



*Scholarship Recognition  
Class of 2023*

*May 12, 2023*



**KENSTON**  
S C H O O L S

# PROGRAM

**Master of Ceremonies.....**  
**Tom Gabram, Principal**

## INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Auburn Fire Department/John Reithoffer Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Bill Astalos, Keith Blaser, and Mario Manacci**  
*For the first time, the John Reithoffer Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a profession in the public sector, helping people in a medical profession, or as a first responder, teaching, or mental health profession. The recipient will have also demonstrated community involvement. This scholarship may fund a college degree, trade/vocational school, or pursue a state-certified license. It honors Mr. Reithoffer, a lifelong Auburn resident and Auburn School graduate. He was a founding member of the Auburn Fire Department and Geauga Community Hospital, now known as University Hospitals/Geauga Medical Center. In addition, he served in the Navy during World War II. Mr. Reithoffer was a humble man who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to support his community and many civic organizations. The Kenston Foundation is honored to administer this scholarship on behalf of the Auburn Fire Department.*

### **Bainbridge Police Department/James P. Jimison Memorial Scholarships**

.....**Chief Jon Bokovitz**  
*For over 20 years, the Bainbridge Police Department has recognized a graduating Senior with a scholarship. Initially, it was known as the Bainbridge Police Safety Town Scholarship and now it honors longtime "Chief" James P. Jimison. Funds for this scholarship are generated from the annual Bainbridge Police Department Golf Outing at the end of May.*

### **The Kenston Foundation Awards of Merit**

.....**Amanda Seewald**  
*The Kenston Foundation Awards of Merit are discretionary scholarships that may be given to graduating seniors that the Foundation feels deserve recognition based on their academic, civic, and/or community achievements.*

### **Bainbridge Area Food for Friends Scholarships**

.....**David Strauch**  
*Bainbridge Area Food for Friends supports those in need from the lower level of Town Hall. Community members support the pantry through neighborhood food drives, contributions and attending our fall Taste in Bainbridge.*

*Our operations were founded in 1990 by Anne and John Bauswein of the Spirit of Bainbridge. If you know of a community member in need, please let us know. We are pleased that a special contribution allows us to offer scholarships to those who demonstrate strong civic responsibility.*

### **Bainbridge Civic Club Scholarships**

.....**Mark Fagerholm and Justin Ryan**

*Bainbridge Civic Club members lead events including Pancake Breakfasts in the spring and The Taste in Bainbridge in the fall. If you'd like to participate, please check out our website. We appreciate your support and are pleased to provide scholarships to students that demonstrate strong civic service.*

### **Jack Batchelor Education Scholarship**

.....**Tom Batchelor**

*Jack Batchelor devoted his talent and energy to a full career teaching at Kenston, as well as supporting the Bainbridge Area Food for Friends. His family memorializes his spirit with an award to a student interested in education.*

### **Bainbridge Civic Club ROX Scholarship**

.....**Justin Ryan**

*The Community Ox Roast is hosted every fall by Bainbridge Women's Club and the Bainbridge Civic Club, with participation from many community groups. Community support of the event enables us to provide a community service scholarship.*

### **Don Takacs Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Justin Ryan**

*The Takacs Family established a scholarship fund in memory of Don. He was a lifelong Bainbridge resident, an engineer by profession and a strong supporter of our community, partly as a member of Bainbridge Board of Zoning Appeals and as an outstanding member of the Bainbridge Civic Club.*

### **Kenston Education Association (KEA) Scholarship**

.....**Tony Marchesi**

*The Kenston Education Association Scholarship recipient must have a GPA of 3.2 or higher, plan to pursue an education major, and have demonstrated education-based leadership experience. This scholarship is funded by members of K.E.A., the teacher's union. The Kenston Foundation Scholarship Committee selects recipients on behalf of the K.E.A.*

### **Bainbridge Women's Club Scholarship**

.....**Inga Dollinger**

*The Bainbridge Women's Club Scholarship is awarded to high school seniors in the Class of 2023.*

### **Bergansky Team 4-H Scholarship**

.....**Dennis and Kathleen Bergansky**

*The Realty Team of Kathleen and Dennis Bergansky recognize a student who has participated in 4-H at least two years of their high school career. They value the skills of responsibility, resiliency and hard work that are taught by 4-H. The Kenston Foundation administers the Scholarship funded by the Bergansky Family.*

### **Bomber Elite Club Gridiron Award of Character and Leadership**

.....**Amanda Seewald**

*Bomber Elite Club Gridiron Award of Character and Leadership is awarded to an athlete with a 2.5 GPA or above, earning a varsity letter in football during their junior and/or senior year and demonstrating hard work, leadership and integrity on and off the football field. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship on behalf of Bomber Elite.*

## **Bridging the Gap Scholarships**

.....**Anne Watson and Andrea Pollock**  
*Bridging the Gap Scholarships recognizes a resident of Chagrin Falls Park who is a minority with at least a 2.0 GPA. The recipient plans to pursue a trade/vocational school certification or higher education degree. Bridging the Gap is a non-profit organization formed to unite Chagrin Falls Park and the surrounding communities to eliminate the stigmatism placed on the community. Fundraisers have been held to provide scholarships for the youth that live in Chagrin Falls Park to further their education goals. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship for the Bridging the Gap Organization.*

## **Musical Arts Association of Kenston Scholarships**

.....**Suzanne Taber**  
*The Musical Arts Association of Kenston (MAAK) is a parent booster group that supports the musical arts programs at Kenston High School, including the Marching Band, Concert Band, Dance Team, and all of the Chorus and Chorale groups. MAAK provides funds for various needs including, but not limited to, uniforms, instruments, equipment, musical scores, guest musicians and professionals, student recognition corsages, and, of course, five student scholarships for well-deserving, graduating seniors. These donations are made possible mainly through operating the Bomber Stadium concession stands. It takes many parent and student volunteers to succeed, and we are grateful for their time, efforts, and dedication.*

## **Chagrin Valley Jaycees Scholarship**

.....**James Althans, Jr.**  
*The Chagrin Valley Jaycees is an organization of individuals whose primary purpose is to aid their community. Since its inception in 1956, they have sponsored events for the community to enjoy, including Blossom Time, Chagrin Christmas Lighting, and OctubaFest. The scholarship recipient must have a GPA of at least 2.75 and demonstrate a commitment to volunteering and community service. The Kenston Foundation administers the scholarship on behalf of the Chagrin Valley Jaycees.*

## **Chagrin Valley Rotary Scholarships**

.....**Robert A. Lee, Ph.D.**  
*The Chagrin Valley Rotary offers scholarships to graduating high school students from Chagrin Falls and Kenston. Scholarships will be awarded based on need, academic achievement, extracurricular activity, community service, and a recommendation from a teacher or supervisor. Applicants also submit an essay on life's accomplishments or challenges incorporating the Rotary theme of "Service Above Self."*

## **Chagrin Valley Women's Club Scholarships**

.....**Tom Gabram**  
*The Chagrin Valley Women's Club was started in 1930 and is a member of the Federation of Women's Clubs. The Club began fundraising for scholarships in 1950 and through the years has given over 650 scholarships to qualifying seniors in area high schools. Scholarships are the main focus of the service club's fundraising activities.*

## **Cella Sulc Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Creative Writing**

.....**Penny Scocos**  
*The Cella Sulc, Memorial Scholarship recipient, has a GPA of 3.5 and demonstrates enthusiasm and passion for writing. This scholarship honors longtime middle school Language Arts teacher, Cella Sulc. The Kenston Foundation awards this scholarship on behalf of the Dick Sulc Family.*



**Dentistry at Winbury, Inc. Mark P. Vogley, DDS and Kelly L. McClintock, DDS  
Health Professional Scholarship**

.....**Dr. Mark Vogley**

*Proud Kenston graduates, Dr. Mark Vogley and Dr. Kelly McClintock of Dentistry at Winbury, award an annual scholarship to a graduating senior who plans to pursue a career in a health-related field. The Kenston Foundation selects the recipient on behalf of the Dentistry at Winbury practice.*

**The Kenston Foundation Math/Science Scholarships**

.....**Cheryl Spehar**

*The Kenston Foundation awards the Math/Science Scholarships to graduating seniors who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in a math and/or science-related field.*

**First National Bank Scholarship**

.....**Stephanie Puzzo and Penny Scocos**

*The Bainbridge Branch of First National Bank advocates community involvement and outreach and awards a scholarship to a student who plans to obtain a degree in business and has demonstrated leadership and volunteer experience in their school and community. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship on behalf of First National Bank.*

**Tim Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Craig Moone**

*The Tim Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the life of Kenston graduate, Tim Fitzgerald. Tim graduated in 2003, leaving a legacy of commitment and compassion on the sports field. Students have to be nominated by a coach in their specific varsity sport to be able to apply for this scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship has demonstrated tremendous dedication to their team and fellow players on and off the sports field.*

**Forward Together Scholarships**

.....**Jennifer Troutman and Laurie Uhler**

*The Forward Together Scholarships are awarded to support students who have lost a parent or significant caregiver during their school years. These scholarships are administered by The Kenston Foundation.*

**Foundation for Geauga Parks Scholarships**

.....**Mary Beth O’Neil and Andy Bushman**

*Foundation for Geauga Parks is a 501c3 created to support nature education, scholarships, and finance improvements in all the parks throughout Geauga County, including township parks. This is the first year awarding scholarships. Kenston’s amazing curriculum inspires young people to further their knowledge and education and, ultimately, their future careers with concern for the environment everywhere in the world.*

**Paul S. Gardiner Scholarship**

.....**Penny Scocos**

*The Paul S. Gardiner Scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated dedication to the teaching profession through their academic performance and school activities. The scholarship is named for Kenston’s first Superintendent, Paul S. Gardiner, and is an endowed scholarship administered by The Kenston Foundation.*

### **Golden Gate Masonic Scholarships**

.....**Joe Rothbrust**  
*Golden Gate Lodge #245 Free and Accepted Masons, Chagrin Falls Chapter #152, awards two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors who excel in academics, extracurriculars and community service.*

### **Tom E. Goodman Memorial Scholar/Athlete Scholarships**

.....**Amanda Seewald**  
*The Tom E. Goodman Memorial Scholar/Athlete award is given to a male and female who have demonstrated both academic and athletic ability, having a GPA of 3.0 or higher and having earned at least two varsity letters in two sports between 10th and 12th grades. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship in the memory of Tom Goodman, who was a staunch supporter of Kenston's students and their athletic programs*

### **Zinn Gorby Memorial Football Scholarship**

.....**Amanda Seewald**  
*The Zinn Gorby Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a member of the Kenston Football Team who has a minimum GPA of 2.5 and participates in community service. The scholarship is in memory of former Assistant Principal and Head Football Coach Zinn Gorby, an essential contributor to the Kenston football program. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship on behalf of the Gorby Family.*

### **Orbie and Cindy Hanks Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Amy Hazle-Oakes**  
*The Orbie and Cindy Hanks Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who has earned a varsity letter in Volleyball. The individual should also demonstrate leadership, hard work, and dedication to the Kenston Volleyball program. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship on behalf of the Hanks and Gallagher families.*

### **Leora Mae Hrabak Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Amanda Seewald**  
*The Leora Mae Hrabak Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and who has earned at least one varsity letter. This scholarship honors Lee Hrabak, longtime Secretary at Gardiner Elementary School, 1952 graduate of Auburn School, and beloved wife of retired Kenston Athletic Director Al Hrabak, a 1953 graduate of Bainbridge Schools. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship on behalf of the Hrabak Family.*

### **Andrew Kenen Auditorium Technology Scholarship**

.....**Andy Kenen**  
*The Andrew Kenen Auditorium Technology Scholarship is awarded to students who have volunteered on the KHS Auditorium Technology crew and participated in at least one KHS musical ensemble in either band or choir. The Kenston Foundation oversees the selection of this scholarship on behalf of Andy Kenen, retired Kenston teacher and former president and member of the Foundation.*

### **Kenston Academic Boosters Scholarship**

.....**Tom Gabram**  
*The mission of the Kenston Academic Boosters is to promote, recognize and reward academic achievement at all levels at Kenston High School. Through the generous support of members, students are honored for their hard work, dedication and participation in academic clubs and societies.*

### **Kenston Athletic Boosters Scholarships**

.....**Art Mighton**

*The Kenston Athletic Boosters' mission is to promote the growth and success of student athletes and teams while encouraging school and community spirit. Funds raised by the Boosters have been utilized to purchase uniforms, equipment, senior banners, and supporting athletic department software systems. In addition, the Kenston Athletic Boosters typically awards two scholarships to senior athletes each year who embody the characteristics of a successful student-athlete. This year, due to the generosity of an anonymous donation, KAB can provide two additional scholarships.*

### **Kenston Baseball Association Scholarships**

.....**Steve Wright**

*The Kenston Baseball Association recognizes team leadership, community service, and on-field performance. The candidates must have played a minimum of two years in the KBA organization.*

### **Kenston Community Education (KCE) Scholarships**

.....**Jennifer Moore**

*Kenston Community Education is a partnership between Kenston Local Schools, Bainbridge and Auburn Townships. KCE was established in 1976 and provides recreational and enrichment opportunities for all ages. Scholarships are awarded to students who have participated and volunteered in KCE programs.*

### **The Kenston Foundation Arts Scholarships**

.....**Penny Scocos**

*The Kenston Foundation Arts Scholarships are awarded to students that have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and plan to pursue a degree in art. The recipient must have taken at least four art classes during their Kenston High School career.*

### **The Kenston Foundation First Generation College Scholarship**

.....**Penny Scocos**

*The Kenston Foundation is pleased to award the First Generation College Scholarship to a deserving senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5, who is the first member of their family to attend a four-year college/university and who exemplifies the qualities of dedication and hard work needed to succeed in higher education.*

### **The Kenston High School Achievement Scholarship**

.....**Penny Scocos**

*The Kenston High School Achievement Scholarship is funded by the Purcell Family. The recipient must have a minimum GPA of 2.2 or higher to be considered. This Senior must demonstrate educational achievement and enroll in a college or university for the following fall semester. Preference will be given to a minority student who is African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian or Multiracial.*

### **The Kathleen Pfouts Memorial Scholarships**

.....**Cheryl Spehar**

*This year, Kenston Foundation awards a memorial scholarship in memory of 1977 graduate Kathleen Pfouts. Kathleen was a cheerleader who competed on the gymnastics team in high school. She graduated from Bowling Green University with a degree in psychology. She worked at Hillcrest Hospital as a Clinical Technician. She and her husband, Christopher '74, owned and managed Ardenbarry Kennels for many years. The Kathleen Pfouts Memorial Scholarship recipient must demonstrate high Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math grades. In addition, the honoree must have at least a 3.0 GPA and intend to pursue a career in a healthcare-related field.*

## **Kenston PTO Scholarships**

.....**Becky Alexander**

*The Kenston PTO Scholarship honors students that are committed to giving back to the Kenston School Community and exemplifies the mission of the PTO "to encourage and enhance the education and welfare of the students, teachers and staff in the Kenston Schools." The PTO Scholarship recipient must demonstrate a commitment to giving back to the Kenston School Community and the recipient's family must be a member of the PTO.*

## **Robert A. Lee, Ph.D. Go Green Scholarship**

.....**Robert A. Lee, Ph.D.**

*To continue his legacy, the Robert A. Lee, Ph.D. Go Green Scholarship is awarded to a student with an active interest in the environment and who has participated in community service throughout high school. The Kenston Foundation selects the recipient of this scholarship.*

## **Mary Martha Scholarship**

.....**Greg and Sherrie Reynolds**

*The Mary Martha Scholarship was set up by an anonymous donor with a deep affection for the Chagrin Valley. The donor was a resident, active in a local church, who spent many working years giving care and assistance to others. The donor specifically looked for a student who is active in their religious organization, engaged in service to others and has a financial need. This scholarship support may be renewable for up to three additional years.*

## **Malcolm Scott McVay Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Chris Kofron**

*The Malcolm Scott McVay Memorial Scholarship was established by the WKHR Board of Directors to honor a man who cared deeply about the community, the Kenston Local School District and its students. He set the foundation for the Kenston radio station (WKHR) and he gave of himself to the students involved with FM 91-FIVE. It is in his spirit that we award the 16th annual \$5,000 scholarship.*

## **Ann Myers Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Penny Scocos**

*The recipient must demonstrate significant academic improvement throughout high school with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or better by their senior year. The student should demonstrate discipline, hard work, integrity and teamwork and be involved in extracurricular activities or athletics. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship on behalf of the Gil Myers Family.*

## **Edward L. Randall Memorial PEAK Scholarship**

.....**Anne Randall**

*The Edward L. Randall Memorial PEAK (Peaceful Environment at Kenston) Scholarship beneficiary exemplifies the qualities of integrity, fairness and compassion in their relationships. The Kenston Foundation administers this scholarship on behalf of the Anne Randall Family.*

## **Jessica Reisinger Raubenolt "Let Me Be... The Hope" Memorial Scholarships**

.....**Pam Reisinger**

*The Jessica Reisinger Raubenolt "Let Me Be... The Hope" Memorial Scholarships are a joint effort of The Reisinger Family and the "Let Me Be..." Ministries. They have worked together to design this scholarship to honor Jessica, who loved and was True Blue. It is given to Kenston students who offer hope to others, are selfless, filled with joy, and show others just how important they are. "There are so many beautiful reasons to be happy."*



**The Fred Snook Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Stephanie Snook**

*The Fred Snook Memorial Scholarship is in memory of the Hall of Fame Ohio Speech and Debate Association member who coached in Ohio for 45 years. Since beginning to coach at KHS in 2008, Fred inspired, encouraged, and motivated Kenston team members. In Fred's memory, this scholarship will be awarded to a KHS graduating senior who has participated as an active member of the Kenston Speech and Debate team for at least two years of high school (including the individual's senior year), who has an unweighted GPA of at least 3.24, and who has demonstrated the love of learning and hard work that Mr. Snook exemplified and taught to others.*

**William T. and Helen Sullivan Scholarship**

.....**Cheryl Spehar**

*The William T. and Helen Sullivan Scholarship is one of the first scholarships entrusted to The Kenston Foundation to administer and has been awarded for over 30 years. It honors William Sullivan for his service to The Kenston Foundation.*

**Cameron Toth Memorial Scholarship**

.....**Cheryl Spehar**

*This scholarship honors the memory of Cameron Toth, a Kenston graduate, who died in 2021. The recipient of the Cameron Toth Memorial Scholarship must exhibit the Kenston Spirit, taking advantage of all Bainbridge/Auburn offers inside and outside of the classroom, demonstrating discipline, integrity and hard work. The honoree must have at least a 2.0 GPA and attend Kenston High School for at least two years.*

**23 for the Class of 2023 Scholarship**

.....**Penny Scocos**

*Awarded for the first time, 23 for the Class of 2023 is a special scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from the Class of '23. Kenston Foundation awards this scholarship.*

**The True Grit Scholarships**

.....**Adam and Lisa Kratzert**

*The True Grit Scholarship recognizes students with academic improvement throughout their high school career and a commitment to Kenston Spirit through their involvement in school, clubs and organizations. In addition, the honoree should have a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher, and have been involved in a high school sport for at least two years.*

**UH Geauga Medical Center Auxiliary Scholarships**

.....**Tom Gabram**

*The University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center Auxillary Scholarships are awarded to exceptional Geauga County students who are going on to pursue a career in a healthcare field. The scholarship recipients must exhibit commitment and achievements in their school and community.*

**Closing.....**

**Tom Gabram**

The Kenston Foundation was founded in 1983 to provide an avenue for individual and corporate donors to promote academic excellence with a tax-deductible gift. The Kenston Foundation is dedicated to the continued excellence in education by supporting and promoting the availability and use of innovative and creative tools that enhance curriculum and enrich the educational experience that goes above and beyond the district budget initiatives.

Recognizing academic excellence and personal achievement by our students, the Kenston Foundation awards annual scholarships to our graduating seniors. These scholarships are awarded each year to candidates with a variety of expertise and interests, including math, science, humanities, education, community service and others. Since its inception, The Kenston Foundation has administered and awarded over \$500,000 to Kenston graduates.



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