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## FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW SCHOLARSHIP

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation has established a new scholarship fund, the Roger Pedigo Memorial Scholarship Fund. This scholarship will benefit selected high school seniors from Athens, Hocking, Fairfield, Franklin and Vinton counties who are furthering their education by attending Ohio University.

The fund's purpose is to provide financial assistance to students who maintain good academic standards, exhibit leadership skills and have a history of active participation in community services. Special consideration will be given to applicants whose families will exhibit financial hardship through the funding of their child's higher education.

This scholarship is named for retired PGA pro Roger Pedigo (1930-2011), a fierce competitor and lettered athlete in multiple sports throughout high school. He began his career in golf as a high school sophomore and won many awards including Mid-American Amateur Inter-Collegiate Champion, Tri-State Collegiate Champion and Amateur Champion in the Rubber City Open Golf Tournament. As a PGA pro, he won the 1956 Long Island Open.

Pedigo has worked with Arnold Palmer and as a successful teaching pro under Dow Finsterwald. He was inducted into both the Athens High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Ohio University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. He retired from professional golf and served the Athens community through his work and volunteer services. He was also an honorary lifetime member of the Athens Country Club, Athens, Ohio.

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### *About the Fairfield County Foundation:*

*The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that along with its supporters, helps to sustain and enhance the quality of life and economic viability in our community. Its scholarship program helps to sustain opportunities for local youth to achieve their academic goals. The Foundation was formed in 1989 and grants today continue to support the arts, children's programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics, and more. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org).*