

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES – Thank you Notes**



***From 2017 Class of 1961 Scholarship awardee:***

Thank you for awarding me the Fredericktown **Class of 1961** Alumni Scholarship in the spring of 2017. Now here it is almost five years later and I have had a whirl wind of adventure since being awarded the scholarship. I started college at Mount Vernon Nazarene University where I participated in Basketball, Track & Cheerleading, and worked two part time jobs all while carrying a 3.56 GPA. I finished my first year of college with my major of Business.

Continuing to work part time in the summer on 2018 I decided I would join the Army and headed to Fort Jackson, South Carolina in 2019 the middle of Covid. After joining, I spent eight months in training and graduated in the top of my recruitment class and had the honor of carrying the flag at my graduation, which no one was able to attend in person, but my family and friends watched online.

For the last three years I have continued in college and have been going to guard one weekend a month. I lead my section and am the only 42 A or Human Resource Personal in the entire brigade to go to air borne school. On March 25, 2022 I drove 10 and half hours to Fort Benning, Georgia for paratrooper school. I jumped five times and finished my last jump on April 14<sup>th</sup>. I was awarded my wings and I am a paratrooper. I will make Sargent soon. I have continued with my schooling, part time work, and will graduate this fall with a degree in Business Administration.

As a proud Freddie graduate, I am happy to have been awarded the scholarship and would not have been able to continue my education without the financial help. It is great to hear that there are even more scholarships being awarded to Freddie graduates. Thank you again for your commitment to the Fredericktown Alumni.

Sincerely,  
**Sandra Spearman**, FHS Class of 2017



**From 2018 Class of 1961 Scholarship awardee:**

April 26, 2018

Dear Fredericktown High School Alumni Scholarship Committee,

I have completed my first year of college and I must say it has been a busy, fun and challenging one! I participated in Varsity Cheerleading, Varsity Track, and JV Basketball, as well as other small groups on campus. I certainly kept busy, but enjoyed my first year away from home at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. I also worked two part-time jobs and maintained a 3.34 GPA. I am forever grateful for the generous scholarship awarded to me last spring to help me further my education beyond high school. I am pursuing a degree in Elementary Education/Intervention Specialist. Upon completion of my degree, I hope to teach second grade and coach High School Girls Basketball.

It is amazing to have support the Central Ohio area in the manner of offering scholarship to incoming freshman. The Fredericktown High School Alumni Scholarship has allowed me to complete my first year of college with a small amount of debt to carry over into next school year. I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for caring and for sharing with the youth from Ohio.

Sincerely,

  
Sandra Spearman

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*I am planning on attending the banquet in June!  
Class of 2017!*

**From 2020-05 Willie Davis Scholarship awardee:**



Mr. Dalrymple

Thank you so much for selecting me for the George Wilson Davis Memorial scholarship. This award will be instrumental in helping me pay for college. I cannot thank you enough.

-Michael Herbit

From 2020-06 Family Scholarship awardee:

Thank you so much for  
the generous amount of  
scholarship money you  
have selected me for!  
I am hoping to become  
an ultrasound technician  
with an associates degree.

Right now my plan is to  
attend COTC but if I don't  
get in to my selection  
based program there I  
will be attending Marion  
Tech to try and work  
towards the same degree.  
Thanks Again, Kelsey  
Boeshart

***From 2021 Streby Family Scholarship awardee:***

Dear Streby Family,

I would like to start off by saying thank you for selecting me to be the recipient of the Dean and Jane Streby Fredericktown High School Alumni Scholarship. It is an honor to have been selected and it is greatly appreciated. The scholarship has been sent directly to my school and is being used this semester to help cover tuition and living expenses.

As I write this, I am in the final week of my summer and leave this coming Saturday to start my first semester of college. The program I have decided to take is the John Deere Diesel Technician program through John Deere University at Owens Community College. I will graduate as a certified John Deere Technician and have an Associate of Applied Science. During the first semester, I will be at Owens eight weeks for direct instruction and then I will come back to work at the Ag Pro/John Deere business in Mount Vernon for eight weeks. I will continue this 8-week rotation for five semesters. I am both excited, and extremely nervous. I am a person that does not like change in large scale like this. In the long run, I know it will be a good decision and have learnt to put my faith in God. He has already opened doors for this to work out for me.

This summer I have been working at AgPro to come on board and make sure it is the career I want to pursue. As I expected, I loved it. I loved going to work every day and getting a new task to tackle and problem solve to fix what was assigned to me. Originally, I wanted to be a farmer, but have realized the financial burden of starting up from scratch, so this also incorporates my love for the field of agriculture. This summer I also started a side business called Landgraph Fabricating Solutions. I graduated from the Career Center's precision machining program last year so I would like to continue developing those skills too. I have already completed several welding projects for customers and hope to continue to grow this business during my time at Owens as time allows.

Again, thank you for your support with my future. I look forward to sharing my college experience with you.

Steven Tumbleson



***From 2021 Phillips-Frye Scholarship awardee:***

I want to thank you for the renewal of the **Phillips-Frye** Scholarship. The continued support from the Fredericktown Community is truly a blessing. I'm so grateful for the financial support as I continue to further pursue my education.

Thanks again!

**Kelly Sapp**

**From 2021 William L and Marietta B Mahaffey Scholarship awardee:**

**Haley E. Rook**

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February 12, 2021

Dear Mr. Roger Davis & Mr. David Dalrymple,

Hello! I'm doing great and I hope you all are doing good as well! First I'd like to thank you and the FHS Alumni Scholarship Committee for selecting me for the "William L. And Marietta B. Mahaffey Scholarship", It's an honor and I am very grateful to have been chosen and I can't thank you enough.

In regards to my schooling, I started fire school in Mount Gilead at the North Central Ohio Fire Training Academy in August of 2019. I finished my Firefighter 1 in January of 2020, and I started my Firefighter 2 classes, finishing up with and passing in June. While still in fire school, I started classes for EMT Basic school in June. My EMT schooling was held in Lexington at Central Ohio EMS Training, and I finished and passed those classes in October. Currently, I am working at the Fredericktown Community Fire District and also Fredericktown Emergency Medical Services, working to learn and to gain valuable experience and knowledge. By being a recipient of this scholarship has helped me achieve some huge goals and awards such as becoming the 2020 Fire Fighter of the Year for the Fredericktown Community Fire District. This making me the the first female and youngest firefighter to achieve this. It has been a great honor being able to use this scholarship to aid in achieving this.

My plan for the future in the up coming year is to further my education by taking additional classes, various trainings to continue learning and become the best version at what I do. I am planning on enrolling in a rope rescue class, a pump operator class, and potentially a fire inspector class along with some other opportunities.

Thank you again, and I greatly appreciate your assistance and help towards achieving my goal. It really means a lot.

Sincerely,

Haley E. Rook

**From 2022 Jack and Jean Carter and Family Scholarship awardee:**

Thank you so much for the opportunity to receive an Alumni Associations + **Jack and Jean Carter and Family** Scholarship. I am very grateful for the support as I continue my education at Michigan State University. I will be majoring in environmental science at their Lyman Briggs College. I am excited for this adventure and thankful for your help! I also would be glad to give yearly updates. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do or help with. Also, I will sadly not be able to attend the banquet, but my mom may, if that's okay. I can let your secretary know.

Many thanks.

**Rachael Patterson**



***From 2022 Janet Hadley Mather Scholarship awardee:***

Thank you for selecting me for the **Janet Hadley Mather** Scholarship. This message is to confirm that I will accept this scholarship with appreciation. I will be attending Ohio Wesleyan University to study computer science.

Thank you,  
**Xavier Platt**

***From 2022 Class of 1961 Scholarship awardee:***

Thank you so much for honoring me with the **Class of 1961** Scholarship. It means a lot and I will gratefully accept it as I attend Bowling Green State University's graphic design program.

**Isaiah Van Slyke**

***From 2022 Class of 1958 Scholarship awardee:***

I'd like to express my gratitude to you and the **Class of 1958** for your generosity and thoughtfulness of future Freddies. This scholarship reduces costs for my family and I while I live out my dream going to college in Hawaii. I will be attending Chaminade University of Honolulu to study Forensic Science. I look forward to sharing my success with you next June.

Thank you,  
**Samantha Carwell**

***From 2022 Class of 1959 Julie Cochran Rogers Scholarship awardee:***

I cannot thank you all enough! I am forever grateful for the support that the Fredericktown Community has given me and I assure you that I will pay it forward!

Very respectfully,  
**Rex Snell**

***From 2022 Clyde and Edna Boyd Scholarship awardee:***

I am writing to confirm my **Clyde and Edna Boyd** Scholarship. I will be attending Ohio Wesleyan University in the fall and plan to major in Biology. Thank you for the scholarship award and invitation to the alumni banquet. Thank you again, and if you need any additional information, please let me know at this email address.

Have a great day!  
**Celeste Swihart**

***From 2022 Gold Star Parents Scholarship awardee:***

As a '22 senior who received scholarships last night, I would personally like to thank all of the former Freddie's, the Knox County Foundation members, and the rest of the donors for all of their support! The awards/scholarships were a true blessing! Thank you so much again!!

**Andrea Smith**

***From 2022 Lori Ackerman Class of 1988 Scholarship awardee:***

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to my college education! I will be attending the University of Toledo in the fall to major in pharmaceutical sciences and get my doctorate in pharmacy.

Sincerely,

**Lainy Partington**

***From 2022 Willie Davis Scholarship awardee:***

I would like to thank all of the donors for providing me with this scholarship opportunity! Thanks to your support I will be pursuing my goal of going to college to study Pre-Physical Therapy. I plan to put forth 110% effort everyday and to keep you and the generous donors updated on my progress throughout college. Thank you again for your generosity and support!

Sincerely,

**Zachery Luckmeier**