

# CLAYMONT CONNECTION

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## 2021 CLAYMONT ALUMNI AWARDS

The Claymont Foundation honored their 2020/2021 Alumni Award winners on September 10th at Eastport Elementary School.

Foundation Board President Beth DiDonato welcomed everyone to the reception.

**Matt Carrothers** (C '94) was named the Alumnus Achievement Award winner. The Alumnus Achievement Award is given to a person whose contributions have made an impact on society and the community.

Carrothers received his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Miami University. Carrothers is a graduate of the Commercial Banking School at Ball State University and a graduate and former member of The Downtown Denver Partnership.



Over the last 20+ years, he has held various senior level positions in commercial banking and commercial real estate banking. Carrothers is currently Senior Vice President for Pacific Western Bank where he focuses on large structured finance commercial real estate transactions.

Previously, he was Market President of Guaranty Bank and Trust Company and Independent Financial where he was responsible for bank operations in Metro Denver. Prior to moving to Denver, Carrothers worked in the Commercial Banking Division at Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati.

Carrothers volunteers at the Denver Rescue Mission and is an avid cyclist, runner, skier, and traveler. He and his wife, Andrea, reside in Denver, CO (part time Winter Park, CO resident) and have one son, Theo (3) and a loveable Labrador retriever, Remy.

Carrothers was introduced by Jennifer Stewart and the award was accepted on his behalf by his mother, Jeanne Carrothers.

**Cecelia "Cyl" Krocker** (C '66) was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The Distinguished Alumnus Award is given to a person who has dedicated his or her life or career to the service of humanity.

Krocker worked at Bonvehio's Restaurant. She attended beauty school and got her license in 1985. She then went to work at Merle Norman before opening her own shop in 1990 - Nails by Cyl.



In 1992, Krocker began to volunteer for Hospice of Tuscarawas County as a member of the Fundraising Committee. In 1994 she began helping at the annual Rigatoni Dinner and in 1995 became the chair. She served as chair and "meatball maker" for 25 years. She also chaired the Annual Garage Sale from 1994 until it ended where she ran the lunch stand. Krocker has served a chair of "Culinary Capers" since its inception in 2005.

Krocker was named the 2018 Lucille Nussdorfer Tuscarawas County Woman of the Year for her service with Hospice of Tuscarawas County.

Krocker resides in New Philadelphia. She has a daughter, Michelle, and a son, David as well as two grandsons, Alex and Carson.

Krocker was introduced by Martha Campbell.

**Teri Edwards** (C '86) has been awarded the Citizen of the Year Award. The Citizen of the Year Award is granted to an individual who has been active in community education and awareness.

Edwards graduated from Claymont High School and Buckeye Career Center where she studied Natural Resources.



She is currently the Executive Director of the Twin City Chamber of Commerce. She is a former member of Dennison Village Council and served as the Village's first female mayor.

Edwards currently serves as an advisory committee member for: Dreamsville USA, Clay Capital Heritage Center and Friends of the Twin Cities Parks Trails and Waterways. She also serves as an ex-officio member of the Tuscarawas County Chamber of

Commerce Board of Directors. She is a member of the Clayland Lions Club.

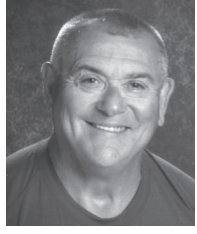
Edwards is a former member and president of the Dennison Rotary Club. She was a previous member of the Tuscarawas County YMCA board of directors, Tuscarawas County CIC, Tuscarawas Oil & Gas advisory committee, Village of Dennison Zoning Code committee and Village of Dennison Assistant Zoning Administrator.

Edwards has been married to Warne for 32 years. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

Edwards was introduced by Jennifer Stewart.

**Robert (Bob) Hasseman** (C '70) is the Alumnus of the Year. The Alumnus of the Year Award is granted to an individual who has demonstrated life-time leadership and abilities in his or her chosen field.

Hasseman received his Bachelor of Science from the University of



Findlay with a major in Health/Physical Education/ Recreation Education and minored in General Science. He received his Master of Education in Sports Science from University of Ashland. He received his Strength and Conditioning Specialist certificate from the National Strength and Conditioning Association in Colorado Springs. While at Findlay, he was a 4-year letterman in football.

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He retired in 2019 from Franklin Community High School in Franklin, Indiana where he taught Health and Physical Education and served as Assistant Football /Defensive Coordinator and Head Wrestling Coach. He previously taught Science at New London High School in New London, Ohio. He also served as freshman football coach, assistant baseball coach, head baseball coach, assistant varsity football and defensive coordinator, head football coach and head wrestling coach.

Hasseman has been active with Indiana State Football Coaches Association, Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association, IHSAA Wrestling Official, USA Officials Association, National Strength and Conditioning Association, National Education Association, Indiana Teachers Association and Franklin Teachers Association. He is a member of the First Moravian Church in Uhrichsville.

His honors and records throughout the years include: Career Dual Meet Record, 686-246-6; 26 sectional championships; 14 regional championships; 8 semi-state championships; 10 dual meet state qualifications; 2- time state dual meet team runner -up; IHSWCA Dual meet state champions 2014; IHSAA Individual State Tournament Runner-Up 2014; University of Findlay Alumni Wrestling Coach of the Year 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80; 16 Mid-State Conference Wrestling Coach of The Year; Indiana State Wrestling Association, John Hurrle Award 2004: Outstanding Contribution to The Sport of Wrestling; Indiana State Wrestling Association: Freestyle and Greco Roman Official of the Year 2017; Indiana State Wrestling Association: Folkstyle Official of the Year 2018; Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame - Inducted 2007; Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association and Don Patton Award: Indiana Wrestling Coach of the Year 2014.

According to Hasseman, "I loved attending Claymont High School - it was fun every day. I enjoyed the social interaction, teacher interaction, athletics, and politics of the school. I continued that love of going to school in my career choice." He continued, "as a teacher, I liked the interaction with the students, teachers, most administrators, and the development of my students and athletes. Each year brought new challenges, successes and failures. I never got up and didn't want to go to work."

Hasseman commented, "I was not the best academic student. I realized about the end of my sophomore year that I was capable of academic success. It was not what a lot of students in Uhrichsville and Dennison were concerned about at that time. There were a lot of factory jobs available. Athletics became a big part of my life. Football got me into college and led me to my career. I greatly appreciated all of the help of the teachers and coaches from Claymont. A great many of us were blue collar people. My parents wanted their kids to not follow in their footsteps. I was the second of six children in our family. We all went on to college and graduated. Four of us became educators and coaches. I raised five children of my own. All of them have gone on to college, graduated and moved on with their lives."

He and his wife Debra (Smalley) Hasseman (C '73) reside in Franklin, Indiana. They have five children; Annette Stutzman and Bryce (Angie), Joe, Jesse and Samantha Hasseman. They have six grandchildren; Alexa, Torin, Paxton, Levi, Isaiah and Jeremiah James.

Hasseman was introduced by Martha Campbell.

**Elizabeth Barrow** was awarded the 2021 Claymont Teacher of the Year. The Teacher of the Year Award is given to a teacher in the Claymont School System. This award is based on the quality of teaching, impact on students, commitment to the educational process and the pursuit of lifetime learning. The Teacher of the Year is nominated by their peers.



Barrow has been a teacher at Claymont since 2006, teaching 9 -12 French Language and World Cinema. She has also taught History & French as an adjunct at Kent State University Tuscarawas since 1997.

She earned her B.A. in French from Adrian College and her M.S. in History from Ohio University. She also attended; University of Michigan; L'Institut de Touraine; Université François Rabelais; John Carroll University; The University of Toledo and Kent State University.

Barrow noted that during this pandemic year, she has realized that school is so much more than just academics; school is an extension of our families. She has shared so many wonderful experiences here at Claymont High with students, colleagues, alums and even parents.

"With my students, we have had big adventures in France and little adventures in Tuscarawas County. As a group, we have accomplished a lot: we have hosted French students, visited museums, eaten fancy meals together or just made tartines before the first morning bell."

"My focus as a French teacher is to expand students' perspectives through language, music, culture, theater, travel, food, film and conversation; we have laughed, cried, tasted, memorized, conjugated and danced. I want students to know that when they stretch their horizons, they contribute to our world in a positive and forward-thinking way." Barrow will be moving to the Claymont Junior High School to teach Science.

She is actively involved with; Claymont High School French Club, Claymont Education Association, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, ONE (Hispanic Support) and Hilltop Swim Club.

Barrow has been married to James J. Barrow for more than 33 years and has adult children; Alexander, Nicholas, Paul (Allison), Mark and Xavier (Lyna). Barrow resides in New Philadelphia.

As the 2021 Claymont Foundation Teacher of the Year, Barrow received a \$500 classroom grant.

Barrow was introduced by Clara Warner.

Warner also introduced the 2020 Teacher of the Year, Heather Dotts. Dotts was not previously publically recognized.

Videos of the award winners are located on the Claymont Foundation Facebook page.



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# Claymont Foundation Scholarships

The Claymont Foundation has awarded scholarships to 70 Claymont students and graduates totaling \$157,150.01. These scholarships have been made possible through donations from individuals, organizations and businesses who value education. In addition to the Claymont Foundation funded scholarships, the foundation selected the winners for an additional \$7,500 in scholarships donated by the LaPorte Family. The grand total awarded is \$164,650.01.

## The Claymont High School Seniors receiving scholarships are:

**Hermalinda Abarca** is the recipient of a \$3,750 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship and a \$500 Cliff and Erma Reneker Memorial Scholarship. She will study Communications Studies at Ashland University. She is the daughter of Donna Tayagua.

**Mia Applegarth** is the recipient of a \$2,275 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She will study Nursing at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. She is the daughter of Jessica Hart.

**Madison Barber** is the recipient of a \$500 Ronnie Vinci Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship and a \$625 LaPorte Family Scholarship. She will study Psychology at Cleveland State University. She is the daughter of James and Susan Barber.

**Madison Cadle** is the recipient of a \$1,500 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship and a \$1,000 Mary Lou Rice Memorial Scholarship. She will study Exercise Physiology at West Liberty University. She is the daughter of Brian and Laura Cadle.

**Tiarra Clift** is the recipient of a locally funded \$500 Eclizp Garabrandt & Viktorya Willett Memorial Scholarship, and a \$5,000 Eclizp Garabrandt & Viktorya Willett Memorial Scholarship. She will study Nursing at Muskingum University. She is the daughter of Tanya Clift and Thomas Clift.

**Joseph D Davis** is the recipient of a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship and a \$3,250 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. He will study Psychology at Kent State University. He is the son of Valerie Dawn Davis.

**Keegan Garabrandt** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Larry & Greg Craft Memorial Scholarship and a \$1,125 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. He will study Forensic Science at Youngstown State University. He is the son of Bobbie Douglas and Max Douglas.

**Connor J Harlan** is the recipient of a \$500 Clayton "Pete" Wolfe Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 Dennison Alumni E.F. McCarroll Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 LaPorte Family Scholarship and a \$1,000 Bill Cox Memorial Scholarship. He will study Integrated Science Education at Kent State University. He is the son of Jamey Harlan and Stacy Harlan.

**Meg Harmon** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Bill Cox Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 Pocock Family Scholarship and a \$1,000 LaPorte Family Scholarship. She will study Forensic Psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Kent State - Tuscarawas or University of North Carolina Charlotte. She is the daughter of Carla and Steve Harmon.

**Emma Leggett** is the recipient of a \$5,000 Eclizp Garabrandt & Viktorya Willett Memorial Scholarship and a \$1,000 Ensign James W. Haverfield Memorial Scholarship. She will study Animal Science at The Ohio State University. She is the daughter of Holly and Derek Leggett.

**Hailey McCray** is the recipient of a \$500 Claymont Board of Education Scholarship, a \$1,966.67 Positron Science Club Scholarship Fund and a \$2,600 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She will study Forensic Science at Cedarville University. She is the daughter of Brandon McCray and Autumn McCray.

**Payton Milburn** is the recipient of a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,250 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship and a \$750 Willard Family Scholarship. She will study Ultrasound Technology at Kent State University. She is the daughter of Randy and Johnna Milburn.

**Brooklyn Poland** is the recipient of a \$1,000 D. Sam & Jean Romig Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 Glenn & Charlotte Stilgenbauer Foundation Scholarship, a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 Marie & Hud Hillyer Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 Quest Club Scholarship and a \$1,250 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She will study Sports Management with a Minor in Marketing at The Ohio State University. She is the daughter of Kendra Poland and the late Chad Poland.

**Andrew Rectanus** is the recipient of a \$1,500 Don & Helen Wright Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 First Federal Community Bank Scholarship, a \$250 LaPorte Family Scholarship and a \$500 Kevin DiDonato Memorial Scholarship. He will study Accounting at Kent State University. He is the son of Robb and Brandy Rectanus.

**Drake Richardson** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Bill Cox Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 First National Bank of Dennison Scholarship, a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship and a \$750 LaPorte Family Scholarship. He will study Accounting at Kent State University. He is the son of Lorrie Richardson.

**Madison Rummell** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Dennison Alumni E.F. McCarroll Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 John Harmon Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship and a \$750 LaPorte Family Scholarship. She will study Middle Childhood Education at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. She is the daughter of Doug and Lorrie Rummell.

**Emily Schreiber** is the recipient of a \$10,000 Eclizp Garabrandt & Viktorya Willett Memorial Scholarship. She will study Psychology at the University of Akron. She is the daughter of Charles and Susan Schreiber.

**Peyton Smith** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Glenn & Charlotte Stilgenbauer Foundation Scholarship, a \$1,000 Marie & Hud Hillyer Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 Paul Fanti Scholarship and a \$1,000 Robert E. & Polly J. McCullough Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 Clyde "Pog" Ervin Scholarship and a \$500 John and Ann Page Memorial Scholarship. He will study History and Geography at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. He is the son of Jennifer and John Smith.

**Blayde Swaney** is the recipient of a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship and a \$1,125 LaPorte Family Scholarship. He will study Real Estate at Hondros College. He is the son of Blayde Swaney.

**Charles Watters** is the recipient of a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship and a \$2,000 LaPorte Family Scholarship. He will study Aerospace Engineering at The Ohio State University. He is the son of Latoya Lyles and Jamar Lyles.

**Karla Western** is the recipient of a \$1,000 John Stozich Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 Mary Lou Rice Memorial Scholarship and a \$500 Ted & Carol Gram Memorial Scholarship. She will study Nursing at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. She is the daughter of Randy and Tonya Western.

## The Claymont graduates who currently attend college or technical school are receiving the following scholarships:

**Marissa Anderegg** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Dave Adams Memorial Scholarship and a \$500 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Creative Writing at Miami University. She is the daughter of Cynthia Anderegg.

**Addison Bausch** is the recipient of a \$1,750 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Early Childhood Education at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. He is the son of Elizabeth and Timothy Thomas.

**Ashley Beckley** is the recipient of a \$1,750 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Accounting with a minor in Business Management at the University of Toledo. She is the daughter of Patrick and Dee Beckley.

**Kayla Beckley** is the recipient of a \$1,350 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Criminal Justice at Notre Dame College. She is the daughter of Patrick and Dee Beckley.

**Kayden Birney** is the recipient of a \$1,300 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Business Administration with a specialization in Real Estate and Urban Analysis at The Ohio State University. She is the daughter of Scott and Patty Birney.

**Trevor Breehl** is the recipient of a \$2,350 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Zoology at Kent State University. He is the son of Marci and Justin Smitley.

**Lynlea Caley** is the recipient of a \$2,500 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Psychology at the University of Cincinnati. She is the daughter of Scot and Audrey Caley.

**Jacob Cannon** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Aerospace Systems Engineering at the University of Akron. He is the son of Becky Canfield and Jason Cannon.

**Taylur Cunningham** is the recipient of a \$1,300 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Business Management at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. She is the daughter of Valerie Willoughby.

**Garrett Devore** is the recipient of a \$1,300 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies at the University of Akron. He is the son of James and Brandy Devore.

**Katelin Edwards** is the recipient of a \$1,075 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship and a \$300 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Radiology Technology at Central Ohio Technical College. She is the daughter of Rob and Tammy Edwards.

**Kollin Edwards** is the recipient of a \$1,375 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Computer Science at Ashland University. He is the son of Crystal Edwards.

**Cole Ferguson** is the recipient of a \$1,375 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Education at Kent State University. He is the son of Chad and Michelle Ferguson.

**Asia Flynn** is the recipient of a \$1,375 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Nursing at Kent State University - Stark.

**Grace Furniss** is the recipient of a \$1,750 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Early Childhood Education at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. She is the daughter of Dawn Furniss and Eric Furniss.

**Eric Harmon** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Laporte Family Scholarship and a \$1,250 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Political Science at Kent State University. He is the son Steve and Carla Harmon.

**Milana Harmon** is the recipient of a \$1,300 Clyde P. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Biology at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. She is the daughter Steve and Carla Harmon.

**Hannah Heddleston** is the recipient of a \$1,500 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Veterinary Technology at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. She is the daughter of Chad Heddleston.

**Isabel Heid-Perez** is the recipient of a \$1,966.67 Positron Science Club Scholarship. She is studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Akron. She is the daughter of Heather Heid.

**Katherine Host** is the recipient of a \$1,500 Clyde P. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Nursing at Capital University. She is the daughter of Kraig and Cyndy Host.

**Hannah Johns** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Laporte Family Scholarship and a \$500 Claymont Class of 1985 Vickie Lynn Hunt-Barnabi Memorial Scholarship and a \$1,250 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Intercultural Studies with a Minor in Creative Writing at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. She is the daughter of Rich and Lisa Johns.

**Tori Ledford** is the recipient of a \$1,500 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Business Administration with a minor in Managerial Marketing and Entrepreneurship at Kent State University. She is the daughter of Sarah Ledford and Lee Ledford.

**Michael Lesiecki** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Business Administration and Sport Management at Ohio Dominican University. He is the son of Thom and Jane Lesiecki.

**Allison Luyster** is the recipient of a \$1,500 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Speech Language Pathology at the University of Akron. She is the daughter of Rick and Jen Luyster.

**Kaitlyn Mangus** is the recipient of a \$1,000 LaPorte Scholarship and a \$775 Claymont Class of 1978 Scholarship. She is studying for a Doctor of Medicine at Northeast Ohio Medical University. She is the daughter of Ron and Debbie Mangus.

**Morgan McCluskey** is the recipient of a \$1,300 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Exercise Science at Youngstown State University. He is the son of Jonathan and Stephanie McCluskey.

**Meriah Miles** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Dave Adams Memorial Scholarship and a \$300 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Arts Management and Entrepreneurship and Dance Movement at Baldwin Wallace University. She is the daughter of Todd and Nicole Miles.

**Kaci Mizer** is the recipient of a \$1,300 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Integrated Language Arts at Kent State University. She is the daughter of Mark Mizer and Denise Taylor.

**Derek Moreland** is the recipient of \$1,000 LaPorte Family Scholarship and a \$750 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Civil Engineering/Construction Management at Stark State College. He is the son of Jack & Elisa Moreland.

**Reagan Norman** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Business Management at The Ohio State University - Newark. She is the daughter of Patrick and Joell Norman.

**Mallory Ong** is the recipient of a \$325 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship and a \$1,175 Claymont Class of 1978 Scholarship. She is studying Early Childhood Education at the University of Akron. She is the daughter of JJ and Leann Ong.

**Alexis Potopsky** is the recipient of a \$1,000 LaPorte Family Scholarship, a \$1,000 Helen Brainerd Memorial Scholarship and a \$500 Claymont Foundation Scholarship. She is studying News and Journalism Information at Ohio University. She is the daughter of David and Kim Potopsky.

**Rachel Ralston** is the recipient of a \$2,250 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Animal Assisted Therapy at Hocking College. She is the daughter of John and Mary Jo Ralston.

**Caylan Rentsch** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Dave Adams Memorial Scholarship, a \$500 Claymont Class of 1985 Vickie Lynn Hunt-Barnabi Memorial Scholarship and a \$1,000 Collin and Shannon Fawcett Scholarship. She is studying Art History at Kent State University. She is the daughter of Cheryl and Manny Rentsch.

**Paige Rossi** is the recipient of a \$1,500 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Communication, Media and Technology at LaRoche University. She is the daughter of Greg and Amy Rossi.

**Reid Shetler** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship and a \$375 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Information Technology at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. He is the son of Tom and Ronda Shetler.

**Sarah Sidoti** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Laporte Family Scholarship and a \$775 Claymont Class of 1978 Scholarship. She is studying Criminal Justice and French at the University of Mount Union. She is the daughter of Sal and Lisa Sidoti.

**Jamie Specht** is the recipient of a \$750 Claymont Class of 1978 Scholarship and a \$1,000 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Early Childhood Inclusive Education at the University of Akron. She is the daughter of Virginia Specht and William Specht.

**Lauren Stewart** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Uhrichsville Class of 1956 Scholarship, a \$1,000 LaPorte Family Scholarship and a \$250 Mollie Huston Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Nursing at the University of Mount Union. She is the daughter of David and Rebecca Stewart.

**Noah Stewart** is the recipient of \$1,000 Dave Adams Memorial Scholarship and a \$375 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Music at the University of Mount Union. He is the son of Kurt and Jennifer Stewart.

**Dekin Vanderpool** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Mechanical Engineering Technology at the University of Akron. He is the son of Chris Calderon and Lacey Calderon.

**Makaleigh Vega** is the recipient of a \$1,500 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Nursing at Lourdes University. She is the daughter of Hector and Tara Vega.

**Sarah Vogt** is the recipient of a \$750 Claymont Class of 1978 Scholarship and a \$1,000 Nicholas and Timothy Reynolds Scholarship. She is studying Radiation Therapy at Kent State University - Salem. She is the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Vogt.

**Braden Watkins** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Laporte Family Scholarship, a \$1,000 Collin and Shannon Fawcett Scholarship and a \$1,000 Herman R. Aeschliman Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Political Science and Public Affairs at The Ohio State University. He is the son of Gary and Heather Watkins.

**Braydon West** is the recipient of a \$1,750 Paul R. & Lois J. Sproul Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Conservation Biology at Kent State University. He is the son of Christie Jones.

**Luke Whitman** is the recipient of a \$1,000 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. He is studying Civil Engineering at The Ohio State University. He is the son of Scott and Tina Whitman.

**Madison Wolf** is the recipient of a \$1,375 Clyde R. Arnold Memorial Scholarship. She is studying Physics and Experimental Astrophysics at Case Western Reserve University. She is the daughter of Michelle and John Wolf.

**Mallory Wolf** is the recipient of a \$1,966.67 Positron Science Club Scholarship. She is studying Biology at Kent State University. She is the daughter of John and Michelle Wolf.

**Sadie Zurcher** is the recipient of a \$775 Claymont Class of 1978 and a \$1,000 Collin and Shannon Fawcett Scholarship. She is studying Nursing at Kent State University - Tuscarawas. She is the daughter of Thomas Zurcher and Rebecca Zurcher.



# Claymont Foundation Teacher and Building Grants

The Claymont Foundation, Inc. has awarded more than \$38,300 in teacher and building grants for the 2020-21 academic year.

“We are excited to offer these grants for the students at Claymont,” stated Bryan Mahaffey, Committee Chair. “These grants go above and beyond the educational opportunities already offered by the schools.”

## **The Dave Adams Grants, which are provided to expose the Claymont students to the fine and performing arts, are as follows:**

- Jim Howell – CHS Drummers Stay “A-HEAD of the Beat” - \$571.86
- Jim Howell – “Gettin’ Slick with New Reeds and Sticks” - \$368.87
- Jim Howell – “Little Kids Rock” Guitar Class - \$6,900.00
- Carrie Kunkle – High School Kiln Replacement - \$4,167.20
- Miriam Scheetz – Library Book Grant - \$4,000.00
- Miriam Scheetz – Multicultural Art Lessons - \$3,900.00
- Clara Warner – Quaver’s Marvelous World of Music - \$8,575.00

## **The Claymont Foundation Grants are as follows:**

- Lisa Davis – Raising the Standards through Chapter Books: The CIA Approach - \$2,749.16
- Travus Houghton – E-Sports Gaming Equality Project - \$503.67
- Travus Houghton – Handheld Integration to Support Science Team Staff and Students - \$999.96
- Jane Lesiecki – Mustangs Motivating Mustangs - \$1,000.00
- Kaylah Mundell – Bibliotherapy and Counseling Workbooks - \$269.63
- Pam Natoli – Book Taco - \$1,000.00
- Heather O’Connor – High School Coffee Café - \$880.74
- Heather O’Connor – Intermediate Coffee Cart - \$559.07
- Heather O’Connor – Middle School Snack Shop - \$344.37
- Lindsay Pellegrino – Mimio Teach Portable Interactive Whiteboard - \$703.82
- Lisa Sommers – Expanding Expression Tool (EET) - \$349.00
- Andrew Zimmerman – Trip to Dreamsville - \$500.00

# Teacher and Building Grants Reports



## Quaver's Marvelous World of Music

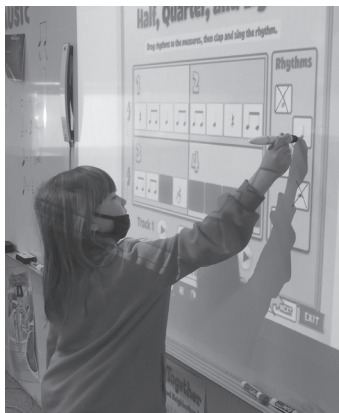
Clara Warner, K-3 music teacher, was awarded a grant for an online music resource called Quaver's Marvelous World of Music. Here are students using it in action in class this year.

Aurora Dingman uses the interactive component to create a 4 beat rhythm pattern for the class.

Eleanor Hamilton tries to race against the clock and put the correct soccer ball notes into the correct goals!

During Quaver free time, Aiden Davis, Channing Tufford and Klayton Rennicker attend a virtual disco concert. Students are each given individual accounts that can be accessed at school or at home!

This program provides students with an up-to-date, fresh interpretation of current and traditional ideas of music study helping to build a stronger base of knowledge and experience. We use Quaver daily and the kids really enjoy it!



## Book Taco

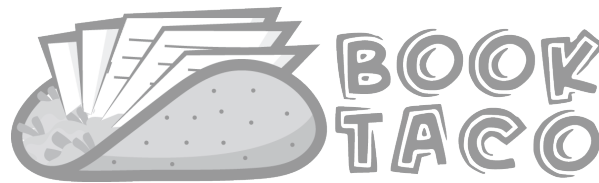
Pam Natoli, Intermediate Title Teacher, submitted a grant entitled "Book Taco" The project is a highly engaging, inclusive, affordable alternative to Accelerated Reader (AR) that helps teachers manage, assess, and motivate student independent reading. The more students read, the more they earn in the form of game coins, cyber swag and virtual pet play.

With customizable avatars, interactive reading logs, books quizzes, writing opportunities and Book Taco video submissions, Book Taco fosters student voices while making reading fun. Whether you're administering a state student choice award program, school reading lists, Bale of the Books competition or summer reading initiative, Book Taco provides the perfect interactive platform for analyzing student reading data and motivating participation through sustained engagement.

The purpose of the program is to ignite a love for reading in our young learners by leveraging technology to level the playing field between book and video games, social media, and television. We want students to get excited about reading.

Book Taco is a resource that supports Common Core State Standards such as functional reading skills, writing, language arts and cross curricular learning. Book Taco would provide a platform that is all inclusive where students can:

- Log their daily reading time
- Write about the books they read
- Create Book Talk videos
- Learn book specific Vocabulary and Spelling to mastery
- Work on book related printables
- Take a comprehension quiz (over 37,000 book quizzes)
- Certified Lexile Partner
- Earn rewards
- Customize avatars
- Inclusive of all student learning styles



Book Taco promotes independence allowing students to have access to the program 24/7/365 from school, home or anywhere they have an internet connection. In just five months, our students have read 815 books for a total word count of 3,979,462. Students participated in many activities that helped improve vocabulary, comprehension and self-confidence.

# Raising the Standard through Chapter Books: The CIA Approach

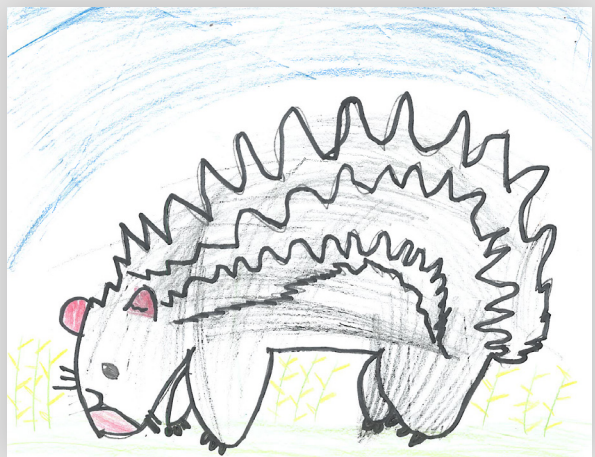
Lisa Davis and Kim Watkins submitted a third grade grant entitled "Raising the Standards through Chapter Books: The CIA Approach."

The classrooms that used the chapter books this year found it to be valuable, meaningful, and engaging to all learners. Several thank you notes from the students are shown below.

May 26, 2021  
 Dear Claymont Foundation,  
 Thank you so much  
 caring about our education.  
 I appreciate the books  
 you bought for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.  
 I read Poppy. I enjoyed  
 this book because of Ereth  
 's funny sayings.  
 Sincerely,  
 Logan Patterson



5/20/21  
 Dear Claymont Foundation,  
 Thank you so much for caring about  
 our education. I appreciate the books you  
 bought for my school. I read "Poppy" I  
 loved the book because it was so  
 interesting. I also liked when Poppy  
 called Mr. Ocar a chicken.  
 Sincerely,  
 Jayden T



May 26, 2021  
 Dear Claymont Foundation,  
 Thank you so much for  
 caring about our education.  
 I appreciate the books you  
 bought for third grade. I read  
 Poppy. I enjoyed reading this  
 book because She is a hero.  
 Mr. Ocar is a villian. Poppy  
 is not selfish. Poppy is  
 funny and Ereth is not a  
 Villian. Sincerely, Maci





# Claymont Stadium Project

What an exciting time to be a Mustang!! Our Claymont Mustang football team opened their stadium against Canton South on August 27, 2021 with a large crowd of supporters.

The stadium renovation was made possible by a 2 mil permanent improvement levy. The project consists of a 19,100 square foot fieldhouse, home and visitor bleachers, press box and concession stand with restrooms. The fieldhouse includes new locker, weight, wrestling, training and film rooms.

The final phase of the project was made possible with many generous donations. The final phase includes new field turf, renovating and expanding the track and upgrading the tennis courts. These have made this project possible.

Many items were moved from the old stadium into the new areas. The district is seeking donations for other items and upgrades. Some of the items in need are: film room chairs, office furniture, batting cage, golf simulator, wrestling mats and weight room items. If you are interested in donating, please contact Kim Beckley, Treasurer at 201 N. Third St., Dennison, [kbeckley@claymontschools.org](mailto:kbeckley@claymontschools.org) or 740-922-5478.

An open house was held on September 19th to allow the community to tour the new facilities.



## John Stozich Honored



The Claymont Foundation honored the memory of former Uhrichsville coach and teacher John Stozich on Saturday, May 29th in the gym lobby at Claymont High School.

Stozich coached basketball, football and track and taught Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra at Uhrichsville High School from 1957-1964. He also served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, as the Director of the Ohio Department of Industrial Relations and as Mayor of Findlay, OH. Stozich served in the US Navy from 1945 to 1946 and joined the US Coast Guard Reserves and retired as a Captain in 1981. Stozich passed away in 2004.

A former student/player, Clyde Arnold (U '58), wanted to pay tribute to Stozich by making a large donation to the Claymont Foundation Scholarship Fund to be given to Claymont High School student athletes as they continue their education. He also requested that a plaque commemorating Stozich's career at Uhrichsville be placed at Claymont High School.

Arnold passed before seeing this wish come to fruition. However, several of his classmates and teammates were on hand for the presentation.

Arnold worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber then became Plant Manager and vice president of operations for two divisions of Amerace Corporation. He later purchased and sold Amerace then built a facility for a new company, DPI.

Arnold also made a generous donation the Claymont Foundation Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to Claymont students as they continue their education.

Beth DiDonato, Claymont Foundation President and former student of Stozich, welcomed all of the guests to the event. Rob Murry, Claymont Foundation Financial Secretary, spoke about the scholarships donated and Arnold's wish to make this dedication happen. Harry "Butch" Watkins (U '61), one of Stozich's former players, shared memories of Coach Stozich. More than 40 attended the ceremony including Stozich's children John Stozich Jr., Judy Stozich Scrimshaw and Francie Stozich Ash. Light refreshments were served.



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