

Together, we can make a difference.

More Dollars Coming In = More Dollars Going Out



If you are looking to support a charitable organization that is making things happen and not just talking about it, we have the request for you! This was another incredible year at the Foundation as we put your donations to work creating opportunities in our community.

In recent years we have doubled the amount of scholarship monies we are awarding to graduating seniors and we hope to continue to expand this program for our 2024 seniors. We are proud to be creating opportunities for Oley students, some of whom are the first in their families to pursue post-secondary education. Equally impressive is the 30% year-over-year expansion of our educational grant program for which we can utilize Educational Improvement Tax Credit dollars from local businesses as well as community donations to enhance our classrooms. This past year we funded a mix of science, communications, art, literature, and social, emotional, and physical wellness initiatives.

There's no summer vacation for the OVCEF! In 2023 we provided new summer learning opportunities as we expanded our relationship with the Oley Valley Community Library. Not only are we reaching our youngest learners through our continued support of the Summer Learning Program, but we have also added funding to launch a Second Saturday Community Learning Program for adult learners that will continue throughout the year. Additionally, we were pleased to once again fund the Teachers in the Parks (TIPs) summer learning program for elementary school students, which saw another significant leap in participants this program year.

For the upcoming school year, we received educational funding requests totaling nearly \$270,000. We can fulfill just shy of \$120,000 with our current funding resources. Will you help us continue to deliver enhanced educational opportunities to the district and the community at large? As trustees, we pledge to apply your contribution, along with our own donations and those of other committed individuals and businesses, to make a meaningful difference for our community. Contact our Executive Director, Jennifer Schorr at OVCEF@ovsdpa.org or any of our Foundation trustees with your questions and suggestions.

Please return your tax-deductible donation in the enclosed envelope or make an online donation through our website at www.oleyvalleycef.com. We greatly appreciate your consideration and support.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
The Oley Valley Community Education Foundation Board of Trustees

OUR MISSION

is to enhance educational opportunities for students, residents, employees, and alumni of the Oley Valley School District while encouraging community support and participation.

EDUCATION GRANTS

\$602,000 Awarded in a Decade
\$106,700 Awarded in 2022-2023

The Foundation provides education grants for several programs within the Oley Valley School District including STEM, Agriculture, Arts/Music, Social Studies, Wellness, and English/Literature. We also fund other initiatives such as field trips and curriculum materials for existing programs.



Earth Space Table

The program includes an interactive Earth Space Table which allows students to see data visualized in 3D graphics which allows them to make connections in the subjects of earth science, astronomy, meteorology, sociology, agriculture, oceanography, geography, and more.

Wheel Throwing & Pottery Transfer

"Students are loving the new wheels in the pottery room! Not only do we have better quality wheels, but we also have more wheels, so students get to spend more time practicing their skills. With this time, I have seen students throwing taller, and more detailed pieces than before. Students are definitely appreciative of this new addition!"

~ Mrs. Ashlan Siekmann, AP ART Teacher



U.S. Holocaust Museum

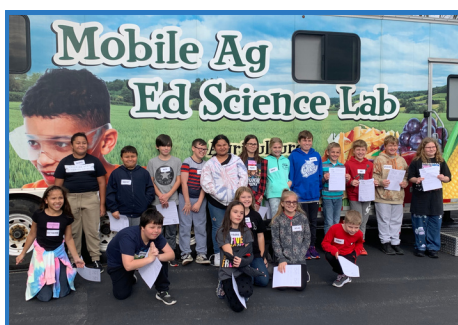
In April, Mr. Kallis' high school History class students visited Washington DC. The trip also included stops at the DC National Mall and Memorials. Over 30 students participated in this field trip.



Anatomege Table - Biomedical Science

"I enjoyed coming back to visit with students to help them prepare for the EMT portion of their HOSA competition. The Anatomege table helped to take what they were learning to the next level and really allowed us to visualize and understand the inner workings of the body. It has made me feel more confident in my ability to navigate the anatomy of the human body in my college classes too."

~ Kristina Kauffman, OV Class of '22 & Drexel University Student



PA Mobile Ag Ed Science Laboratory

Elementary students in grades 2-5 have the opportunity to perform hands-on science experiments emphasizing various aspects of agriculture. They use 12 work stations in this mobile laboratory, and students prepare in advance for this week-long series of experiments.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Over \$59,000 Raised Last Year!



Dr. Zackon Memorial 5K Run
April 15, 2023



Rolling Rock Stone Auction
May 13, 2023



Cornhole Tournament
August 12, 2023



Golf Tournament
October 23, 2023

OUR COMMUNITY IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS

The Oley Valley Community Education Foundation is fortunate to have relationships with many local businesses and non-profits in our community. We engage with community members whenever possible to enhance educational opportunities inside and outside the district buildings. Thank you to all who helped us deliver our expanded community engagement initiatives this program year!



Summer Learning & Second Saturday Programs



The Foundation sponsors the **Summer Learning** programs at the Oley Valley Community Library during the months of June and July and each week there is a different theme, plus there is often a guest leader for the program. One program was led by the Berks Conservation District, and the participants discovered all that a plant needs to survive and learned that anyone can make a change. Each family also planted a sunflower. During the summer months the Foundation also sponsors the **Second Saturday** programs held at the library, and these events are open to all community members. Programs have included flower arranging, bonsai plants, how to make a charcuterie board, and perfume blending.

I've been taking Reagan to the library events that the OVCEF sponsors and just wanted to let you know she's been loving them (especially the free ice cream last time lol). I appreciate having something fun, educational and in the AC for her to do in the summer.

~ Kelly Conrad

Oley Valley Community Fair Alumni Tent



Each year our OVCEF tent is a great location for alumni to meet and catch up with family and friends. You never know who you might run into when visiting our booth, plus you get to see photos and fun history from years past. This is also a great opportunity for our alumni to learn more about the Foundation and our efforts. This is also a networking opportunity for alumni and the Foundation to collaborate on future programs.

Reading Fightin' Phils Game



In May, the OVCEF sponsored a night with the Reading Phillies and distributed 2,500 free tickets to families throughout our school district. A fun time was had by all!

Teachers in the Parks



This is the third summer for the Teachers in the Parks program in the Oley Valley School District. The program includes 75 students and 8 teachers, and allows students to continue working on skills during the summer months while doing so in an outdoor and fun environment on the Oley Fire Company Fairgrounds.

Thank you to our Friends of the Foundation sponsors for enhancing education excellence in the Oley Valley!

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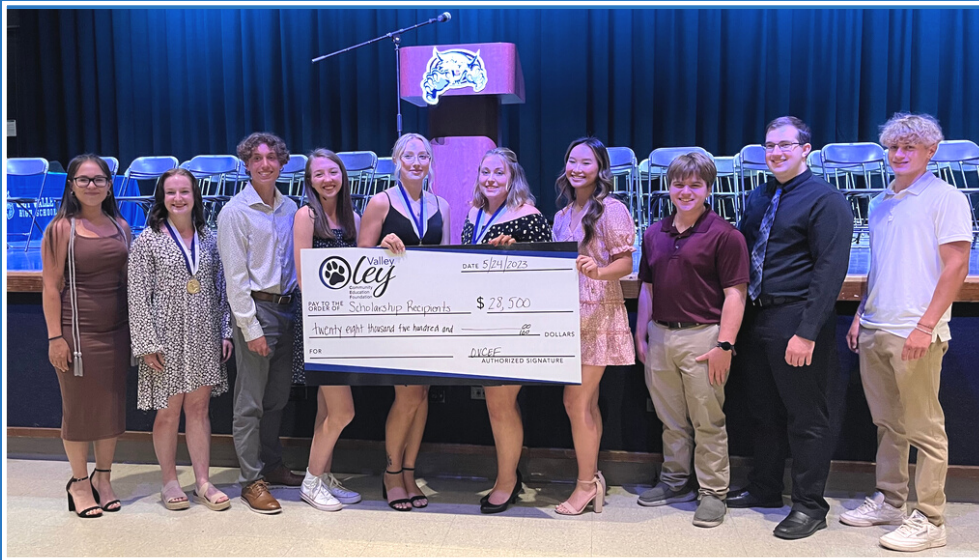
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2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

\$28,500 in scholarship awards were given to 10 very deserving high school seniors!

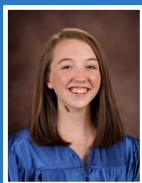


I am so grateful for my community and that members like you care about the future, especially my future. Thank you for helping me fund my future.

~ Lillian Hetrick
Proud to be a 1st generation college student



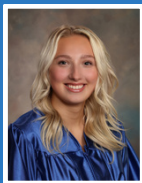
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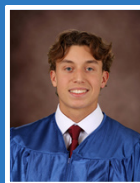
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Sports Medicine
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Scholarship

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI & SERVICE AWARDS

One or more awards are presented each fall to alumni for outstanding achievement in their professions, humanitarian efforts, volunteerism, or service in their communities, or a single exceptional achievement. Awards may also be presented to individuals who have provided unselfish service to the Oley Valley School District.



2022 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients:

Valerie (Degler) Downing
Class of 1990

Austin Schaeffer
Class of 2014

Linda Schlegel
Class of 1965

Michael Reinert
Class of 1993

Kirsten (Kratzer) Deysher
Class of 1998

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Staff & Bus Driver Appreciation!

The Foundation provides a staff appreciation luncheon for all school district employees each February. We also celebrate National School Bus Driver's Day by giving each bus driver a Dunkin' Donuts gift card.

