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The Bucket List: A Way to Look Forward and Back

The 2018-2019 school year was another successful one for the A+ Foundation. As a Foundation, we're grateful to have an endowment that has nearly doubled in the past six years to over \$1.2 million. These funds will continue to assist A+ in supporting its mission of promoting educational, cultural, and charitable programs for the students of School District 129.

A+ has created a 'bucket-list' of sorts that will allow us to look at what we've done, assess if we are using our resources to the best advantage of the students in District 129, and challenge ourselves to make A+ better...better at raising funds...better at serving our students and staff...better at providing the right kind of support to the West Aurora School District.

Our 'bucket list' includes A+ working at being more streamlined in its programs, reevaluating and reorganizing procedures that may hinder the bottom line. It is also on the A+ 'list' to narrow our scope and focus on the areas that can drive the most revenue for A+ while still providing funding for programs that most benefit the students, staff, and community. While we are very pleased with the past and the impact A+ has made on thousands of students, it's important, however, to create our list and look forward and strive to get better. We need to build on our strengths and seek new revenue streams that can enhance our mission.

A+ will do this through the continued support of our community, alumni and supporters, like you. We invite you to continue your participation in helping us complete our bucket list...continue in your generosity to the students and staff of 129...continue in your support of the Red & Blue initiatives...continue to remember us in your bucket list. We welcome your ideas, your time and your continued support.

Please visit us at www.aplusfoundation.sd129.org to check out our Fund A Need grant programs, to see information on upcoming events including our new Distinguished Hall of Honor recipients, to donate your time, talent, or money to the students and staff of West Aurora, or to look for information on alumni reunions. Thank you for being a part of the thriving community which is District 129. **A+ is so proud to be working for you.**



2019 Honorees

(left to right):

Dr. Timothy Fisher,
Raphael (Rafie) Podolsky,
Ingrid Roney,
Chief Kristen Ziman,
Dr. Julie Ann Cassidy,
The Honorable Eric
Whitaker and
Dr. William Farrar

As you get older, you will discover you have two hands—one for helping yourself—one for helping others.—AUDREY HEPBURN

OUR MISSION

The A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools supports and promotes educational, cultural and charitable programs for the students and alumni of School District 129. Our foundation provides this support through grants, programs and scholarships to enhance lifelong learning opportunities for their recipients.



West Aurora High School Alumni Scholarship recipient: **Kayla Hardersen** will be attending New York University studying Journalism.



The Harkness Scholarship recipient: **Ryan Vanderway** will be attending Aurora University studying Math.



The Smith School Scholarship recipient: **Daniela Ramirez** will be attending University of California, Santa Barbara studying Engineering.



The Dorsey Scholarship Recipients: **Zachary Jacobsen** will be attending and playing football for Truman State. **Payton Lundberg** will be attending and playing softball for DePaul University.



save the dates:

HALL OF HONOR **APRIL 24-25, 2020**

BANDING TOGETHER **SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

PAST HONOREES

Adam Slaker, '873
 Frank H. McWethy, '01
 Ruth VanSickle Ford, '15
 H. Ashley Barber, '29
 Robert McWethy, '37
 E. Neil Foster '38
 William C. Murphy, '38
 John Dunham, '43
 John Drury, '45
 Arthur R. Wyatt, '45
 Richard Olson, '47
 J. Allison Binford, '48
 Edward Ochsenschlager, '50
 Max Baratz, '52
 Phyllis Bleck, '54
 Robert Garrison, '54
 Nancy Ochsenschlager, '57
 Dennis Olden, '57
 Martha Evans Sloan, '57
 Albert Alschuler, '58
 Phillip E. Johnson, '58
 Walter Bothe, '59
 William C. Gifford, '59
 James Puklin, '59
 H. William Habermeyer, Jr., '60
 Bruce Scafe, '60
 George Everitt, '61
 Kittie Barton Frantz, '61
 Pam Kohn Hait, '61
 Arthur Lage, '61
 Carol Cauldwell McElroy '61
 Roy J. Solfisburg, '61
 Robert Taggart, '61
 Thomas F. Gallagher, '62
 James Groninger, '62
 Wendell Minor, '62
 Thomas Ochsenschlager, '62
 Joan Swinehamer Edwards, '63
 Raymond W. Reed, '64
 William Beschoner, '65
 Linda Demetry Cowan, '66
 Paul Ormond, '67
 David M. Theno, '68
 Thomas C. Ewing, '69
 Randy Shilts, '69
 Stephen F. Sundlof, '69
 Michael Fagel, '70
 Eric Halfvarson, '70
 Thomas Skilling, '70
 Michael Cavender, '72
 Bruce Kammenzind, '76
 R. Lawrence Hatchett, '77
 Kathleen L. Forsell Caldwell, '79
 Rodger Pielet, '79
 Jacqueline Pongracic, '79
 J. Scott Jordan, '80
 Michael Oros '80
 Annbritt Gemmer duChateau, '83
 Leslie Johnston, '90

2019 Hall of Honor Honorees

Raphael (Rafie) Podolsky, Class of 1961, has spent his entire professional life as a legislative advocate. As an attorney for the legal aid programs in Connecticut, he has for 40+ years been the principal voice for low-income tenants and consumers before the state legislature, where he shaped landlord-tenant, zoning, and consumer law. Rafie has left a deep impression on the content of Connecticut housing and consumer law. He has helped improve his community as a founder of the Hartford Preservation Alliance, the principal author of Hartford's broad-based historic preservation ordinance, the initiator and coach of an inner-city high school debate team, and a creator of a member-run Jewish congregation. He has also, twice, gone to the National Senior Games as a 3-on-3 Basketball player.



Dr. William Farrar, Class of 1967, serves as the Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, as well as serving as the Director of the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Cancer Center, a Medical Director of Credentialing, a Professor of Surgery, and Chair in Surgical Oncology. He is also a Fellow in the Royal College of Surgeons, Glasgow. Dr. Farrar is involved in the teaching of the next generation of surgeons in the field of cancer research and practice as a full professor of surgery at Ohio State University. He is a volunteer at the Columbus Cancer Clinic, a free clinic which gives patients free cancer exams and mammography screenings. At West High, Dr. Farrar was involved in football, basketball, track and A Capella Choir.



The Honorable Eric Whitaker, Class of 1974, served in the Peace Corps as a Community Health Volunteer in the Philippines where he taught practical skills in environmental sanitation, digging wells, controlled rodent and insect infestation. He had similar responsibilities in ten African countries between 1990 and 2018. He was also active in stopping terrorist activities, human trafficking and building war torn countries. In embassies where Dr. Whitaker has been assigned, he has focused on health issues, including clean water and self-production of food; stopping human trafficking, and building safety procedures for immigrants. While at West High, Eric played clarinet in the concert band and was a member of the Chess Club and National Honor Society.



Whenever you feel 'short' or in 'need' of something, give what you want first and it will come back in buckets. That is true for money, a smile, love, friendship.—ROBERT KIYOSAKI

Dr. Julie Ann Cassidy, Class of 1982, was hired directly out of graduate school as an Assistant Professor of Russian Language by Williams College, a school rated as one of the top two liberal arts colleges in the United States. Julie has volunteered for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, has lectured several times for the Green Mount Academy of Lifelong Learning, and has been invited to deliver a public lecture by the Bennington branch of the American Association of University Women on Vladimir Putin and his cult of personality. She has served as President of the Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies. During her time at West High she was in the band, both concert and marching band, Drama, Track, Math Competition and National Honor Society.



More information about Hall of Honor and our honorees can be found on the A+ Website

Dr. Timothy Fisher, Class of 1987, is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at UCLA and specializes in Heat Transfer and Nanotechnology. He is the founding Director of the Center of Integrated Thermal Management of Aerospace Vehicles. He is a professor at UCLA, having also taught at Purdue and Vanderbilt University. Dr. Fisher leads the Nanoscale Transport Research Group, which studies transport processes by electrons, phonons, photons, and fluids, with an eye toward addressing problems in aerospace, energy, micro-and nanoelectronics and sensor systems. At West, Tim played basketball, baseball, and a member of the Junior Engineering Team.



Chief Kristen Ziman, Class of 1991, is the Chief of Police, Aurora, IL. Kristen rose through the ranks of the Aurora Police Department, beginning as a Cadet in 1991. In 2016, she was appointed Chief of Police. Involved in many local and regional organizations, she serves on the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Committee, the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council and has served as President of the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives. She was commentator for the 2016 shooting in Orlando, the police officer deaths in Dallas and immigration changes in the United States. Kristen wrote for the *Red and Blue*—West High's newspaper—and participated in Drama during her years at West.



OUR VISION

enrich
the curriculum

inspire
excellence in students
and staff

expand
opportunities
for community
involvement

foster
alumni
connections

2018-19 Fund A Need

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

My Reading Buddy

Partial funding provided by the Janet Kircher Isler Endowment Fund

Family Literacy and Pizza Night

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Mr. Kipley's Puppets

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Family STEM Night

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Watch D.O.G.S. Father Involvement Program

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

FARN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lyrics2Learn

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Mural

Honoring Jack Harkness
Funding provided by the John "Jack" Harkness family



Yoga Lunch Bunch

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

2nd Grade Scholastic News Magazine Subscription

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

FREEMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

WPA Mural

Funding provided by Randall and Debbie Steinheimer, Jane Davis and the A+ Foundation

GOODWIN

Library Markerspace

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

GREENMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Light UP Their Worlds

Funding provided by the Janet Kircher Isler Endowment

Parents and Literacy Strategies

Partial funding provided by the Sherry Eagle Endowment

Pride Writers

Partial funding provided by the Sherry Eagle Endowment

We Need Diverse Books

Partial funding provided by the Sherry Eagle Endowment

HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bilingual and Family Posada
Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Book Beasts Book Club

Funding provided by the Sherry Eagle Endowment and the A+ Reading Endowment Fund

Girls Club

Funding provided by Neal and Mary Clark Ormond

Libros y Loteria

Funding provided by the A+ Reading Endowment Fund

MCCLEERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ozobot Robots in 5th Grade

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

SCHNEIDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Light Table Panel

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Morning Tubs

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Playground Equipment

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

SMITH SCHOOL

Superstar Peer Buddies

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

HOPE WALL

Getting Ready for School

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

JEFFERSON/McCLEERY

Student Council

Reading Buddies

Funding provided by the A+ Reading Endowment Fund

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Formal Dance

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Lavaliere Wireless

Mic System

Funding provided by Jim and Clare Toynton and the A+ Foundation Reading Endowment

Many drops make a bucket, many buckets make a pond, many ponds make a lake, and many lakes make an ocean.—PERCY ROSS

WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

My Genius

Funding provided by the VAYA Group

Everything is “Okay for Now”

Visit from Gary D. Schmidt
Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Reading is Magical

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Mindfulness in the Language Arts Classroom

Funding provided by Jane Davis and the A+ Foundation

WASHINGTON/JEFFERSON

Senior Citizens Band Breakfast and Concert

Funding provided by James and Clare Toynton, Neal and Mary Clark Ormond, Jane Davis and the A+ Foundation

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Anxiety Survival Pack Project

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

BPA Eye on the Prize

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Digital Music Production Lab

Students Recording Materials
Funding provided by the Halfvarson and Papadolias Endowment funds

EL Newcomer Literacy Class Field Trip

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Girls Run the World-5K

Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Seal of Biliteracy for Low Incidence Languages

Partial funding provided by Sonni Herget and the A+ Foundation

SparkFun Inventor’s Kit

Partial funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Successful Transitions

Funding provided by the Wadsworth Family Endowment

Theater Fest

Partial Funding provided by the A+ Foundation

Band Program Sectional Teachers

Funding provided by Kerry Proczko and the A+ Foundation

Tennis Wind Screens

Funding provided by the Richard and Carol Wyatt Endowment



West High Students in Thailand attending the Science Fair.

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR OR BUST

Tom and Sonni Herget

Amy Hermann

Sarah Snyder

Emily Deppeler

Don Whinfrey

Julie Isom

Tamara Tolentino

Jane Harris

Lauren Wasulko

Evelyn Smiller

Siazon Paterno

Neal and Mary Clark Ormond

Frank and Char Voris

Ralph and Linda Voris

Quyen Huynh

Blair Thompson-Altenbach

Jeff and Beth Ulrich

Sarah Swayze

Corrin Sparks

Andrew McCann

Peggy Peabody

Cherie Esposito

Randi Ochsenschlager

Ingrid Roney

Sue Tydd

Christine Anderson

Rebecca Jurkowski

Melissa Krause

Andria Saenz

Todd Gingerich



2019 Excellence In Education Award Recipients

The Excellence in Education Banquet was held on March 7 at the Aurora Country Club. This special event honors both the highest achieving academicians graduating from West Aurora High School this spring, Class of 2019, and the educators who have influenced them. The evening is dedicated to the recognition of academic accomplishments by the top 5 percent of the graduating senior class and the support from their parents and educators. Each student honored selected the educator who had the biggest impact on his or her scholastic life. These educators include elementary, middle and high school teachers, music and dance instructors, mentors, tutors, coaches and club sponsors.

Class of 2019: Excellence in Education Scholars

Daniel Arzola
Sydney Becker
Olivia Camp
Zoe Catching
Anna Chaurize
Anthony Chavez
Allison Cheng
Juan Cisneros
Benjamin Cuga
Amanda Duran
George Gamboa
Maria Goheen

Jarod Gollwitz
Christiana Guthrie
Kayla Hardersen
Nathan Hermann
Mayra Hernandez
Michael Holstine
David Hunger
Kristen Janda
Alexis Juarez
Anastasia Kay
Claire Matrisianso
Leslie Meza

Julia Moore
Ezequiel Navarro
Stephanie Padilla
Emma Pilmer
Nicholas Rodriguez
Brian Runge
Arthuro Saucedo
Allyssa Shropshire
Nicole Sodetz
Evelea Solgos
Mariana Stinson
Keva Tomas

Darius Townes
Ryan Vanderway
Madilynn Walrath
Kelly Wells
Logan Wood
Annie Wu
Ziyad Yacoubou
Rinaldo Zepeda Jr.
Amy Zine

2019 Excellence in Education Educators

Angela Cassetto
Esther Andrea Cisneros
Stacey Enslin
Mark Feigl
Bruce Fraser
Elizabeth Freed
Ryan Gatbunton
Dr. Jeffery Glogowski
Wayne Ha
David Hammarberg
Randy Hayslett
Sgt. Scott Hellinger
Valerie Heinkel

Carly Hill
Meghan Hill
Jason Hlavin
Quyen Huynh
Matthew Love
Lauren Mackey
Heidi Ochsenschlager
Allison Packard
Lou Parker
Jennifer Pauley
Robert Payne
Katey Peterson
Kristen Prince

Scott Robowski
Kenneth Ruffalo
Patricia Sampson
Sandy Scott
Angela Schultz
Brian Smith
Morgan Smith
Bill Stanley
Sean Tait
Mary Thompson
Christine Wiegert
Amy Winslow



It's just a drop in the bucket,
til the bucket fills up.—BROOKS & DUNN (LYRICS)

Fine Arts Festival

Members of the A+ Board awarded recognition to twenty-one students at this year's festival. Categories for the awards were: Hope Wall, Pre-K-1, 2-3, 4-5, middle school, and high school with recognition being given in areas such as drawing, painting, 3-dimensional, digital, and photography. Ribbons and certificates were given to all honorees.

Elementary students also received a book illustrated by Shannon Whitt, a West Aurora alumnus. Secondary students received a certificate and a \$20 Amazon gift card. Principals at the schools were asked to present the books and send us a photo that we can use on our website.

The recipients were:

- HOPE WALL:
Citlali Arrendaondo, Sara Mull, David Leana
- GRADES K-1:
Jazmyn Villalpando, Hall; Benedite Kupa, Nicholson; Logan Ferreira, Goodwin
- GRADES 2-3:
Kanleyah Mayberry, Greenman; Kyli Garcia, Goodwin; Chasity, Hill
- GRADES 4-5:
Maggie Pendell, Freeman; Fiona Lin, Goodwin; Jaci Garfias, Schneider
- MIDDLE SCHOOLS:
Jaylen Andujar, Kara Fowler, Emma Camp, Washington; Molly Best, Jewel
- HIGH SCHOOL:
Caitlin Bower, Claire Matrisciano, Victoria Smith, Natalie Diaz, Leslie Gonzalez

Advanced Placement—Dreams of the Future

Ask any senior in high school ... **“What’s the Dream?”** Most respond with “Well, I’m going to continue studying at the local community college, the university, technical school, etc. etc. etc.” Each senior dreams of the future which involves moving beyond the high school classroom. Some students even dream of starting that journey early with enrollment in Advanced Placement courses in high school. The Advanced Placement (AP)

program is a cooperative educational partnership between secondary schools and colleges and universities. The courses are many and varied—their presence in veritably all areas of study in the high school curriculum: English, Math, Science, Foreign language, Art, Social Studies and all their subsets., The curriculum for each course is rigorous...each course reflecting actual college curriculum.

At the end of the semester, each student is given the opportunity to take the official AP exam. By scoring successfully on these exams, students can save on college expenses as most colleges and universities offer college credit, advanced placement, or both, for qualifying AP exam scores. All students are encouraged to take the AP exams; the cost, however, can be prohibitive. The exam is \$100 per test. In order to lessen the impact of this cost on West Aurora

families, the first test has been supported by the generosity of the West Aurora community, the A+ Foundation and its donors through the AP Campaign. Each student who has studied so hard and worked so diligently in each AP course can take advantage of the opportunity to test and decrease the cost of his or her higher education.

A+ would like to thank the following donors who helped students reach their dreams of higher education.



Banding Together

In its seventh year, Banding Together proved to be another A+ Foundation hit. Our gracious hosts at Two Brothers Roundhouse again helped to set the stage for students, alumni and staff to rock in support of music education. All proceeds from the concert go directly to the Halverson Endowment Fund for music education and the Meg Papadolious Endowment for the Arts. Community members helped raise \$3,800 from ticket sales and online donations. A special thank you to all of the performers. It was a stellar year, and your time, energy and talents were greatly appreciated. Get ready for **Banding Together VIII, Saturday, September 21st, 2019 at Two Brothers Roundhouse.**

Giving Tuesday

A great big thank you to the generous people who donated to the A+ Foundation's Third "Giving Tuesday" online campaign this past November 27. Giving Tuesday gave A+ the opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and, as a result, help non-profit organizations connect to

the larger community. We appreciate all who supported us in this campaign.

A heartfelt A+ Thank You to some of the biggest hearts in Aurora!

Mike and Beth Smith, Dawn Gluting, John McKee, Bill Vardounotis, Scott Robowski, George and Brenda Malina,

2010 Engineering, Old Second National Bank, Pam Sperl Thompson, Randy and Debbie Steinheimer, Jill Johnson, Ralph and Linda Voris, Frank and Char Voris, Michelle and Scott Voris, Patrick and Ingrid Roney, Kerry Proczko, Katie Hahn, The Talkington Family, Jeff Bryant, Mary Ellen Pepper,

Laurel Ormond, Linda Pilmer, Don and Kathy Pilmer, Mary and Neal Ormond, Rich and Lisa Kerns, Brian Dahl, Cherie Esposito, Bart and Jodee Grometer, Randi and Bob Ochsenschlager.

A special thank you to Paul Eccher and the Vaya Group for a \$10,000 matching grant.

Golden Apple Awards 2019

This year, A+ sponsored the 2019 Golden Apple for Excellence in Teaching Awards for District 129 at the Power of You Inservice Day in January. The Golden Apple honors outstanding teachers for their roles in having lasting, positive effects on students' lives. Teachers who are awarded the Golden Apple demonstrate, in their teaching and results,

significant, positive impact on their students' growth and learning. Our congratulations to those educators who truly make a difference.

This year's Golden Apple recipients are:

Krysten Dodson, Washington Middle School
Tereca Korf, Schneider Elementary School
Any Gierden, Hill Elementary School
Wayne Ha, West Aurora High School
Vicki Hellyer, Hope Wall School



If not us, then who?
 If not now, then when?—JOHN LEWIS



Donations to the Wally Smith Memorial Park



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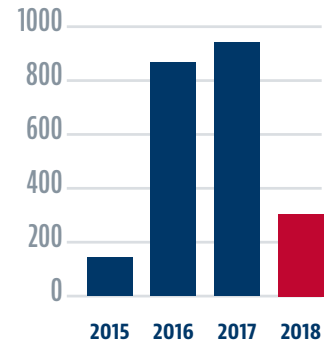
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FUND	Balance as of 12/31/2017	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance 12/31/2018
Advanced Placement Funding Campaign Fund (started 3Q 2018)	—	4,750.00	31.90	4,718.10
A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools Administrative Endowment Fund	271,113.45	(15,718.57)	12,400.09	242,994.79
A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools Fund	51,946.17	172,368.91	183,484.19	40,830.89 ¹
A+ Foundation for West Aurora High School Science Fund	804,309.27	—	—	804,309.27
Dr. Sherry R. Eagle Education Endowment Fund	98,320.22	(5,886.06)	2,786.35	89,647.81
Hall of Honor Relocation Project Fund (started 3Q 2018)	—	14,475.00	94.60	14,380.40
Sten & Lucile Halfvarson Endowment Fund	18,902.97	(1,122.28)	673.96	17,106.73
Wally Smith Playground Fund (started 1Q 2018)	—	43,366.00	32.33	43,333.67
Janet Kircher Isler Endowment Fund	192,521.74	(11,617.83)	4,034.73	176,869.18
John "Jack" Harkness Memorial Fund (started 4Q 2018)	—	15,000.00	—	15,000.00
Meg Papadolas Endowment Fund	29,755.97	(1,686.84)	776.64	27,292.49
West Aurora High School Fund in Memory of Richard J. Dorsey	4,908.18	100.00	—	5,008.18 ¹
Richard & Carole Wyatt Endowment Fund	47,386.10	91,996.43	1,978.90	137,403.63
West Aurora High School Library Endowment Fund	111,006.67	(2,025.41)	1,044.74	107,936.52
Smith Elementary School Scholarship	72.75	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,072.75 ¹
A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools Reading Endowment Fund	109,872.70	(6,511.69)	1,928.55	101,432.46
A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools Reading Initiative Fund	210,402.40	50.00	—	210,452.40
John W McDougal M.A.C. Scholarship Fund	5,646.04	350.00	1,000.00	4,996.04
West Aurora High School Alumni Scholarship Fund	—	1,000.00	1,000.00	— ¹
West Aurora High School Sign Fund (started 4Q 2018)	—	1,000.00	—	1,000.00
A+ Foundation checking account held within the CFFRV	6,547.42	—	6,547.42	— ¹
Checkbook at Old Second National Bank (#10101021524)	1,309.03	2,550.00	2,952.02	907.01 ¹
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	1,964,021.08	304,437.66	221,766.42	2,046,692.32

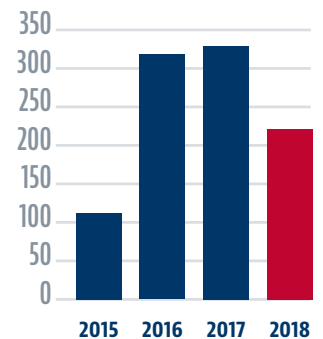
Foundation Receipts

(IN THOUSANDS)



Foundation Disbursements

(IN THOUSANDS)



NOTES:

¹ These funds do not include investment of it's principle and therefore will not include dividends, interest income or realized and unrealized gains and losses.

Lifetime

Platinum Star

\$250,000

City of Aurora
Dunham Fund

Gold Star

\$20,000+

Alarm Detection
Kevin Fitzpatrick
FUSE Communications
Janet Kircher Isler
William and Fran Myers
Richard and Cloe Jean
Olson Family
Charitable Fund
Neal and Mary
Clark Ormond
VAYA Group
Frank and Char Voris
Ralph and Linda Voris
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The Wadsworth Family
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West Aurora Schools
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Arthur Wyatt

Silver Star with Distinction

\$10,000

Aurora University
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Silver Star

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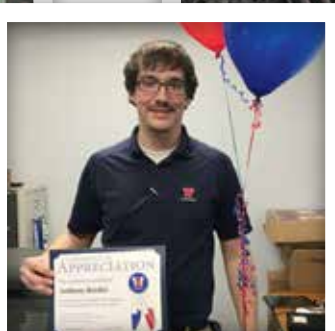
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that have no boundaries.—ANNETTE WHITE

In Memory

Susan Davis taught Kindergarten at Freeman School for over thirty years. She welcomed students to Freeman School with a ready smile and kind heart. She was patient, kind, and developed warm relationships with her students. Susan believed in the importance of teaching the whole child through both academic and social learning.

Susan knew the importance of teaching the young child long before preschool became part of the public educational scene. In the 1970's Susan worked with a team of other "moms" to create the "E.L.F.—Early Learning Fun" Pre-school readiness kit" that was copyrighted in 1976 and given to West Aurora families at Early Screening.

Susan loved children's literature and read countless books to them. One of Susan's favorite books was Paddington Bear by Michael Bond. The antics of the jaunty bear in his signature red hat appealed to her and her students. When considering a lasting memorial to Susan Davis from the memorial gifts given to the A+ Foundation in Susan's name, it was fitting to commission local artist Lisa Manning to create a Paddington Bear quilt. And what better home for Paddington than in the LMC where a love of literature resides!

A dedication was held on May 17 for family and friends of Susan in the LMC at Freeman School. Thank you to all who donated the A+ Foundation in her memory.



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Thank you to the district teachers and staff members who have continually given to the A+ Foundation through payroll deduction. Last year payroll deduction raised \$8,500 that went directly into our buildings and classrooms. We appreciate you!

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Painting the Town Red (and Blue)

On Saturday, January 26, community members, alumni, and West Aurora staff gussied up, turned out, and partied the night away for “The Red and Blue Ball” celebrating the 150th birthday of West Aurora High School. Despite the snowy January weather, 150 guests converged at Piper’s banquet hall for a night of fun, dancing and West Aurora camaraderie. The West Aurora Jazz Ensemble entertained the guests upon arrival as the West Aurora Culinary students treated everyone to a delectable dessert table.

The high school has been commemorating and celebrating this monumental event all year long with a series of activities for students, faculty and alums. T-shirts were distributed to students and staff alike and celebratory banners were hung around the school to draw attention to this milestone event.

With so much of society focusing on the disposable, West revels in the permanent. Dr. Hiscock, Principal, honored longevity and excellence of staff and students noting that “so many have been a part of establishing the culture and climate, we constantly honor our traditions and look to create new ones. We are fortunate to have a community that believes in what we are doing at the high school and are supportive of our initiatives.” He added, “We have an amazing staff, many of whom are alumni, who go above and beyond expectations.” It was an evening to be remembered.

Money raised from the Red and Blue Ball will go directly to the high school.



To improve oneself you must be as persistent as the drip, drip,
drip of water filling a bucket. Do a little bit, every day.—JEFFREY FRY

