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## **Mackenzie E. Riley Memorial Scholarship Fund Established at Community Foundation**

Danville, PA – The Mackenzie E. Riley Memorial Scholarship Fund was recently established under the Danville Area Community Foundation (DACF), an affiliate of Central Susquehanna Community Foundation, to forever honor Mackenzie’s memory.

Mackenzie was a senior at Danville High School and a statistician for girl’s soccer and lacrosse and also helped with the boys’ basketball team. She played soccer for many local teams. She enjoyed school especially math and science classes, liked to draw, go to the movies and loved to attend Danville sporting events. After her graduation from Danville High School, she planned on attending Susquehanna University to pursue a career as an orthopedic surgeon. At the age of 17, Mackenzie passed away peacefully at her home after a long battle with cancer on October 27, 2015.

This fund will support one or more annual scholarships for graduates from Danville or Shikellamy High School who have participated in athletics and will be attending a two- or four-year institution of higher education. Special consideration will be given to a student(s) who is an all-around intense and loyal team leader with natural athletic intuition, who conducts themselves in a selfless manner while displaying a confident, positive, respectful and encouraging demeanor. This smart and creative individual puts the team’s success above his/her own and can be deemed a versatile player not defined by one position or role on a team.

“This scholarship is one way we can carry on Mackenzie’s memory and benefit young people, like Mackenzie, by supporting their education. Athletics and academics played an important part in her life and she strived to be the best at both,” noted Mackenzie’s mom, Alison Young, who established this Fund.

To support this Fund, contributions can be mailed to the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation, Attn: DACF Riley Fund, 725 W. Front St., Berwick, PA 18603. To donate online, go to [www.csgiving.org](http://www.csgiving.org) and click on “Donate”, scroll down to Danville Area Community Foundation scholarship funds and select the Mackenzie E. Riley Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Danville Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation which manages more than 200 charitable funds and makes grant investments throughout the region to improve the quality of life in the Central Susquehanna area. For more information, visit [www.cs giving.org](http://www.cs giving.org), or call the Foundation at 1-866-454-6692.

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