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**CASD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES AWARDS OF \$60,300 TO
74 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AT CASHS "NIGHT OF THE STARS"**

Chambersburg, PA – The Chambersburg Area School District Foundation announces the recipients of the 27 named scholarships held by the Foundation and 20 Foundation general scholarships. Students received the scholarship notification and awards at the annual "Night of the Stars" program held at J. Frank Faust Junior High School on Monday, May 17, 2010.

The Foundation awarded **twenty \$1,500 scholarships** from its General Endowment which were presented by Dr. Barry Purvis, Principal of CASHS, to the following seniors:

Austin Beaufort, who will study Music Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Jordan Bragunier, who will study Computer Hardware Engineering at Penn State/Mont Alto
Elizabeth Cooper, who will prepare for a career as a pediatrician at Highpoint University
Andy Dessel, who will study pre-law at Dickinson College
Joshua Funk, who will study agriculture at Penn State University
Deanna Glover, who will prepare for a career in social work at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Dakota Grove, who will study agriculture at Penn State/Mont Alto
Jesse Jones, who will study Art Education at Millersville University
Megan Kelly, who will study nursing at Duquesne University
Branka Miric, who will study nursing at York College of Pennsylvania
Sarah Moore, who will prepare for a career teaching biochemistry at Penn State University
Samantha Nelson, who will study pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh
Emily Rice, who will study horticulture at Penn State University
Rhonda Rice, who will study nursing at Penn State/Mont Alto
Taylor Rote, who will study accounting at University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Morgan Shadle, who will study psychology at Wilson College
Amber Shannon, who will study physical therapy at the University of Pittsburgh
Christa Sipes, who will study elementary music education at West Chester University
Blake Stahl, who will prepare for a career as a guidance counselor at Shippensburg University
Hayley Wildeson, who will study photojournalism at Penn State University

In addition, the following students were honored with Foundation-held named scholarships:

Hannah Sites was the first recipient of the **Steven J. Baird Memorial Scholarship**, which was established this year by the Baird Family in memory of their son, Steve, who was a 1993 CASHS graduate, for a graduating senior with special needs who will pursue post-secondary education/training. Sites will attend Penn State University.

Paris Helman was the first recipient of the **Ian Jacobs Drama Award**, established by Robert and Melanie Wennick to honor the dedication and commitment of drama club advisor and teacher, Ian Jacobs. Helman, selected by Jacobs for her participation in and enthusiasm for CASHS Drama Club productions, will study psychology/theatre arts at Shippensburg University.

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Hayley Wildeson, William Kauffman and Vince Papparella were the first recipients of the **Sarah Hurley Memorial Scholarships**, which were awarded to members of the Class of 2010 who will pursue further studies in photography (Wildeson), architecture (Papparella), and journalism (Kauffman). The Hurley Family also presented awards to the seniors on the CASHS Volleyball team: **Olivia Kohler, Megan Eby, Morgan Lehman, Brianne Rice, Charlie Miller and Lauren Chapman**. A member of the Class of 2010, Sarah Hurley was a member of the CASHS Girls' Volleyball team and was interested in architecture, journalism and photography, who lost her life in a car accident.

Spencer Taylor and Morgan Crider were the first recipients of the **Kacy Straub Memorial Scholarships**, which were awarded to two graduating seniors who will pursue a degree in secondary education, history preferred. Straub was a member of the Class of 2010 and active in student government, athletics (golf & basketball) and community service who lost her life in a car accident. Kacy's family, Robyn & Frank Wells, also presented awards to the following members of the CASHS basketball team and their managers: **Ryan Borzager, Tyler Fore, Jordan Riley, Tyler Young, Taylor Rote, Meyoshia Merritt and Olivia Kohler**; to **Nicole Stennett**, senior member of the CASHS golf team; and to officers of the Class of 2010: **Andy Dessel, Justin Lombardozi, Christa Sipes and Brittany May**.

Nathan Sollenberger was the first recipient of the **Gordon Lambert Memorial Scholarship**, which was established this year by Nancy Lambert in memory of her husband, Gordon, who was an engineer with Nassaux-Hemsley and also served on and as President of the CASD Board of School Directors. Sollenberger will pursue a degree in engineering at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Scott Morrison was the first recipient of the **Linda B. & William H. Harter Scholarship**, established this year to honor the Rev. Dr. William H. Harter and the late Rev. Linda B. Harter, who served as pastors of Falling Spring Presbyterian Church and awarded to a graduating senior who was active in church/synagogue/community youth programs and will pursue a religious vocation. Morrison will pursue studies in youth ministry at Charleston Southern University.

Cara Saylor was the recipient of the **Jennifer Renee Culbertson Memorial Scholarship**, awarded to a graduating senior with special needs. Saylor will study pre-law at Penn State.

Alayna Merkle received the **Jennifer Renee Culbertson Memorial Scholarship** awarded to a graduating senior who will pursue a degree in therapy services or special education. Merkle will continue her studies in speech therapy.

Lauren Chapman received the **Taylor Family Scholarship in Memory of Brant Reed**. Chapman worked as a trainer with the CASHS football team while at CASHS.

Torrie Thomas and Ryan Borzager received the **Ed Latch Memorial Scholarships**. Both Thomas and Borzager have been actively involved in the basketball program at CASHS. The scholarships are funded by the Ed Latch Memorial Basketball Tournaments held for elementary students and by the Latch family.

Jenna Eiker received the **Madolin Kirkpatrick Wenger Memorial Scholarship** which is awarded to a graduating senior who excels in the art program while a student at CASHS. Eiker will study art education at Penn State University.

Megan Eby received the **Josephine G. Stouffer Honorary Scholarship**, awarded in honor of Josephine Stouffer, who taught kindergarten for over 30 years. It is presented to a student in good academic standing pursuing a degree in elementary education. Eby will attend Geneva College.

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Morgan Crider received the **Thomas G. Stouffer Memorial Scholarship**, awarded to a senior in good standing who participated in extra-curricular activities, and who will pursue an degree in secondary education. The scholarship was established to honor Tom Stouffer, long-time educator, PIAA official, and principal at J. Frank Faust Jr. High School. Crider will continue her studies for certification in science at the secondary level.

Sarah Pelletier received the **Oliver F. Acri Memorial Scholarship**, awarded to a senior graduating in good standing who is active in extra-curricular activities and will pursue a career in the health sciences. The scholarship is in memory of Dr. Oliver F. Acri, a dentist who worked in the Chambersburg area for almost 50 years. Pelletier will pursue a biology degree in health care at Elizabethtown College.

Jennifer Kump received the **Showan Family Scholarship**, awarded to a senior graduating in good academic standing and active in extra-curricular activities. Kump will pursue a degree in occupational therapy at Penn State University.

Emily Rice and Korie Seville received the **Tim and Susan Cook Memorial Scholarships**, awarded to students excelling in the mathematics (Rice) and business curricula (Seville). The scholarships are in honor of Tim Cook, former math teacher and cross country coach at CASHS, and his wife, Susan, who was a business teacher at Shippensburg.

Evan Butts received the **Dr. William Robinson and Debra Robinson Bowen Scholarship**. Butts will study for certification in special education at Shippensburg University.

Maeve Charlesworth and Garrett Myers received the **Enos Yeager Memorial Scholarships**, awarded to the most outstanding male and female runners of the cross-country teams as determined by the cross country coaches.

Olivia Kohler received the **Duffield Alumni Scholarship** awarded each year through 2018 to a student who attended Duffield Elementary for at least 3 years. Kohler will study communications at Clarion University. Her name will be added to the plaque listing earlier recipients, which is now located at Fayetteville Elementary.

Garrett Myers received the **Adams Electric Co-operative Scholarship** which is made available by Adams Electric to a graduating senior who lives in their service area.

Christa Sipes and Jesse Jones received the **George Shafer Awards**, presented to seniors graduating from CASHS who will pursue additional studies.

Christopher Little received the **Harriett Thompson Memorial Scholarship**, awarded to a senior who will pursue a degree in education at Shippensburg University. In addition to a monetary award, Little also received a dictionary to honor the tradition that Ms. Thompson, who was an English teacher, began with her family.

Morgan Crider and Marcus Elbel received the **Marsha Brown Trojan Spirit Awards**, presented to one male and one female senior athlete who exemplify the spirit of Trojan athletes – good sportsmanship, team above self, and positive attitude.

Jordan Coldsmith received the **Chevron Texaco Engineering Scholarship**, presented to a graduating senior who will continue their studies in engineering, science or math. Coldsmith will continue his studies in engineering at Penn State University.

ConRoy Smith received the **Floyd and Nellie Robinson Memorial Scholarship**, awarded in memory of former Central Junior High School custodian “Robbie” Robinson and his wife, Nellie, to a minority student in good academic standing who will continue their studies. Smith was captain of the CASHS football team, and will study exercise science at Liberty University.

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Ian Dale and Dana Miller received the **Thomas G. Stouffer Awards**, presented to an 11th grade (Dale) and 9th grade (Miller) student who exemplify school spirit and academic excellence and are active in extra-curricular activities. The awards were initiated by Thomas G. Stouffer, long-time educator and former principal of J. Frank Faust Junior High School, to encourage students to excel both in and out of the classroom.

Lance Bernecker received the U.L. & Jessie R. Gordy Memorial Scholarship presented to a student who attended U.L. Gordy Elementary School for at least 3 years and will pursue post-secondary education.

“This was an extraordinary year for the Foundation in terms of our capability to provide more scholarships to the very talented members of the Class of 2010”, remarked Beth Luka, Executive Director of the CASD Foundation. “In addition to doubling the number of \$1500 scholarships from our General Fund (from 10 to 20), we were very pleased to be able to present 6 new named scholarships this year – the Steven J. Baird Memorial Scholarship, the Linda B. & William H. Harter Scholarship, the Sarah Hurley Memorial Scholarships, the Ian Jacobs Drama Award, the Gordon Lambert Memorial Scholarship, and the Kacy Straub Memorial Scholarships. This was a particularly opportune time to be able to increase the total number of scholarships awarded by the CASD Foundation, given the increased financial commitment students going on in higher education must make in these difficult economic times. We wish all of the recipients and applicants continued success as they pursue their professional dreams.”

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