

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

Gift will Benefit the John H. Engelhardt Memorial Scholarship Fund

ABINGTON, PA—June 1, 2022—The Abington Educational Foundation (AEF), a non-profit organization that supports the students of Abington School District, announced a recent donation of \$5,000 from The Forst Foundation to benefit the John H. Engelhardt Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Forst Foundation serves as the charitable foundation for Lincoln Investment, a local firm that was founded by the Forst family more than 50 years ago.

The John H. Engelhardt Memorial Scholarship fund was established in 2019 in honor of Mr. John Engelhardt (“Mr. E”), who was a beloved teacher at Highland Elementary School for 35 years. On the one-year anniversary of his passing, his wife, Josephine (“Jo”), who was also a teacher in Abington Schools for decades, announced the creation of the scholarship for Abington Senior High School graduates who attended Highland Elementary. Special focus is given to students who have a financial need and/or those who have an interest in pursuing a future in education. Recipients—who are selected by Mrs. Engelhardt and members of the Abington Senior High School Counseling Department—are awarded money to put toward the cost of tuition, room and board, technology, books, or any other school-related expenses.

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.”

As a thank you for Mr. E’s decades of service to the students of Highland Elementary School, and his family’s ongoing generosity, Highland Elementary staff members and the school community recently raised funds to install a Buddy Bench adjacent to the school’s bus loop to ensure Mr. E’s legacy will live on in the next generation of students. The bus loop location is significant as Mr. E used to serve as a bus supervisor during arrivals and dismissals, providing an opportunity for him to greet nearly every student in the building.

“When Jo approached Lincoln Investment advisors about wanting to find a meaningful way to contribute to future generations of Abington students through a scholarship fund in her husband’s honor, we knew the Abington Educational Foundation would be the perfect organization to shepherd these generous donations from John’s family, friends and former students and colleagues,” said John Gallagher, Certified Financial Planner at Lincoln Investment.

Gallagher worked with the Engelhardt family to ensure their contributions would have a meaningful and lasting impact, and suggested that The Forst Foundation also make a contribution to the scholarship fund, as they have been longtime supporters of AEF, contributing more than \$10,000 annually. Today’s

gift announcement brings The Forst Foundation's contributions to AEF for the 2021-2022 school year up to \$7,500, with previous donations supporting fundraising events and initiatives.

To learn more about AEF, or to make a tax-deductible donation to the John H. Engelhardt Memorial Scholarship Fund, visit www.aef-pa.org.

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About the Abington Educational Foundation

The Abington Educational Foundation (AEF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides funding to enhance educational experiences and outcomes for the approximately 8,000 students of Abington School District (ASD). Since 1992, AEF has augmented opportunities and initiatives in Abington Schools through grants that support student achievement, innovative programs and STEAM initiatives. For more information, visit www.aef-pa.org.

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