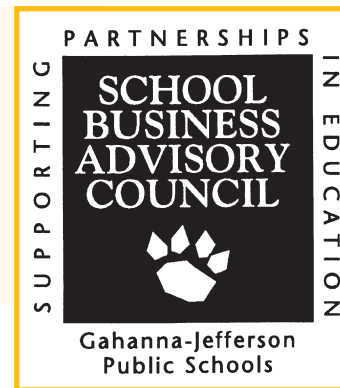


# Partnership News

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## Honor Flight - A Sincere Thank You!

**By Tom Gregory**

*Television/Speech Teacher, Lincoln High School*

Advanced Television students in the WGLH-TV class led a very special project for the entire Gahanna Community when they helped raise the necessary \$12,000 to sponsor an Honor Flight. Honor Flight is an organization that flies World War II veterans—our greatest generation—to Washington, D.C. to tour the WWII Memorial and other significant memorials, including a stop at Arlington Cemetery to watch the changing of the guard.

Earl Morris, an Army surgeon, started the Honor Flight program when he realized after talking with WWII veterans that most had not had the opportunity to see *their* memorial, and probably wouldn't get the chance. The program started in Ohio five years ago and has expanded to 70 different cities across the nation. The goal is to assist as many WWII veterans as possible, while they are still able to travel, to visit Washington, D.C. It is to honor those who courageously helped save and shape the freedoms we enjoy today.

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Gahanna veterans and students enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. as part of the Honor Flight program on April 11, 2009. Pictured are (back row, L-R) WWII veterans John Wolfe, Erv Mathews, Don Swift, Paul Katzmeyer, Blake Swanson (LHS student), Al Smith and Al Rotella; (front row, L-R) LHS students Casey Peirano, Lianne Castile, Lia Crosby, Dan Helm (veteran), Kelly O'Donovan and Amie Davis.

## Excellence Through the Years

**By Russ Cochrane**

*Marketing Education Teacher,  
Lincoln High School*

Thirty-five years of helping 18-year-old students search for a path to their future—this has been my challenge and my great reward. As a teacher of Marketing Education and advisor to the DECA club, I've had the fortune of working with the most marvelous groups of young Gahanna business students. Every year they would surprise me with their creativity, ingenious ideas, and their dedication to professionalism and hard work. Do *NOT* believe the shallow stories that most young people are lazy and apathetic; I have strong proof that they are not.

The great success of Gahanna DECA students over the years has been due to their internal motivation and to the tremendous sup-

port of the Gahanna business community. Gahanna business leaders have devoted countless hours assisting DECA students with their in-depth marketing research projects, and it has paid off. The Gahanna DECA chapter has ranked first in the U.S. and Canada for seven of the last 11 years, doing so again this year. Over 185,000 marketing students begin in competition every year, with 13,000 students competing at their international conference. The community support given to Gahanna students is an advantage; other schools around the state and country are envious. Thank you, Gahanna businesses—you are a great part of this success!

A new DECA teacher, Kit Lynch, is taking over our program this coming year. He is very talented and is looking forward to work-



DECA instructor Russ Cochrane is surrounded by his final class of students at the National Convention where they continued the "Culture of Excellence," established by Cochrane. LHS DECA has been recognized as the premiere program in the State of Ohio garnering 122 International, 515 State and 670 District Awards in addition to the District Championship Award, 27 of the last 30 years.

ing with students. We recruited him to Lincoln High School primarily because of the Gahanna community support. Please welcome him!

On a final note, the friendly, cooperative and positive attitudes of

Gahanna business, government and organization leaders have helped make my career fulfilling and fun. I have the luxury of looking back at so many warm, wonderful memories. Thank you, Gahanna!

# LHS Chorale - Extraordinary Ambassadors!

**By Jeremy Lahman**

*Vocal Music Instructor, Lincoln High School*

For over 30 years, the Gahanna Lincoln Chorale has entertained audiences with high-energy renditions of pop, rock, jazz and Broadway style music. Blending sharp choreography, soaring vocal harmonies, bright tuxedos and dresses and an instrumental combo, the Chorale typically presents a themed performance of five crowd pleasing selections.

This audition-only vocal group of sophomores, juniors and seniors rehearses daily, and twice on Monday. A weeklong summer camp introduces the vocalists to the Chorale style, where they learn a selection of music and choreography each day.

The Chorale embodies the best of Gahanna's Vocal Music Program and serves as its ambassadors. The group performs six home concerts a year and competes in competitions at both

local and state levels. As ambassadors, they perform at Gahanna elementary and middle schools, and occasionally for special district events. Annually, a Chorale performance is an auction item for the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation Celebration of Excellence.

The Chorale represents Gahanna at showchoir competitions around the state. And in 2008, the group represented Gahanna at the Ohio Music Educators As-

sociation State Choir Contest, competing in the most difficult "AA" class. It was the first choir in Lincoln High School history to receive a Superior rating at that level.

While the Chorale is only one of Lincoln High School's six choirs, it remains at the center of choral activities and is a crowd favorite. Thank you to the Gahanna community for your support of Chorale to ensure its continuation for another 30 years.



The 2009 LHS Chorale joins a long list of talented students who have entertained our community throughout the years.

"The Gahanna YMCA is thrilled to again offer a Middle School After-School Program for the 2009-10 school year. Last year's pilot was a great success, with 89 students registering for the program. Students enjoyed supervised activities including: homework time, physical fitness classes, swimming and lots of Ping-Pong. Students do not have to be members of the YMCA to participate, and financial assistance is available."

"Thanks to the generosity of the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation and the district's Transportation Department, the program, which runs from September to May, four days a week, will again have bus service from all three middle schools. Registration information is available this fall."

**- Chris Angellatta**

Executive Director, Gahanna YMCA

## Honor Flight

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Two WGLH-TV students, Blake Swanson and Lianne Castile, went as guardians on a fall 2008 flight, videotaping their experience. Their video was used by the WGLH-TV class to create a short documentary to secure funding from students, their parents and staff across the district, and area businesses, civic groups and generous community members.

Our April 11th flight included 32 honorees, 12 veterans in wheelchairs and a guardian support group comprised of school staff, community leaders and six high school students.

In route to D.C., the veterans enjoyed reading personal letters from district students

thanking them for their service. While in D.C., the visitation allowed veterans to share memories and experiences, which brought history to life for all the guardians.

A tired troop of travelers quickly "fired-up" as they returned home from their daylong excursion. Nearly 1,000 people from Gahanna and the Central Ohio community, along with Brutus Buckeye, greeted the veterans with a hero's welcome and a patriotic celebration.

The Honor Flight project was a great success. WGLH-TV students, Swanson and Castile, won a regional Emmy for their documentary. The spirit of pride has also extended into the community resulting in a partnership between WGLH-TV and Gahanna Rotary to



Congratulations to the seventh group of Alumni Hall of Fame recipients recognized for their achievements and exemplary service. Pictured (L-R) are Dr. Scott Russi (1979), a surgeon and Colonel, United States Air Force; Lisa Herzog, daughter of John Phillip Herzog (1949-posthumously) who was a Professor Emeritus at Simon Fraser University; and Wilbur (Wib) C. Strait (1958), President of Strait and Lamp Lumber.

sponsor another flight in April of 2010. Any groups or organizations that would like to

join the cause may contact Tom Gregory at 478-5500 for more information.



Ryan Ballenger



Jessica Wurster



Jendy Wepler



Monika Wanis



George Vourvopoulos



Jennifer Turner



Ian Taylor



Harmony Taylor



Blake Swanson



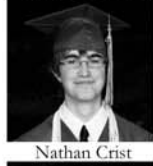
Arianna Booth



Brittany Carroll



Lianne Castile



Nathan Crist



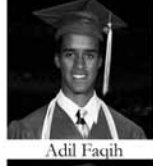
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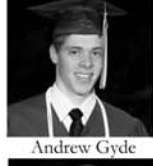
Amie Davis



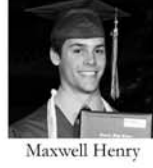
Brian Engle



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Andrew Gyde



Maxwell Henry

## Awards of Excellence and Achievement!

**OHIO UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP**  
Nathaniel Deuber

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD**  
Lianne Castile

**FATHER CASTO MARRAPESE SCHOLARSHIP**  
Chelsea Stevenson

**OHIO JR. SCIENCE/HUMANITIES & SYMPOSIUM SCHOLARSHIP**  
Chelsea Donelson

**COLUMBUS TECHNICAL COUNCIL STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
Collin Pittro

**NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN AWARD**  
Dennis Johnson

**COGGINS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**  
Lindsay Radomski

**BIG 33 SCHOLARSHIP**  
Monika Wanis

**GAHANNA ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Clare Panning, Casey Peirano

**GAHANNA AREA FUND SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Andrew Gyde, Jenna Iseringhausen

**WILLIAM D. SQUIRES SCHOLARSHIP**  
Sarah Peterson

**KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Dennis Johnson, Victoria Morris, Monika Wanis

**JESS HOWARD ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP**  
Collin Pittro

**LION'S LAIR VOLUNTEER AWARD**  
Kyle Pierce

**HIGH POINT ELEMENTARY PTA SCHOLARSHIP**  
Sarah Davis

**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY PTO SCHOLARSHIP**  
Sharonda Jackson

**CINDY HERNDON SCHOLARSHIP**  
Dylan Bias

**ROYAL MANOR ELEMENTARY PTA SCHOLARSHIP**  
Zachary Rozler

**CHARLOTTE SECREST SCHOLARSHIP**  
Joel Clark

**GATE PROGRAM LOUISE BAEHR SCHOLARSHIP**  
William Raybuck

**JOHN HOWARD PTO SCHOLARSHIP**  
Charmaine Willis

**GAHANNA-JEFFERSON BUS DRIVER LOCAL 249 SCHOLARSHIP**  
Christina Hester

**VIRGINIA SWIFT SCHOLARSHIP**  
Mary Garvey

**TUTORING CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**  
Dana Honick

**EASTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Jordan Kennedy, Clare Panning

**REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**  
Genna Losinski

**DAN NELSON SCHOLARSHIP**  
Ryan Ballenger

**DR. JOSEPH HUTTA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
Dana Honick

**GAHANNA-JEFFERSON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Arianna Booth, Kaitlin Chokreff, Andrea Skamfer

**VOCAL MUSIC BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Garet Camella, Chelsea Donelson, Michael Faist, Julia Trapp, Caylee Whipple

**DON EARL SCHOLARSHIP**  
Kaitlin Chokreff

**STONEHENGE SCHOLARSHIP**  
Joshua Adler, Rachel Kruse, Jocelyn Rutherford

**COLUMBUS BUSINESS WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP**  
Monika Wanis

**JOSEPH E. RHODES RENAISSANCE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Charles Hintz, Amanda Mroczka

**LINC SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Kelsey Driscoll, Dana Honick, Mary Laskovski, Codi Smith, Blake Swanson, Dan Vo

**RED CROSS SCHOLARSHIP**  
Jordan Kennedy

**OHIO FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION STUDENT AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN LANGUAGE STUDY**  
Andrew Ameter, Tin Cheung, Joel Clark, Jonathan Oty, Taylor Ragland, Yohana Robso

**GAHANNA-JEFFERSON BOARD OF EDUCATION/SUPERINTENDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Kaitlin Chokreff, Jessica Pawlarczyk, Courtney Rea

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Moriah Heintzelman, Benjamin Pacheco

**NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS**  
Adil Faqih, Anand Kumar, Elizabeth Male, Ryan Schlegel

**NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
Adil Faqih

**AGONIS SCHOLAR-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Ryan Ballenger, Jendy Wepler

**COLUMBUS DISPATCH SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS**  
Ryan Ballenger, Jendy Wepler

**BYRON PRUSHING AWARD**  
Emily Sheets

**THOMAS MOEHRING SCHOLARSHIP**  
Ian Taylor

**OHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Mark Aksel, Jessica Pawlarczyk

**OHSAA ARCHIE GRIFFIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS**  
Jenna Iseringhausen, John Ross

**ELLIS EVANS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Casey Peirano, Emily Sheets



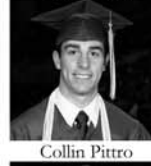
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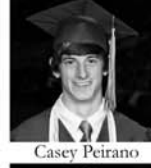
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Matthew Nelson



Charles Hintz



Dana Honick



Jessica Lee



Genna Losinski



Elizabeth Male



Victoria Morris



Sesha Nandyal



Kris Nathan

## PRESENTING THE 2009 LHS VALEDICTORIANS!

\*Not Pictured: Anand Kumar  
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## Class of 2009 Scholarships & Grants-Delivering Outstanding Academics

Mark Aksel	University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship; Capital University, Presidential Award; OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship	Christopher Downing	President's Scholar, Legacy & Battelle Finalist Awards	Citizenship Award; Tutoring Club Scholarship; Dr. Joseph Hutta Memorial Scholarship; Wittenberg University, Matthies Scholarship; Capital University, Presidential Scholarship & Capital Connect Grant; Ashland University, Ashbook Scholars Program & Provost Scholarship; Kent State University, Trustee's Scholarship; Miami University, Miami Grant; Ohio Merit Scholarship
Katherine Alexander	Indiana University Bloomington, Academic Award		Wright State University Scholarship – Full Tuition; Ohio Dominican University, Athletic Scholarship; Pace University, Athletic Scholarship; Wheeling Jesuit University, Presidential Award; University of the Virgin Islands, Athletic Scholarship	Capital University Scholarship
Ryan Ballenger	Stanford University Scholarship – Full Tuition; Dan Nelson Scholarship; Agonis Scholar-Athlete Scholarship; Columbus Dispatch Scholar-Athlete Award	Kelsey Driscoll	Ohio University, Director's Scholarship; Ashland University, Director's & Buckeye Girls State Scholarships; Capital University, Director's Scholarship	Ashland University Scholarship
Scott Baptiste	Kent State University, Trustee's Scholarship		University of Toledo Scholarship	University of Cincinnati Scholarship
Melissa Batke	Kent State University Scholarship	Brandy Edwards	Ohio Dominican University Scholarship	Capital University Grant & Scholarship – Half Tuition;
Kathryn Battle	Vanderbilt University Scholarship; Ohio State University, Trustee's Scholarship; Capital University, Trustee's Scholarship	Kelsey Egler	Ohio State University Scholarship	Wittenberg University Scholarship;
		Scott Eisen	University of Toledo, Rocket Scholarship	Gahanna Area Fund Scholarship;
Chase Beckmann	Otterbein College, Scholar Award & Endowed Scholarship; University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship	Brian Engle	American Musical & Dramatic Academy, Regional Scholarship;	OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award
		Nathaniel Fahy	American Academy of Dramatic Arts Scholarship	Lincoln Elementary PTO Scholarship
Joshua Bell	University of Toledo, Rocket Award	Michael Faist	Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University Scholarship; Vanderbilt University Scholarship; National Achievement Award; National Merit Finalist Award	National Forensic League Academic All-American Award; Ohio University, Templeton Scholarship;
Aaron Binkley	Ohio University Scholarship		University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship	Ohio State University, Morrill Scholars Program Scholarship;
Erik Birkinbine	Ohio State University Scholarship	Adil Faqih	Kent State University Scholarship	Case Western Reserve University, Trustee's Scholarship; Kiwanis Scholarship
Kyle Bonham	Ohio Christian University Scholarship – Full Tuition		Duquesne University Scholarship;	Cedarville University Scholarship;
Arianna Booth	Brigham Young University Scholarship; John Allen Memorial/GJEA Scholarship	Branden Francis	Ohio University, Scholar Award;	Ohio Northern University, Pharmacy Scholarship;
Kaleigh Bowling	Kent State University Scholarship	Conner Frey	Gannon University, Merit Scholarship; Odd Fellows Scholarship	Ohio State University, Provost Scholarship; University of Toledo, Rocket Scholarship
Matthew Brody	Ohio Wesleyan University Scholarship; DePauw University Scholarship	Julie Gallagher	Kent State University Scholarship	University of Toledo Scholarship
Jacob Brown	Illinois Institute of Technology Scholarship		Duquesne University Scholarship;	Ohio Dominican University Scholarship
Amber Bryant	Kent State University, Academic Competitiveness Award	Lauren Gardner	Ohio University, Scholar Award;	Bowling Green State University Scholarship
Brandon Burch	DeVry University, Dean's Scholarship	Megan Garrod	Gannon University, Merit Scholarship; Odd Fellows Scholarship	Mount Vernon Nazarene University Scholarship; Easton Community Foundation Scholarship
Sangeeta Cargile	Kent State University Scholarship; Ohio State University, Minority Grant; Wright State University Scholarship; Xavier University Scholarship	Mary Garvey	Kent State University Scholarship	University of Cincinnati Scholarship
Kevin Carpenter	Ohio University Scholarship	Ariel Gary	Virginia Swift Scholarship	Ball State University Scholarship – Half Tuition; Otterbein College, President's Scholar Award
Brittany Carroll	Columbus State Community College, Partnership Scholarship	Anna Gavrillov	Virginia State University, Provost Scholarship	University of Akron Scholarship;
Kadie Carter	Ohio Dominican University Scholarship	Lucas Gerken	Bowling Green State University Scholarship	Bowling Green State University, Academic Award
Lianne Castile	Otterbein College, Scholar, Premier Departmental & Ammons-Thomas Awards; Kenyon College Scholarship	Dona Gibbs	Ohio State University, Veteran's Family Scholarship	Ohio Dominican University Scholarship
Alexander Chien	Wittenberg University Scholarship	Kathleen Gonzalez	Ohio Dominican University Scholarship	National Merit Finalist Award
Kaitlin Chokreff	GJEA Scholarship; Don Earl Scholarship; Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education /Superintendent Scholarship	Kyle Granville	Savannah College of Art & Design, Academic Award	LINC Scholarship
Wing Chow	Ohio State University Scholarship; University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship	Andrew Gyde	Capital University Scholarship;	University of Alabama in Huntsville Scholarship
Joel Clark	Charlotte Secrest Scholarship		Berklee College of Music Scholarship	Ohio State University Scholarship
Matthew Clark	Ohio Dominican University Scholarship	Raleigh Harriott	Ohio State University Scholarship;	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Scholarship; Florida Institute of Technology Scholarship;
Chelsea Clay	Mount Vernon Nazarene University Scholarship	Moriah Heintzelman	Cedarville University, Academic Competitiveness Grant & President's Scholarship; Gahanna Area Fund Scholarship	Kent State University, Trustee's Scholarship; Ohio University Scholarship
Chelsea Coleman	Otterbein College, Endowed Scholarship		Ohio State University, Academic Award; Military Veterans Education Foundation Scholarship; National Honor Society Scholarship	Faith Ministries Church Scholarship
Nathan Crist	Ohio State University, Scholar Award; Purdue University, Presidential Award; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship	Brittney Helenberger	Johnson Bible College Scholarship;	Ohio State University Scholarship
Lia Crosby	Denison University Scholarship; Allegheny College, Academic Scholarship; Otterbein College, Scholar, Communication & Legacy Awards	Maxwell Henry	North Park Church of Christ Scholarship	Xavier University, Academic Award;
Amanda Dandria	Capital University, Presidential & Cap Grant Awards; Liberty University Scholarship	Christina Hester	University of Colorado at Boulder, Academic Scholarship	DePaul University, Academic Award;
Amie Davis	Ohio University, Gateway Scholarship; Ball State University Scholarship; Ashland University, Presidential Award; Kent State University Scholarship		University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship; University of Toledo, Academic Scholarship; Xavier University, Academic Scholarship;	Otterbein College, Scholar Award
Sarah Davis	Ohio PTO Scholarship; High Point Elementary PTA Scholarship	Melvin Hill III	Ohio University, Academic Scholarship;	University of Dayton Scholarship;
Ryan Dempsey	Xavier University Scholarship	Charles Hintz	Gahanna-Jefferson Bus Driver Local 249 Scholarship	Choose Ohio First Scholarship;
Nathaniel Deuber	Ohio State University Scholarship; Purdue University Scholarship; Army ROTC Scholarship – Full Tuition; Ohio University, Gateway Scholarship – Full Tuition		Notre Dame College, Minority, Presidential & Athletic Scholarships	Ohio Northern University Scholarship;
Molly Devaney	Kent State University, Trustee's Scholarship	Andrew Holly	Wabash College Scholarship;	Ohio University Scholarship
Devin Dittmar	Ohio State University, Young Buckeyes Scholarship		Tulane University, Founders Scholarship; Allegheny College, Trustee's Scholarship; Kent State University, Honors Scholar;	University of Toledo, Rocket Scholarship
Chelsea Donelson	Ohio Jr. Science/Humanities & Symposium Scholarship; Columbus Technical Council Science Student of the Year Award; Otterbein College,	Dana Honick	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Scholar Award; Heidelberg College Scholarship	Denison University, Battelle Scholarship; Wittenberg University, Tuition Exchange; Miami University, Ohio Scholars; Marietta College, Dean's Scholarship
			Columbus College of Art & Design Scholarship; The Art Institutes, Merit Award; Imagine America Scholarship	Miami University Scholarship;
			Ohio DECA Scholarship; LINC Scholarship; Alexander Hamilton	University of Evansville Scholarship
				Kent State University, Athletic Scholarship
				Otterbein College, Scholar Award
				John Carroll University Scholarship;
				AEP Scholarship; Republic Waste Service Scholarship

Eric Maedeker Brandon Magbagbeola	Capital University Scholarship Eastern Michigan University Scholarship – Full Tuition	Dawn Pressley	Hampton University Scholarship – Full Tuition	Nicholas Snood	University of Toledo Scholarship; University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship; Miami University, Miami Grant; Ohio University Scholarship Columbus College of Art & Design Scholarship
Elizabeth Male	College of Wooster Scholarship; Case Western Reserve University Scholarship; Oberlin College Scholar- ship; National Merit Finalist Award	Lindsay Radomski Taylor Ragland	Coastal Carolina University Scholarship Kent State University Scholarship; Wittenberg University, Matthies Scholarship; Miami University, Miami Grant; Ohio State University, Maximus Scholarship	Chloe Sommer Miranda Steinhauser	University of Cincinnati, University Scholarship Otterbein College, Ammons-Thomas Award
Jasmine Manigoe	Mount Vernon Nazarene University Scholarship	Tyler Ranney William Raybuck	Ohio State University Scholarship; Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education/Superintendent Scholarship	Devon Stevens	St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Church Scholarship; Father Casto Marrapese Scholarship; Otterbein College, Scholar Award & Endowed Scholarship
Michelle Markley Cord McCallister	Miami University Scholarship West Virginia Wesleyan College Scholarship – Full Tuition	Courtney Rea	Miami University, Miami Grant; Capital University, Presidential Scholarship; Eckerd College, Presidential Scholarship	Chelsea Stevenson	Florida Institute of Technology Scholarship Liberty University Scholarship Olivet Nazarene University, Crawford Scholarship; Indiana Wesleyan University Scholarship
Sarah McIntyre	Columbus College of Art & Design Scholarship	Mathew Renda	Otterbein College, Scholar & Dean's Leadership Awards & Endowed Scholarship	Kyle Strait David Summers Blake Swanson	Ohio State University Scholarship – Full Tuition; University of Toledo, Rocket Scholarship; University of Findlay Scholarship; Baldwin-Wallace College Scholarship; Otterbein College, Scholar, Dean's Leadership & Ammons-Thomas Awards
Devon Merion	Otterbein College, Scholar & Legacy Awards & Endowed Scholarship	Steve Resch	Bowling Green State University Scholarship Kent State University Scholarship; Bowling Green State University, Academic Scholarship	Harmony Taylor	Thomas Moehring Scholarship Kent State University Scholarship University of Colorado at Boulder Scholarship
Zachary Messinger	Columbus State Community College Scholarship; Ohio Dominican University Scholarship; University of Rio Grande Scholarship	Justin Rivello Elizabeth Robbins	Siena Heights University Scholarship; University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship; Ohio State University, Trustee's Scholarship	Ian Taylor Chelsea Tobin Morgan Tomko	Miami University, Miami Grant; Otterbein College, Scholar Award Ohio University, Athletic Scholarship; Xavier University, Athletic Scholarship; Ohio State University, Athletic Scholarship
Brooke Miller Jason Miller	Ohio State University Scholarship University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship	Alex Rocca	Notre Dame College, Athletic Scholarship; OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award	Brock Trimbur	Miami University, Miami Grant; Otterbein College, Scholar Award Ohio University, Athletic Scholarship; Ohio State University, Athletic Scholarship
Melissa Miller	University of Akron Scholarship; Capital University, Music Scholarship; Bowling Green State University, Academic Award	John Ross	Kent State University Scholarship; University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship; Royal Manor Elementary PTO Scholarship	Evan Trout Jennifer Turner	Miami University, Miami Grant; Otterbein College, Scholar Award Ohio State University Scholarship; Purdue University Scholarship
Nathaniel Miller	Ohio Dominican University, Band Scholarship; Capital University, Academic Award	Zachary Rozler	Ohio State University, Trustee's Scholarship; Westerville Police Department HUGGS Scholarship	Malcolm Turner	Muskingum College Scholarship – Full Tuition
Seth Milum Amy Minnema Daniel Moore Kristian Morgan	Capital University Scholarship Ohio Wesleyan University Scholarship Ohio University Scholarship Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Scholarship; Army Scholarship	Tyler Rudd	University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship; Otterbein College, Scholar Award & Endowed Scholarship; University of Dayton Scholarship; Kent State University Scholarship	Jacob Van Deventer	University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Scholarship
Victoria Morris	University of Pennsylvania Scholarship; Kiwanis Scholarship	Katherine Rush Jocelyn Rutherford	Miami University, Miami Grant University of Maryland, Banneker/ Key Scholarship; American University, Presidential Scholarship; Ohio State University, Provost Scholarship; Wake Forest University Scholarship; Robert Byrd Honors Scholarship; National Merit Finalist Award	George Vourvopoulos Monika Wanis	Ohio State University Scholarship – Full Tuition; Big 33 Scholarship; Tzu Chi Scholarship; Kiwanis Scholarship Muskingum College Scholarship; Agonis Scholar-Athlete Scholarship; Columbus Dispatch Scholar-Athlete Award
Amanda Mroczka	Ohio State University Scholarship; College of Wooster Scholarship	Zachary Savage Ryan Schlegel	Ohio Dominican University, Band Scholarship	Jendy Weppler	Miami University Scholarship; Butler University, Academic Award; Elon University, Academic Award
Sesha Nandyal	Oberlin College Scholarship; University of Cincinnati Scholarship	Meghan Shea	Ohio University Scholarship; College of Charleston, Academic Scholarship; Xavier University, Trustee's Scholarship; University of Cincinnati, Presidential Scholarship	Justin Wheeler Caylee Whipple	Ohio Dominican University Scholarship Otterbein College, Legacy, Dean's Leadership & Communication Awards, & Endowed & Alumni Scholarships
Kris Nathan	University of Dayton Scholarship; Ohio State University, Morrill Scholars Program Scholarship; Alcatel-Lucent Scholarship	Emily Sheets	University of Cincinnati, Presidential Scholarship; Ohio State University, Provost Scholarship; Kent State University Scholarship; University of Cincinnati Scholarship; Cincinnati Scholarship; Otterbein College, Scholar Award; Byron Prushing Award	Brieanna White Brittany White Charmaine Willis Joseph Wills Heather Wilson Jessica Wurster Dustin Zamora	University of Toledo Scholarship Ohio State University Scholarship John Howard PTO Scholarship University of Cincinnati Scholarship Ohio University Scholarship Ohio State University Scholarship University of Akron Scholarship; Point Park University, Academic Scholarship & Community Service Award
Viviana Navarro Peshan Ngo	Bright Futures Award Ohio State University Scholarship – Full Tuition	Julia Shreve David Skaggs Andrea Skamfer	Ohio State University, Excellence Award & RedHawk Scholarship; Otterbein College, Ammons-Thomas Award	Emily Zapp	Capital University Scholarship; Otterbein College, Scholar Award & Endowed Scholarship
Shanteé Nuckols	Ohio State Schools of Cosmetology Scholarship	Codi Smith			
Kelly O'Donovan	Saint Francis University, Scholar Award; Gannon University, Scholar Award				
Michael Oiler	Capital University Scholarship; Otterbein College, Endowed Scholarship				
Jordan Oros	University of Louisville Scholarship; University of Dayton, President's Scholarship; University of Cincinnati Scholarship; University of Kentucky Scholarship				
Jonathan Oty	Mount Vernon Nazarene University Scholarship				
Benjamin Pacheco Dominique Palmer Clare Panning	National Honor Society Scholarship University of Toledo, Rocket Scholarship University of Findlay Scholarship; Otterbein College, Merit Scholarship; Gahanna Rotary Club Scholarship; Easton Community Foundation Scholarship				
Jessica Pawlarczyk	DePauw University Scholarship – Half Tuition; Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education/Superintendent Scholarship; OHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship				
Miranda Payne	Columbus College of Art & Design Scholarship – Full Tuition				
Casey Peirano	University of Oklahoma, Academic Excellence; Ohio State University, Provost Scholarship; University of Miami, Dean's Scholarship; Gahanna Rotary Club Scholarship				
Sarah Peterson	Ohio State University, William D. Squires Scholarship				
Tho Phan Kyle Pierce Thomas Pinney Collin Pittro	Purdue University Scholarship Lion's Lair Volunteer Award University of Toledo, Rocket Scholarship Ohio State University, Hendrix Engineering Scholarship; Case Western Reserve University, Provost Scholarship; University of Cincinnati, Century Scholarship; Jess Howard Electric Scholarship				
Natalie Potts Camille Powell	Ohio State University, Legacy Award University of Cincinnati Scholarship				

## GRAND TOTAL OFFERED \$10,700,000+



Chelsea Donelson and Jenna Iseringhausen were selected as the 2009 Hall of Fame honorees for their outstanding academic achievement, and inspirational leadership and service. Congratulations!



## Celebrate Excellence in the District!

- The **Lincoln High School (LHS)** Class of 2009 had 26 percent of the class receive an honors diploma, four National Merit scholarship finalists, seven commended students, one National Achievement recipient, 37 valedictorians and was offered over \$10 million in higher education scholarships.

- **LHS Science Academy** Special Aspects students in the Robotics and Medical Track classrooms presented their posters and papers at the school's first-ever symposium. Judges, LHS students and the community were in attendance to provide a forum to hear scientific research, data and statistical analysis. Best paper and poster presentations received cash awards.

- The **LHS Boys' Track and Field Team** claimed the Division I State Championship; an exciting capstone to the planned 30-year reunion of LHS athletes who also celebrated their 30th anniversary of winning the 1979 state championship.

- The **LHS Bands** presented "A Lincoln Celebration" concert honoring Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial birthday. The stunning performance of Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" by the Gold Band and Gahanna

City Council Member-At-Large Beryl Anderson (who narrated) received a standing ovation. The Blue Band and both Jazz Bands performed as well.

- Art education at **Blacklick Elementary** can be seen everyday now that two large, metal flower sculptures, ranging from two to seven feet in height, were permanently installed as public art. Students were involved in art education throughout the design process, which included working with a local artist to paint the metal flowers, and to learn about all kinds of public art and reasons for creating them.

- **Chapelfield Elementary** 3rd-graders focused on social studies standards in citizenship and volunteerism through a range of activities. The study of cultural practices of local groups and research of their heritage included reading books and bringing scraps of family member's clothing to make a patchwork pillow.

- Right to Read Week at **Goshen Lane Elementary** featured a "Right to Read, Read to Write" theme. In preparation, library time had students focusing on the writing process and the inspiration young writers can gain from published authors. Author Linda

Stanek visited and presented an overview of the writing process and conducted workshops. A Happy Author Day celebration concluded the week along with projects being shared.

- Math Night at **High Point Elementary** used a "Math Isn't So Scary" theme where participants 'Trick or Treated' through various game stations. Students and their parents had fun while learning about the school's math series, Investigations.

- **Jefferson Elementary's** annual Jog for Jefferson fundraiser, with a theme of "Choose to be Champions," focused on health, exercise, nutrition and the importance of developing healthy lifestyles. Pledges from family, friends, neighbors and 45 businesses had proceeds directed to support technology at the school.

- **Royal Manor Elementary** hosted Kramer Edu-tainment, who brought a mobile planetarium to show museum-quality presentations to the student body on a wide range of topics: astronomy, history, biology, geology, and space and earth travel. Each grade level viewed a different exhibition such as the Secret of the Cardboard Rocket, Cosmic Collisions, Earth's Wild Ride and

The Dinosaur Prophecy.

- Mixing academics with recognition, **Middle School East** acknowledged 263 students for outstanding efforts in the classroom at their 39th Annual Awards Program, and throughout 2008-09 at quarterly Citizenship Breakfasts where identified students demonstrating specific character traits enjoyed breakfast and a certificate of recognition.

- **Middle School South** 7th-graders produced and presented visual public service announcements about biodiversity and their Preservation Awareness and Wildlife Site (P.A.W.S.) to various Gahanna-Jefferson Schools and City of Gahanna administrators.

- Sixth-grade classes at **Middle School West** started the year by applying football to their math studies. Participating in a mock game for understanding, students then conducted data analysis to draw conclusions, manipulate fractions and show their thinking through words and graphs to answer the question, "What does it take to win?" Using this relevant research, students chose players weekly and applied the stats to the player's performance to calculate points.

## Successful Chinese Program Transitions to Next Phase

By **Rae White**

*Coordinator, Curriculum/Human Resources/Professional Development*

In June, Gahanna-Jefferson Schools celebrated the first year of an elementary foreign language program. Approximately 175 students from Blacklick, Chapelfield, High Point, Jefferson and Lincoln Elementary Schools completed Mandarin Chinese stage one. An additional 70 students from Goshen Lane and Royal Manor Elementary Schools participated in a similar Spanish course. These programs emphasized speaking and listening skills in the targeted language, which was offered during the school day and after school.

The enthusiasm for the program was overwhelming, providing momentum for the 2009-10 school year. Summer planning helped prepare the school buildings to have both a "stage one" class for beginning students as well as a "stage two" for those students who participated in the program last year.

The Mandarin Chinese program will continue to partner with The Ohio State University and the Ohio Department of Education to develop curriculum strategies and materials for classroom instruction. Mike Kralovic, Amanda Lin and Rita Yey will serve as instructors.

Lincoln High School added Mandarin Chinese to their world language program in the 2007-08 school year. Currently, over 100 students are registered for levels I, II and III for this school year.

The benefits of the Chinese program at the elementary level was stated well by Ms. Lauren Feldman, parent of Jocelyn and Allison, "We were interested in exposing our children to different cultures, especially since Gary (their father) has been to China. Taking Mandarin Chinese classes was an amazing opportunity for them!"

For more information, please contact Rae White at 337-3773.



Pictured are teacher Amanda Lin with High Point Elementary parents Lauren and Gary Feldman and their daughters, (L-R) first-grader Allison and third-grader Jocelyn, who participated in the Chinese elementary program.

## The Power of Partnerships (Did You Know...)

❖ Barnes and Noble of Easton sponsored **Blacklick Elementary's** author/illustrator visit with Jon Scieszka and Loren Long who shared with students the new book series, *Trucktown*. Blacklick was also a recipient of a GJEF grant supplying a reading fluency lab and resources for teachers to differentiate student math instruction.

❖ Helping with **Chapelfield Elementary's** "Lunch Bunch" math enrichment program and classroom tutoring was partner Alliance Data. This yearlong commitment had volunteers assisting weekly in providing students with homework help.

❖ WesBanco has contributed financial donations to the **Goshen Lane Elementary** PTA for the past two years. Students have the opportunity to visit the bank to see behind-the-scene operations, as well as pieces from the Goshen Lane permanent art collection displayed in WesBanco's lobby.

❖ Coldwell Banker King Thompson worked through GJEF to fund an educational mini-grant to be used in the district's elementary multiple handicapped class housed at **High Point Elementary**. The realtors wanted their contribution to support a specific initiative for functional curriculum items. Company representatives visited the classroom, talked with the teacher, and offered further support by donating a much-needed new refrigerator to the classroom.

❖ **Jefferson Elementary** partnered with Benchmark Bank to pilot Kids Banking. Fifth-graders applied for positions, interviewed and were selected for positions within the school bank. The Kids Banking Branch was open once a week for students to deposit money, encouraging financial responsibility at an early age.

❖ A solid group of **Lincoln Elementary** parent and community volunteers tutored students in reading on a weekly basis throughout the school year. The Lincoln Reads program is thankful to the many volunteers who donated their time to help the students achieve and attain new levels in their reading.

❖ **Royal Manor Elementary** has strong partnerships with the Ga-

hanna Rotary and Ohio Dominican College baseball players who provide tutoring to advance students' reading skills. As well, Good Samaritan Church aligned with the school to offer after-school tutoring, family holiday support, and a Good Friday Day Camp assisting working parents with school-age childcare.

❖ Heartland Bank provided sets of *The Columbus Dispatch* newspapers to **Middle School East (MSE)** 8th-grade social studies classrooms, and partnered with the MSE PTA to donate the service charge for use of a coin machine in the bank lobby.

❖ Over 300 community members attended **Middle School South's** "Taste of South" that was facilitated by 12 area restaurants including Max and Erma's, Bob Evans, Jersey Mike's, Smokey Bones, Damon's, Pomegranate, Bellacino's, Rotelli's, Starbucks, Raising Cane's, Rita's Italian Ice and City Barbeque. Proceeds went to Nationwide Children's Hospital's One for Books program.

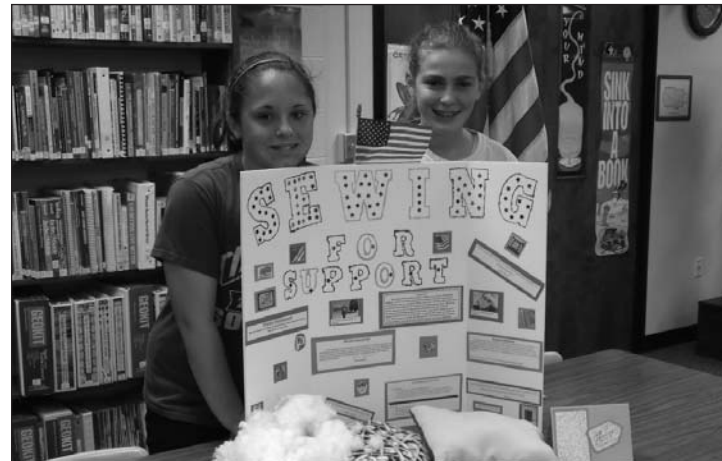
❖ Original Pizza Pan issued coupons as an incentive for **Middle School West** students during the administration of the Ohio Achievement Tests. The coupons were part of a drawing providing 20 students at each grade level who had perfect attendance during testing to enjoy a free pizza lunch.

❖ The **Lincoln High School** Multiple Disabilities Vocational Training Program was very excited to add Mt. Carmel East Hospital back onto their list of employers. Four students and two staff members went to Mt. Carmel twice a week to volunteer in the Environmental Services Department to help with recycling.

❖ Senior Projects in the **Lincoln High School/Eastland-Fairfield** Architecture Design program have the following businesses to thank for being mentors and jurors: ACP Visioning + Planning, Bird Houk Collaborative, Bovis Lend Lease, Design Group, Incorporated, Keiser Design Group, Lupton Rausch Architecture + Interior Design, The McCabe Companies, Miles McClellan Construction, SHP Leading Design and Triad Architects.



Chapelfield Elementary physical education teacher, Jon Grundtisch, took the cake—namely 30 cakes—to celebrate the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart 30th Birthday and the school's fundraiser. Grundtisch, the event organizer, students and staff raised over \$8,434, which entitled the top 30 money raisers to toss cakes at Grundtisch for the year-end, all-school assembly celebrating the donation to help others.



The 7th-grade Language Arts program at Middle School East engaged students in a community service experience through the "Making a Difference" project. The culminating activity for students was to create a service project proposal that has the potential to become a reality. Ginna Kauble and Nicole Weldon collaborated to present "Sewing for Support." The students made 100 pillows to send to our troops in Iraq. Funding from GJEF provided postage costs. Many thanks to all the students who participated in this unique program that became a reality.

"Our first-ever STRIDES FOR PRIDE event at Blacklick Elementary raised more than \$24,000 and was truly a community day. The fundraiser promoted fitness by incorporating the concept of our walking club, which we started several years ago. Students asked family members, friends and neighbors to contribute, resulting in almost \$16,000 of the funds raised. We couldn't have asked for a more generous group of sponsors; over 20 businesses donated items for a silent auction and monies to offset the cost of the event. Due to these wonderful partnerships, Blacklick Elementary will be able to supplement technology and reading materials, and help provide opportunities for field trips. Thank you!"

-Heather Bischoff  
PTO Chairwoman

The "Excellence" and "Did You Know" bulleted points are just a small sampling of the remarkable activities happening in the district.

# GJEF-Growing Stronger Every Year

**By Dale Foor**

*Coordinator, Community Services*

**T**HANK YOU—the two words that best capture the response from teachers and students across the district who have been the benefactors of projects and grants funded by the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation (GJEF) over the past years. As we tally our most recent efforts—along with the four prior years—GJEF has been able to raise over \$430,000 at our Celebrations of Excellence, and an additional \$100,000 through our Annual Fund campaigns.

The generous support from our business partners, community and alumni has allowed GJEF to fund 200+ competitive grants in the amount of \$220,000, and an additional \$53,000 for donor-designated projects and scholarships. GJEF has also es-

tablished a fund at the Columbus Foundation to build an endowment for future projects.

This past March, the GJEF Board approved an allocation of \$63,000 to fund grants for the 2009 spring and fall grant cycles. Included in the grants approved in June were \$1,000 for LHS Debate Team research materials, and \$3,215 for the middle school science program.

Again, many thanks to all who have supported our past efforts! We welcome a collective effort as we kick-off our 3rd Annual Fund Campaign in October, and encourage you to mark your calendars for March 6th to attend Celebration of Excellence 2010.

Please visit the GJEF Web site at [www.gjef.org](http://www.gjef.org) for additional information regarding grant funding and foundation programs.



The 2009 Celebration of Excellence was a huge success generating \$96,000 for foundation projects. A sellout crowd of 450 guests purchased over 500 auction items and enjoyed a delicious selection of food donated by 34 of the areas best restaurants.

Thank you to the 20 area businesses who purchased a corporate table and a very special thanks to our five Event Sponsors pictured above. In the front row (L-R) Yvette McGee Brown – M/I Homes; Jerry Cring – Dynalab, Inc.; Mo Dioun – The Stonehenge Company; Reggie Thomas – Huntington Banks; and Maria Ellis – Kroger. The second row includes (L-R) special guests: Allysia Lind – Goshen Lane Elementary PTA; Bunnie Geroux – Gahanna Herb Center; Dale Foor – GJEF President; Emily Reimer – Reporter ABC-6TV; Angie Gottron – Auction Chair; and Russ Cochrane – GLHS DECA Advisor. Photo Credit: Studio 187 Photography



Students at Goshen Lane Elementary will return to a new playground this fall thanks to the dedicated support of the PTA and the collaborative team from the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation, City of Gahanna and the district's maintenance staff. PTA volunteer (center) Fred Squillante is flanked by school maintenance staffers, Amit Sharma (left) and Jon Grant. The equipment will be enjoyed by both Goshen Lane students and the community who utilize the school grounds throughout the year.

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