

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2019 Scholarship Winners

Penn State Federal understands the importance of higher education and encouraging academic excellence in our youth. By offering this scholarship, we want to help reduce the financial burden so the recipients may concentrate on their future endeavors.

We awarded five \$2000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are Penn State Federal members.

The recipients of the Penn State Federal Credit Union Scholarships are:

Thomas Dolheimer was born and raised in State College, Pennsylvania. He graduated this May and plans to attend the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. While there, he will major in Electronics & Computer Engineering. Thomas has participated in various extracurricular activities within school and outside of school. In school, he played on the Varsity Soccer team, Varsity Wrestling team, and participated in Spanish Club. Outside of school, he was an active member in his local Boy Scout troop, holding various leadership positions throughout the years. He has also been a part of his church's youth group for a number of years, as well as volunteered for numerous non-profits and other charity organizations. Later in life he hopes to create his own startup company building hardware components for computers and other electronics.

Leah Horner is a 2019 graduate of the State College Area High School. At State High she is an active member in the State College Area High School Renaissance Faire Club. During her school years Leah has also been active in gymnastics, cheerleading, and track, as well as musical theater and band. Leah is a member of the Fairbrook United Methodist Church where she volunteers regularly. In addition, Leah also had the unique opportunity to serve as a member of a Medical Mission team to Nicaragua in 2015. She is currently employed at Target. In Fall 2019, she will be attending Mount Aloysius College where she will study American Sign Language Interpretation. After graduation her future plans are to teach American Sign Language in the public school system and interpret for members of the deaf community as needed.

Emma Narber grew up within Penns Valley, PA. She has represented the Penns Valley Area School District as President of the Class of 2019 three years running and has been given a voice within her community-at-large. She has been able to provide food for impoverished families, start a local chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, offer up tutoring support for classmates, begin a Teacher Appreciation Lunch, a Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast and has traveled to over three continents serving people worldwide. She is a part of Student Council, Asylum, National Honor Society, Varsity Club, and has been a Varsity Team Captain for Penns Valley's Soccer and Track and Field Teams. In the fall, she plans to attend Messiah College to study Politics and International Relations along with Christian Ministries. She hopes to pursue these multiple degrees in order to help people physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. As she continues to engage with a lost, broken, and impoverished world, she desires to find sustainable solutions in order for people to find hope, worth and meaning in their lives, all while having the means to provide for themselves and their families.

Johnny Purnell is a senior at Bellefonte Area High School. Johnny partakes in a multitude of extra-curricular activities along with challenging himself in school by taking multiple honors and AP classes. His extra-curricular activities include: Concert choir, Select choir, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Drama Club, and the Boy Scouts of America. Along with being heavily involved with the two clubs, Johnny is also the president of the Choir and the Drama Club. After being in scouting since Kindergarten, Johnny recently received his Eagle Scout Award. As it is the end of the school year, Johnny has committed to Penn State University, Main Campus to study Biology. After receiving his Bachelor of Science, Johnny plans to go on to medical school, eventually hoping to specialize in anesthesiology.

Ashton Robinson attended Bald Eagle Area High School. She has a part time job where she spends most of her time when she's not at home with her puppy, Ranger! Ashton is a member of FBLA, Spanish Club, and the National Honors Society. This year, she went to states for FBLA and placed 2nd in regionals. Ashton is planning to attend the Penn State Altoona branch campus for nursing after high school.

