

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



com • mu • ni • ty /kmyndē/ noun 1. a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common. “The West Aurora community. A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. The pride and tradition of a West Aurora Blackhawk”

re·port/rə'pôrt/ noun 1. an account given of a particular matter, especially in the form of an official document, after thorough investigation or consideration by an appointed person or body. “The A+ Foundation for West Aurora School’s annual report”



## 2023-2024

**A+ FOUNDATION FOR WEST AURORA SCHOOLS**

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A special thank you to the Community Foundation for the Fox River Valley for their continued support of the A+ Foundation. We are proud to be part of an organization that continues to move our community forward.



## SAVE THE DATES 2024-2025

NOV 23	4TH ANNUAL TOM-A-HAWK TURKEY TROT
DEC 03	GIVING TUESDAY
JAN 29	129 DAY
MAR 13	EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION BANQUET
APR 25 & 26	25 ALUMNI ALL CLASS REUNION 26 HALL OF HONOR
MAY 18	WEST AURORA CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATION

# WELCOME

The A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools believes that the best way to shape our future is by coming together to support education in our community. With your help, our efforts preserve both the rich history and promising future of the West Aurora School District.

As the charitable benefactor for SD129, the A+ Foundation raises funds and provides grants and scholarships to students and staff right here in West Aurora. Each school year, we allocate resources for Academics, Arts, and Athletics. We are proud to say that the A+ Foundation positively impacts over 11,000 public school students. Last year, we funded several key initiatives, including:

- Over 80 Fund-A-Need teacher and classroom grants.
- A Dollar Per Student program benefiting all 11,000 students.
- Payment for 140 Advanced Placement exams for college-bound seniors.
- Hosting the Excellence in Education dinner for the top 5% of the Class of 2024.
- Presenting 8 Golden Apples to our deserving Golden Apple winners.
- Inducting two Distinguished Alumni into our Hall of Honor.

Like all foundations, we rely on support to achieve our goals. We are fortunate to have the backing of the greater Aurora community and our proud alumni. It truly takes a village, and we are grateful for your role in the A+ Foundation's ongoing success. We feel privileged to be part of a community that values investing in the future through support for our students, staff, and schools in West Aurora.

Thank you for your continued support!

Ingrid  
Executive Director  
A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools

Scott  
President  
A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools

# OUR MISSION

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

# OUR VISION

- Enrich the curriculum
- Inspire excellence in students and staff
- Expand opportunities for community involvement
- Foster alumni connections



# A+ FOUNDATION OFFICERS



**INGRID RONEY\***  
*Executive Director*



**SCOTT VORIS\***  
*President*



**KERRY PROCZKO**  
*Vice President*



**RANDI OCHSENSCHLAGER\***  
*Secretary*



**DOUG HAFER**  
*Treasurer*

# A+ FOUNDATION DIRECTORS



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*Superintendent of Schools*



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*School Board Liaison*



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*Director of Educational Opportunities & Advanced Placement*



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*At-Large-Board/ Alumni Relations - Key alumni*



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*Director At-Large/ Marketing Plans*



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*Director of Recognition*



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*Director At-Large*



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# DISTRICT 129 BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Colleen Lorenz\*  
Ira Lathan

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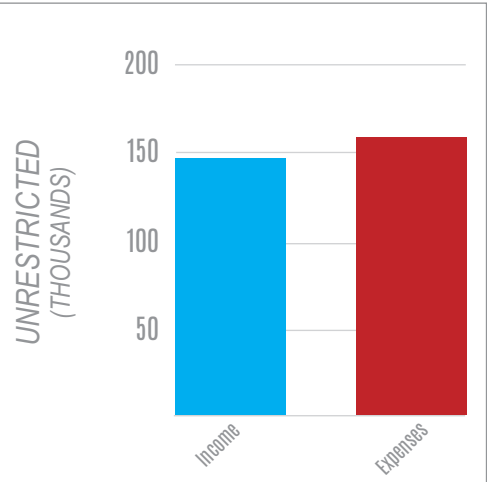
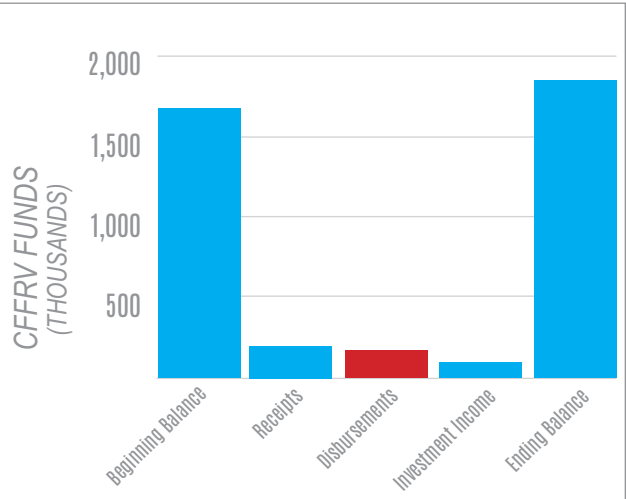
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\* *West Aurora Alumni*

# FINANCES



UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (\$000)	Income	Expenses
Donations/Sponsorships	55	3
Payroll Deduction	21	0
Checkbook Deposit Pass Through	30	30
Advanced Placement	0	10
Alumni	0	3
Banding Together	5	0
Certificates of Appreciation	2	1
Dollar per Student	0	11
Endowment Dividend	12	0
Excellence in Education	0	10
Fund a Need	0	22
General Administration	0	10
Golden Apple	0	1
Hall of Honor	0	13
Marketing	0	7
Salary Reimbursement	0	36
Turkey Trot	22	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>157</b>

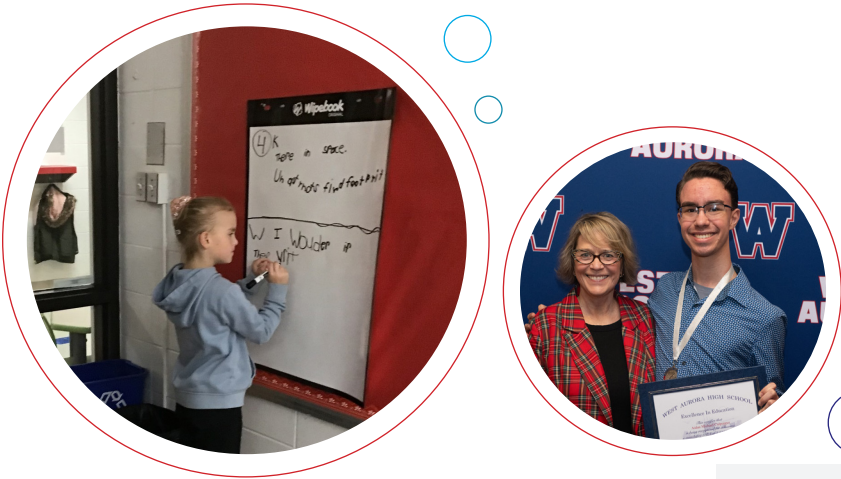


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FINANCES

During the past school year, the A+ Foundation for West Aurora Schools fundraised over \$147,000. In addition, the board authorized distributions of \$75,000 from existing A+ Funds held at the Community Foundation. In total, the A+ Foundation (through our generous donors) provided over \$220,000 of resources to the students and staff of District 129.



FUND	Beginning Balance July 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	Investment Income	Ending Balance June 30, 2024
Administrative Endowment	289,845	10,115	14,762	31,747	316,945
Advanced Placement Fund	10,405	0	0	0	10,405
Alumni Scholarship Fund	100	925	1,000	0	25
Dorsey Fund	5,105	0	0	0	5,105
Eagle Endowment	124,962	4,647	3,350	13,682	139,941
Fund-a-Need	688	22,410	22,209	0	889
Gilmore Endowment Fund	0	12,945	1,073	834	12,704
Halfvarson Endowment	24,579	777	739	2,704	27,322
Harkness Fund	14,350	0	1,500	0	12,850
Hosler Harris Endowment	32,191	975	3,921	3,322	32,567
Isler Endowment	251,182	7,926	5,532	27,443	281,019
Library Endowment	150,758	4,756	5,581	16,491	166,424
McDougal Fund	1,833	0	1,000	0	833
Papadolias Endowment	43,405	1,920	2,331	4,653	47,647
Reading Endowment	143,546	4,760	7,207	15,606	156,704
Reading Initiative	208,809	6,932	2,206	23,043	236,578
Senior Celebration Fund	795	2,500	0	0	3,295
Smith School	25	0	0	0	25
Wyatt Endowment	192,688	6,118	2,035	21,260	218,031
West Aurora School (Unrestricted Fund)	156,754	148,265	156,849	0	148,170
TOTAL	1,652,020	235,973	231,298	160,785	1,817,480

2024 HALL OF HONOR HONOREES

Save the Date HALL OF HONOR APRIL 25 & 26, 2025



BEVERLY WELLES  
BAKER

Beverly Baker, Class of 1960, was a pioneer in Civic Service employment at the Federal Communications Commission. In 1983, when Beverly was promoted into management, first as a Deputy Branch Chief and, shortly thereafter, as Branch Chief of the Legal Branch of the Tariff Division, there was only one other woman who held the position of Branch Chief. In 1987, she became the Deputy Chief of the Private Radio Bureau, the first woman to hold a Deputy Bureau Chief position. As Deputy Chief of the Private Radio Bureau, she was the author of allocating additional public safety frequencies so police and fire could communicate. She also made trips to Ottawa and Mexico City to reach agreements that would meet the needs of safety agencies in Canada and Mexico.

Perhaps the most significant frequency allocation decision was one which Beverly initiated. In the 1980's, cellular telephone service was just developing. Beverly found a way to open up competition between the only two existing phone competitors- opening up access in cellular communications. The coming of cell phones and cable TV also led to a recognition that the Emergency Broadcast System established in 1963 was out of date. Beverly became the principal author of the order establishing a new Emergency Alert System which went into effect January 1, 1997. In 1994, Beverly was appointed Bureau Chief of the FCC's Field Operations Bureau, the largest Bureau at the FCC.

As the first woman to rise through Civil Service to be an FCC Bureau Chief and a member of the Senior Executive Service, she had an enormous impact on other women in the agency.



EDWARD THOMAS  
REID

In January 2014, Tom, Class of 1982, assumed the position of Senior Producer for Marketing at the Universal Resort in Orlando. Because of his talents and exemplary work ethic, in 2023, Tom became Senior Director of Marketing, Executive Producer of Creative Production at Universal Parks & Experiences. At Universal, Tom leads a team creating content for TV, film, video, print, and electronic media and working with senior management, outside advertising agencies, and production companies. He has significant oversight in the production of content for many Orlando-based attractions including Harry Potter/Diagon Alley, The Hulk, Jimmy Fallon's Race Through New York, and Universal's first water theme park, Volcano Bay. Tom is currently tasked with developing the visual content for Universal's new theme park, Epic Universe.

His team has also led the way with new 360 virtual video content, showcasing many attractions throughout all three of Universal's theme parks. These 360-degree videos allow guests who could otherwise not experience a thrill attraction to visually do so. Currently, Tom's responsibilities are at the very top of Universal's marketing for their five Theme Parks in China, Japan, California, and Florida for which he and his team have had the responsibility for producing comprehensive visual marketing content that promotes each of the company's parks. His team has had the responsibility for creating, casting, and producing promotional materials that continue to come to market through each of the company's destinations.

Additionally, Tom was accepted to and is completing his Leadership and Management Certificate from Harvard Business School.

PAST HONOREES

Adam Slaker, '1873	Albert Alschuler, '58	Joan Swinehamer Edwards, '63	Lauren Leimbach, '74
Frank H. McWethy, '01	Phillip E. Johnson, '58	Raymond Reed, '64	Steve Gosselin, '75
Ruth VanSickle Ford, '15	Walter Bothe, '59	William Beschoner, '65	Bruce Kammenzind, '76
H. Ashley Barber, '29	William Gifford, '59	Linda Demetry Cowan, '66	R. Lawrence Hatchett, '77
Robert McWethy, '37	James Puklin, '59	Paul Ormond, '67	Colonel John A. Becker, '77
E. Neil Foster, '38	H. William "Bill" Habermeyer, Jr., '60	William Farrar, '67	Marina Pocrnich Bogard, '78
William C. Murphy, '38	Bruce Scafe, '60	Peter Whinfrey, '67	Kathleen L. Forsell Caldwell, '79
John Dunham, '43	Scott Whitlock, '60	David M. Theno, '68	Rodger Piolet, '79
John Drury, '45	George Everitt, '61	Johnny Lee Davenport, '68	Jacqueline Pongracic, '79
Arthur Ramer Wyatt, '45	Kittie Barton Frantz, '61	Thomas C. Ewing, '69	J. Scott Jordan, '80
Richard Olson, '47	Pam Kohn Hait, '61	Randy Shilts, '69	Michael Oros, '80
J. Allison "Al" Binford, '48	Arthur Lage, '61	Stephen F. Sundlof, '69	Julie Ann Cassiday, '82
Edward Ochsenschlager, '50	Carol Cauldwell McElroy, '61	Michael Fagel, '70	Annbritt Gemmer duChateau, '83
Max Baratz, '52	Roy Solfisburg, '61	Eric Halfvarson, '70	Timothy Fisher, '87
Phyllis Bleck, '54	Robert Taggart, '61	John Heath, '70	Leslie Roney Johnston, '90
Robert Garrison, '54	Raphael "Rafie" Podolsky, '61	Thomas Skilling, '70	Kristen Ziman, '91
Nancy Ochsenschlager, '57	Thomas F. Gallagher, '62	Michael Cavender, '72	Andrea Marie Spaeth, '03
Dennis Olden, '57	James Groninger, '62	John Cordogan, '73	
Martha Evans Sloan, '57	Wendell Minor, '62	Eric Whitaker, '74	
Neal Ormond III, '58	Thomas Ochsenschlager, '62	Susan Bartells Jacobson, '74	



FUND-A-NEED

A+ FOUNDATION

Blackhawk Academy  
Friendsgiving - Partially funded by  
Ingrid Roney, Kerry Proczko, and  
Randi Ochsenschlager  
Science Experiments  
SEL  
Brain Breaks

Goodwin Elementary  
2nd Grade Math Store

Greenman Elementary  
Adopt an Animal

Hall Elementary  
Morning Baskets

Herget M.S.  
West Aurora Middle School Band Festival  
Band Personal Tuning Devices  
EdPuzzle Teaching Tool

Hope Wall School  
Rocket Store for All  
Math Manipulatives & Classroom Centers  
Reading Materials  
Hope Wall Graduation

Jefferson M.S.  
8th Grade Dance

Jewel M.S.  
Jewel E-Sports Club  
District 129 MS Solo and Ensemble Festival  
Spirit Café  
Jaguar Shop

Nicholson Elementary  
Math, Literacy Stem Family Fun Night

Schneider Elementary  
LaToteria Noche Familiar/LaLoteria Family Night

Smith Elementary  
Friday Journal Notebooks

Washington M.S.  
Adventure Club (Adventure Awaits)  
Quizziz with Student Accounts

West High  
Student Ambassadors  
LINK Leader Teambuilding Field Trip  
Young Hearts for Life (Fall/Spring)  
Adventure Physical Education, Outdoor Cooking  
Too Good ambassadors + Gotta Be Vape Free  
Anxiety Packs/Mental Health Awareness Fest (Fall/Spring)  
Intramurals Promotions  
Davidson Dollars  
West High vs. Hope Wall Basketball Game  
Self-Contained Ed 9-12 Program Social Emotional  
Essentials  
STAR Incentive Cart  
Fox River & Waubensee Creek Water Monitoring  
Membership Dues for Illinois Jr. Academy of Science

Summer Music Lesson Scholarship Program  
Senior Celebration Fireworks – Partial Funding  
from Parents of West High Students  
StellarXplorers – Funding from the Juvenile  
Protection Agency

SHERRY R. EAGLE ENDOWMENT  
Fearn Elementary  
Children’s Author Inspires Writers Forum

Jewel M.S.  
Raz Kids/Raz-Plus  
EL Newcomer Supplemental Resources

Nicholson Elementary  
Classroom Diverse Library and Reading Center

Washington M.S.  
Restart Books for Students

PAPADOLIAS ENDOWMENT  
Goodwin Elementary  
Drama Club

Washington M.S.  
Chocolate Factory Uniforms  
Spring Musical Production

HALFVARSON ENDOWMENT  
West High  
Summer Music Lesson Scholarship Program

READING ENDOWMENT  
Freeman Elementary  
Battle of the Books

Hall Elementary  
One Book Program  
Basic Letter Tiles Sets

Jefferson M.S.  
Reading Buddies (Student Council)

JANET ISLER  
Fearn Elementary  
Little Minds at Work Science of Reading Essentials  
Toolkit

Freeman Elementary  
3D Pens and Filament for STEM

Greenman Elementary  
Math Games & Counting Collections

Hall Elementary  
Math Tool Kits for Math+

Schneider Elementary  
Shared Literacy-Sensory Items

Herget M.S.  
Gimkit Subscription for Social Students Teachers

Washington M.S.  
Kahoots Study Game Premium Subscription

ROBERT AND BETTY HOSLER HARRIS

Blackhawk Academy  
Lego Social Skills Group  
SEL Projects  
Friendsgiving

McCleery Elementary  
Six Brick Lego Project

Nicholson Elementary  
K-5 Book Clubs

Smith Elementary  
Superstar Peer Buddy Program

West High  
Self-Contained ED 9-12 Program Social Emotional  
Essentials  
STAR Incentive Cart

VORIS LIBRARY EDOWMENT

Herget M.S.  
Quality Fiction in the LMC

Schneider Elementary  
Author Visit

CHARLES AND BETTY GILMORE  
ENDOWMENT

West High  
Red Jacket for YOUR Dreams

JOHN “JACK” HARKNESS  
West High  
Design and Install Virtual Enterprises Trade Show

CAROL AND RICHARD WYATT  
ENDOWMENT  
Washington M.S.  
Additional Technology in Fitness Room

UNDESIGNATED FUND-A-NEED  
DONATIONS  
Frank and Char Voris  
James and Clare Toynton  
Kerry Proczko  
Chuck Freiheit



BANDING TOGETHER XII

Banding Together was established in 2011 by a group of A+ Foundation board members who wanted to honor the incredible teaching career of retiring music teacher Meg Papadolias, recognizing her dedication and talent within the West Aurora school district. This led to the creation of The Meg Papadolias Endowment Fund through the A+ Foundation, aimed at supporting Fine Arts programs in the district each year. Over the years, Banding Together has evolved into a highly enjoyable musical event held every September, as well as a successful fundraiser. In the past 12 years, it has raised over \$40,000 for the Fine Arts program district-wide. The event has expanded to include an alumni band, a student band, and a staff band, becoming a key occasion for class reunions. The public, including the Class of 1988, enjoyed performances from John Papadolias, Staff Infection, and LeGrande Band.

STILL  
Rocking  
THE NIGHT  
AWAY!



TOM-A-HAWK TURKEY TROT 5K

East Aurora and West Aurora High Schools have long been rivals, a tradition that dates back to their annual football game, which started in 1893. Traditionally held on Thanksgiving, the game was played on Hurd’s Island. To celebrate this historic rivalry, the Aurora East Educational Foundation and the A+ Foundation for West Aurora schools hosted the 3rd Annual Tom-A Hawk 5K Turkey Trot on Saturday, November 18, at Wilder Promenade in downtown Aurora. This event united residents, staff, and community members from both sides of the river for a pre-Thanksgiving 5K run/walk. With perfect weather this year, a record 1,070 participants enjoyed a scenic route around the Fox River trail and celebrated with a party at Two Brothers Roundhouse. We extend our gratitude to all our sponsors for supporting the Tom-A Hawk Turkey Trot as an annual tradition in Aurora. The funds raised will benefit both school foundations, enhancing educational experiences for students from PreK-12. Together, the A+ Foundation and the Aurora East Educational Foundation raised nearly \$45,000 this year for programs, materials, and special events for over 20,000 public school students in the area.



Join us  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Aurora/TomAHawk5k>



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- SILVER**  
Woodman’s Market  
Rush Copley Medical Center  
Spartan Ale House  
Old Second Bank  
Parra’s Bakery  
City Of Aurora  
Aurora Hispanic Heritage Board
- BRONZE**  
West Aurora Sports Boosters  
Lifetouch  
Rotary Club United  
Oxie Affordable Optical  
Llamas St. Jules Lip  
Fairview Dental  
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Aurora Area Retired Teachers Association  
Dick’s Mini Donuts  
Waubensee Community College  
East Aurora Sports Boosters  
Crawford, Murphy & Tilly  
Spartan Alw House O’malleys Pub  
Arlene And Dick Hawks  
City Of Aurora Alderwoman Juany Garze  
Jake’s Machining And Rebuilding  
Anodyne Pain And Wellness  
Us Army  
Woodman’s  
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- TOM-A-HAWK**  
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Aurora Tap House  
Riverfront Jeep  
Coffman Truck  
Thomas Pump  
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# A+ CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

**A+ FOUNDATION**  
Ingrid Roney

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Elena Blackwell  
Tamarind Bobo  
Dr. Jeff Craig  
Alex Mendez  
Lorri Murphy  
Alejandra Nuenz  
Claudia Rubio  
Summer Smith  
Sharon Thierfelder  
Liz Wendel  
Kim Wisniewski

**BLACKHAWK ACADEMY**  
Stacey Jarboe

**EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY**  
Anita Conklin  
Grace Franckowiak

**FEARN**  
Dan Bajek  
Rebecca Jurkowski  
Karen Laskowski  
Heidi Oxie

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Tracey Ward

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Carrie Miller

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Mr. Velasco

**HALL**  
Julio Martinez  
Cindy Newendyke  
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Zandra Zabala

**HILL**  
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Dina Voice

**HOPE WALL**  
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Lauren Vacivac

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Jenny Dover  
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Sara Mallas  
Pam Miller  
Rebecca Norris  
Michael Persons  
Anthony Rizzo  
Laurie Munson-Rodriguez  
Mike Runge  
William Stanley  
Tomary Walls

**TRANSPORTATION**  
Miss Beverly  
Sophia Hountaia



## GOLDEN APPLE

The A+ Foundation is honored to be part of the Golden Apple Awards every February. This is the highest honor bestowed upon a district employee or community member. Congratulations to these esteemed honorees for their outstanding achievements and contributions to our school community.

### Congratulations

Kimberly Slawinski  
Melissa Yarbrough  
Colin Danzinger  
Brenda English  
Cindy Larry  
Fannie Morrison  
Susan Fuentes  
Gilbert McGaughy



## CLASS OF 2024: EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION SCHOLARS

Hadleigh Alyn Bedwell  
Ella Leah Brown  
Sara Claire Brown  
Genevieve Bush  
Aidan Michael Culpepper  
Kelsey Elizabeth Danner  
Fernando DeLon  
Brianna Lynn Diaz  
Aaron Jacob Distajo  
Alana Victoria Fritz  
Megan Marie Greenacre  
Yaretzi Itzel Guerrero  
Sean Alexander Heetland  
Evan Andrew Herbert  
William David Hipp  
Delaney Bremer Hopkins  
Cameron Christopher Jarrell  
Natalie Grace Kitner  
Abigail Sophia Kulikowski  
Grace Alexandra Lawless  
Rylan Robert Lody-Niles  
Erik Alexander Longo  
Delilah Mariah Lott  
Kalei Jean Luginbill  
Mia Angelena Malczyk  
Cynthia Martell  
Alejandra Martinez  
Jadynn Anne Matas  
Emma Kay Mathis

Madelyn Rose McCabe  
Natalia Medelin  
Laeni Grace Meinel  
Carla Moncada  
Maya Mendoz Moneze  
Mohamed Zubeir Moorani  
Skylar Ona Obrien  
Blasita Ocho Garcia  
Addison Grace O'Connor  
Roselynn Natalia Orrala  
Juan Pablo Pacheco  
Jill H Patel  
Abigail Perez  
Gianna Kim Phu  
Charlotte Ann Plummer  
Noah Ismael Quintana  
Christopher Quinto  
Vanessa Nayeli Ramirez  
Eleanor Elizabeth Rogowski  
Samuel Richard Rosenstein  
Addison Rose Salach  
William Richard Samp  
Brady Michael Smith  
McKenna Arwen Smith  
Vynia Stein  
Clarabella Rose Tochmani  
Kaiden Gerald Williams  
Kendall Marie Williams  
Kyle Austin Zimmerman

## EXCELLENCE INFLUENTIAL EDUCATORS

Neal Ormond  
Lindsay Herwaldt  
Shad Roley  
Gregory Henset  
Elizabeth Freed  
Jesus Favela  
Carolyn Schmidt  
Bill Stanley  
April Sanko  
Patty Sampson  
Scott Schultz  
Jesus Arceo  
Anthony Rizzo  
Jon Bell  
Valier Dade  
Amy Winslow  
Grace Fisher  
Chris Soulsby  
Wayne Ha  
Mr. Littlejohn  
Mrs. Towles  
Jamie Lesk  
Jordan Tokarz  
Mr. DeLaHoya  
Mrs. Mulligan

Tom Kraus  
Meghan Hill  
Mr. Stremel  
Angela Schultz  
Melissa Fisher  
Angela Schultz  
Meghan Hill  
Matt Love  
Marie Stancati  
Amy Brewner  
Jared Moore  
Valerie Barajas  
April Sonnefeldt  
Kris Prince  
Matt Pierzchata  
James Dahle  
Jennifer Rhea Ferguson  
Ms. Armstrong  
Patricia Doctor  
Kathy Dilday  
Ms. Armstrong  
John Sierakowski  
Chris Sinatra  
Joseph Rigaud  
Jennifer Whiteaker

## WEST AURORA HIGH SCHOOL DORSEY

**MARIAH THORNTON**  
Indiana State University

**FERNANDO DeLEON**  
Dayton University

**W.A.H.S. ALUMNI**

SCHOLARSHIPS



**OLIVIA LEAL**  
University of Illinois Chicago

## 2023-24 MEMORIAL GIFTS

Jack Griffin  
Dorothy Hively  
Ron Polancich  
Richard Ruffalo  
Ted Crawshaw  
Larry Pinnow  
Tom Hudson  
Janis Larson  
Mary Bernard  
David Ross Bergman  
Mike Lies  
Allen Hatch  
Megan Sporny  
James Toynton

## In Honor of Norrain and Ted Phelps PATHWAY OF HONOR

Teresa Towles  
Patty Sampson  
Sue Garcia  
Chuck Hiscock  
Tomary Walls  
Kristin Wicks  
Ernie Roberts  
James McGoawn  
Jen Furuglyas  
Bruce Fraser  
Kathy Bermes  
Derik Hollyfield



# DISTRICT TEACHERS & STAFF GIVING BACK

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