

MONROE 2-ORLEANS
Educational Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT

2021



Working to
Make All
the Difference
for students

The Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation

supports students who have taken a non-traditional path through their K-12 schooling and who plan to continue on to college or pursue career training.

What does this mean?

Some students are best served by non-traditional or alternative educational programs, such as special education, career and technical education and high school equivalency or Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC™). These programs have offered unique supports for students in meeting requirements for graduation. There are not many scholarship opportunities for students graduating from such programs. The Foundation exists to support these students by providing financial assistance for tuition, continued specialized support and appropriate educational supplies.

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Make All the
Difference Scholarship

What does the Foundation do?

Created in 2002, the Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides funding for:

- Scholarships up to \$5,000 to help students in alternative programs pursue college or career/technical schooling
- Monetary awards of up to \$500 to support apprenticeships or related career training
- Research and development to improve educational opportunities and practices for students

The Foundation's fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

We work with, but are independent of, the Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES.

The Monroe 2-Orleans Educational Foundation is overseen by a volunteer board of trustees. No officer or trustee receives any form of compensation.

The Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation serves students in nine school districts in Western Monroe and Eastern Orleans Counties.



Dear Friend and Supporter,

It is a pleasure to introduce our 2021 Annual Report for the Monroe-2-Orleans Educational Foundation. We are so proud to report another very successful year supported by a generous community undaunted by the challenges of this second year of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Joseph Kelly
President

Our Foundation awarded 16 \$5,000 Make All the Difference Scholarships and one \$500 Award for a total of \$80,500! Our Scholarship Review Committee members spent many hours reviewing highly competitive applications and I thank them for their outstanding dedication. In the following pages, you will see a sampling of our impressive student recipients, vividly demonstrating how deserving they are and the important role of our Foundation in supporting their future educational endeavors.

Our fundraising efforts reached a new pinnacle of community support and generosity. For the first time, we added three new sponsors to the \$5,000+ Platinum Level of giving reaching a new sponsorship record of \$66,300, a remarkable 35% increase over 2020! A special thank you to Gallagher Benefit Services, SPX Flow and Rochester West Central Kiwanis for joining Aramark as our top sponsors. Our Celebration Auction combined with our Friends of the Foundation donations contributed \$10,944 in additional funds. Thank you to all who have made these important financial contributions in addition to donating high quality auction items.

We were so pleased to bring our student scholarship recipients and community members together on site for our Make All the Difference Scholarship Reception held on June 3, 2021. Our students were individually introduced and recognized among family members, school district leadership, our scholarship sponsors and Foundation Board members. It was a very spirited evening and energized our Foundation Board and community in planning for the future.

Just a quick "plug" here to encourage your attention to our fundraising pages on the back of this brochure. Please note the variety of giving options to include a new "QR" code for your convenience. These donations go directly to scholarship funding and associated student outreach activities. This is our only public appeal for funding prior to our 2022 Celebration in November so your consideration is much appreciated!

A special thank you to our hardworking and dedicated Foundation Board members whose creativity and perseverance have led to incredible successes against the backdrop of this unprecedented pandemic. Thank you again to you our funders and supporters who "dug deep" while facing your own personal and business challenges. All these collective efforts have once again given these wonderful students much needed support in meeting their exciting goals and dreams.

Please enjoy reading the pages ahead, stay well and the best for a happy and prosperous 2022!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Joseph A. Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joe Kelly
Board President

Meet Some of our **2021** **SCHOLARSHIP** Recipients

The following pages contain excerpts from scholarship recipients' essays submitted with their applications for the Make All the Difference Scholarships.

ANTONIO C. BROCKPORT

The Carpentry program and more importantly Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Canfield have had a huge impact on my life being a student in their class. Prior to coming to WEMOCO I thought that we would be learning the basics of Carpentry, how to build a house and use tools. Not only have we learned these things, we have been given lessons on life and how to go out in the world to be a successful person. I have become interested in business, stocks and government all though the conversations and lessons we've have in class. My teachers taught me the value of hard work and helped me to identify that I am a hands-on learner. Having the skill set to build a house before graduating high school has allowed me to see my potential in the trades and the value of my hard work. Coming to WEMOCO gave me the opportunity to meet people and build relationships that I wouldn't have had the opportunity otherwise. The mentorship I received from my teachers helped me grow into a better, more responsible young adult. I am ready to move on to college and beyond with confidence in myself and the skills I have learned at WEMOCO.



FELICIA L. SPENCERPORT

Enrolling in the dental assisting program at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES has made a significant difference in my life so far. This program has given me the opportunity to get a feel for the true workload of a dental assistant working in a dental office. Prior to this program I have always known that I wanted to have a career in the dental field but I wasn't sure on certain careers in the field. By attending internships everyday this year at different dental offices and seeing more in depth of what is required or needed, I have a better understanding of what I like and don't like. I have found that I enjoy assisting chairside along with the dentist and seeing a variety of procedures each workday. When assisting with the dentist, I have also found that I very much enjoy dental surgery. By taking this program it has helped me find a path in dentistry that I want to take farther into my life. This has shown me how much I actually enjoy it and make a career out of something I love.



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JEYSMERIE A. GATES CHILI

My participation in the Certified Nurse Assisting program has prepared me for the future. In November, I had just turned 16 years old, and I was looking for jobs, but for some reason those didn't seem to fit me. A nursing home in Greece was hiring and I immediately wanted to apply. At that time in class, we were also writing a resume which was perfect because I was able to use it for my job application. My professionalism



kicked in the minute I walked in my interview. I answered all the questions thoroughly along with having great posture and got hired on the spot. Till this day, I'm very grateful to have amazing teachers that only want the best for my classmates and me. By the time it was January, my class and I were prepared to deal with real residents. Clinical was the best learning experience I've ever had. I learned so much in four months. Everything that my teachers taught me, was put to use in clinical. We dealt with some challenging situations at times, but we got through them as a team. The CNA program has also prepared me for when I graduate college as an RN (to start off). I feel confident enough to work in an emergency room and socialize with more people. I would highly recommend this program to anyone who wants to see personal growth, expand their knowledge in nursing, or see what different careers they would like to join.

CELINA M. GREECE

Participating in the Certified Nurse Assisting program has made a significant difference in my life. It has pulled me out of my comfort zone of working with and talking to new people that I don't know. I have always been a shy person who didn't like talking to other people or working with people that I've never met before. I had to work with new people in the classroom and at clinical.



I have grown as a person from being a part of this class. My view on responsibility and its importance has been widened because of the class. Responsibility is a very important skill to possess in life. I've become more responsible with doing my work, learning skills in lab, and being able to perform the skills correctly for clinical along with the state exam. As a nurse, I will be responsible for another person's life, making sure they get the correct, proper care they deserve, and that they are safe. I have learned how important being responsible is within the medical field. This program has offered me the chance to get insight on working in the medical field that most students don't get until college unless they join a program like this.

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ANTHONY G. HILTON

At WEMOCO, we discuss real life work situations. This has helped me prepare for my future. I have obtained the foundational skills of Culinary Arts, and these skills are going to help me with my future career. Due to my success in the Culinary program, I have been researching adult programs in additional trade areas which will be beneficial both personally and professionally for my future and would benefit me in the long run so that I can keep my business repairs without hiring someone else.



At WEMOCO, we are also taught many important lessons that not just apply to the kitchen but also apply to the real world, especially when you have a teacher that has lived through the Culinary field/career. When your teacher knows the industry, it is very beneficial to me because one day want to own my own food truck and my teacher has given me lot of great advice about running a kitchen, from the cooking side, to scheduling, hiring, labor cost/financial point. And we are doing it every day. The main lesson I learned at WEMOCO that will carry on for my future is to stay calm and get your "mise-en-place" ready. Which is a fancy term for having everything prepped, organized, and ready to go before you start.

ERIN K. CHURCHVILLE-CHILI

The Criminal Justice program at WEMOCO has prepared me for my future better than any class I could have taken at my high school. This program has built up my confidence in myself. I now know how to express my opinion on different topics professionally, and this will help me now and also in the future. In class we discuss controversial things and being in this atmosphere, having to fight for my opinion has taught me that not everyone will think you are right but that doesn't mean you stop fighting or that you're wrong. As a woman going into the field it can be nerve wracking, but being in this class of mostly boys I have learned how to carry myself in this atmosphere and this makes me feel more confident to go into the field.



I have stayed very dedicated to my schoolwork the entire time I've been in school. I keep a very organized schedule, even though I have a busy life outside of school. I make sure I have enough time to complete work and study. This pandemic has taught me that I am more of a hands-on learner, so I have taken time to handwrite notes for the online lessons whenever possible. I often spend more time on my work than my peers because of this.

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or call (585) 349-9009.*

2021 CELEBRATION

Gathering In Person

The Monroe 2-Orleans Educational Foundation Celebration was back in person on November 13, 2021. The event in 2020 was converted into a virtual auction due to the pandemic. The 2021 event raised a record-breaking amount to support Make All the Difference Scholarships for for students. The Foundation also saluted a record number of sponsors for their support of students.

Student speakers Brenna Reis (Brockport) and Sydney Gonzales (Churchville-Chili) presented inspiring stories about how the scholarships they received helped them further their educational and career aspirations.



Monroe 2-Orleans District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci, student speakers Brenna Reis and Sydney Gonzales, and Educational Foundation Board President Joe Kelly gathered for a photo at the Celebration.



Educational Foundation Celebration attendees browsed and bid among the dozens of silent auctions items on display at the event.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2022 CELEBRATION!

The Monroe 2-Orleans Educational Foundation Celebration will be held Saturday, November 19, 2022 at Ridgemont Country Club.

More information coming later this summer at www.MakeAllTheDifference.com

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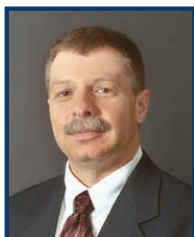
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Many Paths TO GIVING

The Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Gifts to the Foundation are tax deductible. There are many ways to positively impact our students by donating to the Foundation:

Bequests, Life Insurance, Retirement Plans

These options allow donors to make gifts using assets upon their death. Bequests allow you to designate a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or all of what remains after you consider others. Bequests will allow you to reduce estate taxes. The Foundation may also be named as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, or be given a retirement plan principal or income.

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You may be able to double or triple your gift if you work at or are retired from a company that has a matching gifts program. Please contact your employer's human resources office for forms and information.

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for your support

Many Paths TO GIVING

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Gifts can be made via credit card by calling

(585) 349-9009 or on the Foundation website at:

www.makealldifference.org

A donation or event sponsorship of \$2,500 entitles the donor the opportunity to name a scholarship awarded to one of our students.

The Monroe 2–Orleans Educational Foundation is proud to partner with the Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF). RACF manages the Educational Foundation's assets, provides support services, and raises the Foundation's stature in the regional philanthropic community.

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