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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



Melissa Kopf



Megan Hansen



Laura Fierce



Daniel Levetzow



Kathryn McCoy

The Davenport Schools Foundation is proud to announce the following scholarship recipients for the year 2004.

The Davenport Schools Foundation Scholarship of \$1000 has been awarded to Melissa Kopf of West High School. Melissa is the daughter of Brian and Elaine Kopf and plans to attend the University of Iowa to pursue writing and Spanish.

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. Kyle Charles, from Central, is the son of Walter and Myrna Charles and plans to attend the Catholic University of America. E. Haley Douglass from North, whose parents are

Roy and Sarah Lange, will attend Luther College. Megan Hansen, from West, is the daughter of Greg and Sandi Hansen and is registered at Iowa State University.

The Lisa B. Arbisser Scholarship of \$500 has been given to Karyn Droessler of West High School. Karyn is the daughter of Robert and Deb Droessler and plans to attend the University of Iowa, focusing on math and business.

Class of '59 Scholarships in the amount of \$750 each will be awarded to Bradley Wild, Central, and Anthony Sims, West. Bradley is the son of Kevin and Diane Wild and hopes to attend Valparaiso University or Iowa State University in biological science or nuclear physics. Anthony, the son of Mary Sims,

hopes to attend Iowa State University in engineering.

The Jerry Jurgens Athletic Scholarship Fund awards \$1500 scholarships to one male and one female at Central High School. This year's recipients are Leanna Armstrong and Tom Taylor.

The Davenport High School/Central High School Hall of Honor Scholarship Fund will award five \$1000 scholarships. 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 stu-

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Davenport Students Given Awards



Pauli
Mayfield



Shayla
McCellan



Zachary
Stark



Jennifer
Slawson



Chuyen
Bui

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dents Laura Fierce, daughter of Warren and Linda Fierce; Daniel Levetzow, son of Dale and Janet Levetzow; Kathryn McCoy, daughter of Jim and Kathy McCoy; Pauli Mayfield, daughter of Clyde Mayfield and Julie Martens; and Shayla McCellan, daughter of Kim Klinghammer.

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 Brianna Kapell of West. Brianna, the daughter of Robert and Rochelle Kapell, will attend the the University of Iowa in the fall with an eye toward international studies.

The Kathryn Bell Tate Scholarship awards \$10,000 over four years to a graduating senior with a parent employed by the Davenport School Dis-

trict. West High School's Zachary Stark, son of Russell and Susanne Stark, is this year's recipient. He is enrolled at the University of Iowa for their pre-med program.

The Johnson School Scholarship awards three scholarships of \$1000 each. This year's winners are all from West High School. Jessica Gulick, daughter of Michael and Deborah Gulick, will attend the University of Iowa. Jennifer Slawson, daughter of Rob and Beth Slawson, plans to go to Iowa State University. Chuyen Bui, son of Trong and Bai Bui, is enrolled at the University of Iowa.

The George E. Weis Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, was established in 2003 and assists West High School students who go on to technical training after graduation. This year's recipient is Joe

Boyle.

The L.C. Peck Memorial Scholarship is given in honor of Bradley Peck, a former West High student. The \$330 scholarship awarded to a West graduate goes to Chiris Tappendorf.

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.

Over 20,000 Students Benefit from GREAT MINDS

Under the leadership of Dave Dix, the GREAT MINDS program had a record year. Over 20,000 students participated in over 346 separate GREAT MINDS projects! As always, there were a wide range of activities, with 84% of these locally based and 16% regionally located.

New this year was a partnering between the schools and GREAT MINDS wherein buildings were en-

couraged to assist in the costs associated with a GREAT MINDS project. Due to continued financial limitations, GREAT MINDS is working to stretch every dollar raised. Many of the schools held bake sales or car washes to help raise money for their portion of the investment in a GREAT MINDS program.

The Foundation is already hard at

work raising money for this valuable program for the upcoming school year. We hope to raise \$75,000 to cover the costs associated with operating GREAT MINDS the 2004-2005 semesters. Please consider making a gift to the GREAT MINDS program. Every investment brings unique learning opportunities directly to our youth and connects the classroom with the world around it.

Foundation Secretary Beth Dietz Retires

Beth Dietz, an original member to the Foundation Board and Secretary from November 1987 through April 2004, retired from service at the April meeting.

Beth, along with Dr. Lisa Arbiser, was approached by former Davenport Schools Superintendent Dr. Peter Flynn to form a school Foundation in 1987. The school board elected her to the position and the newly founded group enlisted comments from community members, administrators and teachers to help form the Foundation, its mission and its role within the district.

A former Davenport schools art teacher and long-time area volunteer, Beth's dedication and organization have enabled the Foundation to grow from an all-volunteer board to one that employs two part-time staffers and administers close to one million dollars.

"I think being a part of the Foundation has been one of the most productive and rewarding of my experiences in the field of education," Beth remarked. "When we began the Foundation in 1987 there were very few groups like it—at least at the K-12 level. Very

few people even considered the idea of raising funds for public schools."

During her tenure, Beth sat on numerous program committees including Schools of Excellence, Classrooms for the Future, and GREAT MINDS. She has also assisted in fundraising and public relations initiatives.

"The programs funded by the Foundation have impacted every student and every member of the staff in the District. Teacher study groups from Schools of Excellence have changed the way teachers view their students and the way students think about school. Classrooms for the Future helped make staff and students aware of the impact of technology in education. GREAT MINDS is bring the best resources of our community directly to students in the classroom," Beth noted.

"It continues to amaze me how much we can do for students with the moderate resources available to us. Every gift—for scholarships and for programs—gives our students resources beyond those available from tax revenue," she stressed. "My thanks to all those

supporters who have made this possible.

Beth and her husband, Devon, have long supported the Davenport educational system, particularly once their daughter started school. Both recently received a "HUG" (Helping Us Grow) award for their service to the schools, and both have been honored among their various boards and committees. Many groups throughout the Quad Cities will miss their input and energy.

However, another community will be gaining their dedication to education as they move to Marion, Iowa. Their daughter Catherine and her husband Jim live in this town on the outskirts of Cedar Rapids, and their two children are enrolled in the Linn-Mar School District. Beth has already jumped in, volunteering at her granddaughter's elementary school, and has plans to continue her role there after the move.

Our heartfelt thanks to Beth, and to Devon as well, for the countless hours given to the students of the Davenport Community Schools. You will be greatly missed.

Celebrating the Central Centennial

In June 2005, Central High School will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of its cornerstone .

A committee is busy planning a year-long celebration of this event, which will culminate with a com-

munity program on June 19, 2005. Mark your calendars now for this momentous milestone!

There are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the celebration for both alumni and the pub-

lic. Anyone interested in getting involved may contact Central High School at (563)323-9900.

Congratulations on the upcoming Centennial, Central!



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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.

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