

From the President:

As President of the Southwestern School Education Foundation (SSEF) Board, I'm excited to introduce the inaugural SSEF newsletter. Our goal of this newsletter is to keep alumni and the community informed and connected.

I want to take a moment to share an important vision we have for the future of our foundation and school: building a sustainable endowment to support scholarships and capital projects for generations to come.

Southwestern has a proud history of academic excellence, enriching extracurriculars, and a strong sense of community. To ensure that we can continue to provide these opportunities, it is essential that we plan for our financial future. A robust endowment is a key part of this plan.

The board and myself have been focused on the mission of making our endowment more relevant and impactful on the district and we need everyone's help. The endowment enables us to plan for and invest in critical capital projects. Whether it is upgrading classroom technology, improving athletic facilities, or expanding our arts programs, these projects enhance the learning environment for all students.

To achieve this vision, we must work together as a community. Whether through major gifts, planned giving, or smaller but consistent contributions, every gift helps us build toward a secure financial future for our school. I encourage you to consider how you can play a part in this effort.

I have 3 asks of everyone:

- A. **Share our story.** Send us emails and contact info for other alumni/ community members. While this is the first newsletter, it won't be the last. We want to reach a bigger group every year.
- B. **Give.** Make a gift (large or small), every bit of support builds momentum.
- C. **Don't be a stranger.** Come back to campus! Request a tour, we will show you everything that's changed and all the tradition that remains. We are so proud of our campus, and we'd love to have you back!

Thank you for your support of Southwestern School and for your interest in making a lasting difference in the lives of our students. Together, we can build a strong foundation for the future.

Warm regards,

Tom Priester  
President  
Southwestern School Education Foundation Board