Pam Faragher Scholarship Fund

School Endowment

DID YOU KNOW that Community Foundation of Lorain County is the only foundation in the state to manage its county’s school endowment funds?

The Community Foundation manages JVS’s endowment funds, along with 15 other districts’ funds—153 funds with a market value of $16M to support funding for our youth, and distributing over $700K annually.

What do school endowments fund that taxpayer money doesn’t?

Curriculum specialties, educator funding for materials and programming, sports fees, student conferences, theatre productions, and student scholarships, just to name a few.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on school endowment funds or to make a donation to the Pam Faragher Memorial Scholarship Fund, please contact: Community Foundation of Lorain County 440-984-7390 or advancement@peoplewhocare.org

Spotlight

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About the JVS

Established in 1971, the Lorain County JVS is one of the most recognized career-technical facilities in the state of Ohio, offering some of the most exemplary, nationally accredited career development programs in the region for both high school and adult populations in Lorain County and the surrounding communities. Through the many specialized programs offered, high school and adult learners are gaining the technical skills, knowledge, and training necessary to be successful in high-demand careers.

How One Program Captured a Visitor’s Heart

One program in particular, the culinary arts program, caught the attention of Pam Faragher back in 2002 when she began dining at JVS’s Buckeye Room restaurant, an open-to-the-public, student-led restaurant under chief instructor Chef Timothy Michitsch.

“Seniors in Lorain County JVS’s culinary arts program run the restaurant. It gives students “real world” experience in their chosen fields, learning front-of-the-house operations to behind-the-scenes food preparation,” noted Chef Michitsch.

The students, wearing black ties, pictured left to right, are Patrick and Damien (back row) and Christian (front row). These students were amazing hosts and servers, making sure every dish was fully explained. All three students will be attending Lorain County Community College next year.

Staff from Community Foundation of Lorain County had the pleasure of being guests at the restaurant where they were served a special four-course meal.
Over the years, Pam was a beloved patron and friend to the program, organizing activities to help support JVS, and inviting students to dine with her to learn more about the program and the students’ goals and ambitions for a career in culinary arts.

**Creating a Legacy for Future Student Success in Culinary Arts**

Sadly, in 2017, Pam Faragher passed away from health issues, but her legacy continues to live on with an endowment fund scholarship in her name specifically for the culinary academy. Her family worked with JVS and the Community Foundation of Lorain County to establish a scholarship for financial assistance towards the post-secondary education of a graduating JVS culinary, baking and pastry, or hospitality senior. These scholarship funds are endowed funds held at the Community Foundation of Lorain County. Contributions to the endowed fund are invested to grow for the future. A percentage of the investment earnings will support this scholarship every year and have a lasting impact on our community . . . forever.

And with JVS graduates going on to work at some of the most renowned restaurants locally and nationally, such as Dante, Greenhouse Tavern, and Urban Farmer in Cleveland, Ai Fiori in NYC, and Bourbons Bistro in Louisville, KY—JVS graduates are prepared to do amazing things in the culinary world. They all got their start right here in Lorain County, and with the scholarship’s help, future students can receive the financial support necessary to take the next step in their education.

**Buckeye Room Experience**

Interested in going to JVS for lunch to check it out for yourself? The Buckeye Room is open for lunch—by reservation only—on scheduled Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling (440) 774-1051, Ext. 22400.

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**IN THE NEWS**

**Culinary Delights and a Continued Legacy Celebrated**

Chef Timothy Michitsch from the JVS culinary arts program shared details about the upcoming 3rd Annual Pam Faragher Fundraising Dinner taking place on Saturday, March 23, at The Hotel at Oberlin, where an elegant, seven-course dinner will be prepared and donated by Lorain County’s JVS alumni.

“Forty JVS alumni throughout the U.S. are flying back to Lorain County to prepare and serve an elegant dinner with proceeds going towards JVS culinary arts student scholarships through the Pam Faragher Scholarship endowment fund,” commented Chef Michitsch.

While the event is already sold out, residents of Lorain County can dine at JVS’s Buckeye Room for lunch—by reservation only—on scheduled Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., and be served by students under Chef Michitsch.

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