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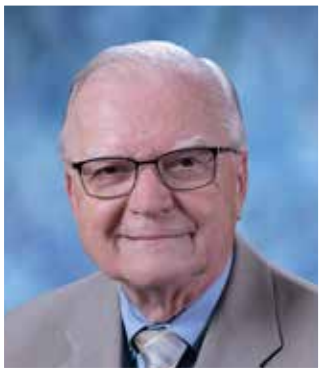
SCHOLARSHIP REPORT



Dear Friends,

I like remembering the story because I think it is so remarkable. Not long after White Horse Village opens, the early residents want to thank employees at the December holiday season. They donate monies to be given to the staff. That event leads to the creation of the Endowment Fund (now known as the Foundation), and that annual tradition continues today as our Employee Appreciation Fund.

Then those early residents decide that people who might outlive their financial resources should be able to complete their lives here. As a result, contributions begin for a Resident Reserve Fund.

Next, those early residents recognize that there are enhancements to the campus that the corporate budget might not always "afford," and the Campus Improvement Fund is initiated. Its early efforts include landscaping the entrance and providing hospital beds for the nursing center.

And in 1996 (two years after the Endowment Fund is incorporated), Shirley Madsen identifies another focus. Part-pixie, part-angel, and part everybody's-best-friend, Shirley believes that residents could help staff members achieve their individual aspirations and dreams. She initiates the Scholarship Fund.

This report shares with you the Scholarship Fund's current activities and the profiles of the current team members who will benefit from the Fund as they begin their fall 2026 semesters at their chosen colleges and universities.

All of the Foundation's programs are possible only because of the generosity and kindness of its remarkable donors. They encourage White Horse Village to continue to grow as a community of residents and staff who care profoundly for one another.

We are very grateful!

Tom Stretton

Tom Stretton
Foundation Chair

WHV EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THE FALL 2026 SEMESTER

BY DR. CAROL A. WEISS

When many of us attended college in the 1960s, the average cost for a 4-year public college was about $1,250 and for a 4-year private college about $1,200. Can you guess what the average cost is today, in 2026? The difference is mind boggling!

Today, in-state tuition at public colleges averages $11,950, while private nonprofit colleges average about $45,000 in tuition. In the 21st century, the cost of college has increased 41.7% faster than the cost of inflation. (EducationData.org)

This is why awarding scholarships to deserving WHV team members is a rewarding experience for the members of the WHV Employee Scholarship Committee. Our meetings are long as we carefully review and evaluate the scholarship applications. We use a formal set of criteria and a common evaluation system. After collegial discussion, we rank the applications in order and decide on the scholarship amounts for each applicant. It is indeed a privilege to serve on the Employee Scholarship Committee, knowing that we are assisting WHV team members to improve not only their education, but their lives.

The Committee members are happy to announce that eighteen WHV team members were awarded scholarships for the Fall 2026 Semester, for a total amount of $43,198. Recipients represented the departments of Dining Services and Healthcare. Awards are paid directly to the academic institution, not to the individual.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The scholarship application process is a rigorous one. To be eligible, team members must have worked at WHV for a minimum of six months, be in good standing, and have worked or be scheduled to work a minimum of 200 hours during the previous 12 months, including a minimum of 70 hours during the past six months.

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Applicants must be attending accredited institutions in programs such as Certified Nursing Assistant, Registered Nurse, associate degree, bachelor's degree, graduate degree, post-graduate education, or technical certification. Courses may be completed in person, online, or a combination of the two.

THE APPLICATION

An essential component of the scholarship application is the one-page essay included with the application form. This essay asks applicants to describe their goals for attending school, their field or subject of study, and how their education might contribute to their service as WHV team members. Of particular importance, applicants are asked to describe any special personal circumstances that might affect their financial situation.

The essay also gives Committee members insights into the challenges that some of our team members face. For example, some are single parents, juggling full-time work and part-time school. Others are children of parents who are also paying college tuition for their siblings. Still others come from families who have built new lives in the United States and are working to support their loved ones, while pursuing a college degree.

The WHV Employee Scholarship program is very important for encouraging our team members to pursue their education. In addition, this program creates an attractive work environment for both hiring and retaining effective WHV team members, especially during a time when there is a labor shortage. We are grateful to everyone who has made contributions to the WHV Employee Scholarship Fund in the past. With your continuing support, we look forward to increasing the amounts that we can award to our deserving team members in the future.

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Fall 2026
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Andrew Varady
DINING SERVICES

American University
Political Science

School: I am going into my senior year of school at American University in Washington, D.C., where I am majoring in Political Science with a focus on American Government.

Interests/Hobbies: My hobbies include running, reading, and playing video games.

WHV Memory: A special moment from my time working at White Horse Village was talking to a resident who has been to the American University campus before, and him telling me about his experience there.

Movie: My favorite movie is Children of Men.

Angela Mulhern
NUTRITION SCIENCE

Perdue Global University
Pastry Chef

School: I attend Purdue Global University and am pursuing a bachelor's degree in nutrition science.

Interests/Hobbies: Between work and school, I enjoy walking my pup whenever I have free time. My favorite White Horse Village moments are hearing residents tell me how much they enjoyed something I baked. Knowing my work brings them joy is the best part of my job.

Quote: "If you don't like the road you are walking, start paving another one."

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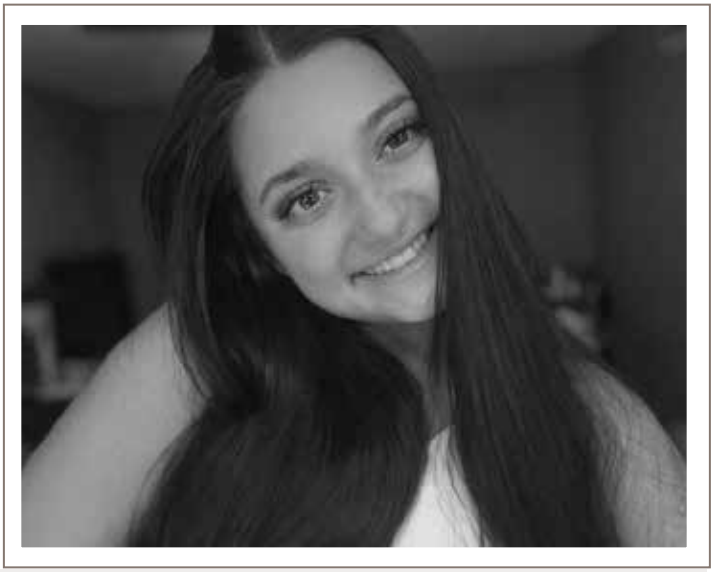

Angelina DePrince
DINING SERVER

West Chester University
Social Work

School: I will be attending West Chester University this fall as a Junior majoring in Social Work. I am passionate about helping others and hope to build a career where I can make a positive impact on people's lives.

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy going to the gym and the beach, traveling and making memories with family and friends.

WHV Memory: One of my favorite memories was helping residents during an emergency fire alarm. I guided the residents outside and made sure everyone felt supported until the situation was resolved. I was reminded of how important compassion, teamwork and leadership is.

Quote: "She believed she could, so she did."

Atar MacCurtin
DINING SERVER

Neumann University
Nursing

School: I am a sophomore at Neumann University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I chose nursing because I am passionate about providing compassionate care and making a positive difference in my community.

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy going to the gym, reading, and spending time with friends.

WHV Memory: My favorite part of working at White Horse Village has been building relationships with residents. I am grateful for everything I have learned and appreciate the community's support of my education. Thank you for this generous scholarship and the opportunity to pursue my nursing career.

Movie/Quote: *Fantastic Mr. Fox* — "They say our tree may never grow back, but someday, something will."

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Austin Atanmo
DINING SERVER

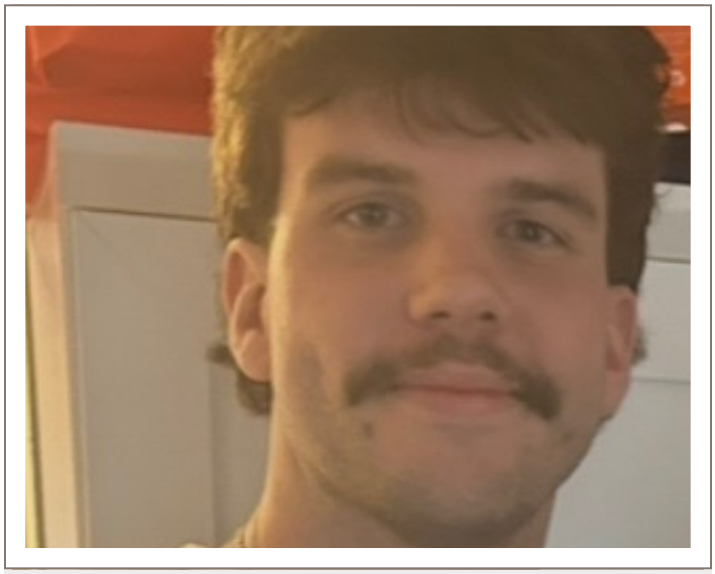
University of Pittsburgh
Natural Sciences

School: I'll be heading into my senior year at the University of Pittsburgh, where I'll graduate with a degree in Natural Sciences.

Interests/Hobbies: When I'm not studying, I love playing soccer, running, and diving into a good book. Watching college football, NBA games, and soccer matches are always a highlight for me, and I really enjoy catching movies whenever I can. Traveling is also a passion of mine; I love exploring new places whenever I get the chance.

WHV Memory: The most special memories from my time at White Horse Village are the laughs I shared with the team and residents; those moments are truly precious and will stay with me forever.

Movie: My favorite movie is Tenet.



Cayden Price
DINING SERVER

Rowan University
Data Science

School: I will be attending Rowan University this fall for my junior year. I am studying data science. I love Rowan because there are a lot of great programs and opportunities for internships, lots of activities on campus, and a quickly growing attendance rate that makes the campus feel vibrant.

Interests/Hobbies: In my free time, I love playing my guitar, reading, and any kind of competitive activity with my friends.

WHV Memory: One of my favorite memories from White Horse was every New Years Eve shift. It's nice to have a ton of staff around to have fun and provide a nice dinner and celebration for the residents. Thank you to all for this opportunity.

Movie: My favorite movie is The Revenant.

Eric Torikian

DINING SERVER

Ursinus College
Chemistry

School: This fall, I will be entering my freshman year at Ursinus College and I am very excited to be majoring in chemistry with a premedical track. I will be part of the division III swimming team at Ursinus.

Interests/Hobbies: Some of my hobbies include lifting, listening to music, and trying new foods. One of my favorite memories at White Horse Village was during the anniversary party last year and being able to see all the residents enjoy their time and celebrate together.

Quote: "I shall either find a way or make one." – Hannibal

Evan Menta

DINING SERVER

George Washington University
Biological Sciences

School: This fall, I will be entering my second year at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. I am majoring in biological sciences with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology and am on the pre-medicine track.

Interests/Hobbies: A special memory of mine from White Horse Village would be all the moments residents needed my help in any way like carrying their trays or bagging their food.

Movie: My favorite movie is Memories of Murder.

Isabella Chiaverini

DINING SERVER

Delaware County Community College
Studio Arts

School: I am attending Delaware County Community College this coming fall majoring in Studio Arts.

Interests/Hobbies: My hobbies include drawing, sewing, and baking.

WHV Memory: One of my favorite memories from working at White Horse Village is working on New Year's Eve. This day is special to me because celebrating with residents and fellow coworkers, the holiday became more of a joyous experience instead of just a regular shift. I was grateful to be a part of the community and start the new year on such a positive!

Movie: My favorite movie is Life is Beautiful.

Jack Shafer

DINING SERVER

Saint Josephs University
Finance

School: I am going into my sophomore year at Saint Joseph's University. At school I study finance and participate in their golf club team.

Interests/Hobbies: in my free time I enjoy spending time with my friends and family and going to the gym.

WHV Memory: A favorite memory of mine from White Horse Village was coming back from school after my first semester and getting to see all my peers and the residents that I have formed close connections with throughout the years.

Movie: My favorite movie is Chef.

Kathryn Brokken

DINING SERVER

Syracuse University
Architecture

School: This upcoming semester, I will be returning to Syracuse University to begin my 3rd year of my 5-year accredited Bachelor of Architecture.

Interests/Hobbies: I am so excited to return to campus and continue participating in mentoring and tutoring within the architecture program.

WHV Memory: One of my favorite memories at White Horse Village was a special conversation I had with a resident who was an alumnus of the school the summer before I left. He told me not to worry about the campus and to to truly envelop myself in the experience and spirit of being orange (one of SU's school colors!).

Movie: My favorite movie is Mama Mia.

Katrina Venuti

PASTRY CHEF

West Chester & Delaware County Community College
Nursing & Science in Nursing

School: This fall, I will begin a concurrent nursing program. I will be working toward my Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) at Delaware County Community College while simultaneously pursuing my Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at West Chester University.

Interests/Hobbies: Outside of school, I enjoy spending time at home with my husband and our two children. I try to enjoy all the time I can get at home with my family.

Quote: "There's nothing we can't do if we work hard, never sleep, and shirk all other responsibilities in our lives." – Leslie Knope from Parks and Recreation

Kiana Walker

DINING SERVER

Temple University
Public Health

School: I will be attending Temple University 2026-2030; My major is Public Health.

Interests/Hobbies: In my free time my hobbies are cooking, painting, and shopping!

WHV Memory: A special for me memory from my experience here at White Horse Village is dancing in the auditorium with the residents and other servers.

Quote: "If my mind can conceive it, if my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it."

Lexie Voccaro

DINING SERVER

University of Tampa
Elementary Education

School: This fall I will be a freshman at The University of Tampa studying elementary education. The school has an exceptional education program, and a wide range of resources for my future, and of course, the phenomenal location.

Interests/Hobbies: In high school I was a cheerleader and an avid runner on the track team. Although I do not plan to continue these sports in Tampa, they will forever have had a major impact on who I am today.

WHV Memory: I have made so many amazing memories over the past two years at White Horse, but my favorite part of this time has been building unique and individualized connections with residents. Thank you so much for this opportunity, I am forever grateful.

Movie: My favorite movie is Tangled!

Rachel Mirin

DINING SERVER

University of Rochester
Biomedical Engineering

School: I am a sophomore at the University of Rochester majorsing in electrical and computer engineering with a minor in biomedical engineering. I hope to design better mobility devices and hearing aids.

Interests/Hobbies: I enjoy cooking, 3D and graphic design, ethical hacking, and reading favorite books including *An Immense World* and *The Namesake*. My favorite memories are celebrating birthdays and milestones in Steeplechase with my favorite people, who mean more to me than they will ever know. I love when kids visit and setting out rainbow sprinkles and sundae fixings for them. I am beyond grateful for the opportunities White Horse Village has given me. Working here has changed my life for the better; I can't describe how meaningful it has been.

Quote: "It's the little things citizens do. That's what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees." — Wangari Maathai

Ranica Levin

DINING SERVICES

Drexel University
Accounting

School: I am going into my second year at Drexel University majoring in accounting. I am an active member of the Cleftomaniacs, Drexel's co-ed acapella group, as well as Drexel's Women in Business club.

Interests/Hobbies: My hobbies include crocheting, reading, and playing the flute.

WHV Memory: A special memory I have from my time at White Horse Village is last year's New Year's Eve dinner service and getting to work with over 40 of my team members.

Quote: Nelson Mandela, "It always seems impossible until it's done." I want to wholeheartedly thank the residents for all their support and I'm looking forward to sharing more good news with everyone as I continue to work!

Ryan Wise

DINING SERVICES

West Chester University
Pre-Business/Accounting

School: I will be attending West Chester University this fall as a freshman Pre-Business/Accounting major.

Interests/Hobbies: During my 4 years at Marple Newtown High School I was a member of the track and field team. One highlight was participating in the 4x1 relay that broke the school record. Outside of track, bowling is my favorite hobby, recently scoring a 218.

WHV Memory: My favorite memory at White Horse Village is completing my senior project there before graduating.

Quote: "It ain't about how hard you hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward." – Rocky Balboa

Sam Gutu

DINING SERVICES

Temple University
Political Science

School: This fall I will be attending Temple University as a first-year student majoring in Political Science. I hope to use my education to prepare for a career in public and governmental services.

Interests/Hobbies: In my free time, I enjoy learning about history and politics, hiking, and playing soccer and strategy games.

WHV Memory: My favorite memory from working at White Horse Village was getting to know a resident in personal care. What started as simple conversations during meals grew into a meaningful friendship. When the dinner rush was particularly hard, this resident would take me to the side and tell me that she was proud of me. That experience is something I will always carry with me as I begin this next chapter in my life.

If you would like to make a charitable donation to the White Horse Village Foundation's Employee Scholarship Fund, please send your contribution to the Mission Enhancement Team via the mail room.

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