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First Citizens Donates \$248,000 to Educational Enrichment Programs across the State

MANSFIELD, PA (January 2019) Benjamin Franklin once said, “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest,” and it is clear First Citizens knows a thing or two about the value of investing. As 2018 ended, the Bank donated funds to forty education-based programs across twelve counties in Pennsylvania. For many years, First Citizens has been a proven advocate for education, donating time, talent and money to help the youth in our communities.

Many of this year’s recipients will use the funds to stimulate innovative programs in the classroom, enriching the lives of young people. BLaST Intermediate Unit 17, an educational service agency that assists school districts in Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan and Tioga Counties received \$115,000. These funds will be distributed among twelve local school districts with a portion going to support the Everfi Online Financial Program, which the bank has sponsored for over seven years.

First Citizens is also one of the largest supporters of Agriculture in the state, and as such, donates funds each year to Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture to support their Mobile Ag Lab, which visits schools teaching children about Agriculture. The Mobile Lab has reached over one million students since it hit the road nine years ago.

The Eastern Lebanon County Foundation (ELCO) was another organization who benefited this year from First Citizens generosity. ELCO is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the education, values, and cultural experience of youth by extending their current educational opportunities through innovative programs. Similarly, The Dutchmen Foundation works to supplement the academic, cultural, and extra-curricular programs of the Annville-Cleona School District; they also received a donation from First Citizens in Lancaster County.

“We’re proud to take a leadership role in advancing education throughout our market; we view it as our fiscal responsibility,” Randall E. Black, CEO and President, said. “Students who are equipped with a solid education and financial literacy have a greater chance to become leaders in the communities where they live.”

Other organizations on the receiving end of the First Citizens education donations included: The Center for Dairy Excellence, Tioga County Foundation, Keystone Elk Country Alliance, Bloomsburg University, Archie's Place, Hempfield Foundation, Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation, Rainbow's End Youth Services, Spanish American Civic Association, Cedar Foundation, Endless Mountain Music Festival, Inc., Manheim Central Foundation for Educational Enrichment, Sexual Assault Resource Center of Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties, Bethany Children's Home, State College Area School District Education Foundation, Columbia Education Foundation, Compass Mark, Inc., Elizabethtown Public Library, Ephrata Public Library, Lancaster Education Foundation, Lancaster Science Factory, Spartan Foundation for Education, Donegal School District Education Foundation, Falcon Foundation, Palmyra Public Library, First Community Foundation, Keystone Central Foundation, Big Impact Group, Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Council, Inc., Schuylkill Chamber Foundation, Inc., Thaddeus Stevens Foundation, PA Breast Cancer Coalition, Discovery Space of Central Pennsylvania, Inc., Penns Valley Education Foundation, Inc., and the Pennsylvania State University Philanthropic Fund.

First Citizens Community Bank is headquartered in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. They currently operate 28 offices throughout Tioga, Bradford, Potter, Clinton, Union, Centre, Lebanon, Lancaster, Schuylkill and Berks counties in Pennsylvania and Allegany County New York. For more information about First Citizens, visit FirstCitizensBank.com, or find them on Facebook.

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