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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.

## GREAT START FOR



What a start to the new school year for the GREAT MINDS program! As of the end of September, GREAT MINDS had recorded proposals for almost 50 separate projects.

Building on the success of last year, many teachers were excited to expand learning past the four walls of their classroom and apply resources that make learning meaningful and real.

Some activities currently planned include: residen-

cies from authors; visits to Black Hawk State Park; partnerships with the Vander Veer Botanical Park that will make classroom and site presentations possible for many primary children; Opera Iowa residencies; Davenport Museum of Art visits; leadership training for high school students in partnership with the Davenport YMCA...the list goes on and on.

One such project got its start as a desire on the part of coordinator

David Dix to provide programming that was not only motivational and interesting to students, but also keyed into the goal of being part of the curriculum.

After meeting with the three elementary curriculum councils and discussing areas of the curriculum that could benefit from additional instructional support, David shared the results with the education council of the Bettendorf Family Museum.

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With the help of GREAT MINDS funding, Washington Elementary School planted a butterfly garden last spring. Tended by volunteers this summer, the plants attracted a variety of butterflies and other insects this fall. Students then used this interactive classroom to study the various bugs.

# GREAT MINDS Grows

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After much discussion, the topic of weather was chosen for this partner program, now entitled "Wild

Weather features eight machines that simulate varying weather conditions common to our area such as thunder, lightning, tornado, rain, and drifting snow.

Weather instruments such as Doppler Radar measure these conditions. With these tools students learn the causes of the weather that they experience on a regular basis.

The machines are available to participating schools for one week. Students use the machines not only to

experience various weather conditions but also to predict actual weather occurring during the week.

-service program helps teachers prepare for instruction specialist visits the school during the week to make a presentation on the

-service session was held to introduce district teachers to the program. Over thirty staff members attended the event, where several machines were on display. A Bettendorf Family Museum representative was also on hand to answer questions and assist in the schedule

To date, nine schools plan to participate in Wild Weather during the school year. This is an exciting way

for students to experience this science topic and learn about it in a

Wild Weather is a perfect example of how local agencies are working with GREAT MINDS to meet the education needs of our district students.

Teachers participating in last year's programs were highly enthusiastic about the GREAT MINDS experiences and the learning motivation students experienced. If you are interested in learning more about the program and how you can support it, please contact coordinator David Dix

dixd@mail.davenport.k12.ia.us.

## Tate Family Presented with Lisa B. Arbisser

In August the family of Kathryn Bell Tate was presented with the Lisa B. Arbisser Award, which recognizes their contribution and the Davenport Community Schools. The award was accepted on behalf of the family by Ralph Tate of Boston,

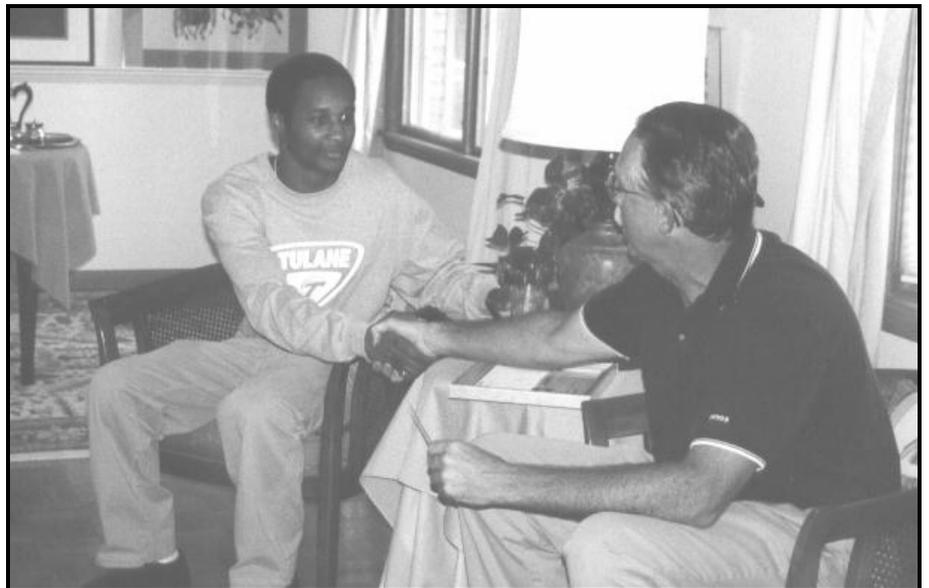
Earlier this year the Tate family created a scholarship in honor of Kathryn Bell Tate, a retired teacher who taught for many years at McKinley Elementary School.

The scholarship will be given yearly to a graduating Davenport High School senior who is the son or daughter of a district employee. The scholarship is for \$10,000, yearly grants of \$2500.

The first recipient of the Tate Scholarship is Jonathan Jarrell, son of Reggie and Canetha Jarrell. Jonathan graduated from Central High and is attending Tulane Univer

A brass and wood plaque honoring Lisa B. Arbisser Award winners is on display in the Board Room of the Administrative Service Center 1606 Brady Street.

The first winner of the Lisa B. Arbisser Award was Keith Jurgens, who was given the award in 1999.



# Class of '50 Inspires through Art

The Davenport Schools Foundation does more than award scholarships and raise money for district-

*Schools of Excellence* and GREAT MINDS. The foundation also provides a service to various school and community groups by holding auctions for special projects. Coats for Kids; SECME, science and math emphasis for minority students; Miss Iowa's Primary Project; a Central High Technology Fund all have placed funds with the foundation to be returned to schools and the community as needed.

An exciting project that falls into this category is currently underway at Davenport Central. Two years ago, when the Class of 1950 held their 50 Year

Reunion, a small group of class members started reminiscing about their years in the Davenport School System. This nostalgia led to a decision "to do a project that would be seen by the entire student body, faculty and guests as they pass through the school," explains local project coordinator Gwen Korn. "This would be a beautification project with a message."

This small group contacted classmates and expressed an interest in such a project and as a result have raised more than \$36,000 to create a mural for the Main Street entrance of

Local artist and Central High parent Ralph Iaccarino has composed a painting reflecting all areas of learning that take place within the school. The fin-

ished painting will be digitally enlarged and transferred to a material that will then be applied to the walls. The process is scheduled to be completed later this fall.

Other improvements to the Main Street entrance will include new lighting, as well as repair of the steps, handrails and the Main Street door.

After work has been completed a dedication of the project will be held for the Central High student body and the

Other classes or groups interested in such special projects are welcome to contact the Davenport Schools Foundation at 563-336-5004 for more information.

## Thank You to our Generous Supporters

The Davenport Schools Foundation would like to thank a number of benefactors for their recent dona-

The Riverboat Development Authority made a generous grant of \$25,000 in the spring of 2002. This money will be used to defray administrative costs, including the salary of GREAT MINDS coordinator

At the same time, the Scott County Regional Authority also contributed a grant of \$25,000. These funds will be used to pay for books and other instructional and student materials for GREAT MINDS.

A grant of \$500 from the Medical Alliance will be used to pay for sci-

ence-related GREAT MINDS programs.

Members of the Foundation Board of Directors and senior members of the Davenport School District administration have pledged more than \$50,000 to kick off GREAT MINDS. In addition, many community resources have given their time, equipment and energy to this

Finally, we wish to thank all those who participated in the Birdies for Charity program associated with this summer's John Deere Classic. This fun twist on a pledge-a-thon will benefit the Davenport Schools Foundation General Fund.

## Annual Meeting Held

The Annual Meeting of the Davenport Schools Foundation was held Tuesday, September 10.

Don Fisher and Everett Sorter were each reelected to serve a three year

Linda Miller and Thom Hart decided not to run for reelection. They have been strong contributing members for many years and will be greatly missed on the board.

New members will be selected at the October meeting to bring the board to its full strength of fourteen

Officers were also elected for the 2002-2003 year. They are:

—Larry Minard  
Vice President—Tony Williams  
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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.

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