

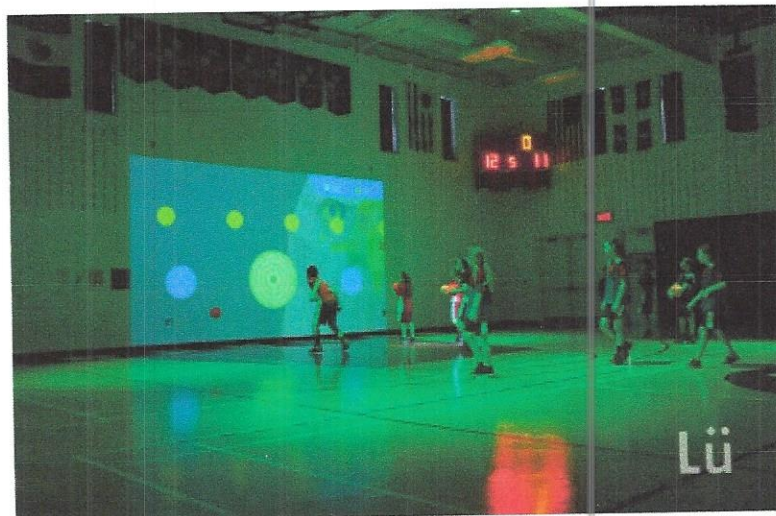


## PHYS ED TO GO HIGH-TECH AT CAEC

When students at the Charleroi Elementary Center go to phys ed class in the near future, it won't look anything like it has in the past if teacher Amanda Bashioum has anything to say about it. Told by Administration to send a wish list of items she'd like to enhance her classroom,

Amanda didn't hesitate.

She submitted a request for The Lu, a completely immersive system that lets students have fun while being stimulated physically, intellectually, socially, and emotionally. It includes a 3D camera, projector, complete sound and lighting system, and internet access that transforms any space into an interactive and immersive educational environment.



The LU comes with a \$30,000 price tag, but Superintendent Dr. Zelich immediately jumped on board. He promised Bashioum if she was able to raise \$15,000 he would try to match that amount using COVID-19 relief funds.

So far, she has done well with her efforts. She was awarded a \$1,000 grant through

Kids of Steel, an organization that encourages activity and healthy choices among young people. But her biggest boost came from Lee Supply. President Kevin Lee received a visit from Ms. Bashioum to try and solicit donations toward the project, and when he heard about it decided to designate a \$10,000 donation made through the Education Foundation to the LU.

"It sounds like just the type of thing we like to encourage with the kids," said Mr. Lee. "We like to support athletics and physical activity, and this seems like such a great way to start kids off learning about fitness."

With the Lee Supply donation, a balance of \$4000 is needed to complete the quest.

Bashioum is accepting monetary donations that can be made through CASDEF by either dropping it off at the school or mailing it to CASDEF, P.O. Box 382, Charleroi, PA 15022, and marking "LU" on your check or donation.

There is also a donation button set up on the Foundation's Facebook page to donate directly through the site.

She also has solicited other businesses for donations and is collecting gift cards and other items to auction or raffle off later this year, and the CASDEF plans to work with her to complete the funding.

After getting the green light to move forward, Amanda drove two hours to a school in Ohio that is currently using the program. "I'm not aware of another LU in the immediate area," she said. "I wanted to see first hand how the kids reacted to it. It was amazing! The kids were so involved, and when I was there not a single kid was sitting on the sidelines. Everyone was involved and couldn't wait for another turn."

That's not something you see all the time in class." Beside physical activity, the Lu has applications to cover other subject matters such as math, STEAM, languages, geography and more. "I am hoping to be one of the first schools in our area that has this," she continued. "I want Charleroi to be the school that other schools want to visit."

### HOW TO CONTACT US

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By E-Mail: [charleroieducationfoundation@outlook.com](mailto:charleroieducationfoundation@outlook.com)

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# STOCKINGS STUFFED!!



Christmas was a little merrier this year at the CAEC.

Through the efforts of School Director Tom Nutting with the help of the Education Foundation, every student received a stocking full of goodies and school supplies.

Mr. Nutting and his crew of "volunteer elves" stuffed over 650 stockings with pencils, crayons, book marks, and coloring books, just to mention some of the loot. "We couldn't have stockings without sweets, though," said Mr. Nutting. "I put out the word that I wanted to add a few treats, and soon I had many people bringing me all flavors of candy canes.

People love to help.

You just need to ask.

We also had a hot cocoa kit complete with mini marshmallows!" The CASDEF and Mr. Nutting were gratified to receive the many thanks from the students, staff and administrators, acknowledging how much the kids enjoyed their stockings.

Pictured here are some of the volunteers that helped with the project along with the CASD students who assisted with loading and delivering them to the classrooms.

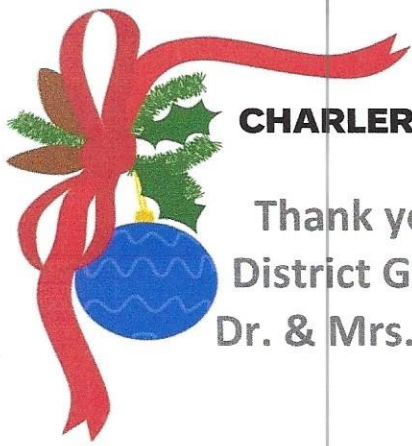


## IN REMEMBRANCE

Donations  
From  
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Lauren Dumm  
Tina Caputo  
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## CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Thank you to this year's donors to the Charleroi School District Gift Distribution: Charleroi Little Great Race, EQT, Dr. & Mrs. Umberto DeRienzo, and many other individuals.

Thank you!

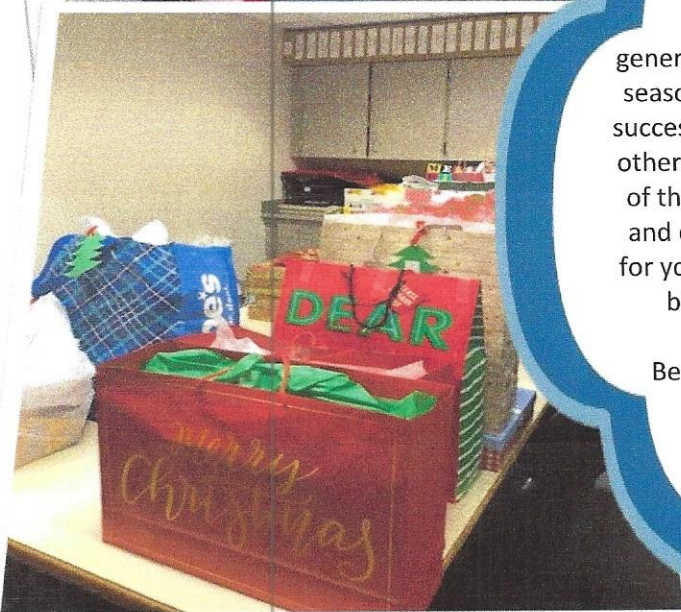


"To those that donated:

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations to our students during the Christmas season. Our annual angel tree gift drive would not be a success each year without the kindness and generosity of others. It is because of people like you that the students of the Charleroi Area School District will have a magical and exciting holiday season. Again, thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Our students are truly blessed to have such kind and caring community members.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season!"

Sincerely, Brittany Wagner  
School Counselor, Charleroi Middle School





# Save the Date

## A Blast from the Past

A Tribute to Carol Claybaugh

Featuring

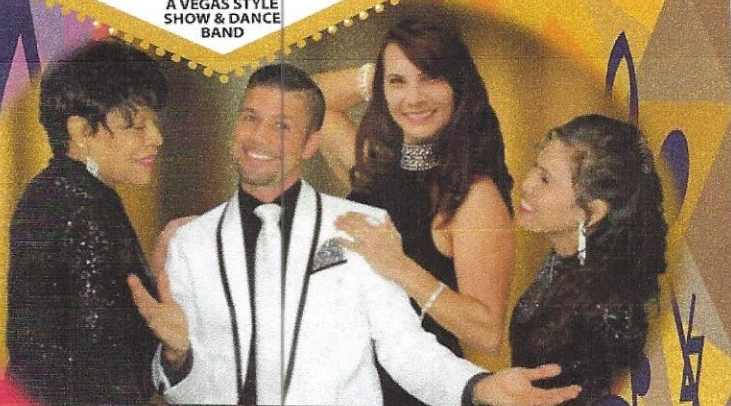
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GENERAL ADMISSION RESERVED SEATING \$35.00

Purchase tickets from CASDEF Board Members or orders may be sent to: PO Box 382, Charleroi, PA 15022

All checks made payable to: CASDEF

Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for ticket shipping or tickets will be held at Will Call.

**No tickets will be reserved without payment.**

Check out our Facebook page for updates



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## Annual Ornament Painting Fundraiser



We held our annual Ornament Painting fundraiser at Off the Wall Arts in December and had a wonderful turn out. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Charleroi School District Greenhouse project.

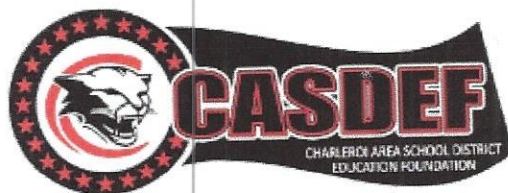




# 2021 CASDEF "GIVE 5" ALUMNI RANKINGS BY CLASS

RANK	CLASS	AMOUNT RAISED	NO. OF DONORS	TOTALS
1.	1966	\$3,000.55	35	\$ 3,000.55
2.	1981	\$2,925.00	7	\$ 5,925.55
3.	1986	\$1,945.00	10	\$ 7,870.55
4.	1976	\$1,900.00	19	\$ 9,770.55
5.	1971	\$1,015.00	17	\$10,785.55
6.	1996	\$ 780.98	6	\$11,566.53
7.	2006	\$ 700.00	3	\$12,266.53
8.	1956	\$ 575.00	8	\$12,841.53
9.	1961	\$ 420.00	7	\$13,261.53
10.	2001	\$ 255.00	6	\$13,516.53
11.	1991	\$ 275.00	1	\$13,791.53
12.	1951	\$ 125.00	2	\$13,916.53
14.	OTHER CLASSES	\$ 500.00	1	\$14,416.53
TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED = \$14,416.53				
NUMBER OF DONORS = 122				
AS OF JANUARY 14, 2022				

DONATE AT: [paypal.me / CASDEF](https://www.paypal.me/CASDEF)



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## DONATION FORM

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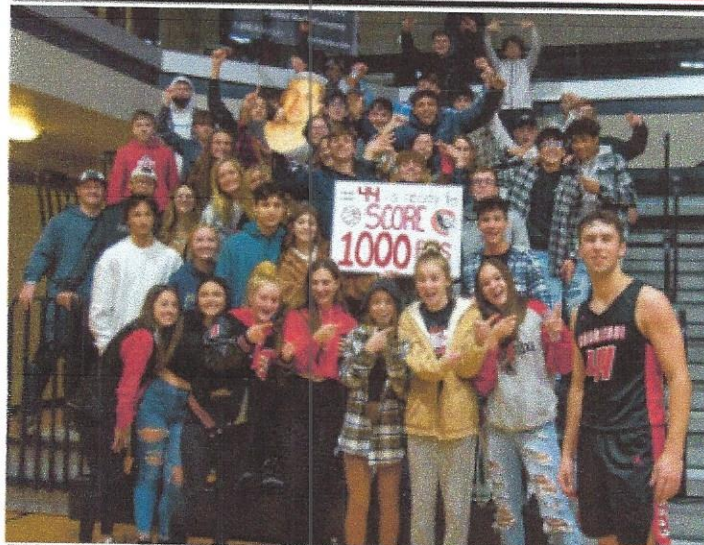
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 Submit To: CASDEF - POST OFFICE BOX 382 - CHARLEROI, PA 15022



## WILL WAGNER REACHES 1,000 POINT MILESTONE



Senior Cougar basketball player Will Wagner, son of Bill and Brittany Wagner, reached his 1,000 career point milestone on Friday, January 14, against Brownsville. Needing just 27 points going into the game, he achieved the remarkable feat just minutes into the second half, becoming only the 9th person in the school's history to reach the 1,000 point mark.

Averaging 30.6 points per game, Will is chasing the all-time point total of 1,463 that is held, ironically, by his dad.

Playing in a COVID shortened season last year and having games cut again this year makes that an even more challenging task, with only two more weeks remaining in the schedule. Will not only excels on the court, but is a High Honors student as well, and plans to study Biochemistry in college while continuing to play basketball.

## CASDEF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

The CASDEF Scholarship Program is in full swing for this year's seniors. Applications may be obtained through the guidance offices of the High School and Mon Valley CTC. We are very pleased to announce that two additional scholarships have been added to our list: The Walter Hopkins Memorial Scholarship and The Mary Rosick Crum Memorial Scholarship. Please encourage any senior you know at Charleroi to apply. There are many different criteria regarding awarding the monies, and not all are academically based. There are awards for theater, the arts, and building trades to name a few. Also, the Claybaugh Courage Award nomination form is open to anyone to make a nomination. All forms may also be obtained on the web page at [charleroisd.org](http://charleroisd.org) or by calling 724-344-9750. Deadlines are applicable.