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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES PEDIGO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation has announced the 2012-2013 scholarship recipients for the Roger Pedigo Memorial Scholarship. Last year, the Foundation provided $775,518 in scholarships to 348 area students.

The Roger Pedigo Memorial Scholarship Fund, newly established in 2012, benefits selected high school seniors from Athens, Hocking, Vinton, Fairfield and Franklin counties who are furthering their education by attending Ohio University. Recipients must have maintained a high school grade point average of 3.0 or above, and must possess leadership skills and have participated in community service work.

The first inaugural recipients of this scholarship are Jennifer Brooks of Vinton County High School in McArthur, Ohio, who will attend Ohio University to study nursing; and Winter Bush of Amanda Clearcreek High School, who will attend Ohio University Lancaster to study early childhood education.

*The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that, along with its supporters, helps to 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. The Foundation is a recipient of the National Standards Seal, indicating official confirmation from the Council on Foundations that it has met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy and affirming the Foundation’s commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit* [*www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org*](https://ch1prd0102.outlook.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=4v7yUAy5FUuak2R8t5cQoSSDaTxlps4IfF4dm2477ucggFU36ntN56Z_ZYPNNgrMGr5Zl5HRweg.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org)*.*

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