

Celebrating the **IMPACT** of your support



2024-25 IMPACT REPORT

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FOUNDATION MISSION

The Lock Haven University Foundation provides opportunities and financial resources in support of Commonwealth University-Lock Haven's mission to be an inclusive comprehensive university that **prepares its students for personal and professional success** in an increasingly complex global environment.

UNIVERSITY MISSION

Our hardworking **students are at the heart of everything we do**. Commonwealth University leverages the power of Lock Haven, Bloomsburg, and Mansfield to provide **affordable, high-quality education** emphasizing high-impact practices, personal and career connections, and inclusivity **supporting all learners to succeed in our region and beyond**.





An Encouraging Year

\$2,800,477

In new gifts and pledges

\$66,980

Immediate-use support
to The Haven Fund for
student opportunities

\$1,528,367

Dollars raised in support of
scholarships

400+

Scholarships awarded to
Lock Haven students

\$1,203,325

Estate gifts for future
Bald Eagle support

20

Major gifts of \$25,000 or
more, including support from
10 first-time major donors



10th Anniversary of Lock Haven's ALL IN DAY OF GIVING Shatters Records

The Lock Haven University Foundation's 10th anniversary All In Day of Giving on April 10-11, 2025 was one for the record books, with **more than \$273,000 raised and over 1,300 donors rallying together** in a powerful demonstration of Haven pride—surpassing 2024's milestone mark of just over \$253,000 raised, and eclipsing 1,000 donors for the first time in All-In history.

More than 30 matching gift challenges sponsored by donors were unlocked throughout the 24-hour fundraiser, including multiple "POWER HOURS," first-time donor, young-alumni, athletics-specific giving challenges, and more.

Since its inception in 2015, All In has **generated more than \$1.6 million** in support of Lock Haven students. Mark your calendar **for April 16-17, 2026**, and prepare to make next year's All In celebration our best All In yet.

" This year's All In was more than a fundraiser - it was a movement. From the very first hour to the final minute, our supporters gave boldly to ensure Lock Haven students have the tools they need to soar."

- Ashley Koser,
LHUF Executive Director

Students Say “THANK YOU” For Your Support



Alyssa Fohl

Major: Communication
Dr. Saundra K. Hybels Scholarship



Samuel Betz

Major: Athletic Training
Dr. Yvette Ingram '92 Scholarship



Mackenzie Boughton

Major: 3+2 Pre Physician Assistant
Jennifer '96 and Philip Riter '89 Scholarship

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Donor generosity means so much to my family and I. My scholarship has given me the chance to pursue my dreams and continue growing as a student, a leader, and as a person. I cannot thank my donors enough.

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This scholarship has helped me tremendously in paying for graduate school and getting me closer to my dream of becoming an athletic trainer. Your support encourages me to work hard. **Thank you for believing in me and supporting my dreams.**

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My scholarship has helped shape my college experience. It allows me to prioritize my education, build lasting friendships, and continue my love for theater. **I am beyond grateful to my donors.** Because of them, I am able to make the most of my time at The Haven.



THE RISE of Lock Haven Wrestling Continues

The momentum of **THE RISE**, Lock Haven Wrestling's **ambitious campaign to raise \$3.5 million by 2028** to endow its nationally renowned men's and women's wrestling programs, continues its ascent—with countless program alumni, passionate fans and proud donors stepping up to provide incredible support to **honor the past; secure the present; and endow the future** of the one and only Mat-Town USA, including:

PAULA "SANDY" BELL

A Champion for Women's Wrestling

Inspired by the story of Lock Haven All-American women's wrestler, Lily Sherer, **Professor Emerita Paula "Sandy" Bell** established the **W. Max Bossert Jr. and Paula F. Bell Women's Wrestling Scholarship**—one of The Haven's first scholarships dedicated solely to women's wrestling. A trailblazer in technology and longtime advocate for students, Bell's gift ensures future generations of women wrestlers have the resources to rise, lead, and succeed.

MIKE NAUMAN '80

An Investment in Shaping Wrestlers' Lives

Former Bald Eagle standout **Mike Nauman '80** credits wrestling and legendary coach Dr. Kenneth Cox for helping shape his life. With a steadfast belief in current head wrestling coach Scott Moore's ability to do the same for current student-athletes, Nauman is ensuring the legacy of Lock Haven wrestling lives on through the endowed **Mike Nauman '80 Men's Wrestling Scholarship**, providing immediate and lasting assistance for Lock Haven wrestlers in support of The Rise campaign.

JIM SCHUSTER '76

A Legacy Secured In Perpetuity

Record-breaking Lock Haven wrestler and Hall of Fame inductee, **Jim Schuster '76**, and his wife Ann Marie established the **James Schuster '76 Wrestling Scholarship** through The Rise campaign. Their transformative gift provides immediate and endowed support to student-athletes who exemplify resilience, discipline, and commitment on and off the mat. Though Jim passed away in May 2025, his legacy continues to empower future generations of Bald Eagle wrestlers.



Honor your past. Empower their future.



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Contact us for information on the long-lasting benefits of empowering CU-Lock Haven students through a planned gift to the Lock Haven University Foundation.

LEARN MORE: LHUFOUNDATION.ORG/PLANNED-GIVING | 570-494-2298

Ralph '64 and Linda Lehman '61: A Legacy of Creative, Purposeful Giving

For more than two decades, Ralph and Linda Lehman demonstrated how thoughtful planning can amplify philanthropic impact at Commonwealth University-Lock Haven. Before Ralph's passing in 2022, the Lehmans established a six-figure life insurance policy naming the LHU Foundation as beneficiary—a planned gift that upon Linda's passing will provide transformational support to the University.

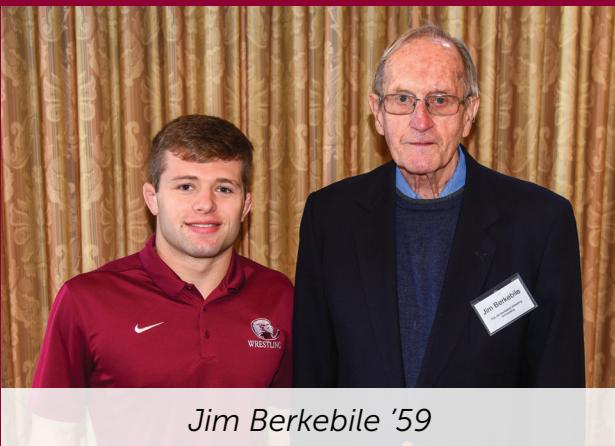


Linda continues to create immediate impact through her annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), which she uses each year to fund the ***Ralph and Linda Lehman Family Scholarship*** for exemplary Jersey Shore High School graduates who continue their education at The Haven. This "in-and-out" scholarship allows her to see the impact of her giving in real time while also avoiding taxable income on her RMD.

Upon Linda's passing, the life insurance proceeds will be directed to strategic priorities within the College of Education, such as brick-and-mortar enhancements, program development, or faculty support. A portion of the Lehmans' estate gift will also be used to endow a men's soccer scholarship, with Linda retaining the option to use her RMD to early activate that scholarship to see its immediate impact.



The Lehmans' 60+ years of love for The Haven illustrates how RMDs, planned gifts, and estate commitments can work together to transform student experiences today and for generations of Bald Eagles to come. To explore similar giving opportunities, contact the LHU Foundation today at 570-484-2298.



Jim Berkebile '59

DONORS INVEST IN

From honoring legacies to empowering tomorrow's leaders,

Support for future science educators from Jim Berkebile '59

For more than three decades, **Jim Berkebile '59** has been a steadfast champion for Lock Haven students. His newest gift—the **Jim Berkebile Science Scholarship**—supports science majors, with preference for future educators. A first-generation graduate and longest tenured LHUF board member, Berkebile's lifetime of giving reflects his belief that *"one candle can light another,"* inspiring others to give back so current and future Bald Eagles can soar.

Booster club support for Gray Eagles & Mat-Town USA from Stan Allen '87



Stan Allen '87

First-generation graduate, former Lock Haven linebacker, and current LHUF vice chair **Stan Allen '87** boldly embodies servant leadership. A firm believer that wrestling and football are two cornerstones of Pennsylvania culture—and vital to the spirit of The Haven—Allen proudly provides major support to **The Gray Eagles Football Booster Club** and **Mat-Town USA**. His message to fellow alumni is simple: *"Whether it's \$100 or \$100,000, we can change lives—together."*

Wife's championship legacy honored by Dan Cruttenden '73



Linda Repp '71 and Dan Cruttenden '73

Linda Repp Cruttenden '71 built her career on breaking barriers, coaching champions, and advocating for women's equality in sports. In honor of her legacy, her husband, **Dan Cruttenden '73**, established the **Linda Repp Cruttenden Scholarship** to support women's basketball student-athletes who demonstrate leadership on and off the court. Through their recent estate commitment, the scholarship will be endowed in perpetuity—ensuring Linda's trailblazing impact will inspire and empower future generations of women at The Haven.

STUDENT SUCCESS

these new scholarships show how donors shape lives at The Haven.

TKE alumni celebrate brotherhood through student support

Despite no longer having a chapter on campus, Tau Kappa Epsilon alumni celebrated their 33rd consecutive reunion on campus by raising more than five figures for the **Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Scholarship**—an endowed athletics scholarship that since 2022 has been awarded to at least three Lock Haven student-athletes annually.

Dr. Karl Hartsock '73, (VMD) Invests in Future Biologists

In celebration of the Lock Haven education that helped launch his career in veterinary medicine, **Dr. Karl Hartsock '73 (VMD)** established the **Karl Hartsock, VMD Scholarship** through a major gift from his Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). This endowed gift includes \$1,000 in immediate-use funds to early activate the scholarship so it can be awarded during the 2025-'26 school year. Dr. Hartsock's generosity will aid admissions in its recruitment of biology majors, while helping future Bald Eagles pursue scientific study and academic success.

Aspiring special educators assisted by "Betsy" Persun Miller '73

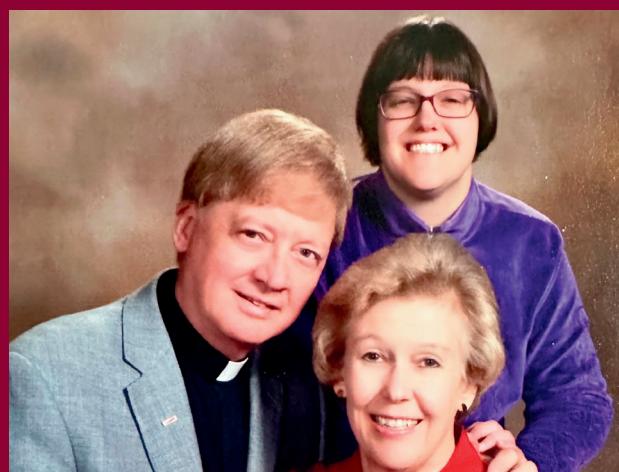
Inspired by her family's personal journey with special education, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Persun Miller '73**, and her husband Rodney, established the **Elizabeth Persun Miller '73, Rodney Miller, and Allison Miller Scholarship** in honor of their daughter, Allison, whose life has been shaped by the dedication of special education teachers and support professionals. The award will support junior and senior students in Lock Haven's Special Education program who have demonstrated financial need.



TKE alumni



Jenny Boyle '25 (Biochemistry)



Rodney, Betsy '73, and Allison Miller



What an extraordinary year of generosity and pride for Lock Haven! Because of you, the Haven spirit is soaring higher than ever. Together, we secured **\$2.8 million in new gifts and pledges**, awarded **more than 400 scholarships**, and witnessed our **10th anniversary All In Day of Giving** shatter records with over **\$273,000 raised from over 1,300 donors**.

Your support is transforming lives every day—opening doors for first-generation students, honoring legacies like **Michael Bobby '83 and Jim Schuster '76**, and powering bold initiatives like **The Rise** of Lock Haven Wrestling. From planned gifts that safeguard the future to gifts of every size that fuel immediate opportunities, **your impact is felt in every classroom, on every field, and in every student's journey.**

On behalf of the LHUF Board of Directors, **thank you for believing in the power of The Haven**. Your generosity ensures that Bald Eagles today—and for generations to come—will have the tools, connections, and confidence to soar.

With gratitude and Haven pride,

Jen Riter '96

Chair, Lock Haven University Foundation Board of Directors

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