

Special Edition: The Next Generation

Supporting Aspirations of Local Youth



When Frank Petrie walked into Bainbridge Community Foundation (BCF) to meet the two recipients of the Vincent F. Petrie Memorial Scholarship Fund, created in honor of his father, he had planned to learn about the students' interest in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). By the end of the meeting, he had heard stories about the recent graduates' lives, and shared stories of his father's passion for education along with his mother's continued

support for students like them. All walked away with a deeper understanding of how these relationships will help sculpt the futures of the next generation.

Local philanthropists who have opened scholarship funds through BCF may have different goals in mind, whether it is to support student athletes or help finance careers in the arts. But all share a common objective to nurture the futures of local youth, and all have helped dozens of ambitious students reach their aspirations.

In the words of one scholarship recipient receiving the Erin O'Brien Mead Scholarship, which prioritizes students who have a track record of good character, an interest in community volunteering, and have financial need, "Thank you so, so much for this scholarship! It means a lot to have community involvement reach so far in my life. I have a strong focus on giving back to the community, and strive to find ways I can use my skills to improve my surroundings."



The meeting between Frank Petrie and the recipients of his father's memorial scholarship fund has ignited a new initiative for BCF to host a scholarship reception every year, where fund holders will be able to meet the youth receiving scholarships. In the words of Frank Petrie, "my Dad, Vincent, found joy not just in helping his students get better grades in math and science, but also in getting to know them, learning about their lives and their hopes for the future. His reward was in helping them take a few extra steps along the path to their dreams." BCF looks forward to creating these connections for years to come.

Please see below for the full list of Bainbridge High School scholarship recipients. To learn more about BCF's scholarship funds, [click here](#).

Scholarship Fund	Description	Student Names and School
Bainbridge Music & Art Legacy Scholarship Fund	Supports high school graduates majoring in visual arts, music, performing arts, or dance	Chloe Alvarez , <i>Rhode Island School of Design</i>
BHS Class of 1961	Established by the BHS graduating class of 1961 to support graduates in vocational or academic programs	Joaquin Olivera Lubha Martens , <i>Olympic College</i>
BHS Class of 1962	Established by the BHS graduating class of 1962 to support graduating students from Bainbridge High School	Ingrid Nalefski , <i>Reed College</i> Mitchell Milander , <i>Olympic College</i>
Erin O'Brien Mead Memorial Scholarship Fund	Goes to students who have a track record of good character, an interest in community volunteering, and have financial need	Madison Gregerson , <i>Central Washington University</i> Gaelen Lee , <i>Willamette University</i> Alex Maher , <i>Cornell University</i> Elli Prickett , <i>University of Washington</i> Luke Shields , <i>University of Washington</i>
George & Betty Munro Scholarship Fund	Preference for strong students with an interest in elementary education	Sophia Nordstrom , <i>Western Washington University</i>
Hannah Wachsman Memorial Scholarship	Supports student athletes, students who reflect a dedication to academics, and to youth who reflect the values embodied by Hannah Wachsman, who was tragically taken from this world in a car accident on March 16, 2021	Cora Cole , <i>Sciences Po</i> Aidyn Goldsberry , <i>San Diego State University</i> Carter Wolff , <i>University of Portland</i>
Vincent F. Petrie Memorial Scholarship Fund	Priority goes to students pursuing college or university studies in one of the STEM fields: science, technology, engineering, mathematics	Elliott Andrews , <i>University of Washington</i> Minyoung Cho , <i>University of Washington</i>

YES Fund Update



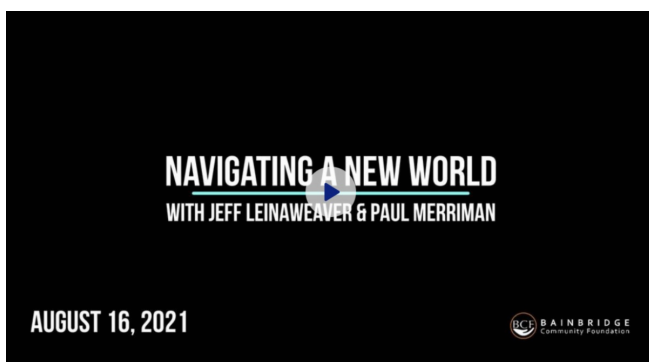
Bainbridge Community Foundation, in partnership with Bainbridge Schools Foundation, Bainbridge Youth Services, and Helpline House, created the Youth Experience Support Fund (YES Fund) to provide financial assistance to local youth. Funding goes towards students who may not have the resources to meet basic needs, to achieve academic success, or to pursue extracurricular

activities. Within four months of forming the YES Fund in 2019, donors contributed over \$75,000 to support a three-year pilot program that would provide this essential financial assistance to youth. A snapshot of the 2019-2020 data can be found below.



If you are interested in learning more, or would like to contribute to the fund, please email media@bainbridgecf.org.

Watch Now! Navigating a New World



How has the COVID pandemic changed the careers and education of the next generation? On Monday, August 16th, BCF hosted a discussion with Paul Merriman, BCF Board Member and nationally recognized investment expert, and Jeff Leinaweaver, career exploration specialist, to provide a two-hour seminar to answer some of these

questions. They discussed life-changing tips for the next generation about career decisions, educational pursuits, and financial options for now and the future.

Students and their parents are both encouraged to watch as these tips could impact the whole family! The video is available to [watch now](#).



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