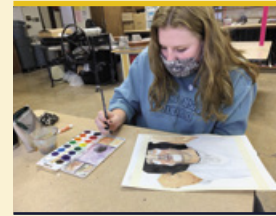




# The Oakwood Schools FOUNDATION

*Enhancing Excellence in Education*

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



### MISSION STATEMENT

*The Oakwood Schools Foundation enhances excellence in education by facilitating grants, scholarships and special projects to benefit students of the Oakwood Schools.*

*The Foundation was created for the sole purpose of accepting, investing, managing and disbursing private, charitable gifts.*

The spirit of giving is alive in Oakwood! We are grateful to you, our donors, alumni, community members, parents and friends for supporting the mission of **The Oakwood Schools Foundation** and investing in our students. Your generosity enables OSF to further its mission, **Enhancing Excellence in Education**.

Below is a list of the many creative and exciting things we have been able to do because of your generosity:

- \$965,000+** *total grant money disbursed since 1991*
- \$66,040** *grant funding awarded to teachers and administrators in 2020*
- \$20,704** *scholarships awarded to 20 deserving graduates from the Class of 2020*
- \$5,030** *total prize money awarded to 21 participants in the 11th annual Harlamert Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition*
- \$3,500** *awarded to five local charities through OHS students in the sixth year of the Philanthropy 101 initiative*
- \$1,200** *awarded to Oakwood Junior High and to Family and Consumer Science teacher Leslie Blythe, the 10th recipient of the Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award*

Please enjoy reading through our summary of activities for 2020. As you think about your plans for charitable giving, consider The Oakwood Schools Foundation and the dividends made possible by investing in our learning community. Every contribution, regardless of size, makes a difference in the lives of Oakwood students and teachers.

Thank you for expecting the best of our schools and for your continued support.

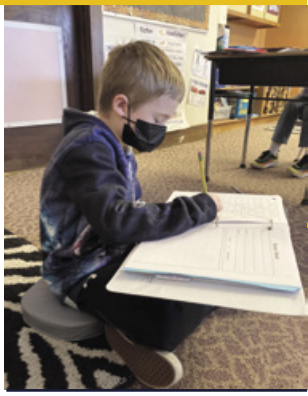
Chris Conard, OHS '76

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# 2020 GRANTS



**Flexible seating options provide students the ability to better focus on instruction**



**Air purifiers provide cleaner air to Oakwood Schools' students and staff members**

**FOUNDATION GRANTS** impact every academic discipline and grade level in our district. Since 1991, thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, teachers, friends and the community, the Foundation has awarded more than \$965,000 in teacher grants. Below is a sampling of some of the more than \$65,000 in grants funded in 2020:

- At Lange School, some of Oakwood's youngest learners are empowered to manage the birdfeeders through a **special education sensory program**.
- **Flexible seating and sensory equipment** at Smith Elementary helps facilitate interactive and collaborative learning. By providing differentiated materials, a wide variety of learning styles can be supported, meeting the educational needs of all students.
- Oakwood Schools students and staff benefit from cleaner air as a result of **150 air purifiers** being installed in classrooms throughout the district.
- All OJH and OHS students will experience **solar energy in action** through the addition of solar panels to power all of the lighting in the science hallway. Students in 7th grade science, Physical Science, Environmental Science, Biology and Physics will be able to see science brought to life.

## OAKWOOD SCHOOLS FACILITY SPOTLIGHT -ALUMNI PLAZA

Established in 2019 by OSF in partnership with the Oakwood Alumni Association (OAA), the Alumni Plaza is a welcome addition to the most used entrance at Oakwood Junior High and Oakwood High School.

The outdoor space serves many purposes including: a venue for Oakwood students and community members, an outdoor classroom for instruction, a small gathering area for musical performances and an area for pre-game events.

In late September 2020, OSF and OAA honored and celebrated Oakwood's outstanding alumni community at the Oakwood Alumni Plaza dedication, connecting the proud tradition of Oakwood Schools past and present.



**SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED** each spring to graduating seniors recognize achievements in academics, art, athletics, community service, creative writing and overcoming adversity. We sincerely thank the individuals and families who established these scholarships and the donors who contribute to these important funds each year.

**Janet Bourne Memorial Scholarship** awards involvement in community service and leadership skills. **OHS, Class of 1950, David R. Collins Scholarship** awards outstanding achievement in English, creative writing or speech and drama skills. **Comeback Award** honors a senior who shows strength, courage, character and integrity in overcoming adversity in his/her life. **Robert L. Davidson Scholarship** recognizes present and potential ability as a creative writer. **Dr. Robert W. Gaines, Jr., OHS '60, Young Men's Golf Award** recognizes a senior golfer who demonstrates good sportsmanship, consideration for others, academic achievement, leadership and community service. **Susan Herman GLOW Scholarship** recognizes Grades, Leadership, Outstanding character and Work ethic. **Honorable Elizabeth Simms Gutmann Public Service Scholarship** honors a student who plans to pursue a degree in a public service field. **Scott Harman Memorial Fund** honors a student who lives life with enthusiasm and has a positive impact on others, as well as has academic achievement. **Kevin Lauterbach Memorial Scholarship** honors a student who plans to be a lifetime learner and practitioner in the field of fine arts. **Leslie Ann Simms Nagel Creative Writing Scholarship** honors a student who plans to pursue a degree in English, with preference given to students majoring in creative writing. **Randy Neff Memorial Scholarship** honors a student who inspires others and plans to major in education or math, with preference given to students aspiring to teach math and coach a sport. **Thomas Neff Memorial Scholarship** recognizes a team player who displays a strong work ethic, solid values and maintains good grades. **Barbara Nichols O'Hara Scholarship** recognizes an outstanding female athlete, good citizen and student. **Oakwood Centennial Scholarship** honors a student who distinguishes herself/ himself during high school. **Rader-Drummer Family Scholarship** honors a student who plans to major in architecture or English literature. **Guy W. Richardson MVP Senior Boys Tennis Scholarship** recognizes an outstanding male senior tennis player who demonstrates good sportsmanship, leadership and academic achievement. **Guy W. Richardson MVP Senior Girls Tennis Scholarship** recognizes an outstanding female senior tennis player who demonstrates good sportsmanship, leadership and academic achievement. **Pam and Chip Seidl Scholarship** benefits an outstanding wrestler and scholar. **Loran and Alberta Warner Scholarship** awards dedication to community service. **Helen and Louis Wozar Scholarship** recognizes an outstanding work ethic, initiative and entrepreneurial spirit.

# 2020 SPECIAL FOUNDATION INITIATIVES

## THE PARKER LOVE OF TEACHING AND LIFELONG LEARNING AWARD

honors a teacher who uniquely inspires the full potential of each student with whom he or she works. Leslie Blythe, Family and Consumer Science teacher, won the award in 2020.

*“Her modeling of curiosity energizes the students. The effects of which can be seen years later. They may not stay with sewing and they may not know how to cook what she taught them, but, because of her, they have more confidence in their abilities to take risks, to look more deeply, and make connections. It is those connections that are holding students together during this quarantine.”*

— AMY OSTDIEK, OAKWOOD PARENT AND OHS TEACHER



2020 Parker Award Winner Leslie Blythe



## OAKWOOD DREAM BUILDERS

We are grateful for the generosity of these individuals whose legacy gifts will enable The Oakwood Schools Foundation to continue our mission of enhancing excellence in education for future generations:

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Consider making a provision for The Oakwood Schools Foundation in your estate plans, assuring a legacy that lasts beyond your lifetime.

To learn more, visit our website at [www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf)



Andy Szucs, Co-owner of Dayton Players Academy, with OHS student Caleb Woessner

## The annual HARLAMERT FOUNDATION

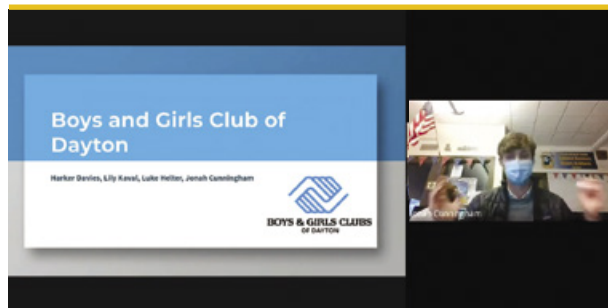
**ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION** sponsored by Oakwood Schools Foundation and generously underwritten by Irvin Harlamert, OHS '48, lets students imagine themselves as future business owners, inventors or philanthropists.

## PHILANTHROPY 101,

a unit in the OHS Wall Street 101 class, emphasizes the importance of helping those less fortunate in our local community, through giving of one's time, talents and/or treasure. OHS students team up and choose a local charity to research and present their findings to a panel of judges. The teams with the strongest case for funding are given \$3,000 to donate to the winning charities.

*“I thought (the students) did an excellent job. They were very much on target with the information they had gathered. It was impressive.”*

— ANITA KITCHEN, FAMILIES OF ADDICTS



OHS students on the Boys & Girls Club of Dayton team made their case to a panel of judges using technology

# Come Back Lumberjacks!



*Thank you*

Oakwood alumni and community members for joining us on September 25 for the first-ever virtual Come Back Lumberjacks event!

It was a success and we could not have done it without YOU!

See highlights from CBL 2020 including a complete list of event sponsors on our website: [oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/comeback-lumberjacks](http://oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/comeback-lumberjacks)

## SAVE THE DATE



**Come Back Lumberjacks!**

October 1, 2021

Dayton Country Club

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