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Piqua Education Foundation Awards over \$300,000 Academic Scholarships

Lifetime Scholarship awards over \$5 Million Dollars to Piqua High School Graduates

Piqua, Ohio – From accounting and culinary arts to pre-med and political science the Piqua Education Foundation **Scholarship Recipients for 2021-2022** are continuing their educational journeys towards rewarding careers. This year the Piqua Education Foundation, PEF, is excited to award **159 Piqua High School Class of 2018-2021 graduates over \$300,000** in funds to help them achieve their goal of post high school education.

Since 1985, the Piqua Education Foundation (PEF) volunteer Board of Director lives their mission of enhancing the educational opportunities of Piqua City School students, graduates, and staff through securing and distributing contributions from the community. PEF's lifetime awards since 1985, now total over \$5 Million in scholarships to more than 3,000 outstanding graduates of Piqua High School.

Just a sample of some of the 2021 – 2022 Scholarship recipients include:



Decker Jackson

- **Katherine Hanes**, Piqua High School and Upper Valley Career Center **Class of 2021** who will be attending **The University of Cincinnati** and **majoring in Biomedical Engineering**. Katherine shared that her “ultimate goal is designing prosthetics for individuals who require specialized features.”
- **Decker Jackson**, Piqua High School **Class of 2021** who is heading to **Dartmouth College** where he will be majoring in **Economics and Music** with the hope of pursuing a career in music management. Decker stated that “the Piqua Show Choir has motivated me to become a better version of myself [over] the past four years.”

- **Jenna Parker**, Piqua High School **Class of 2018** who will be starting her 4th year of Pre-Vet Animal Sciences working towards her **Animal Sciences degree at The Ohio State University**. Jenna said that she is “proud to be a national award-winning researcher and a participating member of ROTC.”
- **Cory Cotrell**, Piqua High School **Class of 2018** who is a **Mechanical Engineering student with a minor in Business** at Wright State University Lake Campus. While enjoying playing college baseball currently, Cory revealed that his “hope for the near future is to be able to build and design new cars and/or go into construction management.”



Jenna Parker

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Dr. Doug Hulme, Piqua Education Foundation Board President, and lifelong Piqua resident, when asked about this year's scholars, said that "The Scholarship Recipients highlight a promising future for themselves as well as for the entire Piqua community who celebrates and supports them." He went on to say that "the Piqua Education Foundation could not make the difference that we do each year without the outstanding vision and generosity of our donors." Named scholarships honor and memorialize individuals and families with strong Piqua connections. The Piqua Education Foundation is proud to represent over 70 named scholarships including scholarships like the:

- **FGKS Law** Leadership Scholarship
- **Dick Lumpkin** Auto Body Shop Scholarship
- **Neils & Ruth Lundgard** Scholarship,
- **Samuel Pearson** Scholarship,
- **Jacob G. Schmidlapp** Scholarship and the
- newly established **Walton Family** Scholarship set up by Piqua graduate James Walton, Class of 1954.

Dwayne Thompson, Piqua City Schools Superintendent stated how proud he is of all the Piqua high School graduates and shared that he believes that "all of these scholarships are an excellent example of the immense amount of civic pride within our Piqua community and dedication to the Piqua City School district and our Piqua students."

The full list of the 2021-2022 scholarship recipients, as well as other Scholar highlights are available at www.PiquaEducationFoundation.org. For more information about PEF and how to make a lasting impact on Piqua graduates, please visit our website or email Info@PiquaEducationFoundation.org.

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Katherine Hanes: https://s3.amazonaws.com/dpo/Image_Repository/Prod/PiquaEducationFnd22814.jpg

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Jenna Parker: https://s3.amazonaws.com/dpo/Image_Repository/Prod/PiquaEducationFnd22202.jpg

Cory Cotrell: https://s3.amazonaws.com/dpo/Image_Repository/Prod/PiquaEducationFnd22159.JPG

ABOUT THE PIQUA EDUCATION FOUNDATION: *In 1985, a small group of Piqua residents saw a need within our community to help Piqua City School graduates reach their post high school educational goals. Their actions lead to the creation of the Piqua Education Foundation. In 1986, they awarded \$7,000 in scholarships. By 2018, the Piqua Education Foundation Scholarship Awards had grown to **over \$300,000 annually**. In 2021, the Piqua Education Foundation celebrated having **awarded over \$5 million dollars in total scholarships to more than 3,000 Piqua High School graduates since 1985**. To learn more about how you can get involved visit www.PiquaEducationFoundation.org or reach out via email info@PiquaEducationFoundation.org*

Mission Statement:

The Piqua Education Foundation will enhance the educational opportunities of Piqua City School students, graduates and staff through securing and distributing contributions from the community including individuals, corporations, and foundations.