencies to inform them of the services that we provide and enables us to maintain necessary office files and documentation.

Thank you so much for supporting us and our mission.

~Allegany County Association for the Blind

Pandemic Relief

WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund Microgrant Initiative

The Western New York COVID-19 Community Response Fund was created by the philanthropic community to support nonprofits addressing immediate needs in response to the COVID-19 crisis in the eight counties of Western New York. Recognizing that a lot of the burden of the response is falling on community-based and grassroots organizations, the Fund created a microgrant program to rapidly deploy resources to small urban and rural organizations that provide hands-on assistance to community members. Intermediary organizations in each county that are recognized as trusted voices and partners identified the microgrant recipients for awards that typically ranged from \$500 - \$2,500.

Allegany County Area Foundation was honored to serve as funding intermediary for a third round of microgrants earlier this year. These provided \$44,000 to fifteen local organizations assisting those effected by the coronavirus pandemic. Prior rounds of microgrants last spring and summer saw 18 organizations share \$34,000 in funds. See the ACAF website for recipient lists.

More information on the Microgrant Initiative can be found at WNY COVID-19 Community Response Fund (wnyresponds.org)

Blue Fund of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York

This past winter, Blue Fund of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of WNY set aside funds for microgrants to help organizations involved in supporting general health and wellness. The Foundation was honored to serve as Allegany County funding intermediary for this effort. Sharing \$10,000 in grants were the Allegany County Mental Health Assn (food and mental health programs), Cuba Cultural Center (food programs), Cornell Cooperative Extension (farm family support), AC Office for the Aging (elder support), and ACCORD (technology).

The Microgrant Committee for both programs included Amanda Joyce-Phelps (AC United Way), Kelly Dickerson (Clarity Wellness), Bruce Campbell (ACAF), and Jane Foster (Literacy West/Belfast Central School).



Collaborating with Allegany County United Way for Covid Relief and Recovery

Since April 2020, ACAF and the Allegany County United Way have been working together to provide efficient assistance to organizations involved in pandemic relief.

Employing separate-but-coordinated Community Relief Funds and a shared grantmaking process has proven effective and we continue to assist agencies that are addressing the economic and public health impacts of the pandemic.

Over \$35,000 has been awarded to date. Recipients in our 2020-2021 fiscal year include Fillmore Strong (food program), YMCA of Wellsville (childcare programs), Cooperative Extension (food and general support for farm families), and the Allegany County Department of Health (PPE and equipment needed for vaccine clinics).

Limited funds remain and will be distributed through the fall and winter months as requests come in.

A Community Relief Fund web page, accessible through the ACAF website, provides more details including grant application info and links.

2021 Scholarship Recipients

Total scholarships awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year - \$308,000.

As part of the scholarship application, students write about an educator or community member who has been important to them.

I have been extremely fortunate to have been an ACAF Dollars for Scholars recipient from 2014-2019. The scholarships have helped me with expenses throughout undergraduate school and law school. Allegany County students, including myself, are given the opportunity to achieve short- and long-term goals. I wanted to extend my greatest and most sincere thank you.

~Kayla

Recipient	High School	Educator/Influencer	Scholarship Program
Trevor Abbey	Genesee Valley	Michael Beardsley	Dresser-Rand
Alannah Allen	Scio	Rebecca Hartnett	Marion Green
Riley Allen	Wellsville	Ross Munson	Belva A. Waite
Noah Alles	Cuba Rushford	Jason Stupp	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Jordan Alles	Cuba Rushford	Joseph Franzen	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Cole Armison	Fillmore	Than Melenbacher	Belva A. Waite
Jacob Austin	Fillmore	Kari Mancuso	Dresser-Rand
Madison Bailey	Wellsville	Coach G	Dresser-Rand
Zoe Balinsky	Alfred Almond	Todd Bialecki	Belva A. Waite
Ryan Ballard	Fillmore	Leon Mast	Belva A. Waite
Katelyn Barney	Whitesville	Stacie Barbic	Edward Brewster
Shelby Beardsley	Fillmore	Carol Hannon	Belva A. Waite
Angelina Belcer	Cuba Rushford	Jason Stupp	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Hunter Bells	Whitesville	Elizabeth Potter	Belva A. Waite
Claire Benham	Cuba Rushford	Thomas Kenyon	Joseph and Inez Hupp
Bailey Bennett	Genesee Valley	Pam Swan	Belva A. Waite
Mackenzie Bennett	Genesee Valley	Pam Swan	Kane Family
Elizabeth Bentley	Genesee Valley	Sarah Horne	Belva A. Waite
Grace Bichler	Cuba Rushford	Kirk Miller	Joseph and Inez Hupp
Kayci Bigelow	Genesee Valley	Rhiannon Babbitt	Belva A. Waite
Aubrey Bogart	Friendship	Judy May	Karen A. Kunz
Steven Bracken	Alfred Almond	Andrew Dennis	Charlie Wildrick-Cole
Steven Bracken	Alfred Almond	Andrew Dennis	M. Gretchen Probst
Teagin Brandes	Wellsville	Jamie Bump	Belva A. Waite
Jackson Broach	Scio	Mary Zdrojewski	Daniel R. McCarthy
Naomi Buchholz	Whitesville	Erika Hyer-Scott	Robert G. Hutter
Aaron Buck	Fillmore	Randy Crouch	Belva A. Waite
Mattison Buckley	Wellsville	NA	Deputy Sheriff's Assn
Calsey Bump	Cuba Rushford	Betsy Cashing	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Alyssa Bump	Cuba Rushford	Thomas Kenyon	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Ethan Bump	Cuba Rushford	Timothy Ellison	Belva A. Waite
Matti Burke	Wellsville	Jodi Gates	Belva A. Waite
Rebecca Burns	Homeschool	Peter Maier	Wellsville Homeschoolers
Renae Burns	Homeschool	Shari Ternes	Wellsville Homeschoolers
Sierra Burrows	Genesee Valley	Tracy George	Belva A. Waite
Allyson Campbell	Alfred Almond	Katherine Byrne	Charlie Wildrick-Cole
Brittany Carl	Wellsville	Hope Gilfert	M. Gretchen Probst
Sarah Carlton	Wellsville	Emily Lester	Mary A. Bishop
Joshua Carstens	Alfred Almond	Courtney (RIT Staff)	Belva A. Waite
Simon Case	Wellsville	Steve Hand	Belva A. Waite
Lauren Cicirello	Wellsville	Elizabeth Huyler	Deputy Sheriff's Assn
Sarah Clark	Bolivar Richburg	Jeffrey Margeson	Belva A. Waite
Rebekah Clark	Cuba Rushford	Joshua Tompkins	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Sabrina Claus	Cuba Rushford	Kirk Miller	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Andrew Clement	Cuba Rushford	Bryce Ryan	Belva A. Waite
Moriah Clendenin	Genesee Valley	Alva Robbins	Kane Family
Spencer Cook	Andover	Lisa Kent	Highway Superintendents
Mason Cool	Fillmore	James Mullen	Daniel R. McCarthy
Cynthia Covell	Wellsville	Matthew Warren	Belva A. Waite
Loralai Crawford	Wellsville	Andrea Hlasnick	Belva A. Waite
Brooke Crossley	Scio	Devin Davis	Belva A. Waite
Caleb Cutler	Whitesville	Alexander Lipnicki	Edward Brewster
Emily Daciw	Genesee Valley	Dan Mezzoprete	Belva A. Waite
Lorraine Davis	Friendship	Kathy Sortore	Belva A. Waite
Nadya Davis	Andover	MaryBeth Colton	Beverly Grantier
Zachary Deichmann	Genesee Valley	Darren Bradt	Belva A. Waite
Brayden Delahunt	Wellsville	Nora Burdick	Wellsville Rotary

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>Educator/Influencer</i>	<i>Scholarship Program</i>
Alexis Drake	Genesee Valley	Johanna Schwingel	Stephen V. Ambroselli
Daniel DuMond	Alfred Almond	Doug Jones	Belva A. Waite
Hannah Dunaway	Wellsville	Matthew Warren	Belva A. Waite
Nicholas Ellison	Belfast	Mark Sullivan	Belva A. Waite
Shaquay Ely	Genesee Valley	Donna DiGirolamo	Mary A. Bishop
Onalee Emery	Whitesville	JoAnn Brown	Edward Brewster
Eagan Enke	Wellsville	Timothy Piotrowski	Delores Ackerman
Jessica Erdmann	Whitesville	Alexander Lipnicki	Belva A. Waite
Caitlin Ferguson	Wellsville	Emily Lester	Belva A. Waite
Rachael Ferraloro	Wellsville	Monica Hershberger	General Scholarship
Keltsie Francis	Belfast	Alex Minnick	Belva A. Waite
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Jessie Goldsmith	Cuba Rushford	Jason Stupp	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Alexander Good	Wellsville	Ross Munson	Belva A. Waite
Kyle Goodman	Cuba Rushford	Scott Jordan	Walter and Louisa Sibley
Isabella Gordon	Bolivar Richburg	Dorothy Oakley	Beverly Grantier
Caden Granger	Cuba Rushford	Thomas Kenyon	Joseph and Inez Hupp
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I just want to thank you for the tuition grant help you awarded me this semester. I pay tuition out of pocket and the grant took a lot of pressure off this semester. Nursing school during a pandemic is stressful enough.

~Connor

I am very fortunate to have won an award from you guys, let alone two. I was hoping that I would be writing you guys a second letter thanking you ... and so I am. Your foundation is amazing, you are spreading love and kindness to everyone in need, and I think that is just great ... I hope that someday I can give away to people in need as you guys are doing now. You are inspiring and rejuvenating lives.

~Andrew

I would like to thank you for the Belva Waite Scholarship that I received. I hope Mrs. Waite knew how much her generosity would mean to future students who are trying to achieve their college goals. Thank you!

~Justice

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Through your generosity I have been able to pursue my bachelor's degree in biology with a focus in medical technology at Roberts Wesleyan College. My studies, though rigorous, are going well. I am currently interviewing for my clinical studies for the 2021-2022 college year. Again, thank you for your generosity.

~Simon

It is such an honor to be awarded your scholarship. Your generous foundation makes it possible for me to continue my education in the nursing field. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and I will continue to work hard.

~Isabella

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for selecting me as one of the recipients of the Charlie Wildrick-Cole Scholarship. I am extremely honored to receive this scholarship.

Your kindness will help me to further my education at Alfred University for mechanical engineering.

~Andrea

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Thank you for the award of the scholarship. Without your constant support, not only financially but also in general, I would not be able to pursue a college education. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. I look forward to beginning my last year of college.

~Katie

Thank you so much for awarding me the Walter F. & Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship. Your generous contribution will be helping to fund my education at Penn State University. I am most appreciative of being considered a recipient, and for your time spent helping students throughout Allegany County!

~Leah

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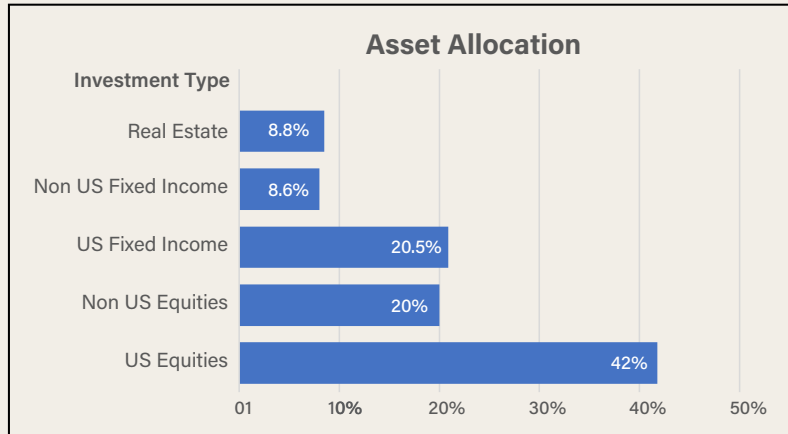
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Total Equities	62.00%
US Equities	42.00%
Non-US Equities	20.00%
Total Fixed Income	29.10%
US Fixed Income	20.50%
Non-US Fixed Income	8.60%
Total Real Estate	8.80%
Overall Expense Ratio	0.19%



In determining endowment spending for scholarships, grants, and operations, ACAF utilizes a twenty quarter average of assets. This approach helps to even out the fluctuations in the stock market, allowing for consistency in awarding and budgeting. Once this twenty quarter average is calculated, ACAF allocates 5 percent for spending – 4 percent for scholarships and grants, and 1 percent for foundation operations. ACAF board and staff are careful with our resources and annually come in under our operations budget. For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, we spent 89% of our budget, returning several thousand dollars to the endowment.

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Beginning Balance (7/1/2020) \$10,292,669.02

Receipts

Gifts endowment	\$191,399.55
Gifts non-endowed	\$83,294.47
Net Investment Income	\$2,714,126.20

Total Receipts \$2,988,820.22

Disbursements

Scholarships	(\$260,608.14)
Non-endowed Scholarships	(\$14,500.00)
Grants	(\$36,549.49)
Grants Non-endowed	(\$73,000.00)
Administration	(\$79,737.30)

Total Disbursements (\$464,394.93)

Ending Balance (6/30/2021) \$12,817,094.31

Assets on Hand

Cash (Operating Account)	\$83,819.37
Cash (Endowment Account)*	\$370,159.18
Total Investments (FMV)	\$12,363,115.76

Total Assets (6/30/2021) \$12,817,094.31

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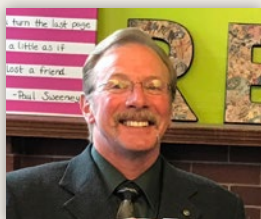
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