



# Press Release

## For Immediate Release

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#### **TCF CELEBRATES ANOTHER \$205,000 OF SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

Outstanding members of the communities of eastern Delaware County gathered at the Springhaven Club in Wallingford to enjoy the 9<sup>th</sup> annual recognition reception of the Taylor Community Foundation.

TCF awarded \$150,000 in scholarship funding to fifteen high school seniors from the class of 2010. TCF Scholarship Awards are based on academic achievement as exemplified by class rank, GPA, and test scores; also considered are course difficulty, job experience, community service, and dedication to a health related field of study. Each \$10,000 scholarship is able to be used at the college of a scholar's choice during the next four years.

Several TCF Grant awardees expressed appreciation for funding received from Taylor Community Foundation over the past year, taking the time to talk about their work in the community. Stories covered a range of health and wellness initiatives.

Taylor Community Foundation also recognized the philanthropic impact on our community by honoring Dr. William H. Erb, Jr. as the TCF Extraordinary Philanthropist of the Year, and Taylor Hospital as the TCF Extraordinary Community Organization of the Year. Each honoree was empowered with a \$250 award to donate to the TCF-Eligible Organization of their choice.

The banquet was sponsored in varying forms by lead sponsor TD Bank, and also by PNC Bank and Best Buy of Springfield, and a wide assortment of other community supporters.

The evening celebration was climaxed with multiple spins of the "TCF Wheel" that directed an additional \$2,550 of funding to various human service organizations in attendance.

TCF President, Kurt Slenn, shared "TCF Scholarships create opportunity for our students and inspire hope in our health care community. By identifying the cream of the local crop who are pursuing a career in the Allied Health field and then awarding eye-opening funding, the Taylor Community Foundation hopes to help make the communities of Delaware County a healthier location for all of our neighbors. We are so very grateful to all of the donors who help turn these young dreams into realities."

Those awarded scholarships are:



### **Kerri Borgese**

Kerri is a Springfield resident, Spanish Club president, captain of Notre Dame Academy swim team and year round club swimmer at Suburban Swim Club. On top of these enjoyable activities Kerri also values giving back to her community, compiling substantial volunteer hours at local hospitals. Kerri plans to make Villanova University her home for the next few years as a nursing student.



### **Megan Crowley**

Megan is a Strath Haven student who, in addition to her athleticism, has earned Two Varsity Arts Awards for her television and photography work. Looking for information to make good decisions about her future, Megan volunteered extensively at Taylor Hospital and at Lauren's House in Boothwyn. A Wallingford resident, Megan intends to pursue a career in Exercise Science at the University of Delaware.



### **Jerry George**

A current Springfield High School student, Jerry likes to broaden her horizons with a diverse set of hobbies including: painting, knitting, baking and playing the guitar. She has also developed her frames of reference through travel from her Springfield home to both India and Canada. Jerry will travel to a new location next semester to study pharmacy and obtain her degree at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia.



### **Dillon Goss**

A Collingdale resident, Dillon has decided to pursue a career in physical therapy. Dillon has served as a volunteer to the homeless ministry in Philadelphia throughout his tenure at Academy Park High School. An engaging individual interested in creating not only an atmosphere of healing and recuperation, but also true connections with his patients, Dillon plans to further his education at Arcadia University.



### **Lindsay Haasis**

Co-Founder of the Future Medical Leaders of America at Ridley High School, Lindsay has already shown a real dedication to the health care field. The ultimate Raider Ambassador, Lindsay plans to attend Philadelphia University where she will combine her two passions of art and medicine while becoming an Art Therapist. Lindsay plans to serve children and adolescents in Delaware County, hopefully in her hometown of Ridley Park.



### **Timothy Kirk**

Timothy is a well-rounded Ridley High School student who has done an excellent job balancing work, school, and extra-curriculars. He has been elected President of the National Honor Society and inducted into the National Foreign Honor Society this year. A varsity wrestler throughout high school and featured in Sports Illustrated, Timothy will matriculate at the University of Pittsburgh where he will study to become a nurse anesthesiologist.



**Gloria Larson**

Gloria, a Rose Valley resident, has chosen pre-med as her major at Creighton University in Nebraska. She has been heavily involved in Strath Haven High School's marching band and in her senior year was selected as the student director. Gloria is also an accomplished writer, obtaining third place in the PA Poetry Society's 2009 Pegasus Contest and was a candidate for the Central League Writing Contest.



**Jillian Ma**

Jillian is a Rose Valley resident with much to offer. This Strath Haven High School student already has significant health care experience through volunteering at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Her work as a lab assistant at the University of Pennsylvania and participation in the Johns Hopkins CTY program will make Jillian a great addition to the Johns Hopkins University freshman class where she will study biomedical engineering.



**Michelle Maylie**

A National Science Honor Society member and Springfield resident, Michelle has taken the initiative to help others during her time at Springfield High School. She is the Captain of Fundraising for the Steve Stefani Dance Marathon to benefit pediatric cancer in addition to compiling 120 hours of service projects through the Girl Scouts of America. Michelle has been accepted into the Pharmacy program at the University of the Sciences.



**Elena McMnamin**

Elena is a four-year varsity field hockey player and has shown an excellent ability to balance her volunteer work at Taylor Hospital with her athletic and educational commitments at Ridley High School. She is involved in her school community as a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions and enjoys organizing events. Elena is a Secane resident and will attend Drexel University for Nursing.



**Stefano Pacifici**

As an aspiring orthopedic surgeon, Stefano has invested his last three summers preparing for his career by attending the Drexel University Mini-Medical School, completing an internship at Jefferson Hospital, and shadowing a bone researcher. Stefano's unquenchable curiosity, passion for science and intellectual maturity drive his success at Strath Haven High School. He will depart his Swarthmore home to pursue a pre-med major at Tufts University.



**Monica Parcell**

Monica is an all around athlete who carries her work ethic on the field into the classroom. She has spent four years leading Interboro's varsity Lacrosse, Swimming and Field Hockey teams and was inducted this year into the National Honor Society. She is also an active student government role model. Monica is a Prospect Park resident who has chosen McDaniel College to help her achieve her goal of becoming a Physician's Assistant.



### **Carey Sentman**

Carey has enjoyed a stellar career at Springfield High School. A successful academician, Carey is a section leader for the clarinets in the school marching band and a member of the pit band and orchestra. A successful gymnast, Carey is also a member of Amnesty International and plays a leadership role in the Steve Stefani Dance Marathon. Carey plans to become a genetic counselor and will major in bio-informatics at Franklin and Marshall.



### **Laura Stilwell**

Captain of the Volleyball team, and the indoor and outdoor track teams, Vice-President of the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society, Laura is a busy senior at Ridley. Laura found time to investigate her future career through participation in the LeadAmerica Medical Conference at Georgetown University and the Mini-Medical Program at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia. She will be studying neuroscience at MIT in the fall.



### **Madeline Wharton**

A Swarthmore resident, Madeline is a four-year player and two-year team captain of the Strath Haven Field Hockey Team but spends much of her time in motion to benefit others. Madeline has been a part of the Relay for Life, the Walk to Cure Diabetes, and the Heartwalk. She also finds time for the Yearbook, PA Math League, Orchestra, and Student Council. Madeline will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and concentrate on pre-med

courses.

Visit the TCF web site at [www.taylorcommfdn.org](http://www.taylorcommfdn.org) to view pictures of the banquet, grants in action, and scholars in action.

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