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NEWSLETTER

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Chairperson's Letter

Dear Coopersville Friends,

I'm Jose C. Gomez, the chair of the Coopersville Area Community Foundation, and I'm happy to share the news of the foundation with you.

We launched a new website in June—visit coopersville-cf.org to check it out. We recently awarded over \$22,000 in scholarships to 20 local graduates, and we had a memorable Excellence in Education event at the Coopersville Farm Museum honoring our top 10% of area high school seniors. Our grants committee has been busy awarding grants to local nonprofits—the next grant deadline is coming up at the end of September.

Open this newsletter and you'll see we've welcomed Kelley Monterusso to our board. We continue to grow and do good things for Coopersville because of our local leadership. We are honored to have them serve our community in this capacity! Thank you to all who have served and to those who will serve in the future.

We could not exist without the support of this community. Gifts of all sizes enable us to support diverse community needs, many of which will change over time. One of the easiest ways to support our work is to make a gift to our Community Action Fund. This Fund will always be here to help us respond in the good times, the bad, and all of those in-between.

Thank you for your continued support. We are here for good, for ever, for Coopersville!

Sincerely,

Jose C. Gomez

Chair, Coopersville Area Community Foundation Advisory Board



Jose C. Gomez, Chair



Coopersville Memorial Day Parade

Thank you to Mark and Lori Douglas for representing the Coopersville Area Community Foundation in the Memorial Day Parade. We appreciate your leadership and dedication to the foundation and to the Coopersville community.



Foundation Awards Scholarships to 20 Area Students



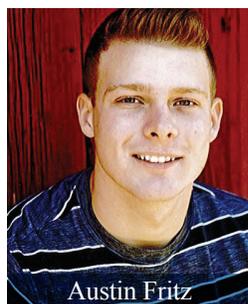
Alex Armock



Anna Lauer



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Becca Stevens

We are pleased to announce the recipients of our Foundation Scholarships. Collectively, these awards totaled \$22,895. Thank you to the donors who have established funds that support the educational dreams of our local students. If you are interested in starting a scholarship fund, please call Kari Fuller at 616-842-6378.

The Chris Bradley Endowed Memorial Scholarship was established in 1999 in loving memory of Christopher Bradley. The recipients for 2017 are Austin Fritz (Muskegon Community College) and Gerrit Hannenburg (Kettering University).

The Jack and Libby Bush Scholarship Fund was opened in 2005 by the family of Libby Bush as a lasting memorial to Elizabeth "Libby" Bush. The 2017 recipient is Hannah DeJonge (Elmhurst College).

The David and Mary Jo Busman Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 as a lasting tribute to Mary Jo. This scholarship honors a graduating senior who demonstrates academic excellence, a strong work ethic, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. The 2017 recipient is Autumn VanDonkelaar (Lake Superior State University).

The Staci Cheadle Memorial Scholarship Fund was started as a result of an outpouring of community and family love for Staci in 2005. The 2017 recipient is Darren Kulicamp (Michigan State University).

The Ronald C. Bush Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2006 by his wife, Karen Bush. This Fund offers a scholarship to a graduate of Coopersville High School. The 2017 recipient is Logan Brinks (University of Michigan).

The Coopersville Scholarship Fund is the Foundation's most flexible scholarship, supporting graduating seniors pursuing a wide variety of degrees. The 2017 recipients are Logan Brinks (University of Michigan), Katherine DeVree (Grand Valley State University), Elizabeth DeVree (Grand Valley State University), Darren Kulicamp (Michigan State University), Hannah DeJonge (Elmhurst College), Kara Dykstra (Baker College), Seth Dykstra (Northwood University), Brendon Slocum (Grand Valley State University), and Kayla Emelander (Davenport University).

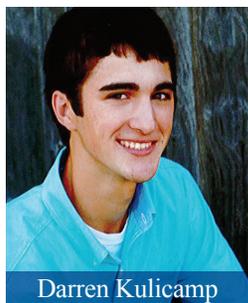
The Del Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund was opened in 2007 in loving memory of Coopersville's own Del Shannon, by his wife Shirley Westover, and his family. The

recipients for 2017 are Brandon Meinders (University of Michigan), Hannah Aune (Valparaiso University), and Rebecca Stevens (Villanova University).

The S.J. Hecksel Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2000 by Sherman and Ruth Hecksel in loving memory of their son, S.J. The recipients for 2017 are Aubrey Hausig (Saginaw Valley State University), Sara Lindberg (Grand Valley State University), and Anna Lauer (Alma College).

The Nelson Family Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 by three siblings, and their spouses, who grew up in Coopersville - Raymond and Barbara Nelson, David and RuthAnn Nelson, and Linda (Nelson) and James Brigham. The 2017 recipient is Alexandria Armock (Aquinas College).

The Daryn Renee Worpel Scholarship Fund was established as a result of an outpouring of memorials after the tragic loss of Daryn. This scholarship will forever support a Coopersville student who desires to pursue their goals and continue their education beyond high school. The 2017 recipients are Rebeka McDonald (Michigan State University) and Elizabeth DeVree (Grand Valley State University).



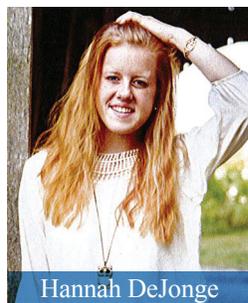
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Elizabeth DeVree



Hannah Aune



Hannah DeJonge



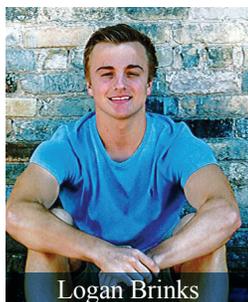
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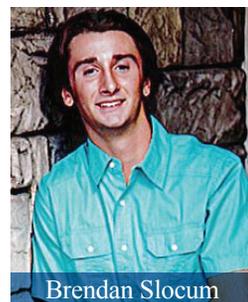
Rebeka McDonald



Sara Lindberg



Seth Dykstra



Brendan Slocum

Excellence in Education



We celebrated Coopersville's top high school seniors in May at our annual Excellence in Education (EIE) Dinner. The EIE Dinner is an opportunity for the Community Foundation to honor the top 10% of the graduating class in Coopersville, as well as the educator chosen by the student who most impacted their school experience.

Paul DeWys, owner of DeWys Engineering and a CAPS graduate, spoke at the dinner and encouraged students to follow their dreams and keep trying, even if they fail once, twice, or ten times—they have to keep getting back up and try again.

Thank you to Ed and Nancy Hanenburg for providing the financial support for this evening, and best of luck to the students!

Recent Grants

Junior Achievement of the Michigan Great Lakes received \$3,000 to purchase 23 Junior Achievement elementary programs for CAPS to empower young people to learn economic success.

Mrs. Nelson's 2nd grade class with CAPS School Board member Mike Michalak



Grant Deadline

Are you part of a nonprofit organization, a unit of government, an educational institution, or a church? If so, your organization might be eligible to apply for a Community Foundation grant.

**Our next grant deadline is:
September 29, 2017.**

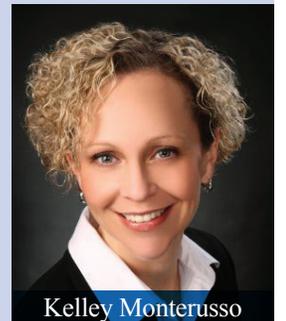
Please send grant inquiries to Kari Fuller at kfuller@coopersville-cf.org or call 842-6378 x107 if you have any questions.

Welcome to Our New Advisor

The Community Foundation is able to grow because of the dedicated leadership of many community citizens. We are pleased to welcome **Kelley Monterusso** to our Advisory Board.

Kelley (Rossman) Monterusso grew up in Coopersville and graduated from CHS. She has business and communications degrees from GRCC, Davenport, and GVSU and currently serves as the Director of Communications & External Relations for the Kirkhof College of Nursing at GVSU. Kelley lives with her husband, Jim, and two children in the Lamont area and enjoys volunteering and spending as much time as possible with family and friends.

She brings compassion for her community and a dedication to see our Community Foundation thrive.



Kelley Monterusso

Farewell, Shirley

A heartfelt thank you to **Shirley Draft**, who completed two terms on the board this past spring. We will miss her dedication to the Coopersville community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.



Shirley Draft

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Why We Give: Jim & Lill Budzynski

Lill and Jim Budzynski have a heart for preserving the past. As photographers in Coopersville, they've been involved in people's stories their entire careers. "Photography drew us into the community," said Lill. "We appreciate the community's trust in us and how the Coopersville Historical Society can make a difference in the lives of others through the stories in the pictures, writings, and objects we exhibit in the museum."

Now they're retired, but working as hard as ever. As volunteer overseers of the

"We want to pass those stories of the community on to future generations. It's why we give to the community."

Historical Museum's operations, they preserve the memories and stories of the community. "The Museum collections reflect such a cross-section of people and the eras in which they lived," said Lill. "We continue to be impressed by this each day we are at the Museum. We want to pass those stories of the community on to future generations. It's why we give to the community of Coopersville."



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