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Welcome..... Roberta J. Leonard
Vice President for College Advancement

Remarks..... Susan Traverso, Ph.D.
President

Prayer The Reverend Brenda D. Martin
Campus Pastor

Dinner

**Scholarship Recognition
and Remarks Mark S. Batt '87**
Director of Development

Endowed Scholarships

Thiel College is proud to celebrate newly created endowed scholarships:

- **Class of 1974 Endowed Scholarship**
- **The Connie Christy Danko '69 Science Endowed Scholarship Fund**
- **The Bonnie D. Stevenson Defilippi '62 Memorial Scholarship at Thiel College**
- **The Donna and Albert Durniok Family Endowed Scholarship Fund**
- **The Gawronski Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at Thiel College**
- **Dr. Edwin Hodge Jr. H'51 Scholarship for Nursing**
- **James C. McHugh and Betty Ann McHugh Endowed Scholarship Fund**
- **The Barry '74 and Linda '75 Oman Endowed Scholarship Fund**
- **The Carol A. Stamm Memorial Scholarship Fund**

All following scholarships are in alphabetical order.

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The Dr. David and Mrs. Mary Jo Andrews Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of **David** and **Mary Jo** and their life of service to Thiel College. **Dr. David Andrews '63** served as President of the Alumni Board and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Thiel College Board of Trustees. His wife, **Mary Jo '63**, is a committed alumna. The scholarship is given to accounting students who show academic promise and demonstrate financial need.

The Professor J. Henry Barton Environmental Science Endowed Scholarship Fund

Awarded annually to at least one full-time Thiel College student majoring/minoring in environmental science who has successfully completed their freshman year, and is a sophomore, junior, or senior who is on track in their major in the year in which they receive the scholarship award. The student must have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale and be dedicated to protecting or improving the environment.

The Ingeborg Tappert Calderwood 1924, Lelia Calderwood '52 and Elsa Calderwood Schlentner '62 Endowed Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of **Ingeborg Tappert Calderwood 1924**, **Lelia Calderwood '52** and the donor **Elsa Calderwood Schlentner '62**. To be awarded annually to one full time Thiel College student majoring in Education who fulfills the following requirements: The student will be entering their Junior or Senior year. The student demonstrates verifiable financial need as determined by the college. Consultation with the department chair of the Education Department will determine eligibility and issue the award.

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The Carlem Scholarship

The Scholarship was established by **Dr. Sonya Wilt**, professor emerita of communication, in memory of her parents, **Carl** and **Emily Mugnani**, for a junior who is a speech and hearing science.

The Class of 1958 Endowed Scholarship

To commemorate their 50th anniversary, the Class of 1958 established an endowed scholarship. Eligible students must demonstrate leadership, service and have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Class of 1974 Endowed Scholarship

The Class of 974 celebrated its 50th reunion and presented the College with the largest class gift in the history of the College with a donation of \$184,105 for education scholarships. Need-based, the scholarship is reserved for students studying education.

The Cook Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established by family and friends of Pastor Cook to celebrate his passion for the value of a higher education. First preference will be given to graduates of Homer City 31 High School (Pa.) who have demonstrated financial need. A 2.75 GPA must be maintained to continue the scholarship.

The Dr. Judith A. Crissman '64 Endowed Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this gift is to establish an endowed scholarship fund administered by Thiel College to be awarded annually to at least one full-time Thiel College student with preference given to residents of Clarion County, Pennsylvania, majoring in the sciences (biochemistry, biology, chemistry, neuroscience or mathematics) or if no students qualify, then preference will be given to any student from Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

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The Connie Christy Danko '69 Science Endowed Scholarship Fund

The **Connie Christy Danko '69 Science Endowed Scholarship Fund** shall be presented to one full-time student majoring or minoring in biology, chemistry or physics with at least a 3.0 GPA who has successfully completed their freshman year and demonstrates verifiable financial need. A member of the Board of Trustees from 2006-15, Danko is a retired registered occupational therapist.

The Bonnie D. Stevenson Defilippi '62 Memorial Scholarship at Thiel College

Established in memory of **Bonnie D. Stevenson Defilippi '62**, preference shall be given to students who will major in the sciences and/or match studies. The students must have successfully completed their freshman, sophomore or junior years, possess at least a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate financial need.

The John T. Egbert Jr. & June Smith Egbert Scholarship Fund

Established by **John T. Egbert Jr.** Thiel Class of 1942 who taught economics at Thiel and **Phyllis Faries Egbert** to recognize the value of a liberal arts environment and the quality of an education from Thiel and the realization that many students will continue to need financial assistance. The requirements are that first consideration be given to a descendant of the Egbert family or a student from Greenville, Reynolds, Jamestown or Commodore Perry schools in Mercer County who maintains a 2.5 or higher GPA and majoring or minoring in pre-med or teaching.

The John T. Egbert Jr. & Phyllis Faries Egbert Scholarship Fund

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Mercer County, who maintains a 2.5 or higher GPA and majoring or minoring in business administration or economics.

The Diane (Thigpen) Frederick '81 Memorial Study Abroad Award Fund

A magna cum laude graduate of Thiel College, **Diane Thigpen Frederick '81** loved Spanish. She traveled to Mexico as a child and as a student at Thiel. She also studied in Madrid as part of her master's program. She inspired her students to learn not only the language but the customs and culture of those who were native speakers of Spanish. While at Thiel, Diane was a Dean's List student and member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, Choir, Language Club and Sigma Delta Phi Spanish honorary. Diane taught in Kane, Pa.; Eureka, Mo. and St. Mary's County, Md. before her death from cancer in 1991.

The Sergeant First Class Ryan A. Gloyer '04 Thiel Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by **Richard Gloyer** in memory of his son, **Sgt. First Class Ryan Gloyer '04**. The student must be an education major with an overall GPA of 3.5 or better and a 3.5 GPA or better in education major courses. Established to honor the Best of the Best in Education.

Nathan Warren Harter and Besse (Bess) R. Harter Scholarship in Mathematics

Professor Nathan Harter came to Thiel in 1911 to teach mathematics and coach football. Over the next 41 years until his retirement in 1952, Professor Harter served as treasurer of the College and father of Ridgeway Hall in addition to teaching math, astronomy and geology, while Bess was in charge of the dining hall. A dedicated tennis player, he coached many students and adults who played on the clay courts across from his home, where the current men's leadership house is located. After his death in 1952, the student body petitioned to have what is now Harter Hall named in his memory. An outstanding mathematics student, chosen by the math department, is awarded this scholarship.

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The Norman G. Hasbrouck '74 Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

The memorial scholarship was established by family, friends and classmates of **Norman** to be awarded annually to at least one full-time Thiel College student with preference given to students of the following school districts in order: Bethlehem-Center, California Area, Corry Area, or a student from Washington County.

The Ellwood and Sara Hauser Scholarship

The Hauser scholarship was established by the five Hauser children, all of whom are Thiel alumni, in honor of their parents' 45th wedding anniversary. **Pastor Ellwood Hauser** served as president of the Thiel Parents Board and **Sara Hauser** was president of the Thiel Women's Club Pittsburgh chapter during the 18 years that their children were students at Thiel. This scholarship recognizes a rising junior who plans to enter the ministry or the field of education and who has a 3.0 GPA or better.

The Marlowe W. Johnson Endowment Fund for Choral Music

Dr. Marlowe W. Johnson H'02 was a professor of music and director of the Thiel Choir from 1953-85, during which the Thiel Choir received international acclaim. In honor of his 32-year tenure, alumni from the Thiel Choir established this scholarship. This fund continues to grow as choir alumni show their gratitude for their choir experience at Thiel. Johnson died in September 2002 and was awarded an honorary degree in music by Thiel College.

The John Kuder Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of John Kuder Thiel Class of 1959 by his family and friends, to encourage and reward academic excellence and encourage students to pursue and receive a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Thiel College, and in recognition and appreciation of John Kuder the scholarship Fund will provide an annual award to a full-time Thiel College student who is an incoming freshman

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or current student with preference given to local students from Greenville, Reynolds, Jamestown and Commodore Perry. This Award can be renewable each year, by maintaining a minimum Overall Grade Point Average of a 2.75 on a 4.0 scale in at least 12 hours of coursework in any Major, and must demonstrate verifiable financial need.

The Luther J. Kuder Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of former trustee and honorary degree recipient, Luther J. Kuder, Thiel Class of 1919, this scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Greenville or Reynolds High School.

The Lend-A-Hand Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 1986 for a rising junior or senior who is an accounting or business administration major with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.

The Kristin Marie Leonard and Lynn Leonard Wesolek Endowed Scholarship Fund

An endowed scholarship fund administered by Thiel College awarded annually to at least one full-time female Thiel College student majoring in a science-related field. Established to support women in the sciences in memory of both **Lynn** and **Kristin**

The Maenpa Family Biotechnology Endowed Scholarship Fund

Awarded annually to at least one full-time Thiel College student majoring in the sciences (biochemistry, biology, chemistry, neuroscience or mathematics) with preference given to residents of Ashtabula County, Ohio, who fulfill the following requirements: the student has successfully completed their first year and is a sophomore, junior, or senior who is on track in their major in the year in which they receive the scholarship award; the student must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale and have an exemplary behavior record; the student demonstrates verifiable financial need as determined by the College; the student shows both interest and

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promise in pursuing a career in biotechnology as demonstrated by their commitment to an interdisciplinary course of study in the life sciences.

James C. McHugh and Betty Ann McHugh Endowed Scholarship Fund

This merit award is presented to one full-time student majoring or minoring in Business or Accounting with at least a 2.8 GPA who has successfully completed their freshman year. When possible, preference shall be given to a first-generation scholarship student. The student demonstrates verifiable financial need as determined by the College. Trustee emeritus McHugh received a bachelor's degree from Thiel College in 1962. He received his MBA at Miami University of Ohio and is a 1978 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University's Executive Management Program. He completed the Entrepreneurial Management Program at Carnegie University in 1998 and received an honorary doctorate from Thiel College in 2002.

The Patti McKee Bock Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established in memory of **Patti McKee Bock** and is to be presented to a student who is pursuing a career in education. The student must be a junior or senior and maintain an overall GPA of 2.75 or greater.

The Edward A. and Marie C. Mertz Scholarship

This scholarship was established by **Edward G. Mertz '58**, as a thank you to his parents for paying for his college education. As Ed said in establishing this scholarship, "I just felt it would be a good memorial to let their names continue to help other students, in the same way, they helped me."

The Gayle D. Miller '89 Endowed Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund will be awarded annually to at least one student majoring in nursing who has successfully completed their freshman

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and sophomore years and is a junior, or senior who is on track in their major in the year in which they receive the scholarship award. The student must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or better.

The David B. Mogle '71 Endowed Band Scholarship

This scholarship will provide an annual award to a full-time student who fulfills the following requirements: first year students meeting academic standards for admission. For a sophomore, junior or senior with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA who demonstrates financial need. Preference will be given to students playing an instrument in the College Band, or from Western Pennsylvania or Eastern Ohio.

The David '71 and Deborah '75 Mogle Endowed Scholarship

The scholarship will provide an annual award to a full-time Thiel College student(s) who are a junior or senior majoring in business or a related field with a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average with preference given to students from western Pennsylvania.

The Patricia Murrin Endowed Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this gift is to establish an endowed scholarship fund to be awarded annually to at least one full-time Thiel College student with first preference given to a student from Mercer County, Pennsylvania who fulfills the following requirements: The student has successfully completed their freshman year, and is a sophomore, junior, or senior who is on track in their major in the year in which they receive the scholarship award. The student must have an overall grade point average of 2.75 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Linda Nordman Sigma Kappa Scholarship

Established by the sisters and alumnae of Sigma Kappa sorority, this scholarship remembers the life of **Linda Nordman '68**, and a member of Sigma Kappa who was killed in an automobile accident while a student at Thiel.

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The Margaret S. Olson Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by **Dr. Robert C. Olson '60, H'09**— the 18th President of Thiel College—and his son, **Erik**, to recognize the dedication to students that their wife and mother had as the manager of the Thiel bookstore from 1988-2001. During that time, **Margaret Olson** often paid for books for students who could not afford them. This scholarship continues her legacy by providing books and other resources for students.

The Barry '74 and Linda '75 Oman Endowed Scholarship Fund

This endowed scholarship will provide an annual award to a full-time student who is a declared Education Major with demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to students in their junior and senior year. The recipients of the A. Louis and Barbara Thiel Distinguished Service Award in 2024, the **Omans** have made a significant impact on the region and at Thiel College. **Barry** has been a member of the Board of Trustees, a Blue-Gold Club committee member and a volunteer football coach. **Linda** was a former member of the Thiel Women's Club. She is a member of the Thiel Athletics Hall of Fame Committee and was a co-chair of the recent celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Title IX. Both Barry and Linda are members of the Thiel College Athletic Hall of Fame. The Greenville Area School District Education Foundation, Restore Riverside Park, Rotary Club of Greenville, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Relay for Life, Greenville Little League and Greenville Public Library Board have all benefited from the Omans' involvement.

The Elijah G. Paraskos '99 History Scholarship

Elijah Paraskos '99 was in his first year at Thiel when he died in a car crash. Older than most of his classmates, Elijah loved the study of history because he strongly believed that those who did not understand their past were doomed to repeat their mistakes. He was proud of his Greek and Cherokee heritage and wanted to teach history. This scholarship was established by his mother, **LaVerne M. Paraskos**, in his memory so that other older students could pursue the study of history at Thiel.

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The Dr. James H. Shaffer Psychology Endowed Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was created by **Dr. James H. Shaffer**—who taught at Thiel for 39 years in the Department of Psychology—and his wife, **Lucy '72**. This award is given to a rising sophomore majoring in psychology. It can be renewable each year, by maintaining a minimum overall GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale in at least 12 hours of coursework in psychology.

Rev. Herman J. Schmid Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Hodge and Schmid families in memory of Pastor Herman J. Schmid '21. It is used to aid Lutheran students from the northwest Pennsylvania and northeast Ohio areas.

The Betty Harter Spence '37 Endowed Scholarship Fund

Betty Harter Spence is the daughter of Professor **Nathan Warren Harter** and **Bess Roseberry Harter**. Professor Harter taught mathematics at Thiel from 1911 until his death in 1951. Professor Harter also served as acting dean from 1916 to 1918 and treasurer from 1911 to 1921 and coached football, basketball, and tennis while Bess was in charge of Thiel's dining hall. Betty graduated from Thiel College in 1937 with a degree in mathematics. From 1938-1942, she taught high-school mathematics, French, physical education and health. In 1940, she enrolled in the Civilian Pilot Training program. She was one of the few women to participate in this program preparing pilots for entry into WWII.

After receiving her pilot's license, she joined the 99's, a national organization for women pilots, and during the war, served as an air-traffic controller at a Civil Aeronautics Center in San Diego. Here her assignment was to identify enemy aircraft coming across the border of the American Southwest. Betty was a long-time member of the Thiel Women's Club. Over the years, she served in various volunteer capacities, including treasurer of Church Women United. The campus pastor and religion-department advisor choose an outstanding religion student with plans to pursue a career in Lutheran ministry for this scholarship.

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The Carol A. Stamm Memorial Scholarship Fund

The **Carol A. Stamm** Memorial Scholarship Fund is awarded annually to a female student who is pursuing a degree in business and demonstrates financial need. Preference shall be given to a student who is a native of Erie County (Pa.). Carol (Yeager) Stamm '71 earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She worked in the banking industry before taking a leadership role at Stamm Cataract and Laser Surgery, which she co-founded with her husband, Barry Stamm, M.D. '70, Trustee emeritus. Barry and Carol received the 2016 Haller Entrepreneur of the Year Award. Carol was recognized as a Service to Thiel Award recipient at Thiel College's 2018 Homecoming celebration.

The James Traverso Scholarship

Was created by an anonymous colleague in honor of **Jim Traverso**, older brother of Thiel College **President Susan Traverso, Ph.D.** The scholarship is to support international students who might have need while they are attending Thiel.

The Patricia Turcic Endowed Scholarship Fund

The purpose of this gift is to establish an endowed scholarship fund to be awarded annually to at least one full-time Thiel College student with first preference given to a student from Mercer County, Pennsylvania who has successfully completed their freshman year and is a sophomore, junior, or senior who is on track in their major in the year in which they receive the scholarship award. The student must have an overall grade point average of 2.75 or better on a 4.0 scale.

The Eleanor Wagner and Ohio View Lutheran Church Endowed Scholarship

The scholarship will be given to a full-time Lutheran student chosen by Ohio View Lutheran Church, or a member of a Lutheran Church in Beaver County, or a member of any Lutheran Church.

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Dr. Sonya M. Wilt Endowed Scholarship

Established by former students and friends of **Dr. Sonya M. Wilt**, Professor Emerita of Communication, this scholarship celebrates and continues the legacy of Dr. Wilt's dedication and commitment to Thiel College and the field of speech and hearing science.

The Gary J. Witosky '79 Endowed Scholarship

The scholarship will provide an annual award to a full-time student(s) who are a junior or senior majoring in accounting with a GPA of 3.0 or higher as confirmed by the Accounting Department and preference given to a first-generation student. Established by friends and colleagues of Professor **Gary J. Witosky '79** in thanks for his dedication to Thiel College.



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