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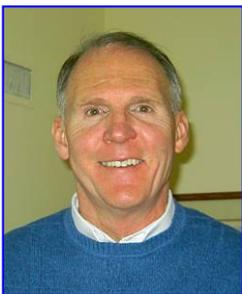
# Davenport Schools Foundation NEWS

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## A TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS



**Nancy Keller, who was formerly a special education teacher at North High School, said the Tributes she received last year made her “very proud and happy to be remembered by friends and faculty.”**



**Tony Williams, DSF president**

### Tribute to Teachers 2011

## Have you thanked a teacher today? Here’s how ...

The Davenport Schools Foundation is conducting its annual Tribute to Teachers campaign, soliciting kind words for our friends in education. The group is seeking students, parents, alumni and fellow teachers who want to offer a word of praise to a teacher, administrator or coach.

The honoree will receive a special Tribute bookmark and a copy of the written comments. Original notes will be stored permanently at the Davenport School Museum at 1606 Brady St., Davenport.

The Foundation suggests a \$25 donation for each tribute offered, which supports the Great

Minds program in Davenport Schools. This underwrites the Davenport Schools’ class visits to the Figge Art Museum, the Scott County Recycling Center, the QC Symphony, etc., as well as special classroom projects and speakers throughout the year.

“Receiving the tributes from several parents last year was so humbling,” said Alan Guss, a retired band teacher from Davenport.

**To take part in Tribute to Teachers, use the form on Page 4 of this newsletter by April 30 or see the DSF Web site at: [www.davenportschools/foundation](http://www.davenportschools/foundation).**

## President’s Comments

*by Tony Williams, D.D.S.*

### **Welcome, Dr. Tate!**

The board and staff of the Davenport Schools Foundation wishes Dr. Arthur Tate a warm welcome as he assumes his duties as the new superintendent of schools in Davenport on July 1.

Dr. Tate was hired in February to replace Julio Almanza, who has served for five years. Dr. Tate, who resides in Tempe, Ariz., was interviewed in Davenport during one of the worst blizzards in memory, so

apparently he really does want the job! As he said in a note, “I was impressed by the strength and potential of the Davenport community ... I stand ready and anxious to get there and go to work in a cooperative and action-oriented fashion.”



DSF was one of several community agencies that helped interview him, giving him a look at us, even as we sought to evaluate him. We are excited to have someone with such a strong academic and work-related resume.



## Slim Goodbody

talked with first- and fourth-grade students from Madison and Hayes elementary schools on March 1 at North High. His message is about healthy bodies and healthy lifestyles. DSF helped pay for this program through Great Minds.

## Author Julia Cook visits Harrison

Children's author Julia Cook talked about health, safety and bullying at Harrison Elementary in March, reaching all 574 students over two days. Great Minds was an underwriter of this project.

## Great Minds promotes health, science, the arts

The spring semester at Davenport Schools stretches from blizzards to blossoms, and the Great Minds program stretches from art museums to zebras. The 30 programs scheduled between January and May include a stimulating array of educational field trips and in-class activities.

Ballet Quad Cities presented "The Ugly Duckling" to all first graders in late February. Fifth graders district-wide visited the Figge Art Museum and the River Music Experience in February, March and April. And the QC Symphony Day included all the fourth-graders on April 15.

In late March, 38 fourth-graders from Walcott visited the Putnam Museum and IMAX Theatre to see the "Coral Reef" movie, tour the museum and view the historic Titanic exhibit.



Eisenhower Elementary first graders had special visitors from Ballet Quad Cities on Feb. 17. Kaleb Baker and Emily Kate Long taught the children about the many facets of ballet, such as dance, costumes, lighting, music and set decoration. Children practiced several basic ballet positions and steps.



BQC presented "The Ugly Duckling" at North High School for all Davenport first-grade students in February. The story's anti-bullying message was incorporated into the curriculum.

## Fillmore students see Augustana Planetarium

In January, 56 fifth graders visited the Augustana Planetarium in Rock Island, Ill. to study the stars that helped lead slaves to freedom 150 years ago. Great Minds helped fund this special field trip, which incorporated astronomy, Black History Month, music, geology and literature.

Great Minds program director Gene Conrad said, "We love taking advantage of local educational institutions and letting our children know about these valuable resources."

## Hy-Vee Spring Party proceeds going to Great Minds

Please plan to stop by the Northgate Hy-Vee store at Kimberly and Eastern in Davenport on **Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The store will be hosting a spring party for customers with games and food for children of all ages. The proceeds will benefit the Davenport Schools Foundation's Great Minds program.



DSF board members and volunteers will help Hy-Vee personnel during the party, and will be sharing stories

about the Foundation's programs, fundraising efforts and scholarships. Thanks, Hy-Vee for supporting Davenport Schools and Great Minds!



## Scott County Family YMCA donates passes to DSF



Hayes Elementary counselor Lisa Lampe, left, presents Jason Rubingh with a three-month family pass to the Scott County Family YMCA. Jason is a fifth-grade student at Hayes. The YMCA donated the passes to the Foundation, as a gift-in-kind for Davenport students. Jason's thank-you note said, "My whole family is excited about the YMCA passes and they all said 'thank you.' I have friends who go to the Y and now I will be able to do fun things with my friends."

## Birdies will be chirping ...

Watch your mailbox for a flyer about the John Deere Classic's famous fundraising project, Birdies for Charity. JDC adds a bonus amount to every gift to DSF sent through this program, so it's a great way to leverage extra funding for the Davenport Schools Foundation. The Foundation's ID number through Birdies is 969.

Thanks very much to the many donors who generously supported the Foundation in last year's campaign. Keep up the good work! If you have questions, call DSF at 563-336-5004.

## Scholarship accounts opened

Two new accounts have been opened with DSF, thanks to generous donors and friends. Deb Buttleman Malcolm, a journalism teacher at Central, created a memorial scholarship for her late husband, Robert Malcolm, who passed away in March. And Robin Tuczak, a West High School alumna and local attorney, has created a special account that she hopes to build into a self-sustaining scholarship in the future. DSF appreciates the support!

## DID YOU KNOW?

- **Jason Franzenburg**, a technology teacher at West H.S., was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Quad City Engineering and Science Council in February.

- The **Bi-State Literacy Council** awarded DSF a \$500 grant to assist with student visits to the new Eastern Avenue branch library in Davenport. THANKS!

- DSF's two newest board members are **Kay Hall**, a former fine arts curriculum specialist for Davenport Schools, and 2001 CHS grad **Michael Boussetot**, who serves as a senior advisor in the Branstad administration.

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# Tribute to Teachers – quick and easy:

**YES, I want to be part of the Tribute to Teachers campaign in 2011.**

Teacher's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: why I want to say "thanks" \_\_\_\_\_

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**Enclosed is my DSF donation of**

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