

### *Beyond the Classroom: Scholarships That Shape Futures in Unique Ways*



Kyleigh, working in her classroom at New Castle Middle School



Jennifer Fox presenting the Butch Fairchild Memorial Trade Program Award to Brookley



Nick, exploring Ephesus, Turkey, with his cohort from Northern Theological Seminary.

When most people think of scholarships, they imagine support for tuition, books, or traditional classroom expenses. But at the Henry County Community Foundation, we know education takes many forms, and sometimes the most impactful learning happens outside the classroom walls.

That's why some of our forward-thinking donors have chosen to create scholarships that go beyond the usual. They've recognized that school budgets change, needs evolve, and opportunities often require creative support. These donors are visionaries—people who see a need, even when it's overlooked, and choose to meet it.

Here are just a few examples of scholarships that are opening unique doors for Henry County students and educators:

- **The Hilary Weimer Memorial Fund** supports Knightstown High School graduates in their junior or senior year of college as they complete internships, practicums, student teaching, or other hands-on learning programs. This year, Avery received the scholarship to support her next steps in college.
- **The Jean Bond Hough Foreign Exchange Student Endowment** provides opportunities for New Castle High School graduates to study abroad. Most recently, Nick, a New Castle graduate and teacher, received support to complete his master's degree through a final class in Turkey and Greece.
- **The Butch Fairchild Memorial Trade Program Designated Fund** encourages students pursuing the trades through the New Castle Career Center. In 2025, it supported Brookley, supplying her with the tools needed for her to continue in a field that builds strong communities and provides essential skills.
- **The Janice Paige Hughes Scholarship Fund** assists Henry County residents pursuing certifications, degrees, or graduate studies in Special Education. Most recently, Kyleigh, received support as she works toward becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), a credential that will allow her to better serve children with autism.

Each of these scholarships represents a donor who chose to think differently, identifying and meeting needs that are often overlooked. Their support helps create vital opportunities that traditional funding often can't reach, empowering students and teachers to grow and achieve their full potential.

At the Foundation, we are proud to partner with these generous community members to find innovative ways to support growth, achievement, and lifelong learning. Because when education thrives, whether it's in a classroom, a trade shop, or halfway across the world, our entire community thrives.

Dear Friends,

As we enter the final quarter of the year, it's the perfect time to celebrate all we've accomplished together. This year, we had the joy of awarding scholarships to another outstanding group of Henry County students, the next generation of leaders whose dreams are being fueled by generous donors.

We're also celebrating growth within the Foundation itself. This year, I was thrilled to welcome Carrie Barrett to our team as Development Officer. Her passion and experience will help us deepen our connections and strengthen the impact we can make together. You will find a message from Carrie later in this newsletter.



While we're commemorating 40 years of impact and laying the foundation for the next 40 years, we are dreaming boldly. We've announced an exciting new step: impact investing. While traditional grantmaking will always remain at the heart of what we do, impact investing allows us to move some of our resources from Wall Street to our own streets, supporting transformational projects right here in Henry County. It's a powerful way to build on our legacy while embracing innovative solutions for the future.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this important work. Every scholarship awarded, every need met, and every dream supported is possible because of you. Thank you for your continued generosity and vision for what Henry County can be. Together, we're not just meeting today's needs, we're building a legacy of hope and opportunity for generations to come.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Jennifer Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jennifer Fox  
President and Executive Director

## NEWS

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Plan ahead for generosity under  
new tax rules



### Have You Heard?

#### New Tax Law = New Giving Opportunities

A new law brings changes that could affect how and when you give. From estate planning to new deductions, we've highlighted what matters most for donors on our website -



[www.henrycountycf.org/important-tax-law-changes-and-your-philanthropy/](http://www.henrycountycf.org/important-tax-law-changes-and-your-philanthropy/)

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# 2025 High School Scholarship Recipients

This past spring, the Foundation was honored to award scholarships that support local graduating students as they pursue their dreams. These scholarships are possible because of the generosity of donors who believe in the power of education and the potential of Henry County students.

## Congratulations to our recipients!

### Blue River Jr./Sr. High School

**Kynslee Davis:**  
Mary G Fuller Scholarship

**Aubrey Dillon:**  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship  
Pauline Dickerson Art Scholarship

**Charlee Gibson:**  
Derek Clark Scholarship  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship

**Lilyan Guffey:**  
Judge John H. Morris Scholarship  
Mary G Fuller Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Emily Hiatt:**  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship  
Purdue Opportunity Scholarship

**Morgan Jones:**  
Linda L. Newman Scholarship

**Colton Kemerly:**  
Lilly Endowment Finalist Scholarship  
New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Ella Schmidt:**  
Derek Clark Scholarship  
Freeburg Family Sports Scholarship  
Magna Machine- Dick Culy Memorial Scholarship

**Hannah West:**  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

### Knightstown High School

**Kendall Bever:**  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**Kaelynn Dotson:**  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Josceline Gandy:**  
Reeves Family Scholarship

**Kaylee Imel:**  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship  
Linda L. Newman Scholarship

**Kinzle King:**  
Dr. Guido P. Wilhelm Scholarship  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship  
TASC (Gift)

**Travis Louks:**  
Greg Freeman Boys' Basketball Award and Scholarship

**Brooklyn Loveall:**  
Debra J. Ratliff Scholarship  
Kilmer Family Scholarship

**Breanna Ramsey:**  
Queener Family Scholarship

**Carly Smith:**  
Business Network International- Debi Ware Scholarship  
New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Vance Toth:**  
Lilly Endowment Finalist Scholarship  
Joseph White Memorial Scholarship  
Kennard Christian Church Scholarship  
TASC (Gift)

### Henry County Residents at Other Area Schools

**Anna Buskirk:**  
Ray Pavy Spirit Scholarship  
Dean Hahn Family Scholarship

**Brianna Hammond:**  
Dean Hahn Family Scholarship

**Brookley Miller:**  
Butch Fairchild Memorial Scholarship (Gift)

**Sydney Thompson:**  
Linda L. Newman Scholarship

**Davis Tripp:**  
Dennis and Lori Couch Family Scholarship

**Anna Urwin:**  
Jackman Education Scholarship

### Tri Jr./Sr. High School

**Jasmine Bond:**  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Presley Fowler:**  
Jeneka Lancaster Legacy Scholarship  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship  
Ray Pavy Spirit Scholarship

**Gehrig Fredenburg:**  
Dr. Donald Vivian/ HC Medical Society Scholarship  
Dr. Guido P. Wilhelm Scholarship  
Ida Bravard Scholarship  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship

**Dalton Key:**  
Helen Ellis Brown Scholarship for Academic Excellence  
Lilly Endowment Finalist Scholarship  
New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship  
TASC (GIFT)

**Kierra Mettett:**  
Eldon "Eck" Huffman- Pap's Pocket Scholarship  
Jeneka Lancaster Legacy Scholarship  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Ashton Richey:**  
Hobart and Helen Risley Family Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Jasmin Tinch:**  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

### Shenandoah High School

**Carter Armstrong:**  
Gary and Lana Merritt Scholarship

**Landon Barr:**  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship

**Brayden Cash:**  
Hubie King Memorial Scholarship  
Jack E. Renner Vocational Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Audree Farmer:**  
Judy Trennepohl Nursing Scholarship  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship  
Ray Pavy Spirit Scholarship  
Ryan Lohrey Memorial Scholarship  
Witham Family Scholarship

**Savanna Goss:**  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship

**Hayden Hubbard:**  
Donald E. and Martha L. (Sherman) McNeil Family Scholarship  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Levi Jackson:**  
Hobart and Helen Risley Family Scholarship  
The Birds Eye Foods, Inc. (Brooks Foods) Scholarship

**Lillana Lynch:**  
New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Aurora McKnight:**  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship

**Tarran Mills:**  
Donald E. and Martha L. (Sherman) McNeil Family Scholarship  
Jeff Carman Memorial Scholarship  
Ray Pavy Spirit Scholarship

**Lauren Parrish:**  
Janet M. Koger Scholarship

**Ashton Renz:**  
Tyler Atkinson Memorial Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**Madelyn Shelton:**  
Linda L. Newman Scholarship

**Isabelle Vinning:**  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship

**Lydia Waggener:**  
Dr. Guido P. Wilhelm Scholarship  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

### New Castle High School

**Kyla Abbott:**  
Dean Hahn Family Scholarship  
John and Helen Weaver Scholarship  
Ray Pavy Spirit Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**Logan Barnard:**  
Juanita Jane Rucker Scholarship

**Brody Bell:**  
Cecil and Wayne Tague Scholarship  
Magna Machine- Dick Culy Memorial Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**Adalynn Bowman:**  
Malcolm K. and Sylvia J. Edwards Education Scholarship  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship

**Caleb Clapp:**  
Alford Family Scholarship  
Amy McKown Memorial Scholarship  
Eugene "Bud" and Nina McCall Scholarship  
Greg Geozeff Memorial Scholarship  
Mark and LaRue Myers  
New Castle Class of 1960  
New Castle Class of 1965

**Alyse Cornett:**  
Frederick V. Wood and Mary L. Couch Wood Scholarship  
Natalie Edwards Memorial Scholarship

**Dru Criswell:**  
Amy McKown Memorial Scholarship  
Charles and Ruth Sahlberg Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**Carson Erwin:**  
Donald L. & Almereen Lay Tower Scholarship  
Dr. Mark Smith and Jan Smith Scholarship  
John and Helen Weaver Scholarship  
John Lee Memorial Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1958

**Vincent Farris:**  
Business Network International - Debi Ware Scholarship  
Donnie McCorkle Memorial Golf Scholarship  
John P. and Janet L. Cleveland Scholarship  
New Castle-Henry County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**Rhiannon Fisher:**  
Dr. Larry Horney Scholarship  
Juanita Jane Rucker Scholarship  
O.B. and Bill Smith American Music Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Mackenzie Foga:**  
Charles and Ruth Sahlberg Scholarship  
Jessica Hale Memorial-Henry Co. 4-H Scholarship

**Jakob Graham:**  
War Years Scholarship

**Chelsie Grace:**  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship  
Roger L. Burke Scholarship

**Emily Grow:**  
New Castle Class of 1954

**Ashlyn Guffey:**  
Carl McClure Memorial Scholarship  
Dr. Benjamin Harrison and Judge John H. Morris Scholarship  
Mark and LaRue Myers  
Mary G Fuller Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1966

**Brayden Hancock:**  
Joseph Shapiro MVP Baseball Award

**Corinne Harvey:**  
Dr. Benjamin Harrison and Judge John H. Morris Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1954

**Annie Hay:**  
D. Ted Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship  
Donald L. & Almereen Lay Tower Scholarship  
Herbert and Hallie Axe Scholarship  
Janet M. Koger Scholarship  
John Lee Memorial Scholarship  
Kit and Stacey Crane Scholarship

**Lydia Hines:**  
John and Helen Weaver Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1969

### Carly Howe:

Alice Ann Garner Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1966

**Camryn Johnson:**  
Letha Taylor Nursing Scholarship  
Mary G. Fuller Scholarship  
Roger L. Burke Scholarship

**Madison Johnson:**  
Charles and Bernice Popplewell Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**Malarie Lacey:**  
Bess Doty Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**McClare McClure:**  
Robert Veach Scholarship

**Rylee Miller:**  
Janet M. Koger Scholarship  
John and Helen Weaver Scholarship  
Mary Phyllis Hayes Memorial Scholarship

**Abbigail Moore:**  
Juanita Jane Rucker Scholarship

**Cloe Poe:**  
Alice Ann Garner Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1950  
New Castle Class of 1969

**Gabriella Santiago:**  
City of New Castle Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1966  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship

**Carlos Soria:**  
Juanita Jane Rucker Scholarship  
Knights of Columbus #1755 Ladies Auxiliary

**Audrey Tafoya:**  
Clifford Joe and Violet M. Crane Scholarship  
E. Wayne Swayzee Family Scholarship  
VFW Gold Post Scholarship

**Sylvie Terrell:**  
Derek Clark Scholarship  
Jackman Education Scholarship  
Lilly Endowment Finalist Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1966  
TASC (Gift)

**Landon Thompson:**  
John Jordan Memorial Scholarship  
Opportunities Unlimited Scholarship  
Pete and Mary Adelaide Long Scholarship

**Emery Vulgan:**  
Derek Clark Scholarship

**Catherine Willis:**  
Linda L. Newman Scholarship

**Isabel Wright:**  
Alice Ann Garner Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1969

**Jonah Wright:**  
New Castle Alumni Association Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1969

**Jasper Wright:**  
Judy Bravard Scholarship  
New Castle Class of 1969  
Preble Family Scholarship

## Message from Carrie



My journey with the Henry County Community Foundation has spanned many years. While my face may be new to some, my heart for this organization has a long history. It's a privilege to step into this new role as a development officer after over a decade of serving the foundation as a volunteer, donor, and board member.

This unique perspective gives me a special appreciation for the 40 years of dedication and long-term vision of the Foundation for our community. I've seen firsthand how Henry County's generosity, combined with the Foundation's stewardship, has empowered and positively shaped our community.

My new role as a development officer allows me to work directly with you, our donors, to help you achieve your philanthropic goals. I'm excited to help you match your passions with the needs of our community, ensuring that every gift makes a meaningful impact. Whether you're interested in supporting education, community development, the arts, or something entirely new, I'm here to serve as your partner and guide.

At our recent annual meeting, we celebrated our 40th Anniversary and our past successes. I'm incredibly inspired by your achievement in raising over \$1.1 million for the Choose Henry Flex Fund to meet the Lilly Gift VIII match. This is a powerful example of what happens when we work together toward a common goal!

After all these years, my excitement for our community's future is stronger than ever. I've had the pleasure of celebrating the Foundation's first 40 years of incredible growth and impact. I have every intention of sticking around for the next 40 (I'll be 92!) I'm a firm believer that the best is yet to come, and I'm ready to keep working with you to ensure the next generation has even more incredible opportunities than we did. Together, we'll continue to help our community invest in itself and build a legacy that will last for generations to come.

Thank you for graciously and generously being a part of this incredible legacy. I look forward to working alongside you to create a brighter future for Henry County!

## Planned Giving Corner

### A Legacy that Lasts

Have you ever thought about the impact you can leave behind for your community?

By including the Henry County Community Foundation in your estate plans, you create a legacy that continues to support the causes you care about long into the future.

Planned gifts, whether through a will, trust, or beneficiary designation, are powerful tools for change. They can open doors for students through scholarships, strengthen local nonprofits, and ensure Henry County is prepared to meet the needs of tomorrow.

We were reminded of this at our recent Legacy Luncheon, where Eliza Madden shared her journey of becoming a NICU nurse, a dream made possible through a scholarship created by a donor's estate gift.



Eliza shared her story at the 2025 Legacy Luncheon

Her story is just one example of how planned giving generates hope and opportunity for years to come. You can read more about Eliza's journey on our website - [www.hccfgift.org](http://www.hccfgift.org)

What do you want your legacy to be? If you are ready to explore how you might leave your own lasting mark on Henry County, we are here to help. We invite you to schedule a confidential conversation to explore how a planned gift can align with your personal goals.



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