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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.

## Davenport Students Awarded Scholarships



Sara  
Laschanzky



Todd  
Lawler



Christopher  
Arp



Lauren  
Gehbauer



Laura  
Arp

The Davenport Schools Foundation is proud to announce the following scholarship recipients for the year 2003.

**The Davenport Schools Foundation Scholarship** of \$1000 has been awarded to Sara Laschanzky of West High School. Sara is the daughter of Roark and Patricia Laschanzky and plans to attend the University of Iowa.

**Helen G. Pohling Trust Scholarships** of \$1200 are given to one student from each of the high schools. This scholarship is based on financial need and academic standing. Christopher LoRang, from Central, is the son of John and Janice LoRang and plans to attend the University of Iowa. Todd Lawler, of North, is the son of Tom and Doris Lawler and will attend Wartburg

College. Christopher Arp, from West, is the son of Gregory and Vicky Arp and is registered at the University of Iowa.

**The Dorothy Miller Scholarship** is awarded to a student who has shown great improvement over his or her high school career. This \$2000 scholarship provides \$500 per semester for two years. This year's winner is Emily Britt, daughter of Patrick and Gretchen Britt, of Central High School. Emily plans to go to Drake University.

**The Lisa B. Arbisser Scholarship** of \$500 has been given to Lauren Koster of West High School. Lauren is the daughter of Kirk and Kathryn Koster and plans to attend St. Ambrose University.

**Class of '59 Scholarships** in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to Lauren Gehbauer, West, and Laura Arp, West. Lauren is the daughter of Ted and Teresa Gehbauer and hopes to attend Grinnell College. Laura, the daughter of Gregory and Vicky Arp hopes to attend St. Ambrose University.

**The Jerry Jurgens Athletic Scholarship Fund** awards \$1800 scholarships to one male and one female at Central High School. Recipient Matt Meyer is the son of Daryl and Sherri Meyer. Award winner Paula Bettini is the daughter of Brian and Gina Bettini.

**The Davenport High School/Central High School Hall of Honor Scholarship Fund** will award five \$1000 schol-

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# Davenport Students Given Awards



Angelica  
Anderson



Coletta  
Warner



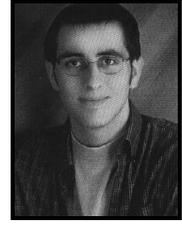
Brigit  
Ray



William  
Wiese



Bridget  
Wild



Aaron  
Dighton

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arships. One scholarship, based on financial need, is presented in memory of Russell and Ellen Meyer; another scholarship, awarded to a minority student, is given in memory of Jim Hester.

The five scholarships have been awarded to Central High School students Angelica Anderson, daughter of Lynda Verhelst; Coletta Warner, daughter of Lisa Ann Warner; Brigit Ray, daughter of William and Bonita Ray; William Wiese, son of Larry and Suzanne Wiese; and Bridget Wild, daughter of Kevin and Diane Wild.

**The Joan Kolberg Lowen Scholarship** in the amount of \$4000 is based on a student's scholastic achievement

and financial need. This year's recipient is Aaron Dighton of North High School. Aaron, the son of Kevin and Donna Dighton, will attend the Coe College in the fall.

**The Kathryn Bell Tate Scholarship** awards \$10,000 to a graduating senior with a parent employed by the Davenport School District. North High School's Breanna Manders, daughter of Jeffrey and Linda Manders, is this year's recipient. She is enrolled at the University of Iowa.

**The Johnson School Scholarship**, which is new for this year, awards two scholarships of \$1000 each. This year's winners are Samuel Heinselman, son of Charles and Janet Heinselman, and Michelle Smith, daughter of Doug Smith, both of West

High School. Samuel plans to attend Iowa State University, while Michelle will enroll at Scott Community College.

In addition, the Foundation administers the **Jane DeVries Memorial Scholarship**, which allows elementary school students to attend summer programs in the arts and sciences. The Putnam Museum, the Davenport Art Gallery and Junior Theater will offer half-tuition scholarships to a number of qualifying students.

The Foundation extends its congratulations to the scholarship recipients and their families, and wishes them success in their future academic endeavors.

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## Birdies for Charity: Golf Gifts for GREAT MINDS

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Birdies for Charity is a fun and easy way to raise money for the GREAT MINDS program!

This is the second year that the Foundation has participated in the program, in which individuals pledge per birdie (the score of one stroke under par for a hole) made in the John Deere Classic Golf Tournament. The bid may be as little as one cent or as high as desired, and 1200-1800 birdies are usually achieved

during the course of the tournament.

Last year's tournament raised \$850 for GREAT MINDS and the Foundation hopes to double that amount this year. Please take a look at the enclosed Birdies for Charity form and consider making a pledge. One hundred percent of the money raised goes directly to the GREAT MINDS program! And since the Foundation must raise \$165,000 annually to support GREAT MINDS, every little bit

helps.

After filling out the pledge form, mail it to the Foundation office at 1606 Brady Street. We can then forward all the forms to the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity office.

Our thanks to those who participated last year, and for your continued support this year. Let's all count those strokes and add up the benefits for the students of the Davenport School District.

# GREAT MINDS Surpasses Expectations

The Davenport Schools Foundation's program GREAT MINDS is breathing a sigh of relief as the year winds down. That sigh is the result of an unusually productive year!

Initial goals for this school year included funding approximately 50 programs serving 8,000-10,000 students. Those projections were based on the first year of the program, which saw 30 projects completed, serving about 5,000 students.

But hang onto your hats! Here's what *really* happened in the second year of the program:

- The program provided 295 project activities
- Those projects served 33,473 students\*
- Per pupil cost dropped from \$5.30 to \$3.04
- 82.4% of activities took place within our own metropolitan area
- 17.6% fell within our regional area (boundaries of Iowa City to the west, Chicago to the east)
- Grand total of expenditures exceeded \$100,000

All things considered, it is safe to say that the Foundation is responsible for providing many motivating and enriching learning experiences for the students of the Davenport Community School District.

Many teachers are anticipating the coming year by requesting projects for the 2003-2004 school year, even at this early point.

In addition, plans are underway for the Davenport Schools Foundation to participate in the Grand Excursion event to be held in late June of 2004. This event, celebrating the upper Mississippi River region, builds upon the original Grand Excursion of 1854 which brought world-wide attention to what was then America's western frontier.

The 2004 year-long initiative will see 50-plus communities along the Mississippi participating with celebrations, educational events and recreational and cultural programs.

As part of the event, Davenport school students will learn about the Mississippi region through the reading of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain.

The Foundation will provide 2856 copies of the book to the participat-

ing schools. These copies, utilizing two editions of the book (one abridged for very young readers; the other unabridged for intermediate and senior high pupils), will be read during the year by students and discussed in groups within the school, as well as in the larger community.

Furthermore, study guides and other teaching materials will be supplied to all district teachers and media specialists. Reading this book will provide a colorful and authentic backdrop for the Grand Excursion occurring at the end of the school year.

The Foundation is currently involved in fund raising activities for support of GREAT MINDS in the coming school year. Because of the increase in projects serving students, it is more critical than ever that financial goals be met. Donations to support this dynamic program may be sent in care of Laura Cleaveland, Development Director, Davenport Schools Foundation, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803.

\*Multiple services were provided to individual students; Davenport district has approximately 16,500 students

## Alumni Class Reunion Tours Still Available

It is shaping up to be a record year for reunion tours at Central High School!

Our thanks to Jeff Craig and his staff for their flexibility and organization in hosting these reunion tours throughout the summer months.

The Foundation can schedule tours at any of our three high schools. Please

contact Development Director Laura Cleaveland at (563) 336-5004 if you would like the opportunity to visit your alma mater.

You will be amazed at the changes that have taken place over the years and will enjoy reminiscing about the days spent in the corridors and classrooms of your high school.

## Foundation Receives Bechtel Trust Grant

The Davenport Schools Foundation is pleased to report that it was named as the recipient of a \$30,000 grant from the Bechtel Trust and Foundation.

The Foundation grateful for their support of the GREAT MINDS Program and Davenport School District students.

