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Donation Form A Tribute to Teachers

Please complete the following form for each individual whom you would like to honor.
Additional forms are available on the Foundation Web site or upon request.

All tributes received by April 20 will be distributed during Teacher Appreciation Week of the current year.

Year in which you were in honoree's class/activity: _____

Special memory, thank-you, or reason for this recognition: _____

Enclosed is my/our donation of:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ _____ (Suggested minimum of \$25 per teacher.)

Your Name _____ Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Graduation Year (if applicable) _____ Davenport Schools attended _____

Honoree's Name _____

Grade or Subject Taught _____ School _____

Please complete this form to be shared with the honoree listed above and mail to the following
address: Davenport Schools Foundation, Attn: Norman Bower, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803.

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TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS - GIVE 'TIL IT FEELS GOOD!

Do you know a teacher—active or retired—who made a difference in your life? Do you want to say “thank you” in a convenient way? Do you want to help Davenport students at the same time?

Then, please use the form on the back of this newsletter to tell us about your inspiring teacher and to mail a contribution to the Davenport Schools Foundation. We will gather the notes and forward them (when possible) to the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week in May. (They don't have to be DCSD teachers.) We will also place copies of these tributes in a special file in the Davenport School Museum at the Administration Service Center, so your kindness will live for posterity. Your donation will support our scholarships for graduating seniors.

Ruth Smit, a second-grade teacher at Adams, is retiring this June after 39 years of teaching. She said, “I had some very influential teachers as role models who helped me become a teacher. I would be very honored if any of my hundreds of students made a contribution in my honor, and proud to know that in some small way I touched their lives through my profession.”

Listed here are this year's retirees as a handy reference. Here is an opportunity to let them know what their work has meant to you. We suggest a \$25 contribution with each tribute.

Retiring Teachers

Teacher	School	Years
Pamela Abdo	Williams	34
Deborah Aleio	Harrison	37
Esther Anderson	Central	25
Linda Baustian	Garfield	34
Judith Bechert	Monroe	36
Brian Brunsvold	West	39
Linda Ceurvorst	Monroe	35
Joyce Ceurvorst	Walcott Int.	32
Rebecca Christy	West	28
Diana Corsiglia	Adams	35
Ann Cross	Eisenhower	29
Patricia Davis	Jackson	43
Margaret Dreyer	Monroe	31
Donald Edwards	Williams	33
Linda Fierce	Eisenhower	25
Robert Filson	KCAE	37
Elaine Frevert	Monroe	28
William Gallin	Monroe	26
Nancy Gesy	CV West	26
Jean Giles	Garfield	35
John Gill	Art	28
Thomas Gleich	North	34
Donna Harksen	Central	35
Thomas Harksen	West	25
Lynell Haverkamp	Central	36
Sharon Heller	Monroe	33
Nancy Hester	McKinley	31
Margaret Huelsenbeck	Blue Grass	38
Carol Johnson	Smart	34
Mary Johnson	North	37
Aaron King	West	40
Patricia Klesack	Walcott Int.	26
Carol Kniep	Jackson	28
Sandra Kratz	Central	32
Sandra Lange	Harrison	32
Kathleen Lewis	Harrison	32
Jane Meyer	Monroe	28
Peggy Myers	Lincoln	33
Susan Rathje	West	31
Teresa Rockwell	Fillmore/Washington	34
Cheryl Sly	Eisenhower	30
Ruth Smit	Adams	39
Ella Swaggard	Wood	33
Michael Thomas	Blue Grass	39
Linda Thompson	Harrison	29
Richard Toohill	West	31
Sandra Townsend	Jackson	30
Kathleen Tritt	Wilson	32
Linda Walters	Adams	33
Charles Wilden	Sudlow	32
Michael Wood	West	34
Deborah Wood	ASC/Buchanan	32
Gary Zalaznik	West	36

The Davenport Schools Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation chartered in 1987. The Foundation was created to provide resources to enhance the educational opportunities and experiences available to students in the Davenport Community Schools.

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DSF PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Please, PROMISE To Do Your Homework



On March 3, voters in Davenport will go to the polls to vote on the Davenport Promise program, which would provide college and technical school scholarship money for every graduating student who resides in Davenport, no matter what school he/she attends.

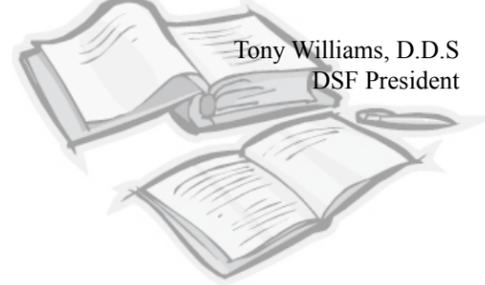
Here are a few facts:

- It is a city-funded program meant to stimulate population growth and workforce development.
- It will not increase taxes. The money will come from the established one-cent local option sales tax (requiring just 30 percent of that revenue).
- Each new student in Davenport Schools is worth \$5,000 in state support.
- It has worked successfully in Kalamazoo, Mich.—a community similar to Davenport.

Please note that if the Davenport Promise is adopted, it will not alter the function of or the need for the Davenport Schools Foundation. We coordinate almost 20 scholarships annually, amounting to more than \$40,000 in support for our graduates. The Davenport Promise level of support will match the tuition amount of state universities and community colleges, but we all know the true cost of education is greater than that, and the cost for out-of-state tuition and private colleges is far higher. I must emphasize: there will STILL BE A NEED for DSF scholarships. Further, we will continue our funding of Great Minds programs, which take our students out of the classrooms for educational experiences, and underwrite special projects and mini-grants throughout the year.

The Davenport Promise is an important decision for our community. Please take the time to educate yourself on this issue and be sure to vote on March 3. This is important for our community and our schools, and certainly for our children. For more information go to www.cityofdavenportiowa.com or call 563-888-3384.

Thanks for being a committed parent, an informed voter and a strong supporter of education.



Tony Williams, D.D.S.
DSF President

Great Minds Activities Going to Great Heights (like Mt. Everest!)

Half-way through the academic year, the Great Minds program has funded 43 projects, impacting several thousand students. Program Director Gene Conrad reports there have been trips to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, but also many local visits to the Putnam Museum, the Figge Art Museum and the Children's Museum in Bettendorf, as well as the Children's Junior Theater in Davenport. The program has also helped to fund a program on cyber-bullying for fifth-graders and a home-connection grant that helped families of students to send packages to U.S. soldiers in war zones.

In February at Harrison Elementary, the Great Minds program will help fund a visit by Lori Schneider, a remarkable

mountain climber with Multiple Sclerosis from Bayfield, Wis. She is headed to Mt. Everest in May of this year, but will be giving her inspirational talk to all the second graders at Harrison first. Several related projects have started and are planned for students and families. The students will follow the hike up Everest via computer links. Thanks to teacher Jeanne VanHulle for organizing this big adventure for our excited students.

And in mid-March, a classical musician and tabla player from Calcutta, India, will visit intermediate students at Smart, Sudlow and Walcott Schools. Subrata Bhattacharya will teach students about his unique hand drums, while also serving as a cultural ambassador.

Weeks Joins DSF Board

The Davenport Schools Foundation welcomes Cynthia Weeks to its board of directors. Cynthia is a 1980 Central High School grad with a degree from the University of Iowa and work experience in the development offices of the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago and the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities in Denver. She has performed volunteer service for the Davenport Museum of Art, the Junior League, the Family Museum, St. Paul Lutheran Church and the Davenport Schools Improvement Advisory Committee. She and her husband, Scott Teasdale, have two children at McKinley Elementary, where she has been a leader in the PTA.



DSF GALA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF DAVENPORT SCHOOLS

What an amazing evening was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 21, at the Figge Art Museum. The Davenport Schools Foundation hosted a dessert gala for 200 supporters in honor of Davenport Schools' 150th anniversary.

Former U.S. Representative Jim Leach, who graduated from Davenport High School in 1960, was the keynote speaker. "Lighting the Way" was the theme, as a



DSF President Tony Williams presented a Golden D monogram to Jim Leach "for meritorious service to Davenport and the country," following Leach's remarks at the gala.

tribute to the teachers and other DCSD employees who have prepared several generations of Davenport students.

Generous support came from the Riverboat Development Authority, Ruhl and Ruhl Insurance, Iowa-American Water, THE National Bank, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and contributing partners from Lane and Waterman, LLP. The event raised more than \$7,000 for scholarships and the Great Minds program.

Thanks to the many donating visitors who enjoyed a lavish dessert buffet and the music of the West High School senior string ensemble. Historic displays were provided by the Davenport School Museum. The sesquicentennial event received thorough media coverage including a special supplement to the *Quad City Times* on Sunday, Dec. 7,



Gala speakers included, from left, Norm Bower, DSF development director; Jim Leach, currently a professor at Princeton University; School Board President Patt Zamora, DSF President Tony Williams, D.D.S.; Superintendent Julio Almanza and Davenport Mayor Bill Gluba. Speaking via video was DSF Chair Emeritus Lisa Arbisser, M.D.

which highlighted the people and accomplishments of the district. A commemorative DVD of the gala is available through the DSF Office at 563-336-5004.

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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

The Davenport Schools Foundation receives many generous gifts throughout the year, from literally hundreds of friends, alumni, teachers and businesses. As we closed the books on 2008, we wanted to acknowledge four gifts in particular that are going to make a big difference for Davenport students.

- **Judy Greiman** of LeClaire, Iowa, and her siblings, Anita Eyestone and Charles and Robert Linke, have donated \$20,000 as a memorial to their late mother, Marie Linke Powell. Mrs. Powell taught in DCSD for 34 years, including 20 at Fillmore Elementary. She retired in 1978 and passed away in March 2008. The scholarship named in her honor will be awarded annually to a new graduate intending to major in education.
- **Steve Schalk**, a Davenport attorney, has given \$10,000 for computer pods in the media center at McKinley Elementary. His father, the late John Schalk, was the principal at McKinley for many years. Steve took a tour of the building in October, renewing friendships with many of his father's associates.



Marie Linke Powell



Steve Schalk, in doorway, went on a tour of McKinley School in October with Principal Teresa Bechen, right, and media teacher Joe Macksey, left.

- **Mike and Linda Orr** of Monona, Wis., donated \$10,000 for the Great Minds program. Linda served on the board of the Davenport Schools Foundation for six years, starting in 1996, and the couple has been generous supporters of the foundation over the years.
- **John Wiese** of Davenport contributed an additional \$10,000 to the memorial scholarship fund he created in honor of his wife, Hanae Fujiwara Wiese. Mrs. Wiese was a music teacher in Davenport Schools for 20 years. She passed away in 2004. The scholarship goes each year to one boy and one girl with service to the music programs at Central High School.

PTA Council Provides Two Scholarships

When the Davenport PTA Council dissolved in 2008, the group's scholarship committee decided to deposit their assets with the Davenport Schools Foundation. That \$7,000 fund has created the Davenport Schools Future Educator Scholarship, which goes to a graduating senior with an intended major in education.

The former vocational-technical scholarship given by the PTA Council has been renamed the Betty Nelson Career-Technical Scholarship. Mrs. Nelson helped organize this program 18 years ago and has nurtured it every year since then. It provides four \$500 scholarships to graduates intending to enter technical training and/or an apprenticeship. Thanking the DSF and PTA Council committee members, she said, "I was happy for this honor, but my friends were ecstatic. The committee actions mean the program will live on for many years."