

Slate Belt Rising Celebrates 2025 Scholarship Recipients

By Brian Fenstermaker

Bangor, PA — Slate Belt Rising is proud to announce the winners of its 2025 Scholarship Awards, presented to six exceptional high school seniors from the Slate Belt region who are preparing to take the next step in their educational journeys.

These students were selected based on academic excellence, community involvement, and future aspirations. Each award includes a financial scholarship to help offset college-related expenses:

Abigail Miller, Pen Argyl High School – attending Penn State University
Cohen DeLaHoz, Bangor Area High School – attending Lehigh University

Hilary Goff, Bangor Area High School – attending Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences

Isabelle Sora, Pen Argyl High School – attending Lafayette College
Louise Miller, Pen Argyl High School – attending University of Massachusetts, Boston

Riley Kocher, Pen Argyl High School – attending Moravian University

“These students represent the strength and potential of the Slate Belt’s next generation,” said Brian Fenstermaker, Director of Slate Belt Rising. “We’re honored to support their future goals and proud to invest in their success.”

The Slate Belt Rising Scholarship Program is part of the organization’s broader mission to support economic opportunity and revitalization across the communities of Bangor, Pen Argyl, Wind Gap, and Portland.

Photo Caption: Top photo, left to right: Brian Fenstermaker (Slate Belt Rising Director), Riley Kocher, Isabelle Sora, Louise Miller, and Abigail Miller — all from Pen Argyl High School. Bottom left: Hilary Goff of Bangor Area High School. Bottom right: Cohen DeLaHoz of Bangor Area High School with Director Brian Fenstermaker.

For more information about Slate Belt Rising’s programs and impact, visit www.slatebeltrising.org.

Welcome Chris’ Polish Restaurant to Stroudsburg!

By Senator Rosemary Brown

STROUDSBURG - Chris Lechowicz, a culinary artist in the New York City Polish Community that aims to bring a unique blend of Polish and American cuisine, opened his brand-new Chris’ Polish Restaurant in Stroudsburg.

Located at 548 Main Street in Stroudsburg, they aim to provide a unique culinary experience for the community and an understanding and appreciation of the rich heritage and culture of the Polish people. Welcome to the 40th District and best of luck in their endeavors!

“A Taste of Tradition At the heart of Chris Restaurant lies our unyielding passion for crafting the finest Polish and American delicacies. Our menu is a vibrant tapestry of flavors, each dish reflecting a deep respect for traditional recipes passed down through generations” says owner Chris Lechowicz.



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