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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES CHAD WELCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation has announced the 2013-2014 scholarship recipient for the Chad Welch Memorial Scholarship. This year, the Foundation will provide approximately $618,720 in scholarships to 356 area students.

This fund was established in loving memory of Chad Eric Welch, who died in a tragic automobile accident on his way home from school during his senior year on February 4, 1998. The purpose of this fund is to provide for a scholarship that will make a lasting and significant contribution to certain students graduating from Liberty Union High School and who are members of the Liberty Union High School Athletic Program.

This year, the Chad Welch Memorial Scholarship recipient is Leanna Bachman who will attend Ohio University for Marketing.

*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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