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GRATIOT COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS MORE THAN \$134,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Ithaca, Michigan-The Gratiot County Community Foundation awarded a record \$134,250 in scholarships to local students. “The community has been very generous in establishing scholarship funds and as a result, we’ve more than quadrupled our scholarship awards over the last five years,” stated Tina Travis, Foundation Executive Director. “Our average scholarship amount is \$1400 making it very worthwhile for students to apply, not to mention the fact that we have scholarships for everyone; from high school students studying arts outside the classroom to students pursuing advanced post-graduate degrees.”

While criteria for each scholarship varies, recipients were selected based on such factors as academic success, leadership, community service, athletic achievement, financial need, and compelling applications and essays. The 2018 Scholarship Award Recipients include (pictured front row, left to right):

- Autumn Gurnee, St. Louis High School Graduate, MidMichigan Community College Student, Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;
- Jenna Wolfe, Fulton High School Graduate, Montcalm Community College Student, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Katie Good, Fulton High School, Mildred Chaffin Portner Memorial Scholarship;
- Amber Brown, Breckenridge High School Graduate, Saginaw Valley State University Student, Loren Humm Memorial Sugar Beet Growers Scholarship and Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;

- Taylor Gibson, Central Michigan University, Gratiot Physicians Group Scholarship and Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;
- Sydney Mayle, Breckenridge High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Haley Willman, Breckenridge High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Kaitlin Sanger, Breckenridge High School, Bud & Janet Goodyear Memorial Scholarship, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship, Richard Thomas Van Haften Family Scholarship;
- Madeline Sherman, Breckenridge High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship and Howard & Gladys Poindexter Scholarship;
- Megan Carter, Breckenridge High School, Breckenridge FFA Alumni Memorial Scholarship, Bud & Janet Goodyear Memorial Scholarship, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship, Clyde & Maude Mizer Memorial Scholarship, Dale & Camille Weburg Scholarship;
- Lauren Sheets, Ithaca High School, William R. Kirby Memorial Scholarship and Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship;
- Kaylin Davis, Fulton High School Graduate, Baker College Student, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Kaitlyn Fish, Ithaca High School Graduate, Davenport University Student, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Rylee Reeves, Ithaca High School, Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship;
- Leslie McAlvey, Fulton High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Savannah Fuller, Fulton High School Graduate, Alma College Student, Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;
- Kennedy Carman, Ithaca High School, Ithaca Rotary Club Junior Rotarian Scholarship; and
- Jasmine Lowe, St. Louis High School Graduate, Alma College Student, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship.

Middle Row (L-R)

- Racheal O'Boyle, St. Louis High School, Gratiot Physicians Group Scholarship and Richard D. Prestage Memorial Scholarship;
- Cassidy DeGroft, Alma High School Graduate, Alma College Student, Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;
- Adam Dixon, Alma High School Freshman, Linn P. Kanitz Memorial Scholarship;
- Corvin Alonso, Ithaca High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Danny Dixon, Alma High School Freshman, Linn P. Kanitz Memorial Scholarship;
- Jason Williams, Ithaca High School, Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship;

- Paige Butcher, Alma High School, Ryan Owens Memorial Scholarship and Farming Family Scholarship;
- Kirsten Andrews, Carson City Crystal High School, Ceo Bauer and Ardis Bauer Williams Scholarship;
- Rachel Stoudt, Carson City Crystal High School, Ceo Bauer and Ardis Bauer Williams Scholarship;
- Isabella Poquiz, Alma High School, Youth Advisory Council Scholarship;
- Sydney Hanson, Alma High School, Alma Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship;
- CJ Cleveland, Alma High School, Joyce and Gary Schaub Scholarship and Richard D. Prestage Memorial Scholarship;
- McKayla Struble, Fulton High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Kaylee Rodriguez, St. Louis High School, Paul P. Cameron Memorial Scholarship;
- Elise Guerrero, St. Louis High School, Gratiot Physicians Group Scholarship and Richard D. Prestage Memorial Scholarship;
- Alyx Everitt, St. Louis High School, Melba Hagen Hollenbeck Memorial Scholarship;
- Skylar Shaw, Ithaca High School, Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship;
- Wesley Condie, Fulton High School, Richard & Janet Cooper Abbott Scholarship and Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Aiden Badgerow, Alma High School, Eagle Scout Scholarship;
- Dylan Lewis, Fulton High School, Sue Dilts Memorial Scholarship;
- Chaz Polash, Ashley High School, Gratiot All Wars Memorial Scholarship;
- Dakota Grover, Breckenridge High School, Don & Irene Pavlik Memorial Scholarship;
- Garrett Miller, Breckenridge High School, Howard & Gladys Poindexter Scholarship, Richard Thomas Van Haften Family Scholarship;
- Alyssa Barrett, Fulton High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship; and
- Kylie Slavik, Fulton High School, Athol Gamble Memorial Scholarship, Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship.

Back Row (L-R)

- Brandon Huff, Alma High School, Alma Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarship;
- Travis Courter, St. Louis High School, Farming Family Scholarship, Loren & Becky Roslund Scholarship, Dale & Camille Weburg Scholarship;
- Maverick Giles, St. Louis High School, Willard Brainard Memorial Scholarship, Paul P. Cameron, Jr., Memorial Scholarship, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship, Joyce & Gary Schaub Scholarship;
- Tayler Boyer, Ithaca High School, Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship;
- Bailey Bush, Ithaca High School, Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship;

- Adam Culp, Ithaca High School, William R. Kirby Memorial Scholarship;
- Lindsey Lehman, Ithaca High School Graduate, Grand Valley State University Student, Gratiot Physicians Group Scholarship, Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;
- Matthew Craft, Fulton High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Jayce Kuehnlein, St. Louis High School, Jerry Hollenbeck Scholarship;
- Jacob Isolm, Alma High School, Ryan Owens Memorial Scholarship; and
- Dylan Macha, Ithaca High School, Gratiot County Fair for Youth Memorial Scholarship.

Not pictured are:

- Katherine Arnold, Alma High School, Sue Dilts Memorial Scholarship;
- Cavun Beck, Ithaca High School, Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship, William R. Kirby Memorial Scholarship;
- Chloe Brittain, Breckenridge High School, Gratiot County Fair for Youth Memorial Scholarship;
- Emily Cross, Breckenridge High School Graduate, Central Michigan University Graduate, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Student, Gratiot Physicians Group Scholarship, Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;
- Katherine Dvorak, Alma High School, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Elizabeth Gotaas, Alma High School, Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;
- Holly Gregory, Breckenridge High School Graduate, Central Michigan University Student, Howard & Gladys Poindexter Scholarship;
- Ellen Laurenz, Breckenridge High School, Breckenridge FFA Alumni Memorial Scholarship, Farming Family Scholarship;
- Adam Lawhorne, St. Louis High School, Katherine Mullinax Memorial Scholarship;
- Danielle Mason, Ithaca High School, Ithaca Rotary Club Junior Rotarian Scholarship;
- Ethan McCormick, Ithaca High School, Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship, Lee & Vivian Henderson Memorial Scholarship;
- Taryn Ostrander, Ithaca High School, Harold B. Goodwin Memorial Scholarship;
- Nikole Shaw, Alma High School, Gratiot Physicians Group Scholarship; and
- Landon Strong, Ithaca High School, Carson Fraker Memorial Scholarship.

The Board of the Gratiot County Community Foundation joins the families of these outstanding students in wishing them the best of luck as they continue their education. For additional information or to support any one of these scholarship funds, please contact the Tina Travis, Executive Director, at (989)875-4222 or consult our website at www.gratiotfoundation.org.