



Eagle Foundation News

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Eagle Foundation is to supplement the academic, cultural, athletic, and activity programs of the Cumberland Valley School District by offering, supporting, or underwriting experiences that enrich and enhance the lives of the young people and adults of our community.

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Good Year Results in a \$25K Gift to the District

Shortly before the Eagle Foundation closed its books on its recent fiscal year ending August 31, 2012, President Derrick Price Williamson, Esq., handed a \$25,000 check to the District. Williamson explained, "We were fortunate to have strong fundraising in our last fiscal year, and we wanted to put our good fortune to immediate use by giving a gift to the District." In keeping with the Eagle Foundation's mission of supporting students in the areas of academics, athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities, the Foundation requested the donation be allocated to the following areas: \$6,000 to the Athletic Department (general account); \$6,000 to the Music and Arts Departments; \$7,000 to Academics including \$5,000 to be split equally among the 10 building libraries, \$1,000 to the Special Education Department, and \$1,000 to the Gifted Program; and the remaining \$6,000 gifted to the Agriculture program.

Mike Woods, CVSD Agriculture Department Leader, commented, "We have so many new ventures in the Department but more than likely we will direct this generous gift to help us fund our Community Hunger Garden and enhanced curricular materials."

Poised to Award Record \$36,250 in Scholarships

This spring the Foundation is hopeful that it will identify recipients for all (23) of their funded academic scholarships and set a record of contributing \$36,250 towards the funding of higher education for graduating CV students. Many of the scholarship recipients will be determined by high school personnel and scholarship committee members, while others will be awarded using an application process administered by the Eagle Foundation Board of Directors.

The award amounts will range from \$250 to \$10,000. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 28th. To review a list of scholarships and access scholarship applications, [click here](#).

EITC Gifts in 2012 Top \$55,000



“Lucky Us!” was the exclamation made by a Hampden Elementary student when she was told the school visitors from Mid Penn Bank were there to make a check presentation of \$2,000 to support student activities. Mid Penn Bank’s check (presentation pictured on left) was just one of 16 received in 2012 through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. The EITC allows for businesses in Pa. that pay certain state taxes to receive up to a 90% credit on their taxes when making a gift to an approved organization like the Eagle Foundation.

The Summer Enrichment Camps, the Reading Booster Program, and Math Enhancement Program are among the Eagle Foundation services supported by EITC donations. Businesses can learn more about the EITC program and obtain an application by [clicking here](#). All EITC applications for new businesses and those on their first year of a two-year commitment must submit their application to the DCED on July 1st; those on year two can submit their application beginning May 15th.

The Mechanicsburg Club/GB Stuart Foundation Continue Support

If you review the Eagle Foundation’s annual campaign list you will see numerous repeating donors year after year. There are two donors that have risen to the top of this category, The Mechanicsburg Club and the G.B. Stuart Charitable Foundation. The Mechanicsburg Club first appeared on the Annual Campaign list in 2011, providing a record gift in the amount of \$200,000. The Mechanicsburg Club directed the gift to fund additional scholarships for CV students to pursue a degree following high school. As a result of the gift, three new Foundation scholarships were created that will be funded for about 20 years. In 2012, The Mechanicsburg Club provided another gift enabling the Foundation to increase two of the created scholarship awards from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Most recently The Mechanicsburg Club pledged their support as a 2013 Education Partner, a program providing recognition over the calendar year to those pledging support to assist in financing activities for CV students.



Likewise, The G.B. Stuart Foundation first appeared on the donor list in 2006 and has provided significant gifts totaling more than \$132,000 to date to support the Eagle Foundation’s core educational activities. Most recently, G.B. Stuart provided a gift to ensure the continuation of the Foundation’s Math Enhancement Program. This initiative was started in 2001 allowing for identified elementary students to get additional help in maintaining and improving math skills over the summer months. The Eagle Foundation is very grateful to both organizations for their consistent and most generous support.

Request for Commitment to Excellence Award Nominations

Past Commitment to Excellence recipients:

2012 – Clayton Brant,
Good Hope Art Teacher

2011 – Jan Holt,
Good Hope English Teacher

2010 – Donald Snyder,
Middlesex Elem. Principal

The Eagle Foundation requests your help with our task of selecting the **2013 Commitment to Excellence Award** recipient by completing a [nomination form](#). The honoree can be a teacher, staff member, alumni, administrator, coach, student, or community volunteer having a current or past connection with the District who is deserving of recognition as a role model for the community. The nomination deadline is February 11th.

We hope you can join us for the CV Annual Recognition Dinner to be held **Friday, April 19th** at the West Shore Country Club. At this time we will recognize the recipient of the Commitment to Excellence Award as well as a slate of 12 District Stars. Dinner proceeds will support the educational, cultural, and student activities funded by the Eagle Foundation. Event sponsorships and tickets can be purchased through the Foundation office.

College Students Sought to Fill Mentoring Roles

This summer will kick off the 17th season of the Foundation's Buddy Program. A total of 10 college students will be hired to serve as role models for students entering grades six through nine. Students must have completed one year of college and be available between June 10th and July 19th. In addition to being a superb resume builder, mentors get paid \$9.00/hour plus mileage. [Application](#) deadline is Feb. 20th.

Dates & Deadlines ...

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- Feb. 11th – Deadline for Commitment to Excellence nominations
- Big Buddy applications due on Feb. 20th
- 2013 Summer camp schedule to be posted online in late March
- March 28th – Foundation Scholarship application deadline
- 16th Annual Recognition Dinner: April 19th
- May 15th/July 1st – EITC application deadlines
- 2013 Polo Match: June 22nd at Hempt Farms
- 13th Touch of the Valley auction and tasting event: Nov. 16th