



# Scholarship and Endowment Funds

*Scholarships and endowments support students by enabling the leaders of the future to pursue their goals through higher education. Individuals and organizations have had many different reasons for establishing these funds. They are a great way to support the University and to build a lasting tribute to a loved one. The following is a list of endowments, scholarships, and student resource funds available at Pitt-Greensburg.*

## **Dr. and Mrs. Fred T. Campana Endowment (2001)**

The board of directors of the Trixie Puff Foundation established this scholarship in memory of Dr. Fred T. and Mrs. Lenore Campana. Benefiting students and faculty within the Natural Sciences Division, the endowment funds small allocations to students for awards, lab fees, books, and other resources. Funding of small awards to faculty is also available.

## **Beth Cassell Student Resource Fund (2007)**

This fund is named in honor of Beth Cassell, wife of former Pitt-Greensburg President Frank A. Cassell, PhD. Money from this fund provides small grants to aid students with their professional development projects.

## **The Dr. Frank A. Cassell Scholarship (2007)**

The Cassell Scholarship is presented annually to a Pitt-Greensburg freshman who has an interest in becoming a member of the Academic Village. The purpose is to recognize and assist a student whose previous record indicates a capacity to excel in each of the Four Cardinal Points of a Pitt-Greensburg education: academic achievement, leadership, public service, and global awareness. Cassell Scholars are expected to live up to the ideals of a liberal arts education and to be inspirational models for other Pitt-Greensburg students.

## **Commercial National Bank of PA Student Travel Scholarship (2002)**

Established with a gift from Commercial National Bank, this endowment supports deserving University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg students pursuing travel-study assignments.

## **Helen Connors Student Resource Fund (2002)**

The Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology established this fund to honor Helen Connors' 16 years of dedicated service to Pitt-Greensburg. It will be awarded to a full-time student majoring in psychology and may be used for the student's educational expenses other than tuition.

## **Dale J. Cordial Scholarship (1992)**

This scholarship provides support to a student who demonstrates financial need and who has an excellent potential for success as evidenced by leadership, commitment, and hard work. The award is to be used for tuition, books, and room and board. This endowment was established by Mr. Dale Cordial.

## **Peter A. Cresson Scholarship Fund (2007)**

This scholarship is to support a student from Westmoreland County who attends the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

## **Kevin M. DiVecchio Student Resource Fund (2005)**

Kevin was a 2003 graduate of Pitt-Greensburg who died in an accident on October 1, 2005, at the age of 24. In his memory, family and friends established a scholarship to remember a young man whose life was defined by a great love of family and friends, a talent for leadership, and a passion to help develop and inspire other young men and women in the classroom and on the playing field. This award is presented to Norwin High School graduates with a minimum 3.0 GPA and with similar academic and athletic interests as Kevin.

## **Jessica Drayer Chemistry Award (2010)**

The Jessica Drayer Chemistry award was established by family and friends in memory of Jessica, who passed away May 2009. As a tribute to Jessica, this award is open to any junior or senior at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg with a 3.25 GPA who is majoring in Chemistry, working on or completing an independent research project, and who provides service to Pitt-Greensburg and exhibits leadership qualities. It is renewable, in accordance with the University's scholarship renewal policy. One award shall be presented each year. This money is to offset costs such as books, lab fees, room, board, or any other educational expenses and will be directly applied to the student's account.

## **Eberly Scholarship Fund (1994)**

All undergraduate students are eligible for this academic scholarship. Selection is based on superior academic achievement, good moral character, and financial need.

## **Vincent A. Finoli Scholarship in Business (1990)**

This endowment was established by the Management Department and the Business Honor Society of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg in honor of Vincent A. Finoli, former chairman of the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board. Awards are provided to students pursuing a business degree.

## **Fogle Family Educational Scholarship (2011)**

This fund, created by Rick and Amy Fogle, provides a scholarship to an incoming freshman who has declared Education as their major. One scholarship shall be awarded each year. This scholarship is to offset costs such as books, lab fees, room, board, or any other educational expenses and will be directly applied to the student's account.

## **Garner-Tocco Memorial Scholarship (1992)**

This fund, created by James J. Tocco, vice president of Surgi-Tron of Pennsylvania, provides a scholarship to a sophomore, junior, or senior student who demonstrates financial need and academic achievement.

## **Investing in the Future Scholarship (2012)**

This fund allows current year contributions to be applied to any student with a financial need.

## **Koeske Scholarship (2009)**

The Dr. Randi Koeske Endowed Fund for Student Resources was established by Gary Koeske in memory of his wife, who passed away January 2009. As a tribute to Randi, this scholarship is open to any sophomore, junior, or senior at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg who has declared their major in the area of Psychology. It is renewable, in accordance with the University's scholarship renewal policy. One scholarship shall be awarded each year, subject to available income, to offset costs such as books, lab fees, room, board, or any other educational expenses and will be directly applied to the student's account.

## **Lashley Scholarship Fund (2003)**

A gift from Mr. Richard S. Lashley provides the funds for this scholarship.

## **McWhinney Scholarship for Excellence in Written Communication (2006)**

Established by alumni Dr. and Mrs. Christopher Luccy in honor of Norman McWhinney, PhD, a retired faculty member of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. This award is presented to a junior or senior student in the Humanities or Science Divisions who has demonstrated excellence in written and oral communications while contributing to the quality of campus life.

## **Michael Metrock Scholarship Fund (1999)**

This fund was established in memory of Mr. Michael Metrock by his son, James Metrock. Michael Metrock was a native of Greensburg and earned a BS degree from the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh in 1936. The award provides major tuition support to a student attending Pitt-Greensburg.

## **Natural Science and Engineering Scholarship (2000)**

This endowment, established with gifts from various donors, awards a scholarship to Pitt-Greensburg students interested in Natural Sciences and Engineering. This scholarship was established with a significant gift from Dr. Thad Zaleskiewicz.

### **PGAA Freshman Award (2002)**

This award was established by the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) and provides resources to an incoming freshman.

### **President's Scholarship Program (2001)**

The endowment was established as part of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg capital campaign. Each year, Pitt-Greensburg becomes the institution of choice for a growing number of local students who have outstanding high school records. The President's Scholarship is offered to the valedictorian or highest-ranking graduate who applies to Pitt-Greensburg from each of the six public and parochial school districts in Westmoreland County that were instrumental in Pitt-Greensburg's founding in 1963.

### **Carl F. Poke Endowed Fund for Student Travel (2003)**

Established by Carl F. Poke, professor of political science at Pitt-Greensburg, this endowment supports international education travel and living stipends for full-time sophomores or juniors.

### **Prof. Robert J. A. Pratt Endowed Student Resource Fund (2003)**

This resource fund provides selected students of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Management Department with assistance for tuition, books, travel, or emergencies. It was established by the late Robert J. A. Pratt, former professor of business at Pitt-Greensburg.

### **Guy Rossetti International Study Endowment Fund (1999)**

Established by friends, family, students, and colleagues in memory of Dr. Guy Rossetti, former vice president of academic affairs at Pitt-Greensburg who passed away in November 1998, this award is used to assist students with financial need who wish to study abroad.

### **Joel D. Sabadasz Striving for Excellence Endowed Fund (2014)**

This endowment was established by Joel D. Sabadasz, professor of history. Awards are presented to sophomore, junior, or senior students who have achieved a high level of academic success despite having limited resources.

### **Aaron Slafka Memorial Service Award (2014)**

Aaron, a 2007 Political Science graduate, was a respected student leader and athlete, who loved Pitt-Greensburg. He passed away unexpectedly, in April 2014, at the age of 29 after a long battle with epilepsy. This award is presented to a junior or senior majoring in Political Science and who is able to demonstrate service to the University, as well as perseverance and the ability to overcome adversity.

### **SGA John Ridilla Leadership Scholarship (2003)**

This Student Government Association scholarship was established to recognize and honor those who have made outstanding contributions toward improving the quality of campus life.

### **D. A. Smith Scholarship Fund (1991)**

This fund is the oldest campus-based scholarship program on the Greensburg campus. It was established in memory of Deborah Ann Smith, daughter of Albert B. Smith, founding president of the Greensburg campus. Awards are distributed to students based on academic merit.

### **Pitt-Greensburg Staff Association Endowed Student Resource Fund (2008)**

This resource fund is open to any Pitt-Greensburg student who has completed a minimum of 60 credits, 45 of which are from Pitt-Greensburg, with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

### **Tosatto Memorial Scholarship (1996)**

This scholarship was established in honor of Mr. Francis Tosatto by his wife, Phyllis J. Tosatto, colleagues, and friends. Mr. Tosatto served as the director of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Plant Maintenance Department for 11 years. This is to be awarded to a student who has worked in the Plant Maintenance Department for at least 10 weeks within a one-year period preceding the application. Students must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater at the time of the award.

### **Truex Study Abroad Scholarship (2002)**

The Martha Truex Study Abroad Scholarship was established by Rick Fogle, dean of student services at Pitt-Greensburg, and his wife, Amy. The purpose of this endowment is to support one or more students' participation in the University's Study Abroad Program.

### **Clara M. Vana Academic Excellence Endowed Fund (2014)**

Established by Clara M. Vana, retired assistant director of Millstein Library, this fund is to support and encourage economically disadvantaged students to pursue academic excellence.

### **Gladys S. Wagner Endowed Scholarship Fund (2007)**

This scholarship was established in honor of Mrs. Gladys S. Wagner by her children and is open to any student at Pitt-Greensburg who is majoring in Business.

### **Westmoreland Croquet Club (2010)**

This endowment, supported by the generosity of the Old Joe's Club, is to provide support to students at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg who are from Westmoreland County or who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service.

### **YMCA Scholarship (1995)**

The Greensburg YMCA Scholarship fund was established with a gift from the Greensburg Croquet Club. Money is used to award a full-time, first-year student at Pitt-Greensburg who is a resident of Westmoreland County. Leadership and performance of community service are given priority over financial need.

### **Joan C. Zaleskiewicz Endowed Fund for Student Resources (2005)**

This resource fund is open to any incoming freshman who agrees to enroll as a member of the Pitt-Greensburg Chorale or Band during his or her entire freshman year. The endowment was established by Dr. Thad Zaleskiewicz in memory of his wife, Joan. The award is to be used to offset costs such as books, lab fees, travel, and other educational expenses.

### **Thad Zaleskiewicz, Phd, Science Educators Student Award Fund (2013)**

This fund is open to students entering their senior year and pursuing a degree in education with an emphasis on science. This award was established in memory of Dr. "Z", professor *emeritas*, Pitt-Greensburg.

## **Upcoming Scholarships**

### **Chambers Scholarship (2000)**

This scholarship, created by former Pitt-Greensburg President George F. Chambers, PhD, is to provide partial scholarships to undergraduate students of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. It is awarded to a freshman who has a high school GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.0 and SAT of at least 1100. It may also be awarded to sophomores or juniors who have a GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4.0.



**Scholarships are essential in retaining and recruiting top-quality students. Both scholarships and endowments are the perfect way to honor or memorialize a business associate, family member, mentor, or other special individual in your life.**

## **Endowments**

### **Academic Village (2001)**

This endowment was established as part of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg capital campaign. The Village consists of residence hall space and special program areas for both residents and commuter students. Student must apply for membership and agree to participate in Village activities. The Academic Village implements an innovative teaching philosophy intended to enrich the University experience and extend beyond the classroom.

### **Joan Chambers Children Literature Fund (1998)**

Dr. George F. Chambers, past president of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, established this endowment in memory of his wife, Joan. The Joan Chambers Children's Library was established in 1994 as a special section within the Millstein Library at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Endowment income is to be used to purchase books, journals,

monographs, videos, special programming, and other materials deemed appropriate for a children's library. Additionally, income is to be used to advance the study of children's literature through special programs, conferences, lectures, and seminars. Furthermore, income may be used to fund special studies and academic inquiries dealing with children's literature and child development.

#### **Dr. Bernard Cobetto Lecture Series (2005)**

This annual lecture series, established by Dr. Bernard Cobetto and his wife, Ellen, explores ethics in contemporary society with a focus on applied issues.

The purpose of these lectures is to engage the campus community at PittGreensburg, as well as the surrounding community, in discussions on ethical issues, with the goal of educating and also initiating fruitful dialogue.

#### **DaVinci Scholarship (2004)**

Established as part of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg capital campaign, this endowment will be used to provide those individuals selected as DaVinci Scholars with a scholarship award.

#### **International Learning Opportunities (2001)**

This fund was established as part of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg capital campaign. The goal is to send every Pitt-Greensburg student abroad for an educational experience during his or her academic career. Another goal, for international studies, is to bring the world to the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg through lectures, cultural performances, and student and faculty exchanges with universities in other nations.

#### **Ruth L. M. Kuschmierz Endowed Fund in Support of German Language, Literature, and Culture (2014)**

This endowment, created by Ruth L. M. Kuschmierz, PhD, professor *emerita*, was created to support undergraduate instruction of German language, literature, and culture.

#### **Margin of Excellence (2001)**

This fund was established as part of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg capital campaign and is to provide support for unexpected opportunities to advance the educational quality at the University. These opportunities include the chance to attract major speakers, artists, or performers who are appearing in Pittsburgh, or to help fund a student trip to a major educational or cultural event outside of the region, or to help a productive faculty member complete work on a research project or a new course.

#### **Poke Endowed Fund for the Millstein Library (2009)**

The purpose of the library fund shall be for the purchase of audio-visual devices, videos, and similar devices and equipment for the Millstein Library at the University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg Campus.



To support an existing scholarship fund, or to establish your own endowed fund, contact the Institutional Advancement Office at Pitt-Greensburg: 724-836-9942 or e-mail [pggiving@pitt.edu](mailto:pggiving@pitt.edu).