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## Mission Statement

The Davenport Schools Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, seeks to provide otherwise unavailable resources to enhance the District's educational environment to help students pursue full potential.

## A Letter from President Larry Minard

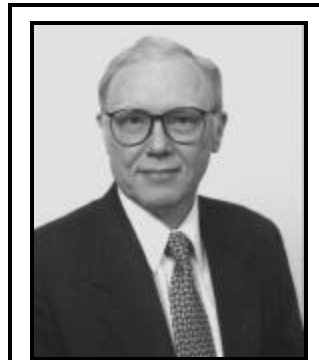
It has been a busy and productive year for the Davenport Schools Foundation. The staff development initiative Schools of Excellence, aimed at supporting teams of teachers at all schools and grade levels who implement innovative educational ideas, entered its last year. A record \$1.8 million was raised by the Foundation, which was matched by the school district, giving the Schools of Excellence and Classrooms for the Future programs a total of \$3.6 million.

Thanks to Schools of Excellence and our talented teachers, our students have felt many positive changes in their schools' climates. In addition, Classrooms for the Future provided funds for computers and technology, as well as the important teaching component to use the new equipment. Schools of Excellence facilitators worked with the buildings' teaching teams to best determine the needs of each school, allowing for customization that best fit the school's atmosphere.

Twenty-three schools have state-of-the-art Classrooms for the Future and we are currently working along with the renovation schedules to secure Classrooms for the Future in the remaining eleven buildings.

In November 2000 the DSF and the Davenport School District agreed that remaining funds will continue to support teacher teams throughout the district.

Another major aspect of the Foundation's work is our scholarship program. Lola Fike serves as the chair for this position, which awarded over \$15,000 for graduating seniors to attend college. The following scholarships are administered by the Foundation:



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**The Davenport Schools Foundation Scholarship** - one award of \$1000

**Joan Kolberg Lowen Scholarship** - one award of \$3500

**Helen G. Pohling Scholarship** - an award of \$1200 to a graduating senior from each high school

**Central High Hall of Honor Scholarship** - awards of \$1000 each to

four graduating seniors from Central

**Lisa B. Arbisser, M.D. Scholarship** - one award of \$500

**Class of '59 Scholarship** - awards of \$500 each to two Central High School graduating seniors

**Jerry Jurgens Athletic Scholarship Fund** - awards of \$1000 each to one male and one female athlete graduating from Central High School

**Jane Devries Memorial Scholarship** - awarded to students from Adams, Jefferson and Madison Elementary Schools who attend summer programs for special work in the arts and sciences

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# The Year in Review with Pres. Larry

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The scholarships were awarded in May with a special recognition at the School Board meeting for all the winners.

In addition to these scholarships, the Foundation holds funds for the David E. Lane Coats for Kids Project.

Another accomplishment has been the creation and distribution of a newsletter, mailed to our donors and all teachers and administrators in the district. The newsletter is also posted at our new web site, found at <http://www.davenport.ia.us/foundation>.

Finally, as the Schools of Excellence and Classrooms for the Future programs wind down, the Foundation is developing a new endeavor entitled GREAT MINDS.

The GREAT MINDS program would directly serve students by providing otherwise unavailable resources to make distinguished persons, places and performances available to students with the hope of inspiring them to a greater awareness, appreciation and understanding of the exciting world in which we live. This might be achieved by bringing people into

the classroom or by taking students out for performances or to museums, etc.

Members from the Foundation, district administration and teachers met in August to discuss operational guidelines for GREAT MINDS. We are currently exploring funding and implementation logistics.

The Foundation is pleased and inspired with the accomplishments of the past year. We look forward to continuing our mission of providing otherwise unavailable resources for our students.

## Davenport Schools Foundation Treasurer's Report

### Summary Account Analysis July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000

### Allocated Funds for July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

	Beginning Balance <u>7/1/99</u>	Ending Balance <u>6/30/00</u>
<b>General Checking</b> (Firststar)	\$ 3,769.98	\$ 15,102.04
<b>Central High Tec Fund</b> (Wells Fargo)	8,273.88	8,697.79
<b>Scholarship Fund</b> (Piper-Jaffray)	241,531.38	426,847.51
<b>Savings, Schools of Excellence</b> (Wells Fargo)	437,586.06	455,174.01
<b>Checking</b> (Wells Fargo)	4,461.26	1,585.45
<b>CDs, Schools of Excellence</b> (Wells Fargo)	<u>360,000.00</u>	<u>180,000.00</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	\$1,055,622.56	\$1,087,406.80

<b>Scholarship Fund</b>	\$ 426,847.51
<b>Schools of Excellence</b>	517,057.54
<b>Musical Instruments</b>	32,000.00
<b>Primary Project</b>	5,000.00
<b>Art Connection</b>	15,000.00
<b>Coats for Kids</b>	5,949.31
<b>Central High Tec Fund</b>	8,697.79

## Recent Contributions Support Students

The Davenport Schools Foundation is excited to announce that an anonymous donor has given \$50,000 to the Central Hall of Honor Scholarship Fund in honor of the Class of '34. These additional funds will be used to increase the amount of the four scholarships awarded annually.

In addition, a memorial was established honoring Evelyn K. Lawton, a long-time kindergarten teacher in the Davenport Community School District. Evelyn designated that all memorials be directed to the Foundation and that those funds be put into the Davenport Schools Foundation Scholarship Fund.

The generosity of these gifts will assist Davenport students in achieving their education goals. Others interested in establishing memorials or making gifts in honor of individuals or groups are encouraged to contact Laura Cleaveland at (319) 336-5004 for more information.

## Meet the Davenport Schools Foundation Board



**Back (l-r):** Thom Hart, Everett Sorter, Larry Minard, Laura Cleveland

**Front (l-r):** Linda Miller, Susan Kardel, Lola Fike, Beth Dietz

**Larry E. Minard, president**, has been a member of the DSF Board since 1992. For thirty-one years he was a Language Arts and Humanities teacher at Central High School. He is currently a member of the Scott County Board of Supervisors.

**Thom Hart, vice president**, is the president of the Quad City Development Group, a lead regional economic agency. Thom and his wife Jane, an art teacher in the Davenport Schools, have two teenage children.

**Beth Dietz, secretary**, is a founding member of the DSF board. A former art teacher for the Davenport schools, Beth has served as a volunteer for the district for many years and is a Board member of the Quad City Symphony Orchestra.

**Everett Sorter, treasurer**, is a retired Banker/CPA who previously served as DSF vice president. He and wife Elaine, 28 year Davenport residents, have two daughters who graduated from West High School.

**Carol Ashbacher** is a retired teacher who taught in Davenport for 30 years. While with the schools, Carol was president of the Davenport Education Association and Project Leader of the Schools of Excellence Project.

**Lola Fike** is a retired American Literature and Humanities instructor for West High School. Lola, who was president of Retired Teachers and helped organ-

ize the Outstand Teacher Award program, has served as the DSF scholarship chairman for the past ten years.

**Don Fisher** was principal of Central High School from 1978-1993. He retired in 1993 after serving 40 years in the field of education, including 30 years in the Davenport School District.

**Susan Kardel** is a lifelong resident of the Davenport Community Schools area. A homemaker and the mother of three children, Susan is active in community and school organizations.

**Linda Miller** is a nurse, manager of the Quad City Health Providers Group, and mother of six, including triplet girls who are seniors at Central High School. She is also active in Davenport Rotary.

**Linda Orr** and husband Michael have been Davenport residents for 30 years. Linda has volunteered in the Presbyterian Church, League of Women Voters and the Davenport Schools.

**Charles Pittman** has been in publishing for over 20 years and is currently the publisher of the Quad-City Times. He received a B.S. in business administration from Penn State and holds an M.B.A. from Gannon University.

**Chris A. Pieper** is Vice President, Corporate Banking for Wells Fargo & Company. Chris is a lifelong resident of the Quad Cities and his wife, Becky, and their four daughters are graduates of Davenport West High School.

## Foundation Chairman of the Board



### Lisa Brothers Arbisser, M.D.

Lisa Brothers Arbisser, M.D., was born in New York City. She attended Princeton University and received her Doctor of Medicine degree with honors from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. After a National Institute of Health Research Fellowship, Dr. Arbisser did her residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. She is board certified in cataract and implant surgery by the American Board of Eye Surgeons.

Dr. Arbisser and husband Dr. Amir Arbisser, a pediatric ophthalmologist, are stockholders at Eye Surgeons Associates, P.C., a multispecialty eye group. The Arbissers have been in the Quad City area since 1980 and have four children, the oldest now at Princeton University. They have been recognized for their commitment to the Quad Cities by the Gold Book, which honored them as the first community couple for 1992. Dr. Arbisser recently became Chairman of the Board for the Davenport Schools Foundation. During her tenure as DSF President she was instrumental in completing the Schools of Excellence project, a \$3.6 million program enhancing education in the public schools.



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## DAVENPORT SCHOOLS FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS

The Davenport Schools Foundation continues to work toward the goal of providing otherwise unavailable resources to enhance the District's educational environment to help students reach full potential. Our success relies greatly on your ongoing support.

Please consider a annual gift to the Foundation in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10      \_\_\_\_\_ \$25

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100

Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Donations are Tax Deductible*

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