

Davenport Students Given Awards



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The Davenport High School/Central High School Hall of Honor Scholarship Fund will award five \$1,500 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 students Nicole Bowen, Hallie Kilmer, daughter of Mark and Katherine Kilmer; Ellen Kloppenborg, daughter of Daniel and Karen Kloppenborg; Kelsey Mims, daughter of Benjamin and Dawn Mims; and David Vandecar, son of Kirk and Jo Vandecar.

The Joan Kolberg Lowen Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 is based on a student's scholastic achievement and financial need. This year's recipient is Benjamin Thoensen-Reller of West High School. Benjamin, the son of George Reller will attend the University of Northern Iowa.

The Kathryn Bell Tate Scholarship awards \$12,000 to a graduating senior with a parent employed by the Davenport Community School District. North High School's Carly Flemming, daughter of Scott and Melanie Flemming, is this year's recipient. She is enrolled at the University of Iowa.

The Johnson School Scholarship awards three scholarships of \$1,000 each. This year's winners are Dannie Johnson of West; David Ketelaar also from West and Duyen Pham of Central High School. Dannie is the daughter of Randy and Terri Johnson and plans to attend the University of Iowa; David, son of Bernie and Connie Ketelaar will study at Western Illinois University; and Duyen, son of Le Nguyen will attend Missouri College.

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

The L.C. Peck Memorial Scholarship is given in honor of Bradley Peck, a former West High student. The \$300 scholarship has been awarded to David Ketelaar of West High School. David is the son of Bernie and Connie Ketelaar.

The Hanae Fujiwara Wiese Music Scholarship awards \$500 to William Baker of Central High School. William is the son of William and Nancy Baker.

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



GREAT MINDS – *people, places and performances*

The Great Minds Program provides curriculum based enrichment activities to students at all age and ability levels. Through professional management by a part time program director, all activities are extensions of classroom lessons and enable students to experience “hands –on” learning both in and outside the classroom.

New this year was a cooperative grant received by Great Minds and the Adler Theatre from the Riverboat Development Authority which funded both admissions and transportation to educationally based productions to the Adler Theatre. Thousands of students were able to attend two separate events and the response was overwhelming.



Students from Monroe Elementary participating in a Great Minds Project

Raising the money needed to run the Great Minds Program continues to be a demanding task and the Foundation board has taken the initiative to raise \$150,000 over the next four months which would fund Great Minds for two years. All money raised goes directly to the students and we are optimistic that together we can reach our goal.

Dave Dix, founding Program Director, for Great Minds retired this summer. Dave single handedly crafted and evolved Great Minds into the excellent program we have today. He will be truly missed by many and we all wish his well in his much deserved retirement.

Gene Conrad, a retired teacher, has joined the Foundation as the new Great Minds Program Director. He has an impressive teaching and coaching career along with a creative insight to how students learn. His children graduated from the Davenport Community Schools and he and his wife, Molly, are long time Davenport Schools supporters. We welcome him and his energy to the Great Minds Program.

Welcome, Gene Conrad