



#### Message From The President

Dear PEF friend,

Welcome to the Fall Edition of the PEF Report! We know it's been some time since we have been in your mailbox and look forward to sharing ongoing PEF activities with you.

As the last few years have shown us in so many ways, change is a constant and we have proof of that constant change here at PEF as well. Two of the changes in 2023, are hiring a new Foundation Manager, Daniele Blevins, and moving into a new office space. Daniele can be reached at **info@piquaeductionfoundation.org** or **937-733-5337** and has office hours at 111 W. Ash St. in downtown. Another important change made this year is a software upgrade used for our donor database and scholarship and grant applications, making our processes easier for all.

PEF continues the core mission of supporting Piqua City Schools staff and students by awarding scholarships for post-secondary education and education grants. In Spring 2023, PEF awarded just over \$ 400,000 in scholarships to Piqua High School graduates continuing on in their educational endeavors. This is no small achievement and something our Piqua community should take great pride in being able to do for our graduates. Thank you to all the donors and supporters who made this possible.

I encourage you to read the contents of this publication to learn who are donors are,

how to donate, learn about two of the newer scholarships and meet Daniele.

On behalf of the PEF board members and staff, I wish you and yours Happy Holidays and look forward to sharing the successes of PEF and our Piqua graduates with you.

Warmly,

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PEF Board President

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# Introducing Daniele Blevins



Daniele Blevins joined PEF as Foundation Manager in January 2023. She resides in Piqua with her husband Jack, and their son Cohl. Prior to transitioning to the nonprofit sector, Daniele spent many years in the corporate world

with Fortune 500 companies and brings a diverse skillset to her role at PEF. In her spare time, she is an avid reader and enjoys crafting, cooking, and sensory activities with her son, who attends the Nicholas School.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **EASTON HO SCHOLARSHIP**



Piqua Education Foundation is proud to announce the first recipient of the newly-established Easton Ho Scholarship for Rising Stars: 2023 Piqua High School graduate Lilia Haning.

Easton Ho was a 2015

Piqua High School graduate with a passion for design work who brightened the lives of his friends and colleagues at LJB, Inc. with his sense of humor and joy for life. After Easton's sudden passing in April of 2022, Easton's coworkers and friends David Tomasula and Mike Stanoikovich were inspired to partner with Piqua Education Foundation to crowdfund this scholarship in Easton's memory, ensuring that his positive impact and interests live on.

Beginning in 2023 with Lilia Haning - who is pursuing a degree in construction management at Ohio Northern University - Piqua Education Foundation will award the Easton Ho Scholarship for Rising Stars annually to a Piqua High School Graduate pursuing a degree in the fields of architecture, engineering, or construction. Congratulations, Lilia!"

"Help us reach our \$100,000 endowment goal!"

Those interested in helping the fund for this scholarship reach endowed status are encouraged to donate at www.tinyurl.com/DonatePEF or use the DONATE QR codebelow and specify "Easton Ho Scholarship" in the memo line.



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## WILLIAM ASH SCHOLARSHIP

and his wife, Debra McMil-

In late 2022, William (Bill) Ash (PHS Class of 1975)

lan-Ash (Class of 1977) endowed the William Ash Scholarship. The \$20,000 gift provides for \$1,000 annual scholarship that is intended for a Piqua High School graduate enrolled in the Farmer School of Business at Miami University, pursuing a degree in accounting or finance.



Bill is a 1979 graduate of Miami with a degree in Accountancy. In an April 2023 interview by the Department of Accountancy at Miami, Bill shared that "I have always wanted to provide some financial support to Piqua and/or Miami students. The PEF really provided the vehicle for me to support both Piqua and

Miami." The PEF Board appreciates Bill's and Debra's confidence in and support of our mission to provide scholarships to Piqua High School graduates.



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We are truly thankful for your continued support!





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