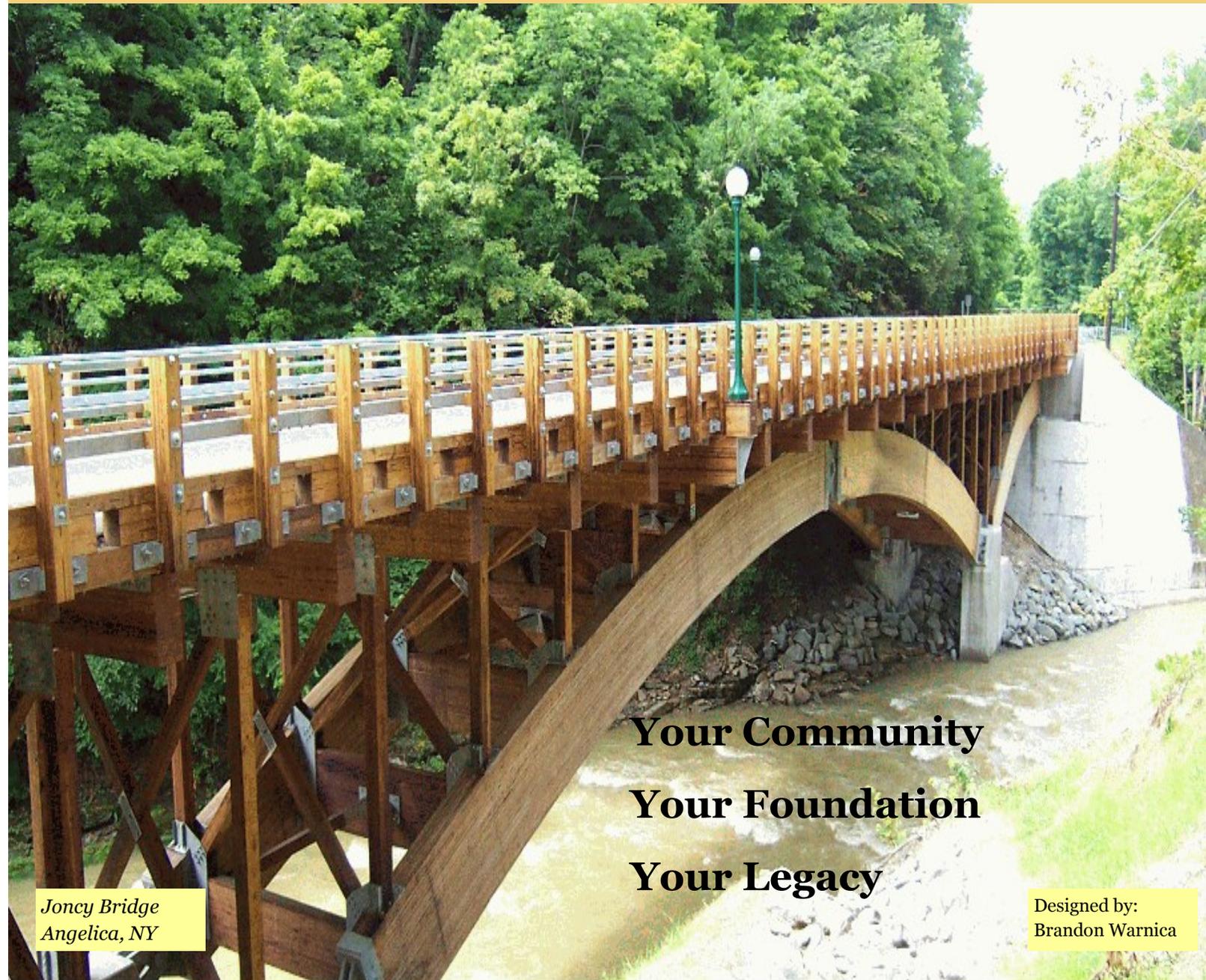


Allegany County Area Foundation



Annual Report 2011-2012

A Bridge to the Future



Your Community

Your Foundation

Your Legacy

*Joncy Bridge
Angelica, NY*

Designed by:
Brandon Warnica

A Message from the President

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In the lore of my mother's family, the Van Fleets of Black Creek, is the story about the argument that erupted on an otherwise pleasant Sunday afternoon concerning the distance from the bridge. Two parents, one grandmother, five children and the hired man all had their estimates as to how far away was X. "It couldn't be that much more than a mile." "A mile, it's more like five miles, how long since you've been up there?" "Five miles, why it isn't even five miles to town." "But the hill is deceiving, as to how far it is." "The hill, I would hardly call that a hill." And so it went. Until it was realized that they all needed to be talking about the same bridge.

Not counting the 113 bridges on state roads, nor the "bridges" with a clear span of under twenty feet, since they are correctly referred to as culverts, Allegany County's roads reach from here to there over rivers, creeks, elevation drops and impediments because of 303 bridges. We learned this from Guy James, the bridge man at our Department of Public Works, and Guy knows (and loves) his bridges; we thank him for the bridge pictures and information featured in this annual report.

Our foundation chose its logo about the time the impressive glue-laminated timber arch with two half-arches bridge over Joney Creek in Angelica was dedicated to the memory of Alton Saylor. Our goal is to help gifted students and worthy organizations get from where they are to where they would like to be if a financial need is the impediment. Holding up a bridge is rigging you can see from your vehicle, and supports you cannot. A student taking his scholarship to college, and the "big check" presentations in the newspaper are foundation bridges you can visualize. Supporting these bridges are the donations made through our benefactors' Wills and the checks written by young and not so young in any dollar amount. The Allegany Fund and the general scholarship fund have grown with many modest donations which combined with others can make an impact. The bridge needs the girders, but it also needs the nuts, bolts, diaphragms, guide rails and pavement which hold them together and maintain their strength.

How fortunate is Allegany County---we have a lot of creeks, and they can be impediments, but thanks to our many donors, we also have a lot of bridges. Our named scholarships and designated funds close the gap for many of our residents' needs, and our future is bright with the prospect of many more which the Allegany County Area Foundation will be honored to have in its trust. Thanks to every donor of money, time, experience, effort and encouragement. Together we are building bridges to a very bright future.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Miller

Carolyn Miller

"Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment."

Jim Rohn

Centerville Bridge
Centerville, NY



OUR MISSION: The Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for both present and future generations in the Allegany County area by providing scholarships and grants to individuals and organizations in support of educational, social, cultural and civic endeavors. It also provides a means for organizations to secure their futures through endowed funds and for individuals to leave a legacy to benefit their areas of interest, pooling the resources of many in order to accomplish greater things for the entire community.

Financial Report

Fund Balance

Beginning 5/1/11 **\$7,088,496.11**

Receipts:

Gifts \$45,461.78

Net Investment Income \$11,806.45

Total **\$57,268.23**

Disbursements:

Scholarships \$(119,950.00)

Grants \$(12,870.90)

Administration \$(67,814.77)

Total **\$(200,635.67)**

Receipts net of
Disbursements \$(143,367.44)

Fund Balance

Ending 4/30/12 **\$6,945,128.67**

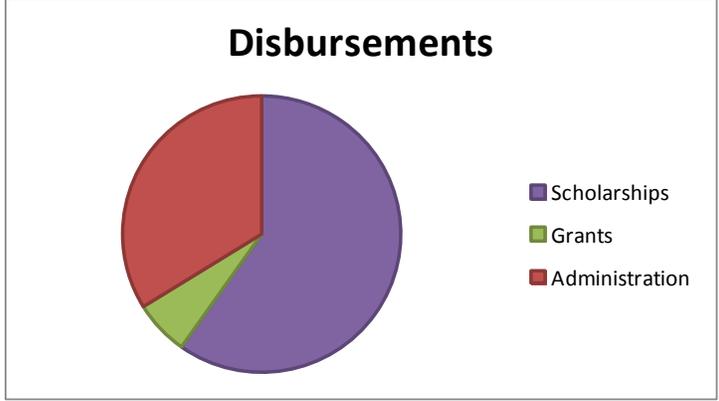
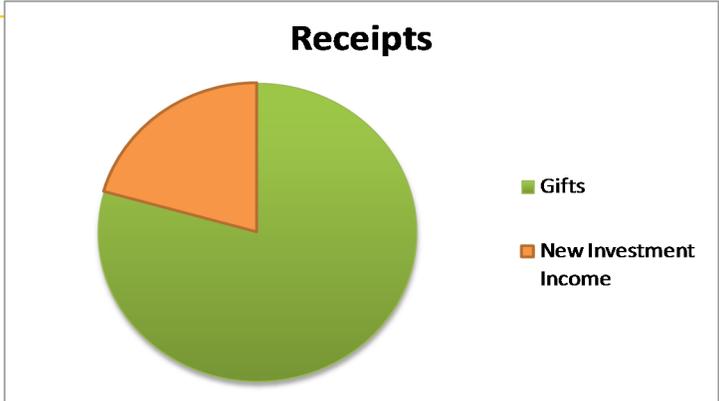
Assets on Hand

4/30/12:

Cash \$22,903.38

Total Investments
(FMV) \$6,922,225.29

Total Assets **\$6,945,128.67**



Builder of Bridges: Michael W. Kunz



Michael W. Kunz is a lifelong resident of Allegany County. He holds degrees from SUNY Geneseo and St. Bonaventure University. He retired from Cuba-Rushford Central School after a 34 year career in education, having taught elementary school in Friendship and serving as Principal at Cuba Elementary.

Mike has two children: his son Timothy lives with his wife and daughter in Cuba and is a graduate of Paul Smith's College; his daughter Nicole lives in Chicago and is a graduate of Gannon University and the University of Pittsburgh. She was honored to receive one of the first Belva Waite scholarships in 2002. Sadly, Mike's wife of 28 years, Karen passed away on April 1, 2007. Mike was blessed with a second marriage in 2011; he and his wife reside at Cuba Lake.

Retirement has afforded Mike the opportunity to serve in his church, the Cuba Lions Club, the Meals on Wheels program and at Family Life Network. Mike has been supportive of the Foundation since its inception.



Haskins Road Bridge
New Hudson

*“Mistakes are the usual
bridge between
inexperience and wisdom.”*

Phyllis Theroux

Karen A. Kunz Memorial Scholarship



Karen A. Kunz was a life-long resident of Allegany County and a graduate of Cobleskill and Houghton Colleges. She worked in the school business field for over 30 years. At the time of her death, in 2007, she was serving as the School Business Executive for Hinsdale Central School, but she had also served in the Friendship, Portville and Limestone School Districts, along with the Allegany-Cattaraugus BOCES.

As a tribute to her stellar career in school finance, this scholarship has been established by her family as a way to encourage those who would seek to follow her footsteps in the accounting and/or business profession.

Mrs. Kunz was a leader in the school business field. She was well-respected by her colleagues and had a tremendous work ethic. She was creative in finding financially responsible and ethical solutions to her schools' money woes in their effort to fund sound educational programs for K-12 students. She greatly enjoyed mentoring many prospective school business officials in the course of her career.

One of Mrs. Kunz's best traits was her marvelous sense of humor. By her example, she disproved the stereotype that accountants are always boring, humorless "bean counters." She was a great wife, mother of two, and friend to so many.

Mrs. Kunz was active in the Cuba United Methodist Church, served as senior high Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group Advisor for many years. She served on the church Board of Trustees. For helping with the FFA State Convention, she was the recipient of Cuba-Rushford's Honorary FFA Chapter Degree in 1999. Other interests during her life were gardening, cooking, golfing and walking. She also enjoyed traveling with her family.

“ All those who are around me are the bridge to my success, so they are all important”. Manny Pacquino

Donors

Individuals

Anonymous
Daniel and Anne Acton
Terry and Cynthia Akins
Jennifer Allen
Evelyn Alessi, Class of 2011, Belfast
Central School
Nyhl and Linda Austin
Rodney Bennett
Harriett H. Bradley
Robert and Connie Brandes
Thomas P. Brown
Susan Bush
Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Canfield
Donald Cameron
Bruce Campbell
Mary-Lou Cartledge
Anne Church
Larry and Deborah Clark
Larry C. Clark
Georgana Cochran
Zoe Coombs
James and Pauletta Copenheaver
David and Anne Crowe
John and Sue Culbert
David and Karen Daugherty
Susan DiBiase
Dennis and Ruth Doell
Thomas Dunn
Lori and Kevin Dzielski
Rhonda Eastland
Patty Engh
Bonnie Enke
Warren and Connie Emerson
Ray and Judy Emery
Peter Finlay
Laura Gabler
Lee Gridley
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Mr. and Mrs. George K. Goetschius
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Marcia Heinz
Richard and Kathleen Hollis
Ted and Judy Hopkins
Joyce Howland
Athena Jamesson
Mrs. A. Michael (Klope) Jamesson
Kalope Jamesson
Susan Church-Jamesson
Marion L. Johnson
Charles H. and Lorraine Joyce
Margaret and Lois Kemp
Michael W. Kunz
Mr. and Mrs. William C. LaCourse
Karen Latimer
S. Timothy Lunn
Peter Finlay
Kevin and Ginny La Forge
Joe and Sue Lindquist
Roy and Polly Lucas
Margaret Ludington
Doris MacFarquhar
Troy and Susan Martin
Hartley Maxson
Anne McAndrew
Kevin and April McCarthy
Rex and Marcia McIntosh
James R. McCormick
Joe and Liz Menichino
Carolyn J. Miller
Marcia Moore
Robert Mountain
Shirley Mullen
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Patty Oliver
David and Nancy Jo Pullen
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Terri Ross
Dave and Marianne Scoins
Peter and Mary Lou Sprague
William Tucker
William and Joan Veley
Marilyn Vreeland
Anne and Dean Wells
Elizabeth Wilder
Pamela Witter
G. Paul and MaryAnn Whitehouse
Dawn and Jeremy Wildrick-Cole
Paul Young
Robert and Martha Young

Corporations

Organizations , Associations

Allegany County Schools Federal
Credit Union
AVX Corporation
Belva Waite Estate
Cuba-Rushford Teachers' Association
Community Bank, NA
Federated Clover, Andrew Murray
Federated Clover Investment Advisors
Friendship Teachers' Association
L.C . Whitford Corporation
Nathan Petroleum Corporation
Notable Corporation
Northeast Office Supply, Bill Finch
Ried's Food Barn
Wegman's Food Markets

Five Big Reasons to Support Your Community Foundation (ACAF).

- I. We are a local organization that was established in 1983.
- II. Our funds are given to local people and local causes.
- III. Donations are tax deductible.
- IV. The dollars donated are multiplied through management by experts in the financial realm.
- V. Donations create a legacy that impacts the community and the people.

Looking Back to the beginning....

In 1983 the founders of the organization had a strong vision. The Foundation began in order to create a firm financial base for individual donors to plan their estates and make charitable contributions. It provided the flexibility needed to award scholarships and grants to worthy individuals and groups with the goal of perpetually enhancing the quality of life in Allegany County.

After 20 Years in the community....

Through a strong Foundation, Allegany County people ...” *could create a dream, to finance a new program or support endeavors that make our county a richer place to live.*” (Leslie J. Haggstrom, president (2003-2004 annual report)

Moving Forward...

In 2013 the ACAF celebrates its 30th year in Allegany County and we will continue to...

- Increase our *Friends of the Foundation* membership.
- Strengthen and support local initiatives through expansion of community based grants.
- Strive to grow endowments.
- Promote a greater understanding of the benefits of unrestricted funds and how they are used to sustain local interests in health, education, and cultural, civic and social projects.
- Partner with local organizations for greater impact.

New Funds and Scholarships

Allegany County Cancer Services, Inc.

In November, 2011 the ACCS created the agreement of endowment for a charitable fund to provide financial support for cancer patients in Allegany County. The ACCS placed with the Foundation a sum of ten thousand dollars.

Criteria for the fund is that the principal shall be held in perpetuity and an endowment and total investment return shall be paid to Allegany County Cancer Services on a regular basis but not less than annually.

Bob Christian Fund

The Bob Christian Fund has been created to honor his years of exemplary service to the Allegany County Area Foundation, Inc. as its first executive director.

In April, 2012 the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Area Foundation began the Bob Christian Fund as field of interest fund to provide financial support for ongoing historical research and the display of historical artifacts in Allegany County.

The ACAF established the fund a sum of more than six thousand dollars. The criteria for the fund is that the principal shall be held in perpetuity and an endowment and total investment return shall accrued and distributed from time to time, as directed by the Board.

Karen A. Kunz Memorial Scholarship Fund

In February, 2012 Michael W. Kunz established the Karen A. Kunz memorial scholarship fund. The fund was established to provide the sum of \$1,000 per year for two years for students from an Allegany County, Hinsdale or Portville school who intend to pursue an associate's degree in accounting and demonstrate financial need. The Fund was originally endowed for five thousand dollars. Subsequent donations have increased the original endowment.

The amount available for allocation is defined by the approved investment policy as a percent of the average market value and is approved annually by the Board of Directors.

Funds

Allegany County Fund

This general account meets the changing needs of the community best due to its unrestricted nature. The Foundation awards grants from the earnings of this fund at the discretion of the board throughout the year.

Designated Funds

Hydramec Fund (1989): Created by Hydramec, Inc. to provide financial support for the Scio Free Library.

Doris O. Church Fund (1999): Established by the family of Doris O. Church to provide financial support for the Andover Public Library.

SPCA Serving Allegany County Endowment Fund (1998): Sponsored by the SPCA to provide permanent financial support to the SPCA for the care, shelter and adoption of unwanted or abandoned animals.

Cuba Memorial Hospital Endowment Fund (2005): Established by the hospital to provide financial support for the Cuba Memorial Hospital.

Education Recognition Fund (2006): Established by a gift from Paul Drake to provide support for the annual Educator/Scholarship Program.

Conrad and Kathryn Church Landscaping Fund (2007): Established by a gift from Kathryn Church to provide support for the purpose of maintaining the trees of Andover village in perpetuity.

Francis and Beatrice Bartoo Memorial Fund (2011): Established by a gift from the estate of the Bartoos, this fund will endow the Richburg-Wirt Historical Society with income for its operating expenses in the perpetuity.

Field-Of-Interest Funds

Thomas F. and Laura L. Moogan Family Fund (1993): Endowed by long-time Wellsville residents Thomas F. and Laura L. Moogan for the purpose of promoting and assisting volunteer charitable and educational organizations throughout Wellsville and Allegany County.

Norbert Shear Memorial Fund (2001): Created by the family of A. Norbert Shear to provide grants to groups serving Allegany County.

Gratitude and Thank You's....

Dear Allegany County Area Foundation,

Thank you again for the Dresser-Rand scholarship. I greatly appreciate your continued support as I pursue my education at Rochester Institute of Technology. Next fall, I will be starting my final year of undergraduate education. It has been a great experience for me. Respectfully, Steven Thomas

“People are so helpful. People will stop what they're doing to show you something, to walk with you through a section of the town, or explain how a suspension bridge really works.” David McCullough

Scholarships

Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by the will of Belva A. Waite for students residing in Allegany County pursuing undergraduate studies based on all-around high school performance.



Jacob Boll (Right) was Bolivar Richburg Salutatorian. Jacob is an athlete as well as a scholar, playing baseball, football, and volleyball. He was chosen for the Big 30 football team. He has also participated in band, choir, jazz band, the school play, and has been a class officer and a member of the student counsel. Jacob has been a student in the demanding New Vision's course geared to medical professions and his career choice is in the field of nursing, which is his major at St. John Fisher College. *Most Influential Educator:* **Justin Thomas** (Left)

Katherine Braunscheidel (Right) graduated from Wellsville High School, and is majoring in Public Relations/Communications at the University of Dayton. She has played basketball, soccer, and softball during her high school years, and as a highlight was captain of the Section V championship basketball team in 2010-11. Katherine has been a class officer, Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook, a member of SADD, a Jones Memorial Hospital queen candidate, and a Literacy tutor. *Most Influential Educator:* **Susan Dibiase** (Left)



Sharon Brautigam (Right) was the Houghton Academy valedictorian in 2010, and she is a junior at Houghton College, where she has been a very high Dean's List student. In high school Sharon was active in sports and choir, and in college she has played soccer, has volunteered as an English as a Second Language tutor, and is an officer with Allegany County Outreach. Sharon has received academic awards in chemistry and has worked on campus in the maintenance department. *Most Influential Educator:* **Robin Pawling** (Left)

Elizabeth Bridge graduated from Scio Central School last year, was awarded a scholarship to begin her study in Diagnostic Medical Sonography at the Rochester Institute of Technology. At Scio Liz was very involved in sports and in numerous community activities. Liz has been a Dean's List student at RIT, and has worked as a note taker for deaf students, has been a swimming instructor, and has been a nanny. *Most Influential Educator:* **Cynthia Haas**
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Another repeat scholarship winner is **Joshua Campbell** (Right), who graduated from Fillmore Central School last year. Now studying at Syracuse University with a double major in TV/radio/film and Political Science. Joshua played soccer, basketball, and baseball at Fillmore, and is a member of the Syracuse University fencing club. Along with more traditional summer employment in food service, Joshua operates a website focused on current music styles, including of course the barbershop quartet tunes we've enjoyed at the reception. *Most Influential Educator:* **James Mullen**

Elizabeth Crowe (Right) graduated from Bolivar Richburg Central School, and she is majoring in Microbiology at the University of Buffalo. A gifted artist and writer, Elizabeth has attended Girls State, and has been yearbook editor and a writer and a cartoonist for the school newspaper. She was her school's soccer team captain, and was chosen to play 1st violin in the All State Orchestra. *Most Influential Educator:* **David Pruch** (Left)



Travis Ely (Right) graduated from Genesee Valley Central School, and he is attending SUNY Brockport with a Biochemistry major. He is a talented musician, and was a member of the Jazz and Marching bands, as well as having been chosen for all county and all state. He was treasurer of his class, and captain of the basketball and baseball teams at Genesee Valley. In addition, he has been a frequent volunteer at Jones Memorial Hospital. He scored a 100% on both the English and Chemistry Regents. *Most Influential Educator:* **Alva Robbins** (Left)

Jessie Gyr's (Right) interest is in the fields of Sociology and Psychology, which she is studying at SUNY Genesee. At Genesee Valley Central School she has been on the varsity volleyball and tennis teams, yearbook committee, FBLA, and secretary of her class. Significantly, she has been employed at a local restaurant for four years. Her success is a result of natural talent and hard work. *Most Influential Educator:* **Theo Bullock** (Left)



Scholarships

Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund Continued



From Belfast Central, **Alexander Hulin** (Right), is attending Paul Smiths College, majoring in culinary arts. He has played tennis as well as being involved in numerous musical and theatrical productions on and off stage. He has played in the pit band, jazz band, and marching band. He has been elected vice president of his class. During the summer of 2010 Alex traveled to France, Germany, and Switzerland on an educational tour. He is employed part time as a cook in a local restaurant. *Most Influential Educator:* **Derek Briggs** (Left)

A repeat scholarship winner is **Stephen (Tad) Johnson** (Right) who graduated from Genesee Valley Central School in 2011. Now attending Alfred State College, he is majoring in Liberal Arts and Sciences and Adolescent Education. Tad's high school participation in Drama Club had led to his appearance in a play on the Alfred State campus last fall. Tad's on-campus part-time job is in the college bookstore. *Most Influential Educator:* **Sarah Horne** (Left)



Megan Lindsey (Right) graduated from Wellsville High School and she is attending RIT with a major in University Studies. Megan has contributed to the activities of her church, volunteering to help children as well as adults. She has participated in soccer, and track and field, has been a yearbook editor, a member of Science Club, and a peer tutor to name a few of her extracurricular activities. *Most Influential Educator:* **Robert Willard** (Left)

Alexandra McCumiskey (Right), a Fillmore graduate in 2011, has completed her freshman year at St. Bonaventure University. She was the Big 30 Scholar nominee from Fillmore and valedictorian of her class, and had been a member of Student Council and class president. At St. Bona's she has worked as a secretary in the History Department. Fully immersed in the academic life, Alexandra has made the most of the intellectual opportunities for personal growth and awareness. *Most Influential Educator:* **Roderick Hughes** (Left)



Emily McCumiskey (Right) graduated from Belfast Central School last year, and is attending Daemen College, in their challenging Physicians Assistant program. Emily was a very active scholar athlete in high school, her artwork won prizes and she also worked part time at a pizza shop, which she has continued during school vacations. *Most Influential Educator:* **Professor Swartz** (Left)

Off to Brockport is **Tali Ann Morse** (Right), in their Biology Major. At Genesee Valley, Tali has been a captain, an all star and all tournament player for volleyball and softball in addition to basketball. She has also shown her leadership as an officer of her class, and her reputation is as a respected and respectful student. She has been a peer tutor and involved with youth athletics. She has been enrolled in the New Visions program studying the medical sciences, and was salutatorian of her class. *Most Influential Educator:* **Tracy George** (Left)



Victoria Mullen (Right), with a High Dean's list accum, appears to be on track to graduate from Houghton College next May, three years after her high school graduation from Fillmore Central School. She is enrolled as an Art Major, with an English/Communications minor, and has continued the Renaissance woman capabilities she exhibited in high school, where she excelled in everything in which she participated and she participated in everything. This past summer, she worked with abused and neglected children at Royal Family Kids Camp, this time teaching them about photography. *Most Influential Educator:* **Connie Emerson** (Left)

David Roorbach (Right) graduated from Houghton Academy last year, and has completed his Freshman year at Indiana Wesleyan University as a Public Relations major. He was the recipient last year of the foundation's Mary Bishop scholarship. In high school David was named to the Section V all tournament basketball and soccer teams, and has played intramural football and basketball in college. *Most Influential Educator:* **Phil Merrill** (Left)



Danielle Taylor began her career at Jamestown Community College after she graduated from Friendship Central School. She's majoring in Liberal Arts, building on her interest in art, Applied Math and Applied Science. She has been a class officer and has participated in Model U.N. *Most Influential Educator:* **William O'Connell**
No Photo Available

Scholarships

Belva A. Waite Memorial Scholarship Fund Continued

Jennifer Vanskiver graduated from Canaseraga Central School and is majoring in Equine Business Management. Jennifer holds a part time job and spends a some of her non school time riding, training, and showing horses and participating in her 4-H club's activities. As a soccer player, she has been named to the section V All Stars. *Most Influential Educator: Rebecca Montesano* *No Photo Available*

Jarrett Vossburg (Right) graduated from Fillmore Central School as valedictorian, taking with him an impressive array of awards, and a resume of outstanding participation in numerous activities. Significant among them has been the DAR Good Citizenship Award, attending Boy's State, and being named the Fall Sport Scholar Athlete list for Allegany County. He has been captain of the wrestling team, and has played baseball, and as a Section V tournament all star in soccer, he has been the Eagles' undisputed leader. He had participated in band, choir, and drama, carrying significant roles in the school musicals, and was elected class president. Jarrett is attending SUNY Geneseo. *Most Influential Educator: James Mullen* (Left)



Also from Fillmore is **Emma Webb** (Right) who is interested in the field of Marketing. She is attending Houghton College. Emma has participated in soccer, basketball, and softball. Also, she was chosen to participate in All County and Area All State choir, All County band, jazz band, handbells, and show choir. She has been very active in her church's activities and she has coached youth soccer. Her reference mentions that as a student, she asks good questions, and she is a leader, both in the classroom and in athletics. *Most Influential Educator: Kathryn Reitnour* (Left)

Esther Webb (Right) whose college choice is also Houghton, has twice been named Offensive Team MVP in soccer, and thrice a 1st team county All Star. She won the Relentlessness Award in basketball, and has also participated in softball and track. She has been chosen for All County band and choir, area All State choir, and jazz band, handbells, and show choir. She was elected Student Council President, Varsity Club President, and class secretary. *Most Influential Educator: Ruth Boon* (Left)



Tyler Whitesell (Right) is an Andover Central School valedictorian, and he is attending Alfred State College, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He has been an involved student, a member of the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams. He was elected class treasurer, and is a member of SADD and Drama Club. He was chosen for All County Band all four years of high school. Tyler received numerous academic awards, especially in the field of information technology. He has volunteered his participation in youth sports, such as Little League and 5th and 6th grade basketball. *Most Influential Educator: Alan Barber* (Left)

Lois M. Lilly Scholarship Fund

Established by the will of Lois M. Lilly to provide scholarships to assist worthy residents of Allegany County in attending the college or university of their choice. Preference is given to a Belfast Central School graduate.

Kourtnie Franklin, from Belfast Central School, is attending Houghton College, majoring in Inclusive Childhood Education. Kourtnie has been a class officer and a Student Council representative, has won awards for her art work, and her soccer team has won scholar athlete recognition. Kourtnie completed the Upward Bound program through Houghton College, and also an internship at a daycare facility for children. *Most Influential Educator: Carrie Flanagan-Watson* *No Photo Available*

George and Ella Shear Scholarship Fund

Created by Ella Sheer to provide scholarships to graduates of Scio Central School, with preference to students pursuing a career in elementary education.

Brittany Windus (Right) is a Dean's list student at St. Bonaventure University, having graduated from Scio in 2011. In high school she had played soccer, basketball, and softball, winning a most valuable player award in each sport and was a class officer. Brittany is seeking a dual major in education and psychology. *Most Influential Educator: Dr. C. Walker* (Left)



Scholarships

Kirby L. Jensen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by family and friends of Kirby L. Jensen for students graduating from Wellsville Central School pursuing a career in science and technology. Financial need is considered.



Jessica DeJonge (Right) is majoring in Exercise Science at the University of Buffalo. At Wellsville High School, she has been a soccer team captain, on the track and field team, and vice president of SADD. She has amassed a high number of community service hours, volunteering at her church, the SPCA, and the chamber of commerce, in addition to her part time job at a local assisted living facility. *Most Influential Educator:* **Robert Willard** (Left)

Emma Jackson's (Right) career choice is in physical therapy/athletic training line. Her sports have been basketball and tennis, and her club affiliations have been SADD, Habitat for Humanity, the school newspaper, and FBLA. She is a member of the school orchestra as well. Emma is attending Alfred University. *Most Influential Educator:* **Susan DiBiase** (Left)



William F. Farnsworth Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by friends and relatives of William F. Farnsworth for graduates of Genesee Valley Central School, with preference to students pursuing a career in education. Financial need is considered.

Danielle Broughton graduated from Genesee Valley Central School in 2010, and recently from Jamestown Community College. She has begun her Junior year at Houghton College with a declared major in Inclusive Childhood Education. In high school Danielle was involved in several sports and volunteered with local youth sports programs. She leads the Angelica Summer Recreation program, and her reference mentions her as enthusiastic, a creative thinker, and someone who never lets the challenges or responsibilities of teaching and caring get the better of her. *Most Influential Educator:* **Penny Miller**

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Allegany Fund General Scholarship

For many years, individual donations and memorial gifts have been given to the Foundation and the board has channeled them to a general scholarship fund.

Kali Beardsley (Right) from Wellsville High School is attending Jamestown Community College pursuing a career in Occupational Therapy Assisting. Kali has an after school job at a local pizza shop, and has played softball and volleyball. Her reference affirms that she is a hard-working student, with excellent time-management habits. *Most Influential Educator:* **Lindsay McNinch** (Left)



Adam Bennett (Right) is going to RIT for Electrical Engineering and was salutatorian of the Class of 2012 at Fillmore Central School. Adam was a member of the five person Envirothon team which won the environmental science competition at Letchworth State Park. As a member of a similar FFA team at last summers State Fair, his team placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of the 100 participants there. Adam also takes care of humble tasks and grunt work without requiring a pat on the back, such as being in charge of the largest December fruit sale the FFA has ever had. *Most Influential Educator:* **Than Mehlenbacher** (Left)

Skylar Majot is a repeat foundation scholarship winner having graduated from Bolivar-Richburg Central School last year as valedictorian, and getting off to an excellent start in the demanding Physician program at Daemen College. A winner of numerous awards and scholarships, Skylar was a willing volunteer at many community functions, and as a youth softball coach. *Most Influential Educator:* **Edwin Clausen**



Noah McNeill (Right) is another of the outstanding young men who graduated from Fillmore Central School, and he is studying Biology at Allegheny College. A member of the championship Envirothon and FFA Environmental Science contest teams, he was also chosen as a member of the All State Wind Ensemble, All County and All State Band, and he attended Boys State. Noah has also been a member of the varsity soccer and tennis teams, and active in his church. *Most Influential Educator:* **James Mullen** (Left)

Scholarships

Edward Brewster Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by the will of Pauline Brewster in honor of her husband Edward to provide scholarships for Whitesville Central School graduates who exhibit strong work ethic and financial need.



Emily Brubaker (Right) is undecided in a career choice, and is attending Palm Beach Atlantic University as a Biology major t figure that out. Emily has been a class officer and a member of the yearbook staff. Her reference mentions that she does nothing but excels, in the classroom and in athletics. This student athlete was named to the first team great 8 In basketball and was the Birds Eye Player of the Week 8 times. *Most Influential Educator: Daniel Denner* (Left)

Emily Erdmann is enrolled at Alfred State College with a major in Liberal Arts, with the intention of investigating Math and Science courses. Emily has played varsity soccer and softball and was a Student Council Member. Emily's reference notes that she is from a family who sees community service as both an opportunity and an obligation, and that Emily just happens to be around when something needs to be done, and she quietly does it. *Most Influential Educator: Susan Dempsey*



Marcus Schoen (Right), the class salutatorian, is the third Brewster scholar this year, and he is attending SUNY Geneseo, where he is majoring in English. Marcus has played varsity soccer, basketball, and baseball, and has been a member of the Student Council. His after School Job has been as a philatelic assistance, not the most common of employment experiences. He was a member of the school band and was active in School Booster activities. *Most Influential Educator: Daniel Denner* (left)

Dresser-Rand Scholarship Fund

Established by a gift from Dresser-Rand for the benefit of children and family of current and retired Dresser-Rand Wellsville employees. Preference is given to those pursuing technical, manufacturing, or business course of study. Financial need and academic performance are considered.

Kristina Chalker is a graduate of Scio Central School and has completed her first year at Rochester Institute of Technology as an Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Technology major. Extremely active in high school, she was a on Drama Club, a class officer, and she was on the soccer, softball, and track teams. She also volunteered for every fund-raising, cleaning up, letter sending, cookie baking, collecting, ticket selling, and booth tending project going. She was an extremely dedicated Literacy Volunteer, and interned with the Allegheny County Nitros baseball team. At RIT she played intramural soccer and is a secretary of the Pool Club.

Most Influential Educator: MaryBeth Thompsett

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Adrian Perry (Right) is going to Alfred State College as an Information Technology major. At Genesee Valley Central School Adrian has been Mr. Into everything from Scholastic Challenge, student Government, Spanish Club, Concert band, to senior writer for the school newspaper, "The Roar", and not merely as a joiner but a valued contributor. He has played soccer, volleyball, and either track, baseball, or tennis. *Most Influential Educator: Donna DiGiralomo* (Left)

Nathan Wieszczyk is attending Alfred State College, majoring in Welding. At Andover Central School, he has been a class officer, a member of the baseball and basketball team, and involved in community projects. He is not afraid of physical work: lawn mowing, and working for area farmers at harvest time. *Most Influential Educator: Blair Buchholz*

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Joseph E. Presutti Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by family and friends in honor of Joe Presutti. Preference for Genesee Valley Central School graduates, those in public service and/or veterans. Financial need is considered.



Brianna Presutti (Right) graduated from Genesee Valley Central School, where she was a member of both French club and Ski club, as well as a class officer and a member of the yearbook committee. She has been an all star soccer and basketball player and was a member of the track team. After school she has worked as a waitress and math tutor. Her major at Seton Hill University is Art Therapy. *Most Influential Educator: Tracy George* (Left)

Scholarships

Karen A. Kunz Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by family in honor of Karen A. Kunz. This scholarship has been established by her family as a way to encourage those who would seek to follow her footsteps in the accounting and/or business profession.



Michael Querrieo (Left) graduated from Portville Central School and enrolled in SUNY Fredonia. Michael has been a top student in math, and very involved as a member of the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams, and also of the Physics Club. He was the first to volunteer to tutor younger students. *Most Influential Educator: Heather Smith* (Right)

The George and Irene Fisk Memorial Fund

Established by a gift from Mrs. Fisk, then a 99-year old lady in a nursing home, with the condition that her name not be revealed while she was alive, the scholarship she created was for students pursuing a non-traditional career path in a program that would offer a certificate rather than a degree and covering up to 75% of the total cost for those seeking to improve their current skills.

Myriah Tavano (Right) graduated from Scio Central School and is attending Wyo Tech in Blairsville, Pennsylvania studying street rod and custom fabrication. Here references list her personality as her greatest asset, and she brings a zest for life to every task and project. She has studied Collision Repair technology and related courses at BOCES. She has played soccer and softball, and has frequently worked at the concession stand during basketball games.



Daniel R. McCarthy Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by agreement with the Olean Business Institute to provide scholarships for students desiring to attain an associate degree in occupational studies. Award is based on all-around general merit and financial need.



Peter Kurzdorfer (Right) is looking to change careers, and is enrolled in the Paralegal program. His previous work experience has been as a chess master, assistant editor of the publication Chess Life, and as a customer care specialist. His avocation has been as a vocalist, appearing with the Enchanted Mountain Chorus, the Seneca Junction Chorus, the Keynote Chorus, and with Chorduroy, a barbershop quartet. His reference mentions that Peter is professional, respectful, preserving, and committed and an enthusiastic student. *Most Influential*

Trisha Priest is a resident of Cattaraugus County, New York, and transitioning at OBI from a career in Banking. Her major is Business Administration and Accounting, and she has been a Dean's List student. She is married and the mom of four children, a volunteer fire fighter, and taking training to become an EMT. Her reference mentions that she is a dedicated and hard working student whose work is accurate. *Most Influential Educator: Peggy Pattison* *No Photo Available*

Cindy Sweet is a resident of Cuba, and also changing careers. After holding many responsible positions in the nursing profession, her own medical issues prevent her from continuing in that field. She is enrolled in the Paralegal curriculum at OBI. Cindy received her associate's degree from Alfred State College, and among many awards and recognitions, the very prestigious Paul B. Orvis Award for Excellence. She has been a long standing volunteer in her church's activities and a member of the choir. She is a mother of three children. *Most Influential Educator: Carol Lange* *No Photo Available*

Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship Fund

Created by a bequest from Inez A. Hupp to award scholarships to students graduating from Cuba-Rushford Central School.

Grace Armison is majoring in Agricultural Technology at Southern University this fall. She has worked part time at several dairy farms during high school, and has been active in FFA, holding several offices and earning several local and state awards, including the National Marketing Plan bronze. She has participated in Youth Court, and was Allegany County Dairy Princess Association Ambassador. *Most Influential Educator: Pattie Ploetz* *No Photo Available*

Scholarships

Joseph W. and Inez A. Hupp Scholarship Fund Continued

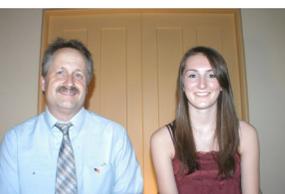
Ellen Bagley graduated from Cuba Rushford last year, and has successfully completed a year at Houghton College with a major in Physical Education. She was a very active high school student, with an emphasis on her love of athletics. She is on the softball team at Houghton, and is the student manager of the Houghton College men's basketball team. Coach Hannon has nothing but praise for the extreme professionalism Ellen has brought to this position. *Most Influential Educator: **Andrew Hannon*** *No Photo Available*

Caryl Koch (Right) is enrolled at Alfred University as an engineering major. He is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, earned through his success in engineering, design, and applied subjects at BOCES. He has often been seen working in the snack shack at school. *Most Influential Educator: **Alan Barber*** (Left)



Jennifer James (Right) anticipates a teaching career, therefore her major is Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education at Jamestown Community College. Jennifer has played varsity and summer league soccer and softball and was a member of Student Council and Youth Court. She has volunteered in many venues, including her church, the Garlic Festival, Cuba Chamber of Commerce, with youth soccer programs and the United Way. *Most Influential Educator: **Annette White*** (Left)

Shelby Stevens (Right) is attending Genesee Community College and anticipates a career as a social worker. She has been a member of Spanish Club, and has volunteered with Operation Christmas Child. Shelby has shown her reliability and creativity in her advanced art courses; being creative and well organized do not always go hand in hand, but Shelby combines them well. *Most Influential Educator: **Joseph Shafer*** (Left)



Vanessa Sweet (Right) is majoring in Biology at Houghton College. She has participated in sports, in particular volleyball, and in Scholastic Challenge. At her after school job, she is one of those people who can keep track of who wants the honey oat, provolone, no onion, light mayo. Vanessa began attending Cuba Rushford in her junior year. *Most Influential Educator: **Karl Schmidt*** (Left)

Hannah White graduated a year ago, and has begun her Major of Art Education at Alfred University. Active in high school Student Council and French Club, winner of the Sportsmanship Award of the Cross Country team, and involved as a volunteer with community projects, she has worked at McDonald's and at Carpie's Grill. As an artist, she brings great enthusiasm to every project, pushing the boundaries of the assignment, enjoying the stimulation and the challenge. *Most Influential Educator: **Allison Freenaughty***



Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship Fund

Established by the will of Louisa A. Sibley for graduates of Cuba Rushford School District.

Brandon Clayson graduated two years ago from Cuba Rushford, recently from Jamestown Community College, and is enrolled at St. Bonaventure, majoring in Elementary Education. *Most Influential Educator: **Linnæe Nicholas*** *No Photo Available*

Caleb Holmes (Right) enrolled in Daemen College in the Physical Therapy curriculum, he also joined the soccer team. Caleb has probably not won every soccer award in existence, but we were unable to find any that he didn't earn. Significant, of course, is his being named Allegany County soccer player of the year. He has also been recognized for his exceptional ability in baseball, hockey, and basketball. Caleb was senior class president, and a hardworking and dedicated volunteer. *Most Influential Educator: **Thomas Kenyon*** (Left)



Brooke Jordan (Right) is now at SUNY Geneseo, majoring in English Adolescent Education. It would be hard to find someone with half the volunteer hours Brooke has donated for her school and community's benefit. In addition to her involvement in sports, in particular volleyball, and band and choir, she has studied Irish dance for over ten years. *Most Influential Educator: **Michelle Grillo*** (Left)

Scholarships

Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship Fund Continued



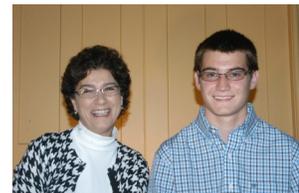
Lacey Lancaster (Right) plans to be a nurse, and she enrolled in Jamestown Community College, but she has already taken courses for college credit. Lacey was part of the Spanish Club, participated in Youth Court, and has volunteered at community fundraisers and benefits. Her reference praises Lacey's academic abilities and her personal sense of commitment. Quiet competence describes Lacey, who doesn't speak often, but when she does, she has something thoughtful and interesting to say. *Most Influential Educator:* **Linda Botens** (Left)

Nicole Lindberg (Right) is attending SUNY Geneseo. At Cuba Rushford she has been involved with French Club, Student Council, and the track and field team. She has also been a strong participant in pit band, jazz band, and senior band. She has worked at local restaurants nights and weekends. Also, she has a head start on college credits. *Most Influential Educator:* **Marian Blair** (Left)



Kyle Lockwood (Right) anticipates a career in Elementary Education, and he is attending college in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. He has been a member of the varsity football and basketball teams, and was invited to play in the big 30 football classis this past summer. He won a Section V sportsmanship recognition as well. Kyle has an after school and weekend job at Moonwinks. *Most Influential Educator:* **William Van Damme** (Left)

Colin Loftis (Right) is attending St. Bonaventure, studying chemistry. He wants to be a pharmacist. Colin has been a member of the varsity soccer and tennis team, French club, and he has found plenty of opportunities to put his volunteer spirit to work. 100% effort and leadership is invested in Colin's activities, and his intellectual curiosity has fed his academic achievement. *Most Influential Educator:* **Marian Blair** (Left)



Abigail Luzier's (Left) chosen major is Animal Science, which she is studying at SUNY Cobleskill. Varsity softball, Youth Court, senior band, pit band and jazz band, and working at the Cuba Cheese Shoppe, either in the office or doing outside maintenance, Abigail has been an active high school student. Her major commitment has been through the 4-H program, and she been an outstanding member for over ten years. *Most Influential Educator:* **Dawn Santangelo** (Right)

Courtney Mountain (Right) is studying Biomedical Sciences and French at Ohio State University. Courtney has taken a bunch of courses for college credit already, and has completed the BOCES New Visions course for those interested in the health care professions. She was her class salutatorian. An athlete as well as a scholar, Courtney has played basketball, has worked at various basketball camps, and has excelled in cross country and track and field. She was president of the French club. One of her after school jobs has been homeschooling and caring for a seven year old girl. *Most Influential Educator:* **Marian Blair** (Left)



Emily Mueller is known for her perfect attendance, participation in band and chorus, membership in Spanish club, and in the Rushford Town Band. She has been the assistant in Rushford's summer recreation program. A very fine scholar, enthusiastic, gifted motivated, and hard working, Emily has completed the Honors version of the U.S. History and Government as well as the American History and Government course for college credit. She is attending SUNY Fredonia with a major in History and pre-law. *Most Influential Educator:* **Kyle Hurtgam** (Left)

Elizabeth Stengel has graduated from the University of Rochester with a degree in English Literature, Film and Media Studies, and has begun work at the University of Buffalo for a Master's Degree in Library Science. She has consistently appeared on a list of college dean maintains for extraordinary student. At U of R, she has participated in Trivia Club, Medieval Society, Cinema Group, and English Council. *Most Influential Educator:* **Rebecca Burditt**



Megan Van Der Horst (Right) was co-valedictorian of the Class of 2012, and she'll figure out her major at Hartwick College. In a class of many exceptional scholars, Megan was certainly at the top of a most prestigious heap. In addition to maintaining a weighted average of nearly 102%, she has been a member of the swim team, French club, and a National Merit semi-finalist. She is a swim instructor and a life guard, and works part time at Moonwinks. Her reference notes that more impressive than her outstanding performance on exams is the deep understanding she has of the subject's content. *Most Influential Educator:* **Thomas Kenyon** (Left)

Scholarships

Walter F. and Louisa A. Sibley Scholarship Fund Continued



Ryan Webb (Right) is the other co-valedictorian. His reference described him as intelligent, mature, insightful, having a good work ethic and personality. Ryan is studying Aerospace Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ryan was named MVP in swimming, and received the sportsmanship award on cross country. He was a French Club officer, a member of the Student Council, and the President of the Class of 2012. *Most Influential Educator:* **Thomas Kenyon** (Left)

Hannah Whittaker graduated last year and has been studying Math and Science in the Liberal Arts curriculum at Jamestown Community College for the past year. She has been working at the computer center at JCC and at Giant Food Mart. In high school Hannah played softball, was captain of the cross country team, and treasure of Pop Group as well as president of Drama Club, active in the programs in her church and a frequent community volunteer. Her reference mentions that she courageously leads by example and is a role model. *Most Influential Educator:* **Marian Blair** (Left)



Mary A. Bishop Scholarship Fund

Established by the will of Mary A. Bishop to provide scholarships to students residing in Allegany County who demonstrate general merit and need so they can attend the school of their choice.



Anthony Nichols is a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist, a truly gifted and well-rounded student from Fillmore Central School. He has taken all the hard subjects, including those available for college credit. He has been an integral part of the soccer, basketball, and track teams, has been a great performer in both band and choir, and is very involved in the youth group at his church. Anthony's major is Economics and Mathematics at Yale University. *Most Influential Educator:* **Katherine Hickey**

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2007 Marion W. Green, a retired Scio school teacher who passed away in 1999 established a scholarship fund that was developed through the Rochester Area Community Foundation in 1994. The ACAF manages the review and selection process and awards the "Commitment to Community" scholarships for candidates who attend and graduate from Scio Central School District. The student may receive the award up to \$5,000 for two years. Upon graduation and degree completion the student is the recipient of another \$5,000 through the Marion Green Scholarship Investment Fund.



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"I want to be the bridge to the next generation" Michael Jordan

Grants

The Allegany County Area Foundation is dedicated to the concept of improving the quality of life for all individuals in and around Allegany County. Through the generosity of our donors we have fostered good will and community spirit by crossing bridges of need and providing grants to organizations that provide services for many diverse groups of all ages, economic situations and lifestyles.

Endowment Funds and Grants May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012

Bartoo Family Fund

Richburg-Wirt Historical Society \$4,000.75



Doris Church Fund

Andover Library \$250.00

Hydramec Fund

Scio Library \$ 565.90



SPCA Allegany County Endowment Fund

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Allegany County Association for the Blind \$ 500.00

Allegany County Arts Association \$ 750.00

Allegany County Historical Society \$ 300.00

Allegany County Youth Court \$ 1000.00

Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau \$ 500.00

For Belfast AmeriCorps

Comfort House Allegany County \$ 850.00

David Howe Library(Wellsville) \$ 1000.00

Finger Lakes Parent Network, Inc. \$ 852.00

Houghton College Wilderness Adventures \$ 700.00

Allegany IDA (Fiber optic Project) \$ 2,600.00

Leadership Allegany \$ 750.00

Wide Awake Library Club (Fillmore) \$ 928.00

Whitesville Big Brothers \$ 300.00



Allegany County Industrial Development (IDA)

The Foundation presented a grant of \$ 2, 600.00 to the Allegany County Industrial Development Agency to assist with the installation of conduit to the Point of Presence[POP] at the Crossroads Center in Belvidere. This Point of Presence will be connected to the 96 strand ION Broadband Fiber Optic Cable system that has been installed across Allegany County. This is a new Broadband system that is expected to increase service of data and internet transmission for residents and businesses in the county.

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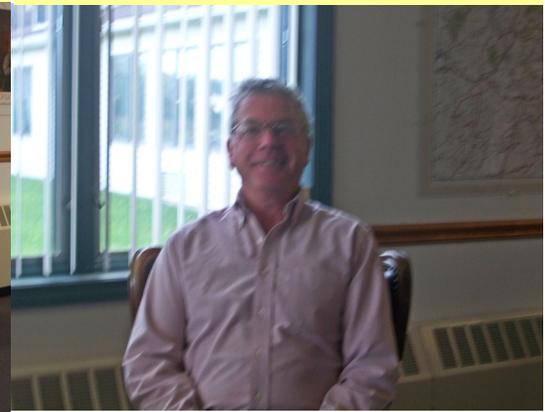
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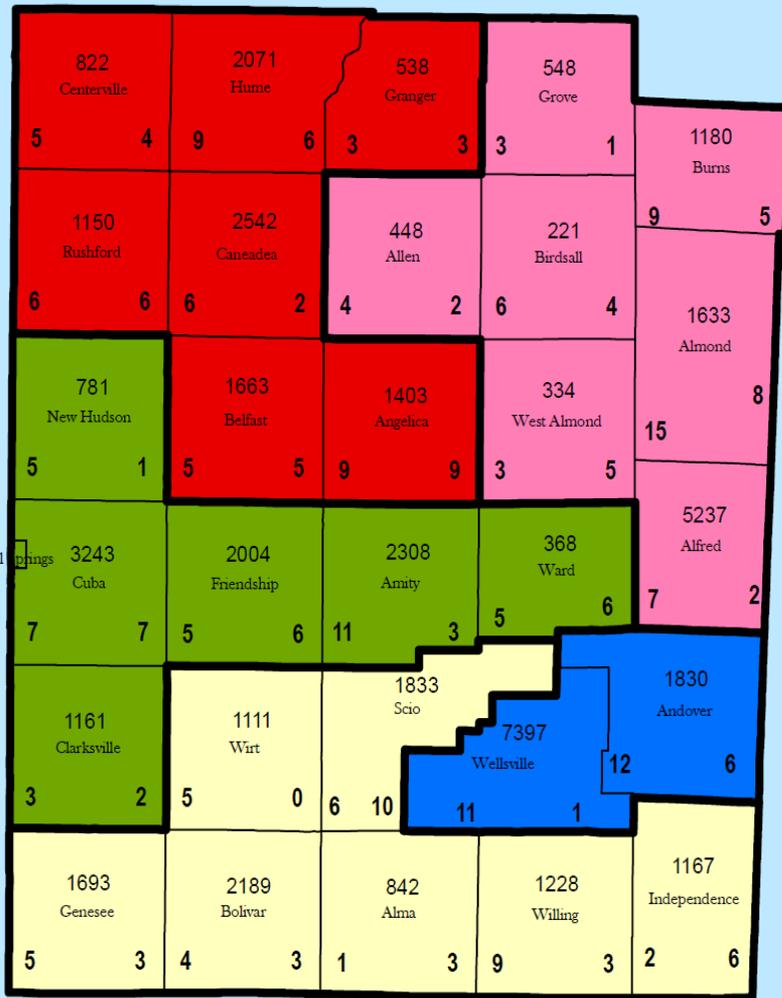
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Allegany County Bridges & Population



In each Town the Numbers are:
 Top: 2010 Population
 Bottom Left Corner: Town Bridges
 Bottom Right Corner: County Bridges
 October 2012

Leg. Dist.	Town Owned	County Owned	Total
1	43	35	78
2	36	25	61
3	32	28	60
4	23	7	30
5	47	27	74
Total	181	122	303



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