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**The John and Helen Villaume Foundation Establishes  
Geisinger Medical School Scholarship**

Honesdale, PA - On January 23, 2019, members of the Board of The John and Helen Villaume Foundation presented Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine with a scholarship for a medical school student whose home residence is Wayne County. The purpose of the “John and Helen Villaume Foundation Scholarship” is to support a medical student who has demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career as a physician in Wayne County upon graduation. It is the Board’s hope that by providing this financial incentive, the area can increase the number of physicians practicing locally. The \$40,000 award is based upon the student’s academic achievements, need and the recommendation of the Geisinger Commonwealth’s Scholarship Committee recommendation. Those eligible will be a third and/or fourth year student.

The John and Helen Villaume Foundation, established by Honesdale natives John and Helen Villaume, was created to benefit charitable, religious,

scientific, literary and educational programs within Wayne County. Since its inception, the Foundation has made awards totaling over \$1,500,000.00 with Wayne Bank managing the account in the Wealth Management and Trust Services Division of Wayne Bank.

Additional information about the Foundation and grant applications may be obtained from: The John and Helen Villaume Foundation, c/o Wayne Bank Wealth Management and Trust Services Division, 717 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431, or by phone: 570-253-8507 or email: [Trust@WayneBank.com](mailto:Trust@WayneBank.com)

**PHOTO CAPTION-LEFT TO RIGHT:** Jane Kanyock, Geisinger Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations; Marise Garofalo, Geisinger Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Stephanie Tilberry, Geisinger Medical Student; Dipam Shah, Geisinger Medical Student; Paul Edwards, Villaume Foundation Board Member; Dr. Paula Bennett, Villaume Foundation Board Member ; Rev. William Samford, Villaume Foundation Board Member; and Jon Villaume, Villaume Foundation Board Member.

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