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**JACK SMOUSE ESTATE ESTABLISHES MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**AT ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND**

CUMBERLAND, Md. (Mar. 25, 2019) – Allegany College of Maryland Foundation Board President Dr. Audie Klingler and Executive Director David Jones are honored to announce the creation of several scholarship funds through the generosity of the Jack H. Smouse Scholarship Fund at The Community Foundation of Martin - St. Lucie in Stuart, Florida.

The Foundation was named a remainder beneficiary of a trust established by Smouse in 2011. The Smouse Scholarship Fund provides for an annual disbursement of \$40,000 to ACM to create permanent scholarships in forestry and nursing, and for graduates of Fort Hill, Northern and Southern High Schools to attend ACM.

“Clearly, Jack’s belief in education coupled with his love for the region prompted his decision to plan for such an extraordinary gift,” said Elizabeth Barbella, president and CEO of The Community Foundation of Martin - St. Lucie. “We are grateful to the ACM Foundation for their help in carrying out his last wishes.”

Smouse, who passed away in 2013, was an ardent supporter of the College, especially its Forestry program. He once explained that it was the success stories of ACM’s students and programs that inspired his giving. In his words, it “started out with the land I had given them, but then I added. As I found out about the success of the college students and the programs, I have added to it [again]. As I constructed my will, I have added appreciably to it in favor of Allegany College knowing that my money has been well spent in my lifetime and knowing that it will be spent well after my death.”

“Jack’s giving journey with ACM spanned decades, from his donation of family farmland to create the Smouse Demonstration Forest to this most recent estate gift. Coming from a family with deep history in both Allegany and Garrett Counties, it’s especially moving that Jack planned for regional high school graduates to receive these generous scholarships,” said Jones.

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The Jack H. Smouse Scholarship Fund will generate revenue each spring to fund, in perpetuity, the Jack H. Smouse Nursing Scholarship, the Jack and Dorothy Smouse Forestry Scholarship, the Jack and Dorothy Smouse Fort Hill High School Vocational Scholarship, the Jack H. Smouse Northern High School Scholarship and the Jack H. Smouse Southern High School Scholarship funds at ACM.

Jones anticipates awarding approximately 25 to 40 Smouse scholarships annually to prospective and current ACM students – a number which adds substantially to Foundation’s more than 300 available scholarships. At a minimum, annual individual scholarships will be \$1,000.

The Smouse Forestry and Nursing scholarships are open to all ACM students. Scholarships for Fort Hill, Northern and Southern High School are specific to high school alumni pursuing an education in nursing and/or working with the aged and/or disabled individuals. The first awards will be presented to eligible recipients for the fall 2019 semester.

Smouse was the last direct descendent of the Smouse family that settled in the Cumberland area in the late 1700s. A 1940 graduate of Fort Hill High School, he was a Navy veteran and graduate of Western Kentucky University and Pennsylvania State University. He enjoyed a long career in education, teaching at secondary and post-secondary schools before transitioning into school administration. Smouse retired in 1979 from his position as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Martin County Florida School System. He was heavily involved in community activities. His first wife, Dorothy (Weaver) Smouse, passed away in 2002 in Grantsville. His second wife, Miraim (Loos) Smouse passed away five years after his death in 2018 in Port St. Lucie.

Smouse was a member of the ACM Foundation’s New Horizons Society, a group established to recognize individuals who select to remember the Foundation through any number of planned giving vehicles.

[The Community Foundation of Martin – St. Lucie](#), established in 1988, inspires philanthropists to establish funds to improve lives and enrich communities in Martin and St. Lucie County and around the globe.

Established in 1982 as the fundraising arm of the College, the [Allegany College of Maryland Foundation](#), provides funding for student scholarships, special programs and projects. For information about applying for one or more of the Smouse scholarships, visit [allegany.edu/scholarships](http://allegany.edu/scholarships) or contact Sandi Foreman at 301-784-5200 or [sforeman@allegany.edu](mailto:sforeman@allegany.edu).



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