



PURPOSE

Serving as both a resource for the community and a catalyst for positive change.

OBJECTIVE

Through strategic, proactive use of funds and grants, strengthen institutions, extend their mission and enable their growth.

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The Cook Family Foundation

International Baccalaureate Program Expands at Owosso Public Schools

The Cook Family Foundation supports excellence in education, not only with scholarships to Shiawassee County's most talented students, but with funding to strengthen the schools in our community.

In 2007, The Cook Family Foundation helped initiate the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at the Owosso Middle School. We are now proud to announce a \$50,000 grant and a new five-year commitment to the Owosso Public Schools to expand the IB program to all grade levels.

"IB helps create learning to engage students and provide worthwhile and stimulating learning activities," says Superintendent Andrea Tuttle. "With IB's core concepts of high academic standards, intercultural awareness, interdisciplinary perspective, and communication we are confident that OPS will be a world class district."

For more information on IB, go to www.cookfamilyfoundation.org



Marti Lameti is shown working with her students on an IB art project involving the work of artist Georgia O'Keeffe.



IB Core Concept

Higher-order thinking allows students to reach new learning conclusions that produce new meaning and understanding for them.

Deep knowledge through instruction produces understanding of complex topics.

Substantive conversation with the teacher and/or peers builds improved and shared knowledge.

Connections to the World Beyond the Classroom through community service or personal experiences.

Social Support for Student Achievement creates high expectations, challenging work, strong effort, and mutual respect.

This year, the University of Michigan, Cook Family Foundation and Bruce and Jackie Cook have awarded U of M scholarships to 39 Shiawassee County students with a collective value of over \$300,000.



Shiawassee 2011 U of M Scholars

Byron

Vanessa Bayer
Marisa Kiefer
Jonathan Mullinix
Jessica Rey

Chesaning

Jacquelyn Albosta
Erin Dankert
Trevor Denton
Leo Devota

Corunna

Kevin Davis
Joshua Felker
Lauren Grzibowski
Matthew Schaefer
Kylie Taphouse
Hannah Turner

Laingsburg

Nicole Confer
William Hartman
Zachary Klaver
Joshua Kotrba
Taylor Moberg
Adam Stewart

Morrice

Audrey London
Cody Mertle

New Lothrop

Kaelynn Clolinger
Shelby Ebenhoeh

Ovid-Elsie

Kimberly Fox
Ashlynn Weller

Owosso

Cody Bowie
Paige Comrie
Garrett Dunn
Chloe Gilbert
Alex Hodge
Tyler Jones
Kieran McClintock
Christian VanEpps
Taylor Ann Wisler

Perry

Shelby Bachelder
Eric Bickerstaff
Justin Krauss
Megan Stuart

Class of 2011 Scholar Spotlight: *Heading to U of M!*

Fall 2011 will see 39 Shiawassee-area students beginning their first year at the University of Michigan.

These students (see list to the left) all received scholarship assistance from the Cook Family Foundation, in addition to merit-based scholarships and/or need-based financial aid from the University. While all of the students have outstanding high school careers, we highlight a few below:



Byron High School – Marisa Kiefer was the valedictorian of her class and the winner of a McAlister Scholarship. A Shiawassee Scholar, Marisa is enrolled in the Residential College at U of M.



Chesaning High School – Leo Devota was the valedictorian of his class and the winner of the prestigious Shipman Scholarship that provides \$7,500 per year assistance in the College of Engineering.



Corunna High School – Kevin Davis was a finalist for the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship and co-valedictorian of his class. Kevin is an Eagle Scout and plans to major in Biomedical Engineering.



Morrice High School – Cody Mertle was a finalist for the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship. A Shiawassee Scholar and Regents Merit Scholarship Winner, Cody is enrolled in the College of Engineering.



New Lothrop High School – Kaelynn Clolinger was 4-H Club President and Odyssey of the Mind Team Leader as well as a Shiawassee Scholar. She is enrolled in the College of Engineering.



Ovid-Elsie High School – Ashlynn Weller was co-valedictorian of her class. An outstanding athlete, she plans to major in sports management in the School of Kinesiology.



Owosso High School – Paige Comrie was salutatorian of her class and a finalist for the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship. The winner of a Regents Merit Scholarship, Paige has earned a preferred admission to the Ross School of Business Management.



Perry High School – Justin Krauss was third in his class. He has set several track records and was captain of his school cross-country team. Justin is enrolled in the College of Engineering.



Shiawassee Scholars: *A Tradition of Academic Excellence*

Continuing its tradition of promoting academic excellence, the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (SRES D) has again recognized the top eighth grade students in our communities as Shiawassee Scholars.

Shiawassee Scholars, funded by the Cook Family Foundation, seeks to support and encourage the brightest students through their high school careers. The goal is to enable these students to achieve their highest potential and open the door to the most college opportunities possible.

This year, 54 eighth graders were selected as Shiawassee Scholars based on their performance on the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test), a test normally taken by high school juniors and seniors for college admission. Shiawassee Scholars (listed on this page) each receive a \$500 scholarship to be applied to an academic enrichment program. Additional funds are competitively available to help pay for more expensive summer programs or for those in financial need.

Students have used their scholarships for accelerated math and English programs at Michigan State and University of Michigan, for summer programs in music and engineering, to explore career opportunities such as medicine and law, to travel abroad with study programs and for a variety of other academic endeavors.

In addition to scholarships, the Shiawassee Scholars are supported throughout high school with workshops, extra counseling and field trips to Big Ten Universities.

For more information on the program contact Denise Brady at the SRES D: 989-743-3471 brady@sresd.org

2011 Shiawassee Scholars – 2011 Inductees *Graduating Class of 2015*

Corunna

Kyle Forbush
Anna Heidt
Rylie Martin
Rachel Ordway
Abigail Pratt
Larissa Robinson-Coop
Cassidy Schnepf

Durand

Jonathon Fall
Chloe Wilson

Laingsburg

Emily Garner
Erica Halick
Malachi Marshall
Kurt McEwan
Nicholas Miller
Hadley Reed
Sydney Schneider
Antonia Vrana

Morrice

Lucas Crawford
Jamison Eva
Taylor Zachar

New Lothrop

Kelsey Alkire
Olivia Bishop
Jacob Bitterman
Nicholas Graves
Annalia Krish
Emily Krupp
Benjamin Muron
Jane Shanafelt

Owosso

Carly Arnold
Tarryn Blankinship
Ryan Comrie
Abigail Edwards
Nesta Flagg
Thomas Horak
Joseph Jafri
Austin Kohagen
Eric Locker
Hannah McAvoy
Dillon McClintock
Lucas Messmer
David Owens
Abigail Webster

Perry

Abigail Brenke
Amelia Feuka
Hannah Feuka
Brett Ivey
Haley Jennings
Miranda Lewis
Sarah Reichstetter
James Rush
Hayley West

St. Paul

Brittney Crawford
Andrew Rehmann

Home School

Hope Hooper

Laingsburg High School Standout Awarded Full Four-Year Scholarship

Adam Stewart is the 2011 recipient of the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship given annually to a Shiawassee County student who has a strong record of academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and shows significant promise for success at the University of Michigan.

Each year, **Bruce and Jacqueline Cook** provide the funding for a four-year full tuition scholarship to the University of Michigan. The Cook Family Foundation assists in the recruitment and selection of the candidates and provides a scholarship to all nominees and finalists attending UM.

Adam was the co-valedictorian of Laingsburg High School, captain of his cross-country team, and president of the National Honor Society. He was recognized as a Shiawassee Scholar in 2007. He has been admitted to the competitive College of Engineering

“Adam is an incredibly smart and thoughtful young man,” said Bruce Cook. “Like many of the nominees, we see great



Adam Stewart is pictured with Bruce and Jackie Cook and his parents, Tim and Etsuko Stewart.

potential for his success in the future. Not only is he a true ‘math guy’ but he is also very plugged into the world around him. He has the makings of a great Michigan engineer.”

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