

# ADAMS COUNTY MEDICAL FOUNDATION, INC.

April 2023 Newsletter

## Vision:

Inspiring a culture of giving for the health of our community.

## Mission:

The mission of the Foundation is to provide support to the Adams County Regional Medical Center and community-based health-related endeavors to ensure premium health care programs and service availability to the residents of the Adams County region

## ADAMS COUNTY MEDICAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

### Adams County Medical Foundation Awards Scholarship to Alyssa Mays

The Adams County Medical Foundation (ACMF) awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Alyssa Mays. Alyssa is currently enrolled at Marietta College earning a biology degree along the pre-med track as well as a bachelor of neuroscience degree and a minor in psychology. She is employed at the Marietta College of Academic Resource Center. Alyssa is an honors student at Marietta and her campus involvement and leadership abilities include diversity and inclusion, wellness and mental health care and social connections and activities. She was named to the Marietta Dean's List, National Society of Leadership and Success, and received the prestigious "Biology First Year Achievement Award". Alyssa graduated from North Adams High School and Southern State Community College in 2021 at the top of her class with a 4.0 GPA.

### Dr. Bruce Ashley Scholarship Awarded to Megan Black

The Adams County Medical Foundation awarded the Dr. Bruce Ashley Legacy Scholarship to Megan Black. Megan will be attending Southern State Community College this fall majoring in Nursing with the long-term goal of furthering her education to get her BSN with the objective to become a CRN. In preparation for her academic career, Megan is currently employed at the Adams County Regional Medical Center.

The Dr. Bruce Ashley Legacy Scholarship is a \$1,000 award for students attending a regionally accredited institution of higher education pursuing a career in a health care profession. The scholarship honors Dr. Ashley, who joined the Medical Staff at Adams County Hospital in 1974 and served in a number of health care

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capacities but was best known as the Emergency/Outpatient Director for ACRMC; the Health Commissioner for Adams County; and the Medical Director for Adams County Emergency Services and EAST Ambulance EMC

Service. Dr. Ashley touched the lives of thousands of people and the community was stunned when he unexpectedly passed away the evening of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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## **\$43,000 in ACMF Scholarships Awarded since 2013**

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### **Dr. Dale Mathias Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Alyssa Kendall**

The Adams County Medical Foundation awarded the Dr. Dale Mathias Memorial Scholarship to Alyssa Kendall. Alyssa will be enrolled at The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences this fall majoring in Nursing with the long-term goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner working with children diagnosed with cancer and/or disabilities. She will be a graduate of North Adams High School this spring and has also attended Southern State Community College as a College Credit Plus student to complete her prerequisites for the nursing program.

The Dr. Dale L. Mathias Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 award for students attending a regionally accredited institution of higher education pursuing a career in a health care profession. The scholarship is funded by the children of Dr. Mathias; Melissa, Matthew, & Christopher.

Dr. Mathias served as a physician in Adams County for over 35 years. He started his career in Adams County as a member of the National Health Service Corp. and worked at the Peebles Family Health Center, Scioto Memorial Hospital, Eagle Creek Nursing Center, Hillcrest Nursing Home and Adams County Hospital. Dr. Mathias also provided care in the Emergency Department at Knox Community Hospital, Adena Regional Medical Center, Scioto Memorial Hospital, Scioto Mercy Hospital, Pike Community Hospital, and Springfield Mercy Hospital. He was often the doctor you would see in the Adams County Hospital and Adams County Regional Medical Center Emergency Room. Many in the community knew him as "Doc". Dr. Mathias valued the role that he played in saving lives. He was faced with many life and death situations and he understood that God would guide the outcome, but it was his role to use his skills and do his best to help as much as he could.

### **Dr. Francis Stevens Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Landen McDaniel**

The Adams County Medical Foundation awarded the Dr. Francis Stevens Memorial Scholarship to Landen McDaniel. Landen is currently enrolled at the University of Rio Grande majoring in Diagnostic Medical Sonography Cardiovascular. A graduate of Manchester High School and Southern State Community College in 2021, Landon spent the year after his graduation at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College where he was enrolled in their honor's program. Once the fall semester at Cincinnati State ended, Landen was accepted into the Rio Grande program which had space for twelve out of approximately 50 to 60 applicants.

The Dr. Frances Stevens Scholarship is a \$1,000 award for a student attending a regionally accredited institution of higher education pursuing a career in a health care profession. The scholarship is funded by the family of Dr. Stevens.

In 1962, in response to his desire to be where he could serve, Dr. Stevens moved to West Union and opened his last medical office, where he cared for patients for 45 years. He became one of the most loved and respected physicians in the area, treating thousands of patients (sometimes being paid with chickens or homemade items), making house calls, delivering babies and continuing care at Adams County Hospital until 2007, when he sold his practice to Dr. David Parrett.

## **Adams County Medical Foundation Awards Scholarship to Brooklyn Tolle**

The Adams County Medical Foundation (ACMF) awarded their ACMF annual scholarships to Alyssa Mays and Brooklynn Tolle. The scholarship awards are \$1,000 for each student. Applicants must be enrolled in a regionally accredited institution of higher education and pursuing a career in a health care profession.

Brooklyn Tolle is currently attending Shawnee State University this fall majoring in Nursing and pursuing a BSN degree. She is currently employed part-time at the Adams County Regional Medical Center as a State Tested Nursing Assistant and plans to continue to work at the hospital after obtaining her degree. Brooklyn graduated from North Adams High School as the Salutatorian of her class and simultaneously graduated from Southern State Community College with an Associate of Science degree. In her spare time, Brooklyn is a dedicated golfer. In high school, she competed all four years and was named all-league every year competing at the district level. At Shawnee, she plays on the women's golf team.

## **Esther Moore Chandler Scholarship Award**

The Adams County Medical Foundation awarded the Esther Moore Chandler Scholarship to McKenzie Kirker. McKenzie is currently enrolled at Shawnee State University in the graduate school of Occupational Therapy where she completed observation hours in multiple settings such as schools and outpatient community homecare with many OTR/L's. A graduate from West Union High School and Southern State Community College with an Associates of Science Degree, Magna Cum Laude in 2019, McKenzie went on to graduate from Northern Kentucky University, Magna Cum Laude, with a degree in Exercise Science. Her long-term goal is to treat patients in a pediatric setting and eventually to get her doctorate degree. The Esther Moore Chandler Scholarship award has supported McKenzie through both years of her graduate studies.

The Esther Moore Chandler Scholarship is a \$5,000 award that can follow the student through their educational career up to graduation. The family of Esther Moore Chandler has donated over \$100,000 to endow a perpetual scholarship to honor the memory of their beloved Mom. From the invested principal, a \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded yearly to support study by Adams Countians in one of the Health Care Sciences.

Mrs. Chandler was born in Scioto County. As a young woman she was involved in the community and church and played sports and softball on organized teams. She was a giver, a dynamic and energetic woman with a generous heart as well as immense strength of character and resolve. She and her husband Joe raised their children and farmed in Tiffin Township until her death in 1957.

Her children, sons Don (Marilyn), Bob (Shirley), Wayne (daughter Ameicko) and daughter Carol Sue (Michael), felt the empowerment of her spirit and love in their lives and want her goodness and generosity to be always remembered. The Scholarship is a tribute to her and will be a benefit to Adams Countians for generations to come.

The family has been impressed by the work of the Adams County Medical Foundation and the generous gifts given by other families in memory of Drs. Ashley, Stevens and Mathias, and decided that the Foundation would be the perfect trustee for the Esther Moore Chandler Scholarship.

ACMF Scholarships are funded through the generosity of community donations, fundraising activities, and family gifts.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship in your family or businesses name or want to donate to the scholarship fund, please email [Sherry.stout@acmedicalfoundation.org](mailto:Sherry.stout@acmedicalfoundation.org)

No gift is too small or too large!

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