

Abington Educational Foundation Receives \$5,000 Donation from The Forst Foundation



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Established in 2019, The John H. Engelhardt Memorial Scholarship fund honors Mr. John Engelhardt (“Mr. E”), who was a beloved teacher at Highland Elementary School for 35 years. On Wednesday, the Abington

Educational Foundation announced that the Forst Foundation donated \$5,000 to the Scholarship fund. The scholarship fund was established by Mr. Engelhardt’s wife, Josephine, who also taught at Abington schools. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to an Abington Senior who attended Highland Elementary. Special consideration is given to students who have a financial need and/or those who have an interest in pursuing a future in education. The selection committee includes Josephine Engelhardt and members of the Abington Senior High School counseling department.

This year’s recipient is Samantha Thomas, a member of the Class of 2022, who will be attending Temple University this fall.

“We greatly appreciate the generosity of The Forst Foundation and the family of ‘Mr. E’ for supporting the post-secondary education of Abington Senior High School graduates,” said Christine Strange, Chair of AEF. “The scholarship fund started with just \$10,000 and has since grown to more than \$35,000 with the incorporation of The Forst Foundation gift, so it is our hope that this scholarship fund continues to benefit former Highland Elementary School students for decades to come.”

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The donation comes from The Forst Foundation and is designed to benefit the John H. Engelhardt Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Left to Right: Pictured are Christine Strange, chair of the Abington Educational Foundation; Jo Engelhardt, retired teacher and wife of John Engelhardt; and John Gallagher, Certified Financial Planner at Lincoln Investment. (Photo Courtesy of the Abington Township School District)

ABINGTON, PA — The Abington Education Foundation, which provides financial support to local school students, announced that it was the recent recipient of a generous donation from a local charitable organization.

The foundation said that it was gifted \$5,000 from The Forst Foundation, which is the charitable foundation for Lincoln Investment, a local firm founded by the Forst family more than five decades ago.

The donation will benefit the [John H. Engelhardt Memorial Scholarship Fund](#), which was created back in 2019 in honor of John Engelhardt, a beloved, former teacher at Highland Elementary School in the Abington School District for 35 years.

The scholarship was created on the one-year anniversary of Engelhardt's passing by his widow, Josephine, also a longtime teacher in the Abington School District.

Scholarship funds are available to those students within the district who attended Highland Elementary School, with special focus given to students with financial needs and/or those who are interested in pursuing a career in the education field, according to the Abington Education Foundation.

Recipients of the scholarship money are chosen by Josephine Engelhardt along with members of the Abington Senior High School counseling department.

The money goes toward the cost of college tuition, room and board, technology, books and other materials needed for higher education, according to the foundation.

Christine Strange, chair of the Abington Education Foundation, was recently on hand to receive the generous financial donation.

"We greatly appreciate the generosity of The Forst Foundation and the family of 'Mr. E.' for supporting the post-secondary education of Abington Senior High School graduates," Strange said in a statement.

Strange said that the scholarship fund began with \$10,000 and has since grown to more than \$35,000 after the incorporation of the gift from The Forst Foundation.

John Gallagher, a Certified Financial Planner with Lincoln Investment, said in a statement that advisors at his firm were happy to get involved with the donation as it was considered a "meaningful way to contribute to future generations of Abington students."

Gallagher said he worked with the Engelhardt family to make sure their contributions would have a "meaningful and lasting impact," and he encouraged The Forst Foundation to also contribute since it has been longtime supporters of the Abington Education Foundation, according to a foundation news release.