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## Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation Awards Record-Breaking \$60,000 in Scholarships

By Deanna Ruzanski /Executive Director The Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation Inc.

BANGOR - This year marks a historic milestone for the Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation. At the high schools annual senior award ceremony, the Foundation awarded nearly \$60,000 in scholarships—the largest total since its inception in 1997. In recent years, the Foundation has awarded approximately \$45,000 annually, but thanks to the continued generosity of community members, alumni, and new donors, this year's total reflects a powerful investment in the future of Bangor's graduating seniors.

Among the new scholarships added this year is the Blau/Kristof/Cruver Scholarship in Environmental Science, created by four Bangor High School alumni who have joined together to give back to the community that helped shape their lives. This \$10,000 renewable award supports students pursuing careers in environmental science and reflects the founders' shared passion for environmental stewardship and educational opportunity.

The Foundation, a non-profit organization operating independently from the school district, now manages a growing portfolio of scholarships made possible by donors committed to supporting the next generation of leaders, artists, scientists, and changemakers.

### This year's recipients include:

- Stewart and Virginia Wolf Scholarship (\$16,000 / \$5,000 per year for 4 years): Vivi Lin
- Blau/Kristof/Cruver Scholarship in Environmental Science (\$10,000 / \$2,500 per year for 4 years): Kayden Bray
- Portland Morekan Scholarship (\$16,000 / \$4,000 per year for 4 years): Matthew Vidal
- Portland Alumni Award (\$1,000): Brooklyn Hermanski
- Pinto Scholarship for the Fine and Performing Arts (\$3,000 each): Rachel Finkbeiner and Eric Goffinet
- Russ Nicholson Memorial Scholarship (\$500): Tim McClain
- Fight Like Stevie Scholarship (\$600 each): Marco Marozzi and Tyler Naysmith



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## LeadingAge Pa Honors Leaders And Innovators In Aging Services

By Toshi Nelson

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. — LeadingAge PA, an association representing more than 400 aging services providers, announced the recipients of its 2025 Distinguished Service Awards. These awards spotlight the outstanding work carried out by individual members and member organizations through their involvement, innovation, leadership, and advocacy in the field of aging services.

"This year's Distinguished Service Award honorees are shining examples of excellence in service, whether they are uplifting residents, working hand in hand with colleagues, or driving positive change in their communities," said LeadingAge PA President and CEO Garry Pezzano. "We take pride in honoring the remarkable impact of their unwavering dedication and leadership."

### Here is a list of the winners:

Volunteer of the Year, Tyler Youngkin, Morningstar Living in Moravian Hall Square, Nazareth, Pennsylvania. For the past nine years, Tyler Youngkin has volunteered 5,315 hours at Morningstar Living. His journey in aging services began assisting elderly neighbors and continues with family members today. Tyler enjoys building strong relationships with residents and staff, ensuring everyone feels cared for and has reasons to smile.



Volunteer of the Year, Tyler Youngkin, Morningstar Living in  
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