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## FIRST CLASS OF BAUGHMAN SCHOLARS GET READY TO GRADUATE

GREENVILLE, Pa. (April 11, 2018) — This spring marks a momentous occasion, as it will see the inaugural class of Baughman Scholars graduate from Thiel College.

For the past four years, the David E. Baughman Scholarship has granted financial support to students who have graduated from Jamestown, Greenville, Commodore Perry or Reynolds high schools and have been accepted into a four-year program at Thiel College.

Each year, the Baughman Foundation Scholarship Committee at Thiel awards guaranteed four-year scholarships. Nine of the 35 current Baughman Scholars will be graduating this May and are the first class of students to have received the support from the Baughman Scholarship.

"The Baughman Scholarship not only allowed me to join a community that values knowledge but more so, it enabled me to recognize my interests and worth as an individual," said Jacob Morgan, junior at Thiel College and a current Baughman scholar. "Being a four-year recipient has showed me the powerful results of communal giving. In receiving benefits from a generous benefactor, it has propelled me to devote much effort and focus in finding ways that I can give back to others."

The Baughman Scholarship is part of an endowment Mr. Baughman established within the Northern Mercer County Community Foundation in order to provide continual support to organizations and charities that Mr. Baughman held close to his heart.

"Mr. David Baughman was a true benefactor to the community of Greenville. His philanthropic support of students from Greenville, Jamestown, Reynolds and Commodore Perry School Districts provides opportunities to attend Thiel College and receive their degree at a local, liberal arts college," said Mario Marini, who is the Director of Special and Planned Giving at Thiel College and a Northern Mercer County Community Foundation board member.

Since 2014, the Baughman Foundation has made over \$948,000 available to students attending Thiel College and will continue to honor David E. Baughman's legacy by supporting additional students in perpetuity.

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Founded in 1981, the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH is comprised of 6 affiliate foundations: the Lawrence Community Foundation, the Grove City Foundation, the Northern Mercer County Community Foundation, the Trumbull County Community Foundation, the Shenango Valley Foundation, and the Northern Trumbull County Community Foundation. As a whole, funds within the Community Foundation have granted out more than \$70 million throughout the organization's history.