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The purpose of the Pendleton Foundation Trust is:

- To assist civic and educational undertakings whether now supported by private gifts or public taxation.
- To improve educational and scientific research.
- To improve living conditions or to provide recreation or recreational grounds for all classes.
- For such other civic or public purposes as will best make for the mental, moral and physical improvement of the inhabitants of the city of Pendleton.



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Honoring the Dudeks' Legacy

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Clelan “Lee” and Luella Dudek’s generosity continues to enhance the lives of so many of Pendleton’s youth. In the fall of 2017 Lee and Luella both left our community saddened by their passing. Lee was a World War II Veteran, 1958 NRA 38 Caliber Short Range Champion, 1966 Las Vegas World Champion Gem Faceter and a Private Airplane Pilot. Lee and Luella left a long list of accomplishments that continues to amaze all who knew them. The couple owned and operated Lee’s Refrigeration which served the Pendleton area for over 50 years. All of these achievements would add up to a full and successful life, all said and done. But, even after 50 years of service to the community, Lee and Luella were not done. In their final years, they had made a plan to give a generous portion of their estate to make a difference for Pendleton. Lee and Luella wanted to leave the majority of their worldly assets to benefit the youth of Pendleton by providing training, education, and scholarships and that’s where the Pendleton Foundation Trust comes into the story. It was in the early winter of 2018 when the PFT was entrusted with carrying out the wishes of Lee and Luella Dudek after Lee passed away at the age of 92.

The Dudek bequest has generated enough funding to provide for two \$4,800 scholarships for Pendleton High School students payable over their first two years of college as well as two \$3,000 scholarships for juniors or seniors from Pendleton who are attending Eastern Oregon University. The Dudek funds have also been used to fund scholarships to BMCC over the last few years. Starting in the fall of 2023, the Pendleton Foundation Trust will focus the BMCC scholarships on students entering the apprenticeship trades. With the financial resources provided by Lee and Luella Dudek, PFT intends to fund scholarships for all first-year apprentice students in the electrical and plumbing fields. This approach will more closely align with the



Dudek’s contribution to Pendleton’s mechanical trades during their working years. We hope the Dudeks are pleased with our stewardship of their bequest. We know that the deserving youth of Pendleton are directly benefiting from the foresight and generosity of Lee and Luella Dudek. This story is another wonderful example of what can happen when the kindness and wise preparation of individuals can be realized and guided over the long-term by the Pendleton Foundation Trust.

Staying in touch with the Foundation Trust online

An easy way to stay current on what’s happening with the Pendleton Foundation Trust is by visiting our website at **pendletonfoundationtrust.com**. From there, you’ll be able to explore a wealth of information.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust has given nearly \$5,000,000 to the community since its inception in 1928, with the goal in mind of making Pendleton a better place to live. Today, the foundation continues to offer help to worthy organizations with this same goal in mind in the form of grants, and to high school seniors who have exhibited superior community service and who have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, scholarships to help further their education. You can find out all of the details about grants and scholarships at our website...but there’s so much more!

We invite you to learn about other organizations who have been helped by the trust over the years, and to see examples of how

foundation dollars have been put to work in service to Pendleton. Maybe you have an organization with a need and an idea that will benefit our city? Fill out our grant application online and take some time and browse our site to find out when grants are awarded and when applications are due. You will get the sense of how, when we all work together, we can vastly improve Pendleton for now and for future generations to come.

Read about past scholarship winners and find out where they are today. Learn more about scholarship requirements and fill out an application.

And most importantly, learn how you can make a donation to the Pendleton Foundation Trust to help it grow and continue its mission for the next 95 years and beyond...to make Pendleton a great place to live, work, and to call home. What are you waiting for? ***Log on to pendletonfoundationtrust.com today and join us!***

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

2018 Pendleton Foundation Trust Fisk Scholarship Recipient

Lauren Richards



Lauren Richards was a 2018 graduate of PHS who was awarded the Fisk Scholarship of \$5,000 and went on to attend Claremont McKenna College. She graduated in the spring of 2022, with a bachelor of arts. Lauren majored in biology, played softball all four years, and finished on the Dean's List with department honors.

Lauren recently applied to dental school and hopes to start in the fall of 2023. She intends to work in pediatric dentistry or orthodontics. In the meantime, she is currently living in Pendleton and is substitute teaching for the Pendleton school district. Lauren shared, she has loved being back in the schools and working with the teachers who taught her so much!

Lauren hopes to hear she has been accepted into dental school by the end of the year.

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Dudek Estate Funds Scholarships for Continuing Students

Over \$62,000 in scholarships have been awarded students attending Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon University over the past three academic years. These awards assist students from the Pendleton area who already have college credit and are working toward degree completion with either institution- whether technical or transfer degrees with BMCC or Bachelor's Degrees with EOU. Students applied for - and were selected - for scholarships through systems in place at each institution.

BMCC students receiving \$2,400 awards for the 2022-23 academic year include Brenda McCormick and Noelle Zacharias. Brenda McCormick will complete an AAOT Degree with plans to transfer to EOU to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in biology while Noelle Zacharias focuses on general education requirements. Crystal Bailey shared she works two jobs while attending BMCC with plans to transfer to OSU to pursue Environmental Science. The scholarship “has made my day or actually year, in helping me rest a little easier worrying about finances.”

A fourth scholarship recipient, Melissa Mize, said receiving a scholarship was a “great surprise” as she pursues her dream to work in early childhood education and “become the best educator I can be.”

Carissa Cooley and Jillian Samp, EOU students completing Bachelor's Degrees in Education, received \$3,000 scholarships for the 2022-23 academic year. Senior Carissa Cooley had a 4th grade practicum teaching experience fall term which has helped her establish goals for the kind of teacher she wants to be while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Jillian Samp, a junior, plans to teach first grade, “just like my grandmother” and hopes to be as big an influence on students as her grandmother.

Investment earnings from Lee and Luella Dudek's generous estate gift to the Pendleton Foundation Trust provides dedicated funds for Pendleton area students to pursue education and training. The Trust's Board considers scholarship criteria and award amounts annually, in keeping with the Dudeks' wishes.

Pendleton Foundation Trust Awards \$206,324.00 in Grants

- The Board of Directors of the Pendleton Foundation Trust today announced that grants, memorial trust funds and scholarships given in 2022 will total \$206,324.00.
- The seven-member Board of Directors recently met to consider applications at its semi-annual meeting for the final allocation of grants this year, reported J.J. Spriet, Chairperson. The Pendleton Foundation Trust uses the earnings from money donated to the trust by individuals, organizations and estates for its semi-annual grant allocations.
- The board has awarded fall grants in the amount of \$91,594.58 to the following recipients:
- **Round-Up City Development Corp (RCDC) - the sum of \$50,000.00** toward the purchase of land for a Pendleton Sports Complex.
 - **Umatilla County Historical Society - the sum of \$10,000.00** toward the remodel of the gift shop and front desk area at the Heritage Station.
 - **Oregon Trail Manor - the sum of \$6,500.00** to purchase and install walk-in showers in senior rooms.
 - **Pendleton High School Music Department - the sum of \$23,778.18** to purchase risers and an acoustical shell for the music department.
 - **Pendleton High School Spanish Classes - the sum of \$600.00** to purchase a flat screen TV.
 - **Pendleton High School English Department - the sum of \$716.40** to purchase six classroom sets of 30/over-ear headphones.

DID YOU KNOW?? Pendleton Foundation Trust Supports Local Businesses

The Pendleton Foundation Trust was founded in 1928 to assist, encourage and promote the well-being of the citizens of Pendleton, Oregon. If you are reading this, you already know the Foundation receives gifts of money and property from interested persons and organizations, and in turn, invests this money and property for the benefit of citizens of Pendleton. But you may not know that one of the Foundation's goals is to support businesses in Pendleton as they attempt to accomplish those goals.

Many grant applicants have lofty goals, which the Foundation encourages! We want groups to dream big, and be thorough with their thoughts and ideas. These groups bring those goals and dreams to the Foundation for help. A priority for the Foundation in helping to accomplish these goals is to support local businesses. Right on the grant application form, it reminds potential applicants to do business in Pendleton whenever possible.

In this day and age of free two day shipping, deals, auctions, and online shopping on thousands of websites, the Foundation realizes that asking our grant applicants to do business locally whenever possible has a double benefit. Of course, the grant applicant already has an idea to help promote the well-being of Pendleton citizens. But by doing business locally, the added benefit goes to more local citizens...the business owners and their families. When we all support local businesses, it's good for everyone.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust looks forward to your group bringing in a grant application in order to make the city of Pendleton a better place to live. We'll also be reminding you to shop locally!