PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

2021 is racing by, we are already three months into the new year. And what a strange unique year this last one has been. The onset of the global pandemic has caused everyone to reevaluate the normal routines and continue the work while maintaining a safe environment. The same is true for Piqua Education Foundation (PEF), but I am happy to report that we continue to support our Piqua alum. In May 2020, we awarded nearly $300,000 in scholarships to Piqua graduates and we continued granting education grants to Piqua City Schools staff throughout the year.

We know it has been a while since we have been able to reach out to our donors and supporters with a newsletter and we thank you for your patience as we work through organizational growth activities. This winter we hired our first full time executive director for PEF, Katie Neubert. Join me in welcoming, Katie, to PEF. Katie has been hard at work getting to know her way around Piqua Education Foundation and its role in our community. As the weather warms up and opportunities arise, you will find Katie out and about introducing herself to Piqua.

We hope you enjoy reading about PEF’s activities in this newsletter and look forward to sharing more in the future. Some of the projects we have underway are the updating of our scholarship portal, newsletter mailings, launching of a PEF website, and the ability to accept online donations. If you would like to update your address or email, please send an email to info@PiquaEducationFoundation.org.

We know that it has been a challenging year for many, especially our Piqua City Schools students and are looking forward to when we can have in person events again to celebrate our students and staff. Please note, at this time, due to the pandemic and the COVID safety protocols, the best way to get hold of us is via email. We look forward to hearing from you and will be sure to get back to you in a timely manner.

We extend our heartfelt thank you to the Piqua City Schools, parents, donors and our community for continuing to provide a strong foundation for our Piqua graduates. PEF continues the important work of supporting our Piqua graduates. Stay well!

Doug Hulme, DVM
President, Piqua Education Foundation
President@PiquaEducationFoundation.org

PIQUA ALUM STARTS NEW SCHOLARSHIP

The Piqua Education Foundation (PEF) is excited to announce the Walton Family Engineering Scholarship!

Jim Walton, Piqua High School, Class of 1954, has set up a scholarship for Piqua graduates admitted into and attending the School of Engineering at either The Ohio State University or Purdue University. The Walton Family Engineering Scholarship at the PEF provides the chosen recipient(s) $11,000 in scholarship funds. Scholars who are awarded these funds are eligible for up to four years of study, if they meet all the PEF Scholarship requirements.

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PIQUA ALUM STARTS NEW SCHOLARSHIP (CONTINUED)

The journey creating the Walton Family Scholarship began in the 1940’s and 50’s when Mr. Walton was growing up in Piqua. James went on to earn his BS in Civil Engineering from Purdue University. He was in the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps and a commissioned Second Lieutenant in the US Army. Later, Jim was called back to Active Duty and served during the building of the Berlin Wall, the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam. Once he returned from serving his country, he came back to Ohio. Jim Walton joined Ketchum & Walton where he “was instrumental in the company’s growth and expansion.” Mr. Walton’s company provides engineered solutions and product applications with a focus on air filtration and HVAC. Today Ketchum & Walton have offices in Cincinnati, Cleveland, New York, Maryland, Chicago, and Indianapolis.

In May 2020, two students were awarded the first ever Walton Family Engineering Scholarships. Anna Adams and Thomas Fletcher both were accepted into the School of Engineering at The Ohio State University. This means that with these first two recipients of the Walton Family Engineering Scholarship the journey and the philanthropic vision that Jim Walton began will continue to move forward and provide an impactful opportunity to our graduates and our community.

The PEF Board is grateful to the Walton Family for their generosity and commitment to Piqua graduates. It is thanks to visionaries like James Walton and his philanthropic spirit that the Piqua Education Foundation is able to financially support the dreams of our students. This is the first endowment of this size for Piqua Education Foundation. We are so excited about the possibilities that are opening-up to Piqua students thanks to donors just like you. If you are interested in creating your own scholarship at PEF, please contact PEF Board President, Doug Hulme at president@PiquaEducationFoundation.com.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2020

- Rachael Abbot
  University of Cincinnati
- Anna Adams
  Wright State University
- Jan Adorno
  Tiffin University
- Olivia Arnes
  Miami University
- Hannah Anderson
  Bowling Green State University
- Tessa Arnett
  Bowling Green State University
- Kelsey Bachman
  Wright State University
- Collin Baugh
  University of Toledo
- Madison Beaver
  Wright State University
- Baylee Behr
  Eastern Kentucky University
- Kenna Bell
  The Ohio State University
- Kelsea Bell
  Wright State University
- Haleigh Beougher
  Edson State Community College
- Trevor Billett
  University of Cincinnati
- Zoe Blankenship
  Kent State University
- Elijah Bloom
  Otterbein University

- Skylor Boettiger
  University of Cincinnati
- Olivia Booth
  University of Cincinnati
- Ashley Braden
  Wright State University
- Rayna Brownlee
  Edson State Community College
- Ashley Brush
  University of Cincinnati
- Alexa Burns
  The Ohio State University
- Alexi Byzczynski
  Wright State University
- Skylar Cain
  Edson State Community College
- Taylor Cavender
  University of Cincinnati
- Savannah Charles
  The Ohio State University
- Emmalyce Cisco
  University of Findlay
- Maddi Coats
  Wright State University
- Monz Coats
  The Ohio State University
- Triana Collier
  Edson State Community College
- Cory Cotrell
  Wright State University
- Allison Cox
  Bowling Green State University
- Mya Davis
  University of Cincinnati
- Danielle Detter
  Kent State University
- Katherine Dolder
  The Ohio State University
- Tayywan Elder
  Edson State Community College
- Kaitlyn Evans
  The College of Wooster
- Tyler Farno
  Bowling Green State University
- Zach Fletcher
  Edson State University
- Thomas Fletcher
  The Ohio State University
- Maddison Fogt
  Edson State Community College
- Wesley Ford
  University of Cincinnati
- Morgan Ford
  Edson State Community College
- Grace Fones
  Ohio University
- Cameron Foster
  Wright State University
- Carmyn Frinsger
  Edson State Community College
- Seth Furbee
  Wright State University
- Karl Garpiel
  Sinclair Community College
- Amanda George
  Pensacola Christian College
- Rachel Griffith
  The Ohio State University
- Ethan Gevedon
  Bowling Green State University
- Jade Grauman
  Edson State Community College
- Casey Graves
  Sinclair Community College
- John Grear
  Wright State University
- Brandon Grieson
  University of Toledo
- Tayler Grunkemeyer
  Indiana State University
- Sadie Hartzell
  Miami University
- Madison Hazletine
  Edson State Community College
- Ethan Heidenreich
  The Ohio State University
- Lydia Heidenreich
  Edson State Community College
- Samuel Herron
  Wright State University
- Riley Hill
  University of the Cumberlands
- Sophie Hiltz
  Ohio University
- Derek Hite
  Ashland University
- Ashley Ho
  North Carolina State University
- Addelyn Honeycutt
  Bowling Green State University
- Michael Hottier
  The Ohio State University
- Savannah Hultme
  Wright State University
- Kierstyn Hutsun
  Edson State Community College
- Dakota Iddings
  Wright State University
- Jonathan Irvin
  The Ohio State University
- Austin Jenkins
  Edson State Community College
- Autumn Jenkins
  Edson State Community College
- Kayla Jones
  Miami University
- Meredith Kar
  Miami University
- Halstad Keeler
  Bowling Green State University
- Keenan Kelly
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- Ryn Keller
  Wright State University
- Kasia Krabben
  Edson State Community College
- Kelsey Peters
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- Kyle Peters
  Edson State Community College
- Ashley Peterson
  Germanna College
- Ethan Pohlschneider
  University of Cincinnati
- David Potter
  The Ohio State University
- Leanne Price
  Butler University
- Krysta Prickett
  Bowling Green State University
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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2020 (CONTINUED)

KATIE NEUBERT
New PEF Executive Director

The Piqua Education Foundation is pleased to welcome Katie Neubert! Effective January 4, 2021, Katie began operating as our first, full-time executive director, assisting with the promotion of PEF’s mission. Katie has both an MA and BA in Communication Studies that were focused on public relations and community building. Not only has she taught in pre-K through university level and professional development classrooms, but she also has 20 years of leadership experience in the non-profit management arena. Katie who has visited all 50 states as well as lived abroad, loves to travel and (much to her husband Shaun’s amusement) has yet to hear of a place that she doesn’t want to visit at least once. Katie and Shaun have two cats (who hate to travel) and are renovating their 110-year-old house. She is working from a home office to start due to Covid-19 but can be contacted at kneubert@PiquaEducationFoundation.org. Please help us welcome Katie to the PEF team!
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