



# Orange County Education Foundation

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## Press Release

### Orange County Education Foundation Awards Fourteen Scholarships to Orange County High School Graduates

The Orange County Education Foundation (OCEF) awarded scholarships to 14 members of the Class of 2011 during the Orange County High School Senior Awards Night program on June 6. The scholarships represented a total of \$26,500 in financial aid to the recipients.

Jonathan Chasen, a member of the OCEF Board of Directors and chairman of the OCEF Scholarship Committee, represented the Foundation during the ceremony.

"I was impressed by the large numbers of students receiving scholarships and inspired by their efforts," Chasen said. "Traditionally we worry about succeeding generations' efforts, but I was pleased with the capabilities of this group of high school seniors. I also loved to see the community support from so many different organizations. Clearly, we believe our community's children are an investment that will pay us all back."

"This is a great step forward for our students in that the Orange Education Foundation is providing for their future," said Frank Leech, Principal of Orange County High School.

"My hope is that the community will rally around this organization," added David Kohstall, Guidance Director at Orange County High School. "I have witnessed tonight what it can do for our students today and in the future."

This year's OCEF awards included the following:

- American Woodmark Career and Technical Education Achievement Scholarship, \$1,000, awarded to Tyler Bunce;
- Anne Saunders Boyer and Julian Flint Boyer Awards, \$3,000 each, awarded to Laura Nixon, Avery Powell and Coty Goodwin;
- Brandon M. Simasek Scholarship, \$1,000, awarded to Cara Simpson;
- CJM Kyle Scholarship, \$1,000, awarded to Kelly Berry;
- Harry R. Graham, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000, awarded to Emily Trapani;
- Jane Gwyn Robertson Zimmerman Scholarship, \$1,500, awarded to Morgan Wade;
- Joseph Stanley Soccer Memorial Scholarship, \$3,000, awarded to Ryan Jenkins;
- Nora Pannill Brooking Scholarship, \$2,000, awarded to Jessica Kelly;
- Patricia Francis Scholarship, \$1,000, awarded to Bethany Whitten; and
- PTG Medical Scholarships, \$2,000 each, awarded to Courtney Farrel, Sara McKay and Amanda Murphy.

"The scholarship is greatly appreciated because it helps me begin my future and strive for academic excellence," said Kelly Berry, who received the CJM Kyle Scholarship. "I am honored and blessed to have received this scholarship."

"I am very thankful for receiving this scholarship," said Amanda Murphy, who received a \$2,000 PTG Medical award. "I know it will help me pursue my career dreams and accomplish many more challenges that life may bring."

"It's great to know that people here in the community feel comfortable with helping pay for my education," added Coty Goodwin, who received a \$3,000 Anne Saunders Boyer and Julian Flint Blyer award. "I plan to make them proud of pursuing my degree and bringing my expertise back to Orange."

The Orange County Education Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to creating and sustaining opportunities for scholarship and advancement for students and teachers in all Orange County public and private schools. The Foundation was founded in 1994 as a project of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce. In 1996, it consolidated with the Orange County Public Schools Foundation and became a joint venture of the Chamber and the school division. It seeks to serve students and teachers at Germanna Community College, Orange County Public Schools, Grymes Memorial School and other private schools that might express interest.

The Foundation awarded 17 scholarships for a total of \$24,500 in 2010, 16 scholarships for a total of \$26,500 in 2009, 17 scholarships for a total of \$21,000 in 2008, and 14 scholarships for a total of \$15,500 in 2007.

The Foundation also recently awarded \$250 Innovation Grants to five Orange County Public School teachers and one Germanna Community College instructor. In the fall of 2010, the Foundation collaborated with the Lake of the Woods Lions Club to provide Innovation Grants to seven Orange County teachers.

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*Further information about the Orange County Education Foundation may be obtained by calling Barbara Bannar, Executive Director of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce at (540) 672-5216, or Bob Grimesey, Superintendent of Orange County Public Schools, at (540) 661-4550.*



Jonathan Chasen and Bethany Whitten who received the Patricia Francis Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000



Jonathan Chasen and Emily Trapani who received the Harry R. Graham, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000



Jessica Kelley who received the Nora Pannill Brooking Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 and Jonathan Chasen.



Jonathan Chasen and Kelly Berry who received the CJM Kyle Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.



Jonathan Chasen and Laura Nixon, Avery Powell and Coty Godwin who each received the Anne Saunders Boyer and Julian Flint Boyer Award in the amount of \$3,000.



Jonathan Chasen and Morgan Wade who received the Jane Gwyn Robertson Zimmermann Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

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