# Allegany County Area Foundation



Annual Report 2021-2022

# Dear Foundation Friends,

This annual report marks the end of the Allegany County Area Foundation's 39th year and the beginning of our 40th. The foundation came from a dream and a humble beginning and is now an important and well-respected organization. We seem to have a lot of momentum and hope to be able to do even more in the future.



This is a time when I can't help both reflecting on our past accomplishments and looking to our future.

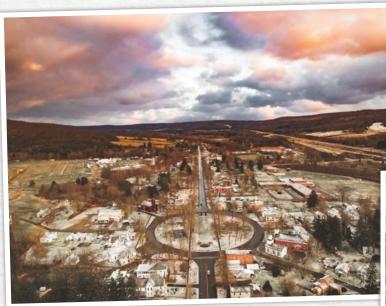
Over the last 39 years the Foundation has affected the lives of thousands of Allegany County residents. Our scholarships have helped and encouraged students and their parents. At the same time, our grants have helped many local organizations start or maintain programs that enrich people's lives.

We don't know what may be possible in the future ... but try to imagine. Maybe every ACAF scholarship applicant in Allegany County getting a scholarship, providing awards that cover more college costs, or being able to support even more of our outstanding non-profits with larger grants.

I want to offer everyone involved with the foundation a heartfelt thank you. Please continue this great work.

# Rodney Bennett

President, Board of Directors Allegany County Area Foundation







# ACAF Friends,

The landscape looks a bit different than it did a year ago.

Since last year's annual report, the pandemic has waxed and waned a couple of times, and life has returned to a level that feels more like 2019 normal. We are glad to have contributed to public health and community support efforts together with the Allegany County United Way during the worst of those days.



Also showing peaks and valleys - the stock market. We watched it climb through January and stumble since, from a combination of natural market cycles, supply chain and labor issues, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine and all that it has wrought. It is in this kind of turbulence that our practice of budgeting and spending on a twenty quarter average of assets is especially helpful. This approach averages out short-term jumps and dives in the market and ensures that our ability to function and support our students and non-profits is unchanged.

What has been steady the past year — your support. We've seen a near-record number of donors, generous estate gifts, and donations to create several new scholarship and grant funds. Thank you! We could not assist our students and communities without you.

Volunteers, including board members, are also essential in carrying out our mission. We are fortunate to have excellent ones, who give freely of their time, experience, and insight – and are good to work with.

Thank you for being our partner as we support Allegany County.

Bruce Combell

Bruce Campbell Executive Director





#### **Scholarship Funds**

Alfred Wood Scholarship Allegany County Deputy Sheriff's Assn Scholarship\* Amanda Nicole Curcio Memorial 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 Clair and Mildred Almeter Scholarship Cuba Council of Churches Scholarship Daniel R. McCarthy Scholarship Delores Ackerman Scholarship Dennis J. Amore Memorial Scholarship Dresser-Rand Scholarship Edward Brewster Scholarship General Scholarship George and Ella Shear Scholarship George and Irene Fisk Scholarship Hobart Rhinehart Memorial Scholarship Janet Burger Appier-Phyllis Burger Wilson Scholarship John and Ruth Doyle 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) \* Dr. Robert G. Hutter, Esg. Memorial Scholarship Rose Fleming Scholarship Sgt. Ian Gregory Bole Memorial Scholarship Stephen V. Ambroselli Scholar Incentive Award Tim Rohe Memorial Scholarship Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship Warren and Connie Emerson Scholarship Wellsville Area Homeschoolers Scholarship\* Wellsville Rotary Club Service Above Self Schsp William F. Farnsworth Scholarship \* = non-endowed (funded annually)

#### **Unrestricted Grant Funds**

Allegany Fund Thomas F. and Laura L. Moogan Family Fund A. Norbert Shear Memorial Fund

#### Designated, Donor-Advised, and Field of Interest Grant Funds

Allegany County Cancer Services Fund Allegany County Historical Society Fund Allegany County Shop with a Cop Fund Allegany Senior Foundation Fund Angelica Free Library Fund Bartoo Family Fund (Richburg-Wirt Historical Society) Chamberlain Park Playground Fund Charles and Lorraine Joyce Family Fund Cuba Legacy Fund Cuba Memorial Hospital Fund Cuba Toys for Kids Fund Doris Church Fund (Andover Library) Fund for the Andover Free Library Fund for the Hillside and Valley Brook Cemeteries Hydramec Fund (Scio Library) Jodi Patterson Fund for Art, Culture, and Rural Empowerment 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 Dorotha Harris Fund for the Whitesville Rural Cemetery Masonic Lodge #424 (Village of Belmont Clock Fund) 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) Wide Awake Club (Fillmore) Library Fund WNY Public Health Alliance Fund

Though most ACAF funds are endowed they can (and many do) still receive new donations

### Types of Funds Held by ACAF

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

**Donor-advised Fund:** Donor may establish general criteria for awards and make recipient recommendations, which are non-binding, to ACAF.

**Field-of-Interest Fund:** Supports a general type of endeavor (e.g., local history, public health).

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

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

# Grants from Designated Funds



## Jonathan A. Dahlgren Eczema Fund

\$685 - 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

\$4638 - The programs and operations of the Richburg-Wirt Historical Society &

Museum benefit from this fund.



## Cuba Memorial Hospital Fund

\$2387 - Annual support for hospital operations.

# Walter Taber Fund

\$450 - This fund supports non-profits working to benefit the Village of Friendship. The most recent grant supported senior citizen and library Book Box programs.

# Pioneer Oil Museum

\$391 - This new fund provides an annual grant to support the museum's facilities and programs.

# LIBRARY FUNDS

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

The Doris O. Church Fund (Andover Free Library) - \$350

Susan Foster Myers Memorial Fund (Friendship Free Library) - \$301

Hydramec Fund (Scio Memorial Library) - \$631 Fund for the Andover Free Library - \$1389 Wide Awake Club Library Fund (Fillmore) - \$400

Thank you for your generous donation to the library's flood recovery fund. Your donation will make a difference and is greatly appreciated. We are so thankful for your support.







# Grants from Unrestricted and Field of Interest Funds

# Friends of Cuba Architecture

The Village of Cuba is well-positioned to be a key part of the Genesee Valley Trail Town Initiative. ACAF awarded \$1500 to Cuba Friends of Architecture to assist the community's efforts in this area. This grant provided for the purchase of ten flat-screen display monitors placed at local businesses and linked to a Yodek cloud-based media system. These displays provide residents and visitors with information about the Genesee Valley Canal Greenway Trail, including maps, weather, services, events, and local history.

# **Belfast Public Library**



ACAF awarded \$1000 to the Belfast Public Library in support of its Book Box program. Library staff created the Book Box in response to local needs and the general popularity

of subscription programs. Each month, recipients pick up a box with 3-5 books, snacks, and age-appropriate swag. When they return that box, they receive the next edition. Feedback from recipients informs the contents of future boxes.

The library experienced a thirty-five percent increase in circulation from the program, with eighty percent of participants under the age of eighteen, including excellent pre-school age participation.

### National Technical Honor Society

ACAF awarded \$600 to the National **Technical Honor** 



Society (NTHS) Belmont Chapter (BOCES). The Chapter's usual fundraising efforts have ceased due to COVID restrictions, resulting in a budgetary shortfall. This grant allowed for the induction of seventeen students (eight of whom later received ACAF scholarships) into NTHS and helped with the cost of the induction ceremony.

# Flood Recovery - Pioneer Oil Museum; Cuba Circulating Library

The Foundation awarded \$1482 to the Pioneer Oil

Museum to help with costs related to flood damage, including replacement of materials and site remediation. The Museum's Hahn & Schaffner site experienced storm-related flooding in July 2021 and ice dam floods in February 2022.



Cuba Circulating Library sustained heavy damage from flooding of its lower floor caused by those same July

thunderstorms. The Library's community room, kitchen,

and restrooms took on water. The damage to carpeting and walls and was significant, and several hundred books had to be discarded. ACAF gave \$750 toward recovery.

# Wide Awake Club Library

The Wide Awake Club Library (Fillmore) received \$750 for its Youth Services Collection Rejuvenation Project. This effort updated the library's youth and young adult collection, purchasing new titles and replacing popular books that were worn out. The WACL has the second highest circulation among Allegany County's 17 libraries.



# Angelica Community Radio

Radio Station WRAQ 92.7FM received \$1000 to help bring MXBETH, Shake on the Lake's fun, creative

interpretation of Shakespeare's Macbeth, to Angelica this summer. Shake on the Lake is a highly-regarded, professional theater company based in Perry, NY that brings theater to rural communities.



# More Grants

Many thanks for your generous donation to our signage project. We are surely going to make a difference in the business district and climate of Cuba. ~Cuba Friends of Architecture

## Alfred Montessori School

Alfred Montessori received a grant of \$750 to update pre-school classroom instructional materials. An important part of the Alfred community since 1983, AMS provides PK — grade 5, and before- and afterschool, and infant and toddler programs.



We would like to thank you for the \$600 donation for the National Technical Honor Society. With this donation we were able to induct 17 new members. Your generous donation was greatly appreciated. ~NTHS Advisor



We're very grateful that the Allegany County Area Foundation awarded Angelica Community Radio with a grant this summer to help bring Shake on the Lake back to Angelica to perform Shakespeare's Macbeth. Thanks to ACAF, this performance was available free to the public.

~Angelica Community radio

#### Additional Grants

ACCORD Corporation \$262 for Holiday Assistance Program (Shop with a Cop Fund)
Fillmore Food Pantry \$500 for food program (Covid Relief Fund)
Genesee Library \$1000 for a bookcase and a new air conditioner (Allegany Fund)
Genesee Valley Central School \$2500 for September 2022 Remote Area Medical Clinic (Allegany Fund)
Salvation Army \$700 to replace flooring in nursery (Norbert Shear Fund)
Salvation Army \$1500 for programs (Covid Relief Fund)
Wellspring Ministries \$500 for programs (Covid Relief Fund)
Wellspring Ministries \$262 for Holiday Gift Program (Shop with a Cop Fund)
Whitesville Public Library \$462 for summer programing (Allegany Fund)
YMCA \$1000 to start an art program (Allegany Fund)
YMCA \$516 for youth memberships (Thomas and Laura Moogan Family Fund)

# New Funds

### Allegany County Historical Society Fund

The Allegany County Historical Society (ACHS) has established an endowed fund with the Allegany County Area Foundation.

The Allegany County Historical Society Fund was created through the generosity of long-time ACHS member and trustee Lee Gridley. Lee appreciated history—she studied and taught it and was deeply committed to preserving it for future generations. Through a generous bequest in her estate, Lee enabled the ACHS to establish this permanent fund, which will provide a steady, annual income to support the Historical Society and its programs.

The ACHS motto is 'A Story Worth Telling ... A Heritage Worth Preserving.' In its collections at the ACHS center in Andover, the Society has photos, articles, records, and artifacts that convey the lively history and interesting characters of Allegany County, from native cultures to river communities to oil, agriculture, and industry. ACHS also supports the county's local history organizations in their work.

# Donating to Charity Through an IRA

IRA holders aged 70.5 or older can support non-profits through a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) — which is a direct transfer of funds from the IRA custodian to a qualified charity. A QCD can be counted toward the required minimum distributions (RMD) for the year. Unlike regular IRA withdrawals, the amount donated through a QCD is excluded from taxable income. QCDs don't require itemizing. See your financial advisor for more details.

### Clair and Mildred Almeter Scholarship

The family of Clair and Mildred Almeter has established a scholarship in their memory. This endowed fund will support students pursuing a vocational credential or two-year degree, with



priority to graduates of Alfred-Almond and Genesee Valley Central Schools. Two scholarships will be awarded each year.

Clair and Mildred were both younger children in large farming families (Clair 10 siblings – Mildred 11) and grew up on Jersey Hill in West Almond where they attended a one-room schoolhouse. Both dropped out of school to help their families and quickly learned that education was the key to getting better-paying jobs. Clair worked for 15 years for Erie Railroad freight in Hornell, and then both Clair and Mildred worked in the maintenance department at Alfred University until retiring.

Clair and Mildred delighted in spending time with their large extended family, camping, and gardening. Both enjoyed fishing and Clair was also an avid hunter and hiker. They were parishioners at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Almond, NY. After Mildred passed away in 2004, Clair became more active in the church and lived his Christian beliefs by generously giving to charities that helped families and children.

Before Clair's passing in 2022, he discussed scholarships and the cost of education. He was concerned that most scholarships are earmarked for 4-year schools and require high grades in high school. Clair knew you need a skill or higher education to support a family and thought there should be awards for students that may or may not excel academically but want to learn a more hands-on trade.

These two scholarships will open doors for students to have access to this kind of practical higher education. There is no minimum GPA to apply, and applicants demonstrating financial need will have priority.



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

#### Janet Burger Appier/Phyllis **Burger Wilson** Memorial Scholarship



Sisters Janet and Phyllis Burger were always very

close, despite an eleven-year age gap, so it was not surprising that Janet would eventually follow Phyllis into a nursing career. The Janet Burger Appier/Phyllis Burger Wilson Memorial Scholarship honors these Andover sisters and nurses for their outstanding careers and supports aspiring nurses.

Both sisters attended St. James Mercy School of Nursing, where they appreciated the on-site living and practical approach the school employed. Phyllis lived and raised her family in the Andover area while working as a nurse and nurse manager at several area hospitals and nursing homes. She died in 2012.

Janet, who passed away last year, married James Appier (also an Andover native) and ultimately ended up residing in the Corning-Elmira area where she was employed in various long-term positions and earned her nurse practitioner's credential. She was licensed in both NY and PA and taught Clinical Studies at Elmira College.

This scholarship honors the memory and professionalism of these sisters, with priority for Andover Central School seniors and graduates pursuing study in nursing or in other health-related fields. Aspiring nurses from other county schools may also benefit.

A similar fund has also been set up in Janet's name with the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes for students that will attend nursing programs in that region.

Thank you for your consideration and selection of me to receive one of your scholarships. The financial support is very generous and incredibly helpful in funding my education! Thank you again!

~Jonathan

### Amanda Nicole Curcio Scholarship

The Family of Amanda Curcio has established a scholarship with the Allegany County Area Foundation in her memory. The Belfast Central



School senior passed away in May of 2007.

Though Amanda lived in several places throughout the state of New York, she loved Belfast and considered it home. She liked the outdoors, music, sports, and she treasured time with her family and friends. Creative, sensitive, and artistic, Amanda played the guitar and was especially interested in creative writing, drawing, art, and poetry.

She contributed greatly to the Belfast Central School through her kind, caring, and positive nature. Amanda enjoyed making people laugh, smile and appreciate time spent together. She helped others to find their community of friends within BCS and thrive there. She was always very mindful of others, looking out for their well-being and happiness.

The Amanda Nicole Curcio Scholarship will benefit Belfast Central School students who reflect Amanda's care and concern for others and display a solid academic record, with special consideration given to applicants showing an interest in creative writing and/or intent to pursue this at the college level.

This scholarship was originally created in 2007 and was school-based before being moved to ACAF this summer.

Thank you for your contribution to my education. It will be put to good use. I am very grateful for your support. ~Sofia



# New Funds continued

# John and Ruth Doyle Scholarship

Established in September 2021, the John and Ruth Doyle Scholarship memorializes these Cuba business and community leaders. This new scholarship assists a Cuba-Rushford Central School graduate pursuing a medical- or science-related field. The award may be received during the first or second year of college. The first scholarship was given this spring for the 2022-2023 academic year.

# Warren and Connie Emerson Scholarship

Long-time Allegany County residents and supporters Warren and Connie Emerson hoped

to someday see an Allegany County Area Foundation scholarship dedicated to graduates of Fillmore Central School. In December 2021, their wish was fulfilled when the ACAF Board of Directors established such a program and did so, to their surprise, in their honor. This first-ever Fillmore-specific award, the Warren and Connie Emerson Scholarship, was endowed by individual Foundation board members and will be given to a Fillmore senior or graduate for the first time in spring 2023.

Upon receiving the news, Warren noted "we're surprised and grateful to be honored in this way. For decades, we have recognized the potent and positive impact of the Allegany County Area Foundation, and we are deeply touched and heartened by the formation of the new scholarship. Thank you to the Foundation."

Connie, who passed away in April, was a 1962 graduate of Fillmore Central School and for many years an excellent and beloved secretary in the school's guidance office, where her kindness, insight, and words of wisdom helped students navigate challenges at school and home. Warren is a former Allegany County Assistant District Attorney, and a former law clerk in the Allegany County Courts, and served as a Foundation board member. Together they have faithfully supported the people and key organizations of Allegany County.

## Rose Fleming Scholarship

The family of retired teacher Rose Fleming has established a scholarship in her honor through the Allegany County Area Foundation. This award will



support an aspiring teacher with priority to graduates of Belfast or Fillmore Central School who will be pursuing teacher training at Rose's alma mater, St. Bonaventure University.

A first-generation college student from Rome, NY, Rose attended the only college she applied to — St. Bonaventure University — and is grateful for that education and the scholarships that made it possible. She cherished her time at St. Bonaventure and to this day is a loud and proud alumna.

A Southern Tier resident since those college days, Rose taught for 39 years, mostly at Belfast and Fillmore Central Schools as a reading specialist. She taught hundreds of students to read and developed a reputation as a caring, and highly skilled teacher.

In retirement, Rose contributes to her communities. She has been a school board member, is active in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and continues to encourage reading in her part-time librarian position at the Belfast Public Library.



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)

# Lee Gridley Memorial Scholarship



Anonymous donors have established a scholarship with the Allegany County Area Foundation in memory of educator and community leader Lee Gridley, who passed away on January 20, 2021.

The Lee Gridley Memorial Scholarship is open to a senior at or graduate of any Allegany County High School. The first scholarship will be awarded for the 2023-2024 academic year.

A lifelong resident of Wellsville, Lee was a 1956 graduate of Wellsville High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from Goucher College, and later a master's degree from Alfred University. Lee loved history, and teaching it was her career, primarily at Richburg Central School. She co-edited *Allegany County in the 20th Century: Stories of Change* and was involved with Allegany County History Week and the County's 2006 bicentennial.

An exceptional volunteer, highlights of Lee's service include the Allegany County Planning Board, which she chaired for a time; founding member of Genesee River Wilds; Wellsville Rotary; Allegany County Development Advisory Board; Allegany County Republican Party, Southern Tier West; and founder of the Allegany County Tourism Promotion Council. For her exemplary service, Lee was honored as a 2003 Woman of Distinction by the New York State Senate.

# Fund for the Hillside and Valley Brook Cemeteries

An anonymous donor has established a fund with the Allegany County Area Foundation for the benefit of Andover's Hillside and Valley Brook Cemeteries.

New York's rural cemeteries face financial challenges borne of rising costs, changing traditions, general economics, and regulatory policy. The Fund for the Hillside and Valley Brook Cemeteries will offer support, starting in 2022, to help these two cemeteries meet unusual or emergency maintenance needs.

# Charles and Lorraine Joyce Family Fund

The family of Charles and Lorraine Joyce have honored and memorialized their parents with the creation of the Charles and



Lorraine Joyce Family Fund with the Allegany County Area Foundation.

Reflecting the Joyce's lifelong love for and support of their home and business communities, the fund has a geographic focus on the towns of Andover and Wellsville and will assist activities related to education, access to the arts and literature, local history, athletics, and health and wellness.



### Tim Rohe Memorial Scholarship

The family of Fillmore Central School alumnus Tim Rohe has established a scholarship in

his honor and memory. This award will support a student pursuing education in a technology, mechanics, or engineering field with priority to graduates of Fillmore Central School.

Since he was young, Tim loved learning and tinkering. His passion for discovering how things work began with him taking apart and rebuilding old computers and grew into his later interest in computer engineering. Tim was always known for his sharpness in physics and math and his love of discussing philosophy. He loved to make goofy jokes and debate the latest political happenings or discuss the fine details of computer systems, and his knowledge of internet culture was second to none. At school, he was known for daring people to eat hot peppers and challenging teachers in debates about any subject.

Tim was also a kind and helpful young man who spent many hours working with his older brother Daniel on construction projects and happily playing with his nieces and nephews. He was always quick to offer help with any task. In high school he was both an athlete and a scholar: he was an active snowboarder and swimmer and earned National Merit recognition. After high school, he enrolled at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, where he was studying Computer Engineering.

Tim passed away in 2020 at the age of 19 after battling substance use and depression. His family remembers him for his passionate pursuit of knowledge, his curiosity in taking apart and rebuilding anything he could find, his love for philosophical thinking, and his quick-witted debate skills and humor. The recipient of this scholarship will embody Tim's qualities of curiosity and adventurousness.

# 2022 Scholarship Recipients (2022 - 2023 academic year)

Thank you for awarding me the Betty Embser Wattenberg Community Service Scholarship. I was honored to receive this scholarship and am planning to put it toward my tuition at SUNY Geneseo. Thanks again!

~Emily

Thank you for selecting me for the Belva A Waite Memorial Scholarship this year. I will be using your gift to attend Niagara County Community College for culinary arts. I highly appreciate your generosity by awarding me this scholarship.

~Matthew

I would like to thank you (ACAF) for awarding me the Robert G. Hutter Memorial Scholarship. This money is really going to help me afford my foundations art kit and meal plan. I can't express how grateful I am not only for what you have done for me, but also for many of my classmates.

~Zoe

Thank you for awarding me the Clair and Mildred Almeter Scholarship. This money will help me so much in college!

~Alex

Recipient	High School	Educator/Influencer	Scholarship Program
Marley Adams	Wellsville	Michelle Alvord	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Alannah Allen	Scio	Rebecca Hartnett	Marion W. Green Scholarship
Jordan Alles	Cuba-Rushford	Joseph Franzen	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Cole Armison	Fillmore	Donald Fraser	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Evan Babbitt	Houghton Academy	David Huizenga	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Lily Babbitt	Scio	Michael Pavlock	George and Ella Shear Scholarship
Megan Bailey	Wellsville	Emily Lester	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Zoe Balinsky	Alfred-Almond	Todd Bialecki	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Katelyn Barney	Whitesville	Alexander Lipnicki	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Zoe Beardsley	Fillmore	Jodi Brown	Dr. Robert G. Hutter Memorial Scholarship
Angelina Belcer	Cuba-Rushford	Jason Stupp	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Karolina Belcer	Depew	Second Grade Teacher	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Bailey Bennett	Genesee Valley	Pam Swan	Kane Family Scholarship
Mackenzie Bennett	Genesee Valley	Pam Swan	Kane Family Scholarship
Elizabeth Bentley	Genesee Valley	Sarah Horne	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Bittel	Wellsville	Zachary Smith	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Aubrey Bogart	Friendship	Karen Crandall	Mary A. Bishop Memorial Scholarship
Alicia Borden	Belfast	Sandy Miller	Lois M. Lilly Memorial Scholarship
Raina Bowen	Bolivar-Richburg	BRCS Faculty	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Eryn Broshar	Belfast	Tina Lingenfelter	General Scholarship
Naomi Buchholz	Whitesville	Erika Hyer-Scott	Edward Brewster Memorial Scholarship
Alyssa Bump	Cuba-Rushford	Thomas Kenyon	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Breanna Bump	Cuba-Rushford	Michelle McGraw	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Calsey Bump	Cuba-Rushford	Kathryn Bess	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Quinn Burke	Wellsville	Lindsay Marcus	Julianne Doyle Bentley Memorial Scholarship
Kimberly Butler	Genesee Valley	Mrs. Costello	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Kimberly Butler	Genesee Valley	Mrs. Costello	Kane Family Scholarship
Keirsten Campbell	Cuba-Rushford	Jason Stupp	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Sarah Carlton	Wellsville	Emily Lester	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Michaela Cawley	Wellsville	Chris Brown	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Alyshia Chandler	Scio	Jody Torrey	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Rebekah Clark	Cuba-Rushford	Joshua Tompkins	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Sabrina Claus	Cuba-Rushford	Katie McArdle	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Andrew Clement	Cuba-Rushford	Nicole Williams	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Austin Clement	Cuba-Rushford	Shannon Albert	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship
Moriah Clendenin	Genesee Valley	Alva Robbins	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Toryn Cline	Wellsville	Elizabeth Huyler	Karen A. Kunz Memorial Scholarship
Paige Cochran	Genesee Valley	Cassandra Ploetz	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Paige Cochran	Genesee Valley	Cassandra Ploetz	Clair and Mildred Almeter Scholarship
Clancey Cockle	Fillmore	Carol Hannon	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Lucas Cook	Portville	Jim McFall	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Emily Costello	Wellsville	Matthew Warren	Betty Embser Wattenberg Community Service Scholarsh
Kaelyn Crawford	Wellsville	Kristy McNulty	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Loralai Crawford	Wellsville	Andrea Hlasnick	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Emily Daciw	Genesee Valley	Dan Mezzoprete	Mary A. Bishop Memorial Scholarship
Yaritzi De Luna-Peralta	North Lenoir	NLHS Faculty	Ann Swift Memorial Nursing Scholarship (NC)
Alexis Deichmann	Genesee Valley	Alva Robbins	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Brayden Delahunt	Wellsville	Mrs. Burdick	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Skylee DeMun	Wellsville	WCS Faculty	Highway Superintendents Scholarship
Ryann Donlon	Alfred-Almond	Cheryl Kress	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Daniel DuMond	Alfred-Almond	Doug Jones	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Dyche	Cuba-Rushford	Shannon Albert	Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship

Recipient **Rachel Dyche** Shaquay Ely **Onalee Emery** Jaiden Enders Jessica Erdmann Lucas Erdmann Madison Ewing Caitlin Ferguson Connor Ferguson Matthew Ferraloro **Rachael Ferraloro** Corey Field **Keltsie Francis Kylie Francis Benjamin Frank** Bethany Gardner Kayli Giardini Kendra Giboo Jessie Goldsmith Jessie Goldsmith Mason Grasso **Ryan Greeson** Ainsley Grigg Abigail Grove Olivia Hanks Tera Harrison Aidan Hart Jeremiah Havens Aidan Heaney Shannon Heinig Sydney Heinig Cole Herrick Justice Herrick Addison Herring Alexa Hill Jared Hoskins Alexandra Howe Sydney Hurlbut **Dominic Incognito Rachel Jackson** Ella Jaffe **Evelyn** lanssen Matthew Johnson Paityn Johnston Noah Jones Jack Jordan Chloe Karn Alyssa Kear Austin Keib Mackenzie Keiser Mackenzie Keiser **Kieran Kelley** Adyn Kellogg Lauren Kelly **Dalton Ketchner** Kaleigh Kinnicutt

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I am the winner of the Belva Waite award. I am writing to express my gratitude to you and your organization for generosity in sponsoring this scholarship. Your support means so much, as my college expenses are significant.

This fall I will attend Rochester Institute of Technology to study engineering exploration. I haven't decided yet which engineering field I will pursue, but my goal is to do something meaningful. The financial support you have provided me with will greatly help me prepare myself to make a positive impact on the world. Thank you again.

~Jessica

Thank you ACAF for continuing to support me and my college goals. I will be entering my third year and am very grateful that ACAF extends their scholarships past the first year of college.

~Lauren

Thank you for awarding me the Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship This will be very helpful in continuing my academic career in biology.

~Michaela

Thank you for awarding me the Daniel McCarthy Scholarship. These funds will assist me in paying for studies at Jamestown Community College starting in the fall. My major is music, and after undergrad I plan on attending seminary and studying for the priesthood. I appreciate your generosity in this contribution.

~Ithilien

Thank you for awarding me the Wellsville Rotary Service Above Self Scholarship. I intend to use this money to help pay my tuition at Alfred University.

~Luke

Thank you so much for the two awards this year, the Barbie Ludden Scholarship and the Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship. I am looking forward to starting my college education in Rochester and can't thank you enough for the support!

~Brayden

Thank you for giving me the Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship and providing some financial aid to pursue my education in human service management.

~Megan

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Zoey Lee	Whitesville	WCS Faculty	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Jonathan Lewis	Whitesville	WCS Faculty	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Fallon Lewis-Ellison	Whitesville	Hollie Hall	Mary A. Bishop Memorial Scholarship
Avery Libordi	Alfred-Almond	Kate Wall	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Christian Lopez	Belfast	Laura Brace	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Keara Ludu	Wellsville	Marc Agnello	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Majoros	Fillmore	James Mullen	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Majot	Bolivar-Richburg	Heather Renyck	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Mansfield	Cuba-Rushford	CRCS Faculty	Alfred Wood Scholarship
Matthew Mansfield	Cuba-Rushford	CRCS Faculty	Cuba Council of Churches Scholarship
Sofia Marra	Genesee Valley	Rollie Duttweiler	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Rachel Marsh	Belfast	Elizabeth Hamer	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Kyle Mathes	Portville	Bill Torrey	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Erin Mawn	Fillmore	Stephen Bauer	Leonard and Margaret Kelley Scholarship
Andrea McMahon	Alfred-Almond	Stephen Donlon	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Jessica McMahon	Alfred-Almond	Stephen Donlon	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Sean McNell	Cuba-Rushford	Mike Ackerman	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
Emily Mess	Genesee Valley	Josie Preston	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Jaylynn Mess	Wellsville	Kristen Hillman	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
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Kathryn O'Neill	Wellsville	Diane Willard	Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship
Raegan Ordway	Andover	Stephanie Harrington	Carl Atwell Memorial Scholarship
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Christianna Reynolds	Cuba-Rushford	Kevin Spoor	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship
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Bailey Rouse	Cuba-Rushford	Jessica Poulin	Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship

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#### This year's scholarship recipients are studying at the following colleges and universities. \* = multiple students.

#### **NY Public Colleges:**

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The Allegany County Area Foundation has invested its endowment funds through Vanguard Group's Institutional Division since July of 2016. Vanguard support includes online tracking and reporting, market analysis and updates, and a dedicated account representative who meets with the ACAF board annually and by phone as needed. As of July 1, 2022, ACAF's funds are invested as follows:

Total Equities	59.10%
US Equities	40.80%
Non-US Equities	18.30%
Total Fixed Income	31.70%
US Fixed Income	22.60%
Non-US Fixed Income	9.10%
Total Real Estate	9.20%
Management Fee Pctge	0.25%

Investment allocations are rebalanced as needed, typically quarterly.

In determining endowment spending for scholarships, grants, and operations, ACAF utitlizes a twenty-quarter average of assets. This approach helps to even out ups and downs in the stock market, such as we've experienced this past year, allowing for consistency in awarding and budgeting. Once this twenty-quarter average is calculated, ACAF allocates 5% for spending - 4% for scholarships and grants, and 1% for Foundation operatings. ACAF board and staff are careful with our resources and annually come in under our operating budget. For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, we spent 92% of our budget, returning several thousand dollars to the endowment.

Use of a multiple-quarter average, rather than current assets, and a 5% spend rate are in line with best practices and NY State guidelines for foundations.

ACAF is audited and files the IRS form 990 and NY CHAR500 annually. Copies of the last three years' 990s are available on the Foundation web site.

Beginning Balance (7/1/2021)	\$12,817,094.31
Receipts/Investments	
Gifts endowment	\$663,770.15
Gifts non-endowed	\$52,600.28
Net Investment Income (loss)	\$(1,729,023.17)
Total Receipts (loss)	\$(1,012,652.74)
Disbursements	
Scholarships	\$(281,214.00)
Non-endowed Scholarships	\$(19,274.15)
Grants	\$(38,376.64)
Non-endowed Grants	\$(3,900.00)
Administration	\$(86,282.32)
Total Disbursements	\$(429,047.11)
Ending Balance (6/30/2022)	\$11,375,394.46
Assets on Hand	
Cash (Operating Account)	\$73,228.25
Cash (Endowment Account)*	\$380,299.71
Total Investments (FMV)	\$10,921,866.50
Total Assets (6/30/2022)	\$11,375,394.46

\*Funds in the Endowment Account are those allocated for 2022-2023 year grants and scholarships. Most of these were paid out in July.



Since our first scholarship in 1990, ACAF has awarded \$4,000,000+ in scholarships and grants

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# Our Mission:

The foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations in the Allegany County area by providing college scholarships, and grants to organizations that support educational, social, cultural and civic endeavors. In addition, the foundation provides a means for individuals and organizations to secure their futures through endowed funds. This enables each to leave a legacy which benefits specific areas of interest by pooling the resources of many in order to accomplish greater things for the entire community.

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