

HERITAGE

Our students are saying...

"I am extremely grateful to receive the J. Karl Lehman International Scholarship and even more thankful to the Lehman family for entrusting me with this scholarship."



The Samuel and Clara Lehman family: *Front row, left to right: Jim, Jane, Dolores, Gary. Middle row: Claramae, Clara, Sam, Ilene, Bernice. Back row: Ken, Walt, Curt, Ralph, Lyle.*

Lehman family supports further education with scholarships

JIM LEHMAN'S FAMILY knows the benefits of further education. Encouraged by parents who were unable to go to college, Jim and all his 11 siblings pursued opportunities in higher education. With their family's scholarships, they help students today to have those same opportunities.

Ten of Samuel and Clara Lehman's children "spent parts of their advanced education at Goshen College," said Jim Lehman, a retired educator who now lives in Goshen. Four of his siblings graduated from Goshen College. Jim attended for one year in 1953, before transferring to Bethel College in Kansas.

The Lehman family lived in upstate New York, where Samuel was from while Clara was from Canada. Samuel and Clara Lehman did not attend school past elementary because of the Great Depression and needing to help on the farm, Jim said.

Jim's parents were "always very interested in education, very much in favor of us going on to higher education," he said.

The Lehmans' church did not encourage further education though. "It was an isolated community and there just

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wasn't much interest in or focus on higher education," Jim said. His father did not want his children to go to a secular school, so the oldest sibling went to Goshen College, which shared their family's Mennonite background and made it a logical place to come, Jim said.

SAMUEL AND CLARA LEHMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Lehman family's first scholarship was the Samuel and Clara Lehman Scholarship, established by family

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members in 1979 for students studying of social services, teaching or ministry. Bernice and Dewey Hostetler, who owned a small manufacturing plant in Harper, Kansas, led the effort to form the first scholarship in honor of the



Jane M. Lehman

Lehman parents. The scholarship has been awarded to 29 students since 2007.

"I'm sure they would've been very happy about it and in favor of it," Jim said.

J. KARL LEHMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

The second scholarship, the J. Karl Lehman International Scholarship, was established in 2015 by family members for international students and three students have been awarded it so far.

Karl Lehman, Jim Lehman's son, attended one year at Goshen College before transferring to Earlham College. Karl graduated high school from the Woodstock School in India, where his father worked as an administrator and which has strong connections to GC.

A local chapter of Woodstock grads or former staff often have 50 or more members at the reunions.

"It's a big group of people who have been impacted by Woodstock and their time in India," said Dan Koop Liechty, Goshen College director of alumni engagement and international student advisor.

Karl later served with the Carl Duisberg Society in Germany, splitting his time between an internship at Volkswagen and attending sessions of parliament. He also lived with a member of parliament to learn about German business and government, Lehman said. Professionally, Karl worked as an executive at the German airline Lufthansa. He passed away in 2015.

JANE M. LEHMAN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The newest scholarship is the Jane M. Lehman Elementary Education Scholarship, established in 2020. The scholarship was funded by Jane M. Lehman to benefit future elementary education majors at Goshen College.

After graduating from Goshen in 1954, Jane Lehman returned to New York and taught in the Lowville system for 38 years.

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"It is definitely hard for international students to pursue an education in the United States and scholarships like these are a blessing for us," said Abhishek Bhandari, a senior accounting major from Mussoorie, India, and a current recipient of the J. Karl Lehman International Scholarship. ●

— PATRICK WEBB '21

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CONNECT GOSHEN DAY

A day of giving

413 DONORS

\$144,430 DONATIONS

Thank you for fostering hope with your gifts!

On Tuesday, April 13, 2021, our Alumni Council hosted Connect Goshen Day, a day of giving, as a way to celebrate the strong bonds that shape us at Goshen College.

In this pandemic year, it has become clearer than ever that being a hope-filled community that connects the mind, body, heart and soul is one of our greatest strengths in the face of adversity. We have also been reminded over and over again how much we need each other.

This is where everything connects, and we value your many contributions towards that! With your help, we were able to raise \$144,430 during Connect Goshen Day to support GC students during this difficult year. Visit goshen.edu/GCconnects to learn more.

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THEN & NOW



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In the 1950s, Goshen College hosted intramural "minor sports," including track and field events, with an annual all-school track meet in May. After beginning intercollegiate competition around 1960, GC joined the Mid-Central College Conference in 1970-71. In Spring 2021, eight Maple Leaf track and field athletes made it to the NAIA national championships, with two All-Americans in **Jacob Gerber**, who placed third in the hammer throw, and **Simon Graber Miller**, who placed fifth in the high jump.

Left: A first-year student practices his high jump in 1960.

Below: **Simon Graber Miller**, a senior from Goshen, currently holds the high jump school record of 6 ft. 9 ¾ in.



2021

Emerging from the pandemic successfully



AS THE UNITED STATES, Canada and the world emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and economic activity picks back up, it's sure to be a bumpy ride. Commodities like agricultural products, lumber and other building materials are in short supply, as are manufactured products like appliances. Housing costs have increased dramatically in some parts of North America and many companies are almost desperate to hire workers, leading to higher wage demands. The economy will recover in fits and starts with some setbacks surely to occur.

What does all of this mean for companies and organizations in the coming months and years? Of course, no one knows for sure. At higher education

institutions like Goshen College, challenges abound and GC could even face some strong headwinds as it moves into the future. Yet we remain very optimistic.

Under President Becky Stoltzfus' leadership, we have engaged in extensive strategic planning that will set the college up to not only survive, but thrive, as we move through the 21st century. Staying focused on our mission, planning carefully to allocate resources wisely and making sure we are meeting market demands are all key to success and growth.

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