

Annual Report for the Legacy Fund for the Walker Natatorium

PURPOSE OF THE ENDOWMENT

The Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker Foundation grant to build the Walker Natatorium at Kirkwood High School was an unprecedented act of generosity for our community. The Legacy Fund was established to maintain the aquatic facility for generations of Pioneers to use for instruction and competition. Earnings from the endowment are given to the Kirkwood School District to help maintain the pool.

NEW IN 2021-2022

In March of 2022 the Foundation was able to showcase the Walker Natatorium with a new event called "Splash Expo". Splash Expo brought Kirkwood families together to celebrate all facets of what the Walker Natatorium offers our students with a bit of whimsy and a lot of fun.

Kirkwood schools from KECC to KHS nominated dedicated teachers & principals to participate in our "Pioneer Plunge". Our KSD staff took cannonballs to a new level, proving to be inspirational in both their school and the pool! Notably we were in awe of Keysor teacher, Jeff Capizzi, who is not only an impressive diver but also an ocean swimmer who regularly jumps cliffs and swims with sharks!



Pictured are our devoted teachers and principals who participated in our 1st Annual "Pioneer Plunge".

The Splash Expo highlighted the value that the Walker Natatorium provides to the students of Kirkwood and increased awareness for this special gift within the Kirkwood schools and community.

Our event was the debut of the first KHS women's water polo team including an interview with team captain, Molly Wedlock. Both the men's and women's teams played a mini match for our guests in the Walker Natatorium.



The new KHS Girls Water Polo Team made a debut!

There was also a lifeguard demo featuring KHS students who are certified in lifeguarding and CPR. This is an exciting element in the high school curriculum made possible by the Walker Natatorium.



Kirkwood trained lifeguards displayed lifesaving skills.

Splash Expo featured a unique unified relay event with our local Special Olympics athletes and a bragging rights relay between our two middle-school staffs from Nipher and North Kirkwood.

KHS swim & dive teams also made a splash with exciting swim relays and impressive dive exhibitions.

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Swimmers teamed up for a Unified Relay Race.



The Nipher team brought home the bragging rights!



KHS Swim Team Relays... and they're off!

Kirkwood is fortunate to have a world-class facility like the Walker Natatorium. We are grateful to the Walker Family and our Legacy Fund donors for their generosity. Our goal is to fund this pool in perpetuity by reaching the \$3M mark for our endowed fund.

In September of 2021, The Kirkwood School District Foundation also hired its first Executive Director, Stephanie Collet. One of Stephanie's long-term goals is to bring our legacy fund to a self-sustaining level.



In 2021, KHS Class of 1964 donated their remaining class funds of \$3,860 to the Legacy Fund. Pictured are class reps, Susie Martin & Jan Carter, after a tour of the Walker Natatorium.

ENDOWMENT MANAGEMENT

The Legacy Fund continues to be managed by Morgan Stanley towards safety, income, and inflation protection with approximately 55% in fixed income, preferred and alternatives, & equities representing 45%. The fund returned 8.07% in 2021 with an average annual return of 5.84%. Our Investment Committee reviews all holdings monthly, has quarterly updates, and annual presentations. During the 4th quarter of 2021 with volatility increasing we moved our 2022 district payment into a money market.

FISCAL YEAR 2021 SUMMARY

FUND BALANCE 12/31/20	\$2,070,350.86
DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS 2021	\$62,749.91
NET INVESTMENT EARNINGS 2021	\$166,508.67
DISTRIBUTION TO DISTRICT	\$(100,000.00)
FUND BALANCE 12/31/21	\$2,199,609.44