

## **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2023-24**

### **ENDOWED**

#### **The Chu-Wiendl Scholarship**

The Chu-Wiendl Scholarship was endowed in 2024 by Gene Chu '89 in honor of Dr. Joseph A. Wiendl, whose generosity made possible Chu's education in the United States.

#### **The Holtzman Family Scholarship**

Established in 2024 by Evelyn '60 and Seymour '57 Holtzman, this scholarship is intended for a student with financial need.

#### **The Dr. John J. Pikulski III and Mrs. Edna "E.J." Pikulski Memorial Scholarship**

The Dr. John J. Pikulski III & Mrs. Edna "E.J." Pikulski Memorial Scholarship was formed in 2023 in memory of the life and character of Dr. John Joseph "Jack" Pikulski '63 and his wife, Edna "E.J." Cooke Pikulski. Dr. Pikulski was a professor emeritus at the University of Delaware, a senior author and nationally recognized speaker for Houghton Mifflin Publishing and was a former President of the International Reading Association. In 1992 Jack was an honored recipient of the prestigious Eugene S. Farley Memorial Alumni Award from Wilkes. The scholarship is awarded to a worthy student with academic ability and financial need.

#### **The Lois and Merr Trumbore Scholarship**

Established in 2023 by Merr Trumbore in memory of his wife, Lois, this scholarship is intended for a student studying physics, preferably a resident of Northeastern PA.

#### **The Frank and Geraldine Witt Scholarship**

The Frank and Geraldine Witt Scholarship was established through a bequest from Geraldine T. Witt, in honor of her husband. The scholarship shall be awarded to a student(s) who demonstrates financial need and good academic standing. First preference will be given to a student studying electrical engineering, second preference to any major in the field of engineering, and third, to a science major. In addition, students of Polish descent will be given strong consideration.

### **ANNUAL**

#### **The Thelma K. and Samuel Bosch Scholarship**

The Thelma K. and Samuel Bosch Scholarship was established in 2005 through their gift made to the Luzerne Foundation. It will be awarded through an application process to a Wilkes University English major with financial need. First preference will be given to students who graduated from Luzerne County high schools.

#### **The Ronald E. Hontz Memorial Scholarship**

The Ronald E. Hontz Memorial Scholarship was established by Ronald Hontz as a means to give back and help less fortunate graduating seniors attain a college degree. The scholarship is available to rising juniors and seniors enrolled in the accounting program who have the greatest financial need and who are Luzerne County residents.

**The James J. Loftus Memorial Scholarship**

The James J. Loftus Memorial Scholarship was established by Jim and Patti Cooney. The scholarship is awarded to a political science major with financial need.

**The Michael J. Zeto Scholarship**

The Michael J. Zeto Scholarship was established by Michael Zeto '96 in honor of 4 generations of the Zeto family. The scholarship is awarded to a junior or senior business or communications major who demonstrates academic ability along with financial need, and community involvement. Preference will be given to a first generation student.

**FIRST-YEAR AWARDED ENDOWMENTS****The Margaret C. Barteck Memorial Scholarship**

The Margaret C. Barteck Memorial Scholarship was created in her memory by her nephew, Chaplain, Col, Robert S. Hochreiter, Ph.D. Margaret was, for many years, the Wilkes switchboard operator. She was featured in an article in the College newspaper in the 1960s. The article concludes with her smiling and saying she liked talking to people and she added, "I don't lead a very important life." To which the interviewer responded: "Anyone who has tried to get an emergency call through to the College would surely tend to disagree." This scholarship is intended for a junior/senior student in the nursing program who exhibits financial need.

**The Commander William Bradbury, USN, Retired, Scholarship in Engineering**

The Commander William Bradbury, USN, Retired, Scholarship in Engineering is awarded to a deserving Wilkes University student pursuing a degree in electrical, mechanical or environmental engineering, applied & engineering sciences, computer sciences, mathematics or physics. The recipient of the award should be a resident of Luzerne, Wyoming or Lackawanna County and demonstrate financial need.

**The Hills Family Scholarship**

The Hills Family Endowed Scholarship will financially assist Wilkes University students in successfully obtaining their engineering degree.

**The Joanne and Kenneth Schoonover Student Scholarship Fund**

The Joanne and Kenneth Schoonover Student Scholarship Fund will financially assist Wilkes University students in successfully obtaining their bachelor's degree with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

**The Charles A. and Linda E. Sorber Scholarship in Engineering**

The Charles A. and Linda E. Sorber Scholarship in Engineering was established in 2018 by Linda E. Sorber, Esq. It shall be awarded to students majoring in environmental engineering who have financial need. First preference is given to students from Luzerne County, with merit being a determining factor if there are several qualified students.

**The Dr. Robert A. and Arlene J. Ruggiero Scholarship**

The Dr. Robert A. and Arlene J. Ruggiero Scholarship is established to support one upper class student with financial need who has interest in medicine and is pursuing a degree in biology. The student recipient should have a GPA of no less than a 3.2. Dr. Ruggiero, a scholarship recipient himself, believes in supporting future generations dedicated to the medical profession.