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Welcome to *The Link*, our semi- annual digital newsletter for alumni and friends of Lakeland Community College!

Photo: See Laurie's
"Lakeland Love
Story" on Pg. 14

About the Cover Page

Lakeland's campus is seen through the eyes of celebrated artist-entrepreneur Hector Vega, who was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Cleveland. A self-taught artist, his signature style—featuring bold colors and geometric patterns—is influenced by his cultural heritage. hectorvega.com

On the following pages, we share news about what's happening at Lakeland. Through stories about and from our alumni, our students, and our friends, we want to keep you up to date about our successes and our opportunities.

Whether you are a Lakeland graduate or an alum who took classes (like I am), we invite you to send us your personal stories about your own Lakeland experience. We would enjoy hearing about how Lakeland made a difference in your life, where life's journey has taken you, and what you are doing today.

We also hope you will feel free to let us know if there are things you would like to hear more about in future issues.

Please send your suggestions and your Lakeland stories to me, Laurie Principe, at lprincipe@lakelandcc.edu or call me at 440.525.7714.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Laurie Principe
Associate Director
Development-operations and Alumni Relations

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2020
HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES

The Lakeland Alumni and Friends Network recently inducted five new members into the 2020 Lakeland Alumni Hall of Fame.

Last year's Lakeland Alumni Hall of Fame inductees were: **Mary Jean Donovan**, class of 1975; **Frank Kitchen**, class of 1995; **James O'Leary**, class of 1982; **Katherine Popp**, class of 1980; and **Christine Price**, class of 1971.

The award honors Lakeland graduates who have made a difference in their careers, in the community and at Lakeland.

Previously inducted members of the Lakeland Hall of Fame established the Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship. To date, more than \$17,000 has been raised to help Lakeland students achieve their academic goals.



Mary Jean Donovan earned her Associate of Arts degree in 1975. Born in 1922, Mary Jean is a 1940 graduate of Holy Name High School. She earned a business degree from Dyke Business College in 1941. Mary Jean served as a clerk for the Lake County Board of Elections and was a paraprofessional with Mentor Schools. In 1992 and 2011, she was selected as the Lake County “Democratic Woman of the Year.” Donovan has volunteered with many organizations including the Lake County Women’s Club, Christ Child Society of the Western Reserve, Mentor Civil Service Commission, Lake Catholic Parents Club, Catholic Charities, Colonel M. Chambers Foundation and others. She has eight children, 25 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

“The teachings of the Professors of Lakeland Community College helped dust the cobwebs from my brain and my young classmates took me in as one of their own. My attendance at Lakeland Community College will always be one of my most lasting memories.”



Frank Kitchen earned his Associate of Arts degree in 1995 and continued his education at David N. Myers University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree with a focus in business administration in 2004. Kitchen is a motivational speaker and the owner of Frank Kitchen Enterprises, offering programs focused on leadership training, diversity and inclusion, personal and professional growth, maximizing your potential, teambuilding and public speaking. He served as the assistant director of student activities at Lakeland from 1998-2007. In 1995, Kitchen received the Lakeland Community College Distinguished Student Service Award. Currently, he is a board member of Hustle PHX, an organization that promotes sustainable business ventures that affirm the dignity of people and lead to the flourishing of all communities in Phoenix. He is also a volunteer with Best Buddies Arizona. He and his wife Kelly reside in Goodyear, Arizona and are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary this year. They are the proud parents of a son, Elijah (7), and a daughter, Olivia (5).

“Lakeland Community College wasn’t my first choice, but it was my best choice. The relationships I developed; the education I received inside and outside the classroom; and the experience I gained helped make me the person I am today.”



James O'Leary earned his Associate of Applied Business degree in 1982. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Lake Erie College in 1985 and his juris doctor degree from Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University in 1995. O'Leary currently works for Baker & Hackenberg Co., L.P.A. as an attorney.

He has a distinguished career serving as law director of the City of Willoughby Hills, judge of Painesville Municipal Court, assistant law director of the Village of Kirtland Hills and of Grand River and magistrate of the Lake County Juvenile Court. He currently serves on the boards of the Ohio Christian University, LIFEhouse Church and Cornerstone Christian Academy – to name a few. He is a lifetime resident of Lake County. He and his wife, Laura, have four children and eight grandchildren.

“My professional success began with the vision of several professors at Lakeland encouraging me to pursue my academic degree, although I had no clear direction at that time. The practical application of the instruction that I received remains a part of my thought process in my professional life today.”



Kathy Popp earned her Associate of Arts degree in 1980. She has served as the chief financial officer at Gilmour Academy since 2017. Before this, she was employed in similar roles at Lake Health, Andrews Osborne Academy and Beacon Health. Popp has also served as a consultant for the nonprofit domestic violence shelter WomenSafe.

She serves on the board of commissioners of the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority, the board of directors of the Interscholastic Equestrian Association, and volunteers with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. She is a lifelong Fairport Harbor resident.

“Lakeland opened a wide door for me, arriving at 17 after graduating high school with a class size of 40. The exposure and preparation I received there instilled in me the know how to open doors for myself. Today, four plus decades later, walking past the clocktower and through the Lakeland doors, I continue to feel that same zeal.”



Christine Price earned her Associate of Arts degree in 1971 and continued her education at Cleveland State University. As a Lakeland student, she was a charter member of Delta Chi Zeta sorority and a cheerleader. Price was employed as a benefits administrator by Cloyes Gear & Products in Fort Smith Arkansas for 30

years. She retired in 2017 and writes a weekly column, “Good News Happens,” for the *Lake County Tribune*. Her volunteer service in the community is extensive. She has been a member of the Western Reserve Junior Service League for 20 years and served as its president from 2005-2007. Price is also a board member for Birthright, a member of 100+ Women Who Care Lake County and volunteers for the Salvation Army. She has volunteered with the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities at Deepwood, Rabbit Run Community Arts Association and End 64 Hours of Hunger. She has been married to her husband Al for 47 years, whom she met at Lakeland.

“Feeling like I belonged was a great way to start my college education. I liked it so much, I went back 20 years later when I changed careers.”

Searching for Class Acts

2021 Hall of Fame nominees being accepted



Deadline for nominations Monday, June 15, 2021.

Nominations must be submitted in writing and focus on why the nominee should be selected for induction this year. Nomination letters should be sent to: Alumni Association, Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland 44094, or [submit online](#).

For more information, contact Laurie Principe lprincipe@lakelandcc.edu

[See all our past recipients here!](#)

The Lakeland Community College Alumni and Friends Network is accepting nominations for the 2021 Alumni Hall of Fame Awards!

Nominations should provide complete, clear, and compelling information that addresses the criteria and qualifications of your nominee. If you choose, you may contact others or your nominee to ensure you have included accurate and ample information. Nominations will be judged on the information included in the submitted nomination and supporting documents, if any. The Lakeland Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee, a committee of The Lakeland Foundation Board of Directors, is comprised of current members of the Lakeland Alumni Hall of Fame. The Committee will review the nominations and select new inductees.

The following criteria are used to select Lakeland Hall of Fame inductees:

- Must be a graduate (associate degree or certificate) of Lakeland Community College and must have graduated at least 10 years prior.
- Must have had an impact on the local community and possibly beyond through their career and/or through community involvement.
- Represent the “best” of Lakeland and the community.
- Should inspire current students to excel.

Click [here](#) for nomination instructions.

Teachers Guild x School Retool program provides area educators with professional development

Lakeland continues to prioritize the local K-12 education community through its sponsorship of The Teachers Guild x School Retool program.

As area teachers are challenged to reinvent how they build community, engage students and families, and create more personalized learning experiences for their students during this COVID-19 crisis, Lakeland is providing ongoing professional development in human-centered design to help educators try new ideas and lead equitable change in their schools.

Through The Teachers Guild x School Retool program, funded in part by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, K-12 educators in the region participate in a design journey that surfaces solutions for students furthest from

opportunity. The learning helps build the capacity of educators to set and pursue equity aspirations, so that every student is future-ready, no matter who they are, where they live, or how they learn.

Lakeland became the first community college in the nation to establish a chapter of the Teachers Guild in August of 2018. Lakeland staff and faculty also participate in the program, which is one of only a handful of similar professional learning programs in the United States.



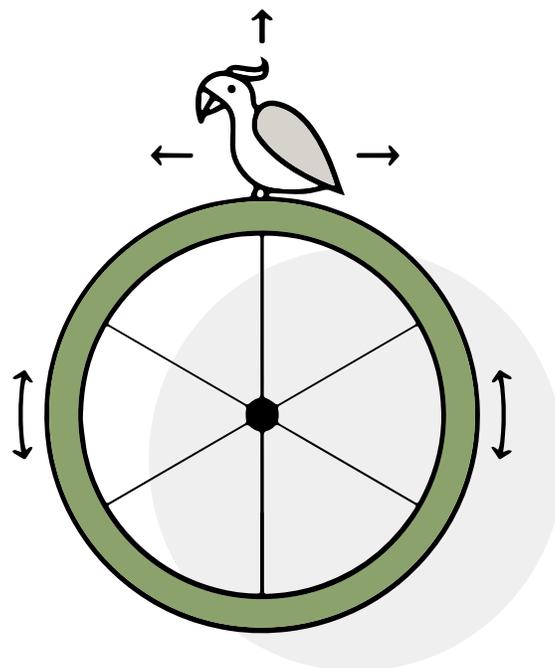
Student spotlights: Lakeland students receive top honors at math competition

Photo: Students modeled the motion of a cockatoo spinning on a wheel.

During the fall semester, three Lakeland students – Simon Richard, Nathan Rolfes and Alex Schroeder – earned top honors in the SCUDEM V 2020 (SIMIODE Challenge Using Differential Equations Modeling) competition.

They earned an Outstanding Award for modeling the motion of the eponymous cockatoo from the viral YouTube video, [“Cockatoo Loves Going Round in Circles”](#). The team had three weeks to formulate their solution and submit a 10-minute video presentation.

“Simon, Nathan, and Alex are among the most dedicated and accomplished students I’ve seen in my 20 years here at Lakeland,” said **Dr. Carl Stitz**, professor of mathematics at Lakeland. “Their solution to the problem and subsequent analysis exceeded my expectations as well as many of the judges’.”



There were 95 faculty and industry coaches, 502 students (130 teams), and 380 judges from around the world who engaged in SCUDEM V 2020.

All three students are in Lakeland’s College Credit Plus program and are members of the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society. Additionally, Richard and Schroeder serve as peer tutors in Lakeland’s Learning Center and were recognized as semi-finalists for National Merit Scholarships in 2020.

[View the Lakeland team’s entry by clicking here!](#)

Congratulations to Simon, Nathan and Alex!

Student surprised with scholarship offer on her wedding day



On Aug. 7, 2020, just three hours before she was about to say “I do” to marry the love of her life, Renee Davis got the call.

“It was the best news of my life, my hard work was paying off,” said Davis, after being offered a Medical Mutual Scholarship to help her complete her studies to become an occupational therapy assistant (OTA). She was one of several Lakeland, second-year students who were offered a scholarship to help defray tuition costs for those pursuing health care programs. Medical Mutual of Ohio established the new scholarship program at Lakeland for health care fields that have critical shortages. Students then commit to working for a designated amount of time at Lake Health upon graduation.

The Mentor resident had been working in insurance, but didn’t know what she wanted to do.

“I had turned 50 and was at the point that I was ready for something else,” said Davis.

Using some previous training as an STNA, she was able to begin caring for a woman in her 90s.

When the woman ended up in the hospital, Davis paid her a visit. It took her some time to recover, but after a few weeks, the woman came down the hospital hallway with a walker.

“She had her shirt open and she was so proud that she used a button hook to hook her own button. The joy in her face at being able to button her shirt is the moment I knew,” said Davis. “I thought, that’s where I need to be, I can help people like her. To me, an OTA is the best job in the entire world.”

Davis graduated May 8, 2021, Cum Laude with an Associate of Applied Science degree in occupational therapy assisting.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Medical Mutual of Ohio Scholarship at Lakeland.

“It was the best news of my life, my hard work was paying off.”



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2020 Chapter
of the Year
Finalists

Lakeland Student Veterans of America chapter again top 5 in the U.S.

“The recognition embodies the SVA’s mission to provide the resources, support and advocacy student veterans need for success through and beyond higher education.”

The Student Veterans of America (SVA) chapter at Lakeland Community College has been named one of the top five chapters in the nation once again.

Out of more than 1,500 total SVA chapters in the U.S., Lakeland's was given the honor of being named one of five finalists for the 2020 Chapter of the Year award during SVA's 12th Annual National Conference held online Feb. 19-20. This is the second time the Lakeland chapter has been a finalist. The group was also honored with a top five recognition in 2019.

The recognition embodies the SVA's mission to provide the resources, support and advocacy student veterans need for success through and beyond higher education. It also acknowledges efforts in empowering chapter members and creating positive change on campus and in the community as a whole.

Lakeland's SVA officers are president Jessica Ales, vice president Matt Bogo, secretary Ally Turk, treasurer Julian Mai, public relations Lovii Hicks, and sergeant-at-arms Tim Sherman. Chapter co-advisers are **Greg Truhan**, criminal justice program director and professor, and **Dean Becker**, patrol officer.

Lakeland's SVA remained active on campus throughout 2020, with members supporting one another academically.

"To make the top 5 nationwide in anything is a great honor and testament to our efforts," said Truhan. "The chapter has overcome many obstacles thrown their way but has remained resilient."

Other finalists for this year's SVA Chapter of the Year award were California State University-Northridge, Clemson University (winner), Syracuse University and the University of Washington-Tacoma.



“Discussing the important work that you do can inspire a student’s future.”

Give the gift of inspiration!

Financial gifts are not the only contributions Lakeland alumni can make to their alma mater.

Lakeland alumni can also give the gift of inspiration!

Inspiration is defined as the action or power of moving the intellect or emotions. Inspiration is a contribution that every alumnus can make.

The gift of inspiration can be the telling of one’s story and its effect and influence on another. Whether you are company president, mid-level manager, or an essential front-line worker your story can be a valuable asset to a student’s collegiate journey. Every alumnus has a story about their trek through the hallways of Lakeland to their career today.

Lakeland’s Career Services Department is always seeking alumni to connect with students. We welcome your participation in initiatives such as “Career Week,” “Information Interview Gathering,” and intern sponsorship. Due to COVID-19 we’ve created remote methods of delivering these programs and services.

If you are interested in becoming an inspirational partner or learning more about our programs and services, please contact Rhonda Y. Butler, interim director of career services at 440.525.7432 or by email at rbutler15@lakelandcc.edu.

Discussing the important work that you do can inspire a student’s future. Contact us today!

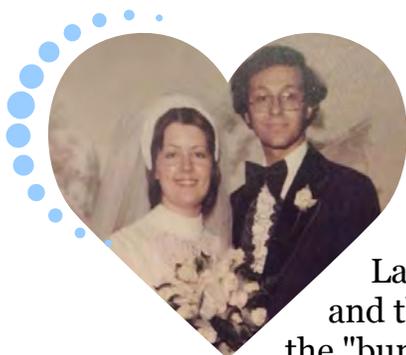
Lakeland Love Stories



Bill and Kim Fisher (Weinberger)

Bill and Kim were just two unassuming classmates in a philosophy class until one day Kim said something snarky to the cute guy sitting next to her... when he said something snarky back, his quick wit was so impressive that she was smitten by him in that very moment. After that day, they'd walk the halls of Lakeland together to each other's classes and have been inseparable ever since.

Bill found the perfect place to propose when he took Kim to Disney World. Her favorite Disney movie was "Peter Pan" and so while on the "Peter Pan" theme ride at Magic Kingdom, he popped the question. They were married Oct. 5, 2002, at Lakeside Baptist Church in Painesville, Ohio.



Roger and Laurie Principe (Benson)

As part of the very first Lakeland student theater production held in the Dr. Wayne L. Rodehorst Performing Arts Center, Roger and Laurie fondly remember their days of theater at Lakeland. Back then, Laurie remembers, Joe McSteen was the theater director and they would use a makeshift stage in what is now known as the "bunker" in C-Building (C-1075 lecture hall) which they would have to set up and tear down every night. According to Roger, their relationship has quite a saucy beginning: he once assisted Laurie in a costume change during the musical "The Apple Tree" and he likes to tell people they first met while taking her clothes off!

The two spent time on campus together wherever and whenever possible, with their involvement in the theater serving to bring them even closer together. When it finally came time to take the next step in their relationship, Laurie helped Roger pick out an engagement ring. They were so excited when it was ready, Roger just couldn't wait any longer and made his official proposal to Laurie right there in the Great Lakes Mall parking lot. They were married Sept. 18, 1976, at St. Christine's Church in Euclid, Ohio.

In every issue we'll feature lovebirds who met as a direct result of coming to Lakeland!





Read All About it! Lakeland in the News

Lakeland 'Navigator' program receives \$15,000 to help 'keep success in sight for students'

The News-Herald, Nov. 10.
Article about two grants for the student success navigator program; **Dr. Jennifer Collis**, associate provost for strategic educational programs and retention initiatives, is quoted.

Lakeland HIVE makerspace applauded for safety contributions at Lake County Board of Elections

The News-Herald, Nov. 18,
Article about Lakeland's contributions to voter safety at the Lake County Board of Elections; Lakeland President **Dr. Morris Beverage Jr.** is quoted.

(Photo above)

Digital magazine keeps 'The Link' between Lakeland, alumni, friends

The News-Herald, Dec. 4.
Article about the new, digital magazine for Lakeland alumni and friends; **Laurie Principe**, associate director of development-operations and alumni relations at Lakeland, is quoted.

Lakeland Career Services launches job portal, open to community members seeking employment

The News-Herald, Dec. 27.
Article about the new career services job portal platform; **Rhonda Butler**, interim director for career services and employer relations coordinator, is quoted.

Purposeful Play Promotes Learning for Preschoolers

Northeast Ohio Parent, January 2021. Article about the impact of the pandemic on skill development in children; **Cris Vanek**, director for Lakeland's Teaching Learning Center, is quoted.



Grants & gifts to The Lakeland Foundation



Lakeland receives grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support women-focused art exhibit

Lakeland Community College received a \$10,000 grant from The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the college's annual, women-focused art exhibit. The show opened in February 2021 and featured the theme of women's right to vote.

Women's suffrage celebrated its centennial Aug. 18, 2020, the day that the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified in 1920.

The grant funds have allowed for the development of an online calendar guide and interactive

map of all Northeast Ohio gallery and studio art exhibitions that celebrated the milestone during National Women's History Month which is recognized annually each March.

The project brought Lakeland's art gallery and geography and geospatial technology departments together to create an interactive, online guide that provided a one-stop, online resource to exhibits with a women's suffrage theme. The plan included a web application map directory developed using a geographic information system to design a spatial data layer that collected and geocoded data. The map was embedded on the college's website for anyone to access publicly and share with others.

“We are excited for this project to bridge the arts and sciences, to provide teaching moments using art created by and about women,” said Dr. Adam Cloutier, dean for arts and sciences at Lakeland, when he learned of the award. “We hope to unite the Northeast Ohio art community around this central theme while also providing an educational opportunity about a landmark event in our nation’s history. We are extremely grateful to the NEA for this award.”

[Navigator program receives grants to help keep success in sight for students](#)

Lakeland’s Student Success Navigator program was awarded two grants to help support a newly-created role to keep students focused on success. Electrical and industrial power management corporation Eaton provided \$10,000 and the S. Livingston Mather Charitable Trust provided an additional \$5,000 toward this initiative in support of education. Funds will be distributed through The Lakeland Foundation.

The grants fund the part-time salary of a dedicated success navigator to work with students who are struggling and in danger of not completing their education. This comes in light of the college’s focus on training and educating more students and incumbent workers to meet the needs of local manufacturers.

The student success navigator works with faculty and staff to provide students with the tools necessary for academic achievement and to graduate with a certificate or associate degree.

“We applaud Lakeland’s commitment to workforce development,” said **Chris Hess**, vice president of public affairs at Eaton. “And because many students are faced with challenges that could blur the path to their education, we are happy to contribute to this initiative. Our local economy thrives when these individuals succeed, so we support efforts that contribute to helping them keep success within sight.”

We applaud Lakeland’s commitment to workforce development.

Your contributions at work

Donors support Lakeland students to keep workforce strong

Donor support is helping Lakeland Community College students stay on track to earn their credentials and fill a shortage of qualified workers in our community.

Economists project that most jobs in Ohio will require a postsecondary credential by 2025. Lakeland is a critical provider of job training and education to prepare graduates with the skills local employers need for the jobs of the future. Ninety-seven percent of Lakeland graduates live or work in our community, providing local employers with a pipeline of skilled workers who are ready for immediate employment.

To help more students complete their studies, the college has focused on creating a campus experience that increases student success. This includes providing financial assistance, student support services, student engagement programs, and emergency needs funding to keep students on the path to earning their degrees or certificates.

In 2015, the college's philanthropic arm, The Lakeland Foundation, launched

a \$10 million campaign for scholarships and programs to support Lakeland student success and future economic growth.

"Our students face unique challenges which often prevent them from pursuing a college education or finishing once they have begun," said Greg Sanders, Lakeland's vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of The Lakeland Foundation. "Thanks to donors to the Futures Rising Campaign, we are creating a campus experience that improves students' success in college, careers and life."

Over the past five years, 1,342 donors contributed \$10.7 million to the Lakeland Foundation's Futures Rising Campaign, surpassing its goal. About \$4 million was raised for innovative programs to support student success and enhance the campus experience. Programs include diversity initiatives, arts and cultural experiences, leadership opportunities, and other co-curricular activities.

Studies show that the more actively engaged students are – with college faculty and staff,

with other students, with the subject matter they are studying – the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve at higher levels.

Learning experiences, like the Lakeland Honors Program, provide opportunities for students to engage with other classmates and gain valuable skills. Designed to foster leadership development, the honors program offers opportunities for service, travel and social activities while providing an excellent and challenging academic experience.

“I’ve learned more than just from the hard classes I take in the honors program,” said Bradley Gartner, a traditional-aged student pursuing his Associate of Science degree. “I’ve gained diverse perspectives and leadership and teamwork skills that I wouldn’t have attained otherwise.”

The campaign also raised more than \$2.5 million to provide scholarships for students who need help paying tuition to finish college and gain access to better jobs. While Lakeland’s tuition is one of the lowest in the state, more than half of students receive some form of financial assistance.

Scholarships are awarded to students like Kristina Shapiro, a mother of three who worked

part-time while studying at Lakeland to become a nurse. “The scholarship helped me to afford the last year of nursing school,” said Shapiro, who earned her Associate of Applied Science degree this spring.

During the pandemic, when many students lost their jobs, The Lakeland Foundation focused its fundraising efforts on emergency funds and the Lakeland Cares Cupboard food pantry. Emergency funds provide support for students’ most basic needs, such as food, transportation and child care. The Foundation’s Immediate Needs Grant is available to students who encounter an unexpected financial hardship in paying for expenses that is preventing them from completing the semester.

Lakeland scholarship recipients went on camera recently to personally thank donors for the generous gifts made to the Futures Rising Campaign. View the thank you video on Lakeland’s YouTube channel [here](#).

New scholarships

Scholarships and program support are at the very heart of The Lakeland Foundation's work. Students from all walks of life and in all academic programs benefit from the generosity of our donors through more than 150 need-based scholarships and program funds.

Recently, three new funds have been created to benefit Lakeland's allied health care and STEM students.



Green Scholarship Fund

Established by Keyur Patel, 2009 nursing graduate, the Green Scholarship Fund supports students pursuing health care and STEM degrees. Keyur attended Lakeland as an international student. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing from Ursuline College, a master's degree from Case Western Reserve University in nurse anesthesia, and a Ph.D in anesthesia from Virginia Commonwealth. Keyur credits Lakeland as being the stepping-stone to his future career and wants to help Lakeland student achieve their dreams.



Judith and Charles Holmes Fund

The Judith and Charles Holmes Fund was established by Judith Holmes who was in the first graduating nursing class at Lakeland. The fund supports nursing students with testing fees, transportation costs, and unforeseen emergency needs which, if not addressed, might jeopardize a student's ability to successfully complete the degree. Judy dedicated her professional career to the compassionate care of others as well as research in the field of medicine. Charlie also is an active member of the Lakeland Civic Band. Judy and Charlie want to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

If you are interested in learning more and/or donating to any of our scholarship funds, please contact lprincipe@lakelandcc.edu or [donate online!](#)



Lake County Medical Alliance Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Lake County Medical Alliance Endowed Scholarship Fund supports students enrolled in health technologies programs. In keeping with their mission since 1949, the LCMA is excited to inaugurate an endowed scholarship for students attending Lakeland Community College in specific health technology programs.

The Lakeland Nursing Alumni Caritas Fund

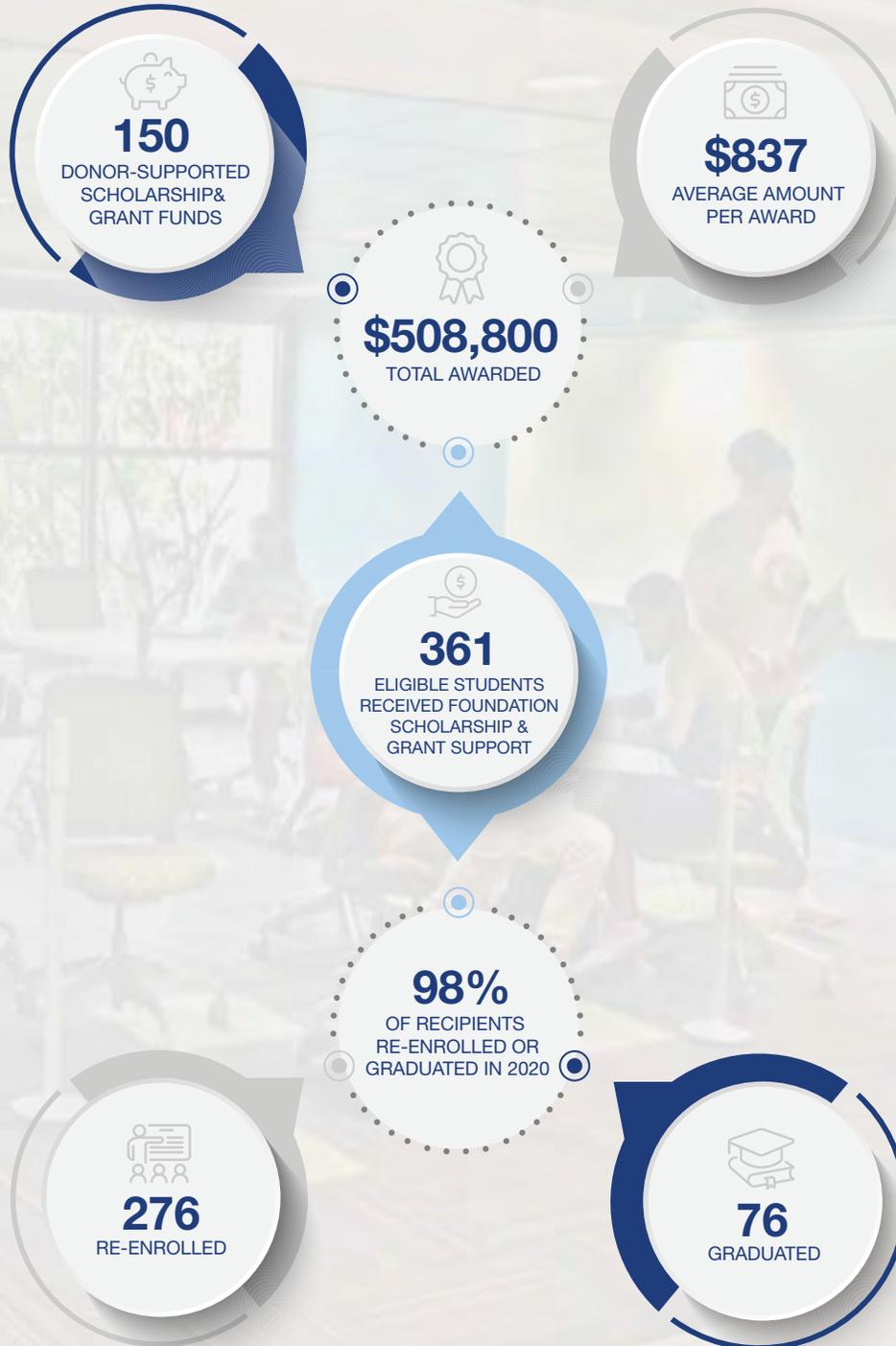
Created by Lakeland Nursing Alumni, this fund helps support out-of-pocket expenses for nursing students such as testing fees, clinical transportation costs and other emergency expenses to help ensure that students successfully complete their degrees and licensure requirements.

Photo L-R: Kris Firth, Lake County Medical Alliance Treasurer; Mary Beth Ellison, past president of the American Medical Association Alliance; Jen Scerbo, current president of the Lake County Medical Alliance; and Gretchen Dupps, past president of the Ohio State Medical Alliance.

THE IMPACT OF LAKELAND FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS

Since 1997, the Foundation has provided **more than \$7.8 million** in critical scholarship support to Lakeland students, thanks to the generosity of hundreds of individual, corporate, and organizational donors.

IN THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR...



To discuss giving opportunities that would be most beneficial for you and for our students, please contact us at 440.525.7094. **Thank you for your support!**

Why I give back

My wife, Patricia, who passed away a few years ago, was there at the very beginning of Lakeland.

She worked on the levy campaign that started Lakeland, and was in the first full graduating class in 1969. The degree she received helped her become a senior computer programmer in the engineering department at Bailey Controls.

She always wanted to give to organizations that helped people and The Lakeland Foundation was the perfect organization. She and I knew how important an education is and how an educated community is good for all.

When I worked as a staff accountant for Lakeland in the late 1970s, part of my job was to account for the monies in the endowment and scholarship funds and also work closely with the financial aid office. I saw a larger number of students who did not qualify for federal or state grants but still needed financial help.

Therefore, we established an endowment fund that feeds a scholarship fund for those students that “fell through the cracks,” so to speak, so they can achieve their educational goals.

It is good to give back! I encourage all Lakeland Alumni to help future alumni achieve their goals. You can establish your own scholarship as we did, or donate to The Lakeland Foundation General Scholarship Fund. There are many ways to donate and I encourage you to contact Laurie Principe at The Lakeland Foundation at 440.525.7714 or lprincipe@lakelandcc.edu to learn more about how you can make a difference in a student's life.

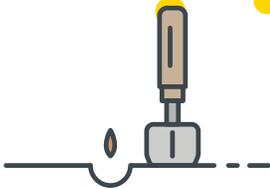
With gratitude,
Kip Molenaar '75



Photo: Kip and
Patricia Molenaar



Create your legacy



Did you know...

...that you can be a part of The Lakeland Foundation Legacy Society?

To date, 45 members of our community have generously arranged to leave a legacy to The Lakeland Foundation through their estate plans. These planned gifts will continue to support our students far into the future through scholarship funds, greatest needs, and a variety of program support.

When you let us know that you have included The Lakeland Foundation in your estate plans, you will become an honored member of our Legacy Society, receive special recognition, and enjoy special opportunities to engage with Lakeland.

If you have already remembered us in your will or other estate plans, we hope you will let us know.

If you would like more information about how you can leave a legacy for future Lakeland students, please contact us. Laurie Principe – lpincipe@lakelandcc.edu or Greg Sanders – gsanders3@lakelandcc.edu

Know a grad we should spotlight?

Send his or her name and contact info to lpincipe@lakelandcc.edu!



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In Memoriam



College mourns loss of longtime music director Chuck Frank

The college community mourns the loss of Chuck Frank, former Lakeland music department chair in the 1970s and 1980s. He was also the founding director of the Lakeland Civic Band, which he led for 40 years, and the founder the Lakeland Jazz Festival in 1972. Prior to coming to Lakeland, Frank was director of bands at Wickliffe High School and later served as executive director of the Fine Arts Association in Willoughby.

Thank you, Chuck, for all your contributions to music education, mentoring musicians of all ages, and instilling the love of music throughout Lake County. [Donations to the Charles M. Frank Music Education Fund may be made online.](#)

Lakeland remembers first athletics director

The Lakeland family mourns the recent passing of **David W. Poorman**, the college's first director of athletics and intramurals. He served in that position from when the college opened in 1968 until 1987. He also served as the adviser to

Lakeland's Student Government Association from 1968-1986. Poorman was the NJCAA Region XII Wrestling Chairperson from 1974-1978 and assisted former Laker coach Will Schuster as basketball coach from 1982-1986. While at Lakeland, he garnered three Distinguished Service Awards.

Poorman led the development of the Lakeland Lakers athletics program when the college was in Painesville, holding practices at local YMCAs, before moving to Kirtland and its new playing facilities. He was athletics director during Lakeland's only two National Championships – both in the sport of wrestling. He led the way for numerous student athletes to achieve academic and athletic awards within the state, region and nationally.

After retirement, Poorman continued to be a friend to the college and played an important role in helping Lakeland create the Laker's Athletic Hall of Fame and was inducted into its inaugural class in 2010.

“Poorman will be remembered as a leader, mentor, caring person, family man and friend,” said **Scott Barlow**, director for athletics. “He will always be a Laker.”



Lakeland Athletics Update

Lakeland's student athletes have continued to work hard both in the classroom and on the fields or the courts, regardless of what additional hurdles have been put in their way.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent cancellation of all sports activities, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has decided not to charge student-athletes with a year of competition this academic year.

"I am pleased that student athletes are afforded that relief as it has allowed them to compete this year without the concern of using a year of eligibility for an uncertain season," said Scott Barlow, director for Lakeland Athletics. "Lakeland's student athletes have continued to work hard both in the classroom and on the fields or the courts, regardless of what additional hurdles have been put in their way."

Lakeland continues to work with the NJCAA Student Athlete Welfare & Safety Council which has provided additional resources for member college athletic directors, administrators and coaches to utilize while returning to play. Their guidance includes a framework to ensure a plan or "roadmap" to follow for a safe return to sport participation.

"The coaches and staff have also worked very hard to meet the challenges," said Barlow. "I have been extremely pleased with the efforts and attitudes they all have displayed. I am so proud of the Laker family!"



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