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Donation Form A Tribute to Teachers

Please complete the following form for each individual whom you would like to honor.
Additional forms are available on the Foundation web site or upon request.

All tributes received by May 1 will be distributed during Teacher Appreciation Week of the current year.

Enclosed is my/our donation of:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ ___ (Suggested minimum of \$25 per teacher)

Your Name: _____ Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Graduation Year (if applicable) _____ Davenport Schools attended _____

Honoree's Name: _____

Grade or Subject Taught: _____ School: _____

Please complete the back of this form to be shared with the Honoree listed above and mail to the following
address: Davenport Schools Foundation, Attn: Norm Bower, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803.

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Tribute to Teachers—

HONORING THOSE WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

“Great history teacher.”
“He made learning fun.”
“She came in early to give extra help to students.”

These are just a few of the comments that have accompanied Tribute to Teachers honorary donations to the Davenport Schools Foundation.

The program was started in 2007 as a way to celebrate teachers' efforts and to support the foundation. Students, alumni and friends are encouraged to send a tribute and a donation. The comments are forwarded to the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week in May, and a copy is filed in the Davenport School Museum at the district headquarters.

Not all the tributes are for current teachers. Some honor teachers from years ago, and some are from other districts and states.



Retiring from Central High School's social studies faculty after 46 years is Barb Hess.



Science teacher Joan McShane, second from left, worked with these Jefferson School students on a toothpaste experiment in 1990.

It's a special way to acknowledge the teachers who made a difference in your life, and a way to help today's students by strengthening the Foundation's financial support.

It's a win-win. So, please consider filling out the form on the back of this newsletter today. We ask that tributes be sent to the DSF office by May 1. Thanks!

As a helpful reminder, we are running a list of this year's retiring teachers from the Davenport Community School District on page 2. We salute them and their years of dedicated service!



NEW FACES, FAMILIAR CHALLENGES

As May approaches the foundation is placing an emphasis on our annual Tribute to Teachers. The Tribute is a wonderful way to recognize teachers who have made a difference as well as an opportunity to contribute funds for our Great Minds programs.



Sherry Freese

Sherry Freese was welcomed as our newest board member at the March meeting. Sherry came to Davenport High School in 1957 to teach Journalism and English and to be the yearbook adviser. Later she spent 33 years working at AAA as an editor. Through the years Sherry and her husband, Bill, have been big supporters of the Davenport schools and we are fortunate to have her on our board. She plans to help with scholarship activities.

In November our development director, Julie Fiedler, and her husband, Travis, had a baby boy, Aidan. In December Travis was transferred to Switzerland with his company and Julie and Aidan joined him there. Julie did an outstanding job updating our technology and connecting us to other foundations through the National School Foundation Association.

At our March meeting the foundation hired Norm Bower as our new development director. Norm and his wife, Linda, are natives of Indiana. The Bowers moved to Davenport in 1988 with their two young sons, who went through our public schools. As an Eisenhower volunteer, Norm served as a kindergarten computer teacher, writing center coordinator and fifth-grade room parent.



Norm Bower

Norm has a B.A. degree in American Studies-Communication Arts from the University of Notre Dame and an M.A. in Journalism and Public Relations from The Ohio State University. He has more than 30 years of professional writing and editing experience, including managing staff, magazine production, photography, layout and design, PowerPoint presentations, special events, and strategic communications planning.

We are very pleased to have Norm working with us. Our big hope is that Linda never gets transferred to Switzerland!

*Tony Williams, President
Davenport Schools Foundation*



J.B. Young teacher Jan Hill asked her students, “How hard will the salt be? What will the chicken look like? How difficult will it be to get the salt off?”

Ms. Hill was helping her TAG students to mummify chickens—actually, Cornish hens. Did students find the project unappetizing? “This is what you get with beef jerky,” she told them.

The project fits well with TAG objectives and the district’s sixth grade study of Egypt. Before beginning, Ms. Hill asked the Great Minds program of the Davenport Schools Foundation for support.

While the price tag was small—less than \$75—the project serves as a delightful example of innovative programs that enrich student experiences in science, the arts, history, culture—indeed, many curriculum areas.

Ms. Hill coordinated her project with social studies teacher Dave Gamble. In a separate Great Minds project, Gamble took the students to the Egypt IMAX 3-D showing at the Putnam.

Milestone year

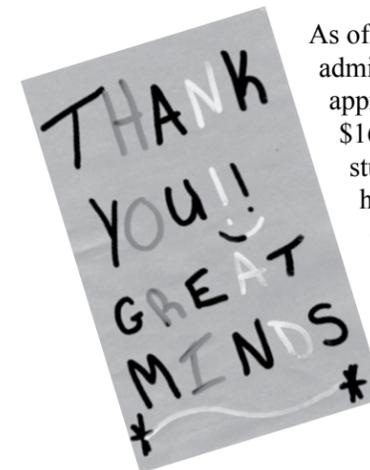
This is the seventh year of the very successful and very popular program, originally designed and funded for seven years. Not surprisingly, the Foundation board is quite interested in continuing it for an eighth year.

The projects are as varied as the curriculum and the students. Teachers drive the program by individual applications. Conrad reviews for budget and curriculum connections, and then contacts the building—the teacher, the principal, or supporting groups—to explore partnering.

The Davenport Schools Foundation was born in 1987 with the vision of Dr. Lisa Arbisser. The early efforts centered on the development of scholarships by Lola Fike. For seven years the foundation lent financial support to the Schools of Excellence program directed by teacher Carol Ashbacher.

When that seven-year program ended in 2001, the DSF Board decided to support the Great Minds program. Administrator Dave Dix reviewed grant applications from teachers for activities to enrich their students. In the last three years with administrator Gene Conrad, Great Minds has awarded \$72,000 to teachers for guest speakers, museum visits, field trips, and many other activities to provide hands-on learning experiences for their students. Typically, the DSF “seed money” is matched by the schools, PTAs and other sources.

An active DSF board member since the early 90s, Larry Minard has seen growth and maturing of the organization. He said, “The Board never got fixated on an inflexible plan. It has to be this way.” He added, “The thinking of the Board has always evolved. Schools are different now than they were in 1992. This Foundation continues to adapt to changing needs in an ever-changing world.”



As of mid-March, Great Minds administrator Gene Conrad had approved 66 projects totaling \$16,457 and involving 6,938 students. Great Minds students have seen the Quad-City Ballet, competed in math competitions, and visited the Museum of Science and Industry or the Art Institute in Chicago.

Retiring Teachers

Teacher	School	Years of Service
Jeffrey Brennan	Wilson/Bufalo	33 years 6 months
Georgia Clayton	Wood Intermediate	33 years 11 months
Jean Eickhoff	Williams	24 years 10 months
Julie Ekstrand	North	47 years 2 months
Pamela Falk-Johnson	McKinley	7 years 4 months
Andrea Griggs	Williams	11 years 10 months
Karin Hanson	West	39 years 10 months
Regina Harper	Blue Grass	39 years 2 months
Jane Hart	West	33 years
Barbara Hess	Central	45 years 11 months
Sheryl Hughes-Empke	West CV	30 years
Monica Jahn	Truman	14 years 10 months
Eric Jobgen	West	32 years 10 months

Elizabeth McKay	Williams	10 years 10 months
Joan McShane	Jefferson	43 years 11 months
Mary Meehan	Jackson/ASC	39 years 4 months
Thomas Naab	West	35 years 10 months
Diane O'Rourke	Truman	26 years 10 months
Donna Savoie	Wilson	13 years 11 months
Nancy Schroeder	Buchanan	38 years 10 months
David Scott	North	34 years 10 months
Julie Scott	North	35 years
Walter Scott-Craig	Wilson	33 years 8 months
Sharon Simmonds	West	26 years 10 months
Margaret Sleep	Walcott	32 years 8 months
Dorva Stacer	West	24 years 10 months
William Thompson	West	12 years 10 months
John Tritt	Wilson	37 years 10 months
Judith Walton	West	16 years 10 months
Karen Whipka	Adams	30 years 10 months

Thank you for teaching me

Your Name _____

Honoree Name _____

Year during which you were in Honoree's class/activity _____

Special memory, thank you, reason for recognition, etc. _____

A TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS