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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.



## Off to a Great Start

The Davenport Schools Foundation's newest venture has been achieving its goal of making distinguished persons, places and performances available to students at the participating pilot schools: McKinley and Truman Elementary Schools, Sudlow Middle School and West High School.

Over the past few months Program Director Dave Dix has been busy coordinating numerous experiences at all four schools. The successful interactions have ranged from Sudlow Middle School's trip to the Chicago Art Institute to view the Van Gogh/Gauguin special exhibit; to an ongoing poetry and photography program partnering West and Monroe students (see photos below).

During the second semester GREAT MINDS will be open to all schools with many exciting plans already in place.

At Sudlow Middle School specialists will come into the classroom and assist students using DNA to solve a crime. This interdisciplinary concept will encompass both language arts and science classes.

Meanwhile, Eisenhower Elementary third graders will join with North High School Drama students to produce one act plays. The two groups will work together on all aspects of play production including makeup, staging, scenery and dialogue. This multi-level interaction will culminate in an evening of one acts performed in North's new state-of-the-art auditorium.

Anyone interested in the GREAT MINDS program should contact Dave Dix at 563-366-5028.



*Above:* Monroe Elementary students display the photographs they developed in West High's photo lab. In this English/Art project students composed poetry to accompany the photos, modeled on the Stieglitz exhibit at the Davenport Art Gallery.

*Right:* Fifth grader Thomas Rivera, age 10, shows his enthusiasm for the enrichment program.



# The Year in Review with Pres. Larry Minard

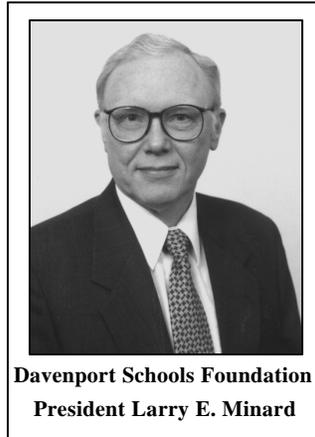
2001 has been an exciting and productive year for the Davenport Schools Foundation. The Foundation's new program, GREAT MINDS, is in full swing and has more than proven itself through the pilot program. The teacher and student response has been astounding, with over 1600 students involved to date.

It is important to note that while GREAT MINDS will now be offered district wide, the board continues to be in a fund raising mode. We have learned that the fund raising climate of 2002 is much more challenging than what was encountered in the 90s. With your help, we are optimistic that our efforts to fund the program over the next few years will be successful.

Classrooms for the Future, providing state of the art computer equipment for teachers and students, are currently being installed in the remaining 11 schools which have been undergoing major renovations. The Foundation and the School District share in the cost of this program to ensure that each school has the latest technological capabilities.

It was also a busy year for our scholar-

ship chair, Lola Fike, who single-handedly oversaw \$20,000 awarded in scholarships for 2001. Lola Fike and the Foundation administer eight different scholarships, a list of which can be obtained from the Foundation office.



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A special awards ceremony was held in June at the Davenport Community School District School Board meeting to recognize the students who received scholarships.

In addition, the Foundation also holds

funds for the David E. Lane Coats for Kids Program and the North High Auditorium Fund.

For the first time, the Foundation coordinated reunion tours at all three high schools. Many reunion classes were delighted to see the changes that had occurred in the high schools. We want to thank the administration from each high school that served as guides for the reunion tours. Our alumni are a wonderful resource to our community and our students.

As a board we want to thank Dr. Jane Grady, district liaison to the Foundation, for her commitment and dedication in support of the Foundation and its activities. We wish her well in her retirement.

One cannot review 2001 without remembering the tragedy of September 11. While the economy and the country continue to heal from that terrible day, we at the Foundation continue our quest of providing otherwise unavailable resources to all the students of the Davenport Community School District.

## DSF Treasurer's Report

### Summary Account Analysis July 1, 2000-June 30, 2001

	Beginning Balance <u>7/1/00</u>	Ending Balance <u>6/30/01</u>
Scholarship Fund	\$ 426,847	\$ 537,417
Schools of Excellence	517,057	416,343
Musical Instruments	32,000	0
Primary Project	5,000	5,000
Art Connection	15,000	10,427
Coats for Kids	5,949	13,443
Central High Tech Fund	8,697	9,105
Unallocated Funds	<u>76,857</u>	<u>99,662</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	\$ 1,087,407	\$ 1,091,397

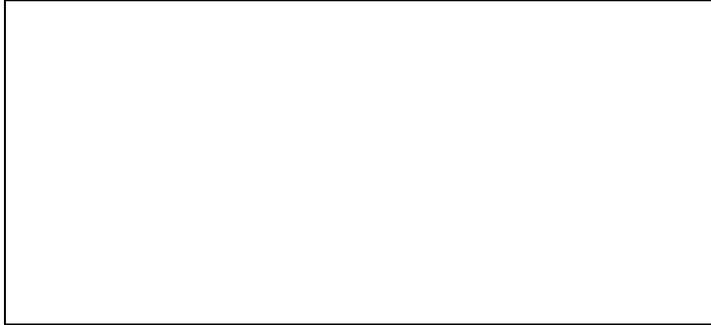
## Calling All Alums! Reunion Tours Available

Reunion season is just around the corner and it's never too early to plan a school tour to round out your class events.

The Davenport Schools Foundation will gladly coordinate tours of Central, North or West High Schools. This is an excellent opportunity not only to reconnect with your past, but also to marvel in the changes and advancements at your alma mater.

Interested parties should call Laura Cleaveland at 563-336-5004 to book your reunion tour today.

## Meet the Davenport Schools Foundation Board



**Seated (l-r):**

**Standing (l-r):**

**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 Sortor, 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.

**Robert Cahoy** has a Master of Education from the University of Wyoming. He recently retired as Head Counselor at Central and had served as a guidance

counselor in the district for 38 years. He has four grown children.

**Lola Fike** is featured in the adjacent column.

**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.

**Ken Maxwell** is the flat sheet manufacturing manager at ALCOA, where he has worked for 23 years. He and his wife, Gwen (an associate principal in the school district) have three children. Ken is also the pastor at his church.

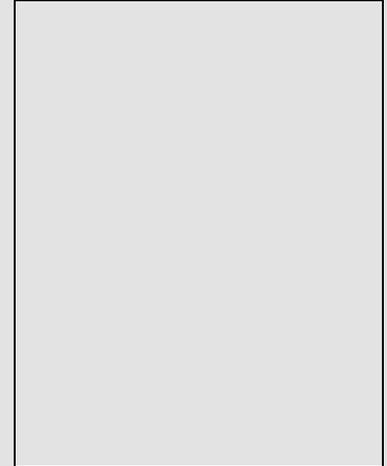
**Linda Miller** is a nurse, manager of the Quad City Health Providers Group, and mother of six, including triplet girls who are graduates of Central High. She is also active in Davenport Rotary.

**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.

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

**Tony Williams** is a dentist. He and his wife, Mary, have been involved in numerous aspects of education for years. They have two adult sons.

## LOLA FIKE Foundation Scholarship Chair



Lola Fike, a former American Literature and Humanities teacher from West High School, has served as Scholarship Chair since 1991. Lola assumed management of the scholarship funds when the Foundation received its first grant of \$47,000. Since then, the fund has grown to \$700,000 with \$20,000 awarded annually to students.

Lola graduated from Wayne State College in Nebraska and earned her MA at Northern Illinois University. She married her husband, Harry, before he left to serve in Italy as a B-24 pilot during WWII. Following his return, Lola taught school for a total of 34 years wherever Harry's job took them. Together they share two children, five grandchildren (with a 6th on the way via adoption), and five great-grandchildren.

Lola has served as a volunteer with numerous organizations since her retirement. Some of her volunteer highlights include Former President of the Davenport Area Retired Teachers Association, initiating the Outstanding Teacher Award Program and serving six years on the OTA selection committee, and serving two years on the selection committee for the All-State Academic Team.

