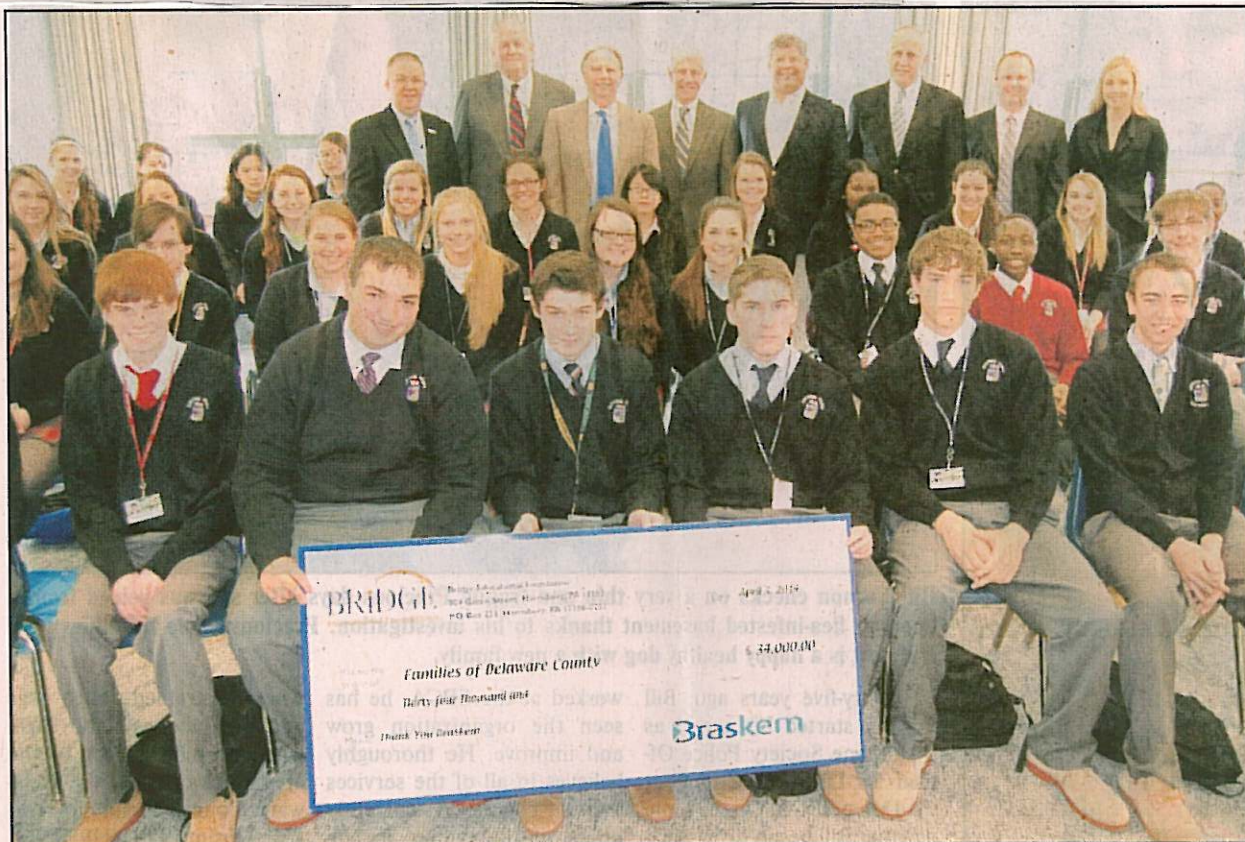




EDUCATION



Braskem provides tuition assistance to O'Hara students



Above, Cardinal O'Hara High School students, legislators, and school officials are pictured last week with the \$34,000 scholarship donation generously given by Braskem through the Pennsylvania Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program. For more information, visit www.bridgeedu.org/.

Braskem showed their commitment to providing educational opportunities to Pennsylvania families at a check presentation event hosted by Cardinal O'Hara High School last week. Braskem is a participant in Pennsylvania's new Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) Program.

The OSTC Program was created in 2012 to help families in the lowest performing public school districts gain tuition scholarships to attend a different school. Braskem is one of the first companies to partner with Bridge Educational Foundation to help families with OSTC scholarships. The scholarships will help families attending Cardinal O'Hara in the 2014-2015 school year.

Also attending the event to show their support for Pennsylvania's Educational Tax Credit Programs were Sen. Dominic Pileggi, Sen. Ted Erickson and Rep. Bill Adolph. Cardinal O'Hara students, Board Members and parents attended the event to thank Jeremy Glisson of Braskem for their tuition assistance and to thank the local legislators for their support of the scholarship programs.

Pete Gleason, Chairman of the Bridge Educational Foundation, noted, "Bridge Educational Foundation has partnered with Braskem to provide educational opportunities to families in Delaware County. Their early and active participation in Pennsylvania's OSTC program shows the value Braskem places on a well-educated Pennsylvania and future work force."

"Braskem America is ex-

cited we are able to help students at Cardinal O'Hara High School through the Bridge Educational Foundation. At Braskem, we believe our team members and local communities are a top priority. In order for society to continue to grow and flourish, it is important to give back to those who need it most. We are confident that our gift will help tomorrow's leaders achieve their potential," said Glisson, Marcus Hook Site Leader.

"For many years, we have seen the dramatic impact of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit," said Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi (R-9). "The new Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit program is an exciting expansion of the concept - and one that will assist thousands more children in reaching their academic potential. I'm proud to support this program and thrilled to see it starting to have an impact in our state."

Gleason concluded the program, "Bridge Educational Foundation serves as the bridge between community minded businesses like Braskem and Pennsylvania families. We are pleased to be a part of one of the most innovative and successful education programs in the county. Our partnerships with forward-thinking corporations make it possible to help thousands of families each year with tuition aid."

The scholarship donations are part of the Pennsylvania Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program. The Program allows companies to earn up to a \$400,000 tax credit an-

nually for providing tuition scholarships to families residing within Pennsylvania's lowest performing public school districts.

For information on how to request scholarship funding, visit www.bridgeedu.org and click on the scholarship tab.