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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES  
THIRD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION BREAKFAST  
AWARDING OVER \$313,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO ERIE COUNTY STUDENTS**

**Sandusky, Ohio, May 29, 2026** — Erie County Community Foundation celebrated its third annual Scholarship Recognition Breakfast today, awarding \$313,288.97 in scholarships to over 124 Erie County high school and college students.

The breakfast welcomed over 150 attendees, including student scholarship winners, parents, generous donors, committee members, and school superintendents and guidance counselors from Erie County high schools.

"On behalf of Erie County Community Foundation board and staff, it is a privilege to celebrate the achievements of our 2026 scholarship recipients," said Debralee Divers, Erie County Community Foundation Scholarship Chair and board member. "This year's scholars represent an extraordinary blend of academic dedication and a genuine passion for serving others. We are continually inspired by their drive, and remain steadfast in our belief that these young leaders will shape a bright future for Erie County and the world at large. As they step forward into the next chapter, they carry with them our full confidence and pride. Our community is made stronger by their vision and promise"

Since its founding in 1995, Erie County Community Foundation has awarded over 1,600 college and post-secondary education scholarships worth nearly \$2.9 million to Erie County high school and college students. This year's scholarship recipients are sharing in over \$313,000 in awards.

**About Erie County Community Foundation**

Erie County Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to building a thriving and vibrant Erie County, Ohio. The organization, which celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025, addresses community needs, provides leadership, and cultivates resources for a lasting impact. The organization's primary purpose is to provide a means for people to make permanent gifts of assets to enhance the quality of life in Erie County and Sandusky, Ohio—today, tomorrow, and forever.

Erie County Community Foundation is governed by an independent Board of Directors and Officers, comprised of Erie County business, civic, and non-profit leaders. The Board of Directors employs the Foundation's President & CEO, establishes policies and priorities, and directs final



grantmaking decisions. The Board's strength lies in the diverse range of knowledge and expertise of its members, and in their shared commitment to improving the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio.

Since Erie County Community Foundation's founding in 1995, the Foundation has grown from assets totaling \$1.8 million to more than \$52.9 million in 2025. During this time, the Foundation has distributed over \$27 million to area non-profits and students for local projects, programs, scholarships, services, and initiatives to improve the quality of life in Erie County, Ohio.



*2026 Erie County Community Foundation Scholarship Recipient Attendees*

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