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PRESS RELEASE

"Embrace the Possibilities"

Sweitzer "Haven to Haven" Scholarship Established

September 20, 2015 - The Lock Haven University Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Sweitzer "Haven to Haven" Scholarship to benefit freshmen students entering Lock Haven University as a student and member of the LHU band program. Eligible students must be graduates of the Strath Haven High School.

The scholarship fund has been established by Thomas 'Doc' Sweitzer and his wife, Tam Heckel. Doc grew up in Clinton County and has since contributed tremendously to Lock Haven University and the Lock Haven community. He has served on the Council of Trustees for Lock Haven University, the PASSHE Board of Governors, and is currently serving on the Lock Haven University Foundation Board. Sweitzer has supported the community through efforts at the YMCA, Millbrook Playhouse, and the Ross Library. At the May 9, 2015 Lock Haven University commencement ceremony, Sweitzer was awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service.

When asked why he and his wife established this scholarship, Sweitzer replied, "My family has always been involved in marching bands. This scholarship is for my daughter, who was the drum major at Strath Haven High School. The marching band had over 400 students participating in the band, which was one third of the total student population in the high school and twice the size of the PSU Blue Band! These kids got to be part of something and they created friendships through the band." Sweitzer goes on to say, "Bands provide spirit to schools. The marching band at Strath Haven has a special place in my heart so I thought it was only natural to have a scholarship to encourage these students who already know how fun it is to be a part of a marching band to join the spirit of Lock Haven University's marching band. How nice it will be for these kids to go home and explain to their parents that they can play in the band and get a scholarship for it. That is why we established this scholarship."

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide one scholarship to two students who meet the following criteria:

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- 1) Student must be matriculated at Lock Haven University and be a member of the LHU band program.
- 2) Student must have graduated from Strath Haven High School

The selection will be made by Lock Haven University's Provost in consultation with the LHU band director.

Seth Wollam, Lock Haven University's band director, said, "I am incredibly grateful to Doc Sweitzer for his generosity and for opening the door to this new relationship with Strath Haven High School. It's an exciting time to attend Lock Haven University, especially as a member of the band! Originally founded in 1895, the band program at LHU is growing and quickly establishing itself as a centerpiece of musical performance in Clinton County and throughout the region. We look forward to providing these students with even greater performance opportunities as they continue their academic journeys. The establishment of the Sweitzer "Haven to Haven" scholarship will continue to bring quality students who are members of the band program to Lock Haven University."

For more information on the LHU Foundation, or to learn how to contribute to student scholarships, please call (570) 484-2298.

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