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The Davenport Schools Foundation is a tax exempt, non-profit corporation chartered in 1987. The Foundation was created to provide resources to enhance the educational opportunities and experiences available to students in the Davenport Community School District.

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The Davenport Schools Foundation awards more than \$59,000 in scholarship each year. Because of the generosity of friends, staff and community members, the Foundation holds nearly \$1 million dollars in scholarship trust for 14 different scholarship categories for Davenport Community School graduates.



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The Davenport Schools Foundation is proud to announce the following scholarship recipients for the year 2007:

Davenport Schools Foundation Scholarship - The Davenport Schools Foundation Scholarship Fund was started by an initial gift from Elizabeth Schaller, a former West High School guidance counselor. Subsequent gifts to this fund continue to make larger awards possible. This year's recipient of the \$1000 scholarship is Jason Davis of Central High School. Jason is the son of Larry and Mary Davis and plans to attend Valparaiso University.

Lisa Arbisser Scholarship - The Lisa Arbisser Scholarship Fund was created by the Davenport Schools Foundation to honor Dr. Lisa Arbisser, past president of the board, for her outstanding efforts towards excellence in education in the Davenport schools. The \$500 scholarship recipient is Nikolai Fedorchak of Central High School. Nikolai is the son of Bernard and Virginia Fedorchak and plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall.

Class of '59 Scholarship - The Class of 1959 Scholarship Fund is made up of donations from members of the 1959 graduating class from Davenport High School. This year's recipients of the \$1000 scholarship are Jonathan Abplanalp of Central High School and Kim Kieu of West High School. Jonathan, the son of Ann Abplanalp will study architecture at the University of Cincinnati. Kim, the daughter of Huy and Huong Kieu, will attend Iowa State University in the fall.

Joan Kolberg Lowen Scholarship - The Joan Kolberg Lowen Scholarship Fund was established in 1996 by the husband and children of Joan Kolberg Lowen to provide an annual scholarship in her memory. The recipient of the \$4000 scholarship is Derek Attwood of West High School. Derek is the son of Sheryl Attwood and plans to attend Iowa State University.

Helen G. Pohling Scholarship - The Helen G. Pohling Scholarship Trust Fund was established by assets received from the estates of Ilse O. Buckner (d. October 1984) and her mother, Helen G. Pohling. Each of the three recipients of this award will receive a \$1200 scholarship. Anna Mullen of North High School is the daughter of Ronald and Karin Mullen. Anthony Pulliam of Central High School is the son of Eugene McWilliams and Bettina McWilliams. Amanda Trammell of West High School is the daughter of Dale and Sara Steinecke. Anna and Amanda both plan to attend Iowa State University and Anthony plans to attend the University of Iowa in the fall.

Kathryn Bell Tate Scholarship - The Kathryn Bell Tate Scholarship Fund was established in her honor to assist the children of the employees of the Davenport Public Schools in financing their undergraduate education. The recipient of the Tate Scholarship for \$12,000 (\$3,000/year) is Allison Green from West High School. Allison is the daughter of Thomas and Wendy Green and will be attending the University of Northern Iowa in the fall.

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Davenport Students Given Awards

DHS/CHS Hall of Honor Scholarship - The Hall of Honor scholarship was established as a tribute to the Davenport High School/Central High School Hall of Honor and is awarded to students whose scholastic profile and involvement in school and community demonstrate the qualities that could lead to the personal success and service that exemplify the Hall of Honor. The scholarship for \$1500 was awarded to thirteen students at Central High School this year: Eric Anderson, son of Stephen Anderson and Rowen Schussheim-Anderson; Julia Barr, daughter of Ken and Jeanne Barr; Nicole Brokloff, daughter of Michael Brokloff and Candyce Ackland; Briana Byrd, daughter of Palmer and Dorian Byrd; David Crawford, son of Steven and Susan Crawford; Katherine Foley, daughter of Kelly and Janet Foley; Jazmin Fountain, daughter of Debbie Teague; Jennifer Mannhardt, daughter of Robert and Linda Mannhardt; Ashley Olt, daughter of Ted and Rosemary Olt; Ashley Peterson, daughter of Gary and Hildasue Peterson; Aleah Salisbury, daughter of Karen Larry Salibury; and Anthony Pulliam, son of Eugene McWilliams and Bettina McWilliams.

Jerry Jurgens Athletic/Scholastic Scholarship - The Jerry Jurgens Athletic/Scholastic Scholarship was established to honor student athletes at Central High School who demonstrate both academic and scholastic achievement. This \$1500 scholarship was awarded to four students at Central High School – Jonathan Abplanalp, Michael Waterman, Kassandra Sadlek and Nicole Porter.

Hanae Fujiwara Wiese Music Scholarship - The Wiese Music Scholarship was established by the family of Hanae Fujiwara Wiese to recognize students who demonstrate exemplary music achievement at Central High School. The recipients of the \$4,000 (\$1,000 annually for 4 years) scholarship are Jason Davis, son of Larry and Mary Davis and Kaela Swarts, daughter of Harry and Ann Swarts.

A Letter from President Tony Williams

The Davenport Schools Foundation Board is using the sliver of time between the academic years to do some strategic planning, so I am going to use this letter to highlight some of the issues we are developing.

Historically the Foundation Board has functioned as a committee of the whole on most issues and any standing committees have been peopled mainly by board members. We plan to expand on committee structure by establishing more standing committees and recruiting additional committee members at large from our very talented community.

One of our major issues has been developing a database of people who have a connection with the Davenport Schools be they alumni, former teachers and administrators, parents, or others who understand the importance of public education. Our secretary, John Korn, is working closely with Harris Publishing to produce a directory of Davenport graduates. The Harris project will also include an online community, which will be unveiled in 2008. For more information on the Harris project, read John's article – it is very exciting to have technology on our side! John and Julie Fiedler are also working to have a Foundation website (www.davenportschools.org/foundation) updated this fall.

Johnson School PTA Scholarship - The Johnson School PTA Scholarship was established to honor graduates who attended Johnson School. Five \$1000 scholarships were given to the following students: Judy Boettcher of Central High School, daughter of Mark Boettcher and Nancy Boettcher; Jaime Buckles of East High School, daughter of Brenda Jordahl-Buckles and Gary Buckles; Rebecca Fick of West High School, daughter of Judy Fick; Lisa Kohl of West High School, daughter of Jim and Vicki Fick; and Aleq Roelandt of West High School, son of Brad and Kelly Roelandt.

George E Weis Memorial Scholarship - The Weis Memorial Scholarship was established to recognize a senior from West High School who will be attending a trade or technical college. The \$500 scholarship was awarded to Keegan Puls, son of Cheryl Puls.

(Brad) Peck Memorial Scholarship - The Peck Memorial Scholarship was established to recognize an outstanding graduate from West High School. The recipient of the \$300 Peck Memorial Scholarship is John Denkman.

Jane Grady Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence - The Jane Grady Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence Fund was established as requested in her will, to recognize a female student who has achieved academic success. The recipient of the \$5000 scholarship is Stephanie Glider of North High School. Stephanie is the daughter of Steven and Nancy Glider and plans to attend the University of Iowa.

Arbisser-Buttleman Scholarship - The Arbisser-Buttleman Scholarship was established to recognize an outstanding journalism student at Central High School. This year's recipient of the \$500 scholarship is Nikolai Fedorchak, son of Bernard and Virginia Fedorchak.

Our Great Minds enrichment program reached 7,140 students during the 2006-2007 academic year under the expert guidance of Program Director Gene Conrad. We are looking at some changes for Great Minds this fall as we try to reach more students. Great Minds depends on donations from people like you and me.

We have just finished one of our most generous scholarship seasons as you can see in the detailed article in this issue. If you are interested to contributing to an existing scholarship or in starting one of your own, contact our Development Director, Julie Fiedler at the Foundation for details.

For more information on volunteering with the Foundation, please call our Development Director, Julie Fiedler or check our website in the near future for more information!



For the Davenport Schools Foundation,
Tony Williams, President



GREAT MINDS –

leveraging community resources for Davenport Community Schools

Enhancing the Great Minds Program

In 2001, the Davenport Schools Foundation established the Great Minds Program. The Great Minds Program makes persons, places and performances available to students in the Davenport Community Schools with the goal of inspiring them to a greater awareness, appreciation and understanding of our community and world.

At its core, Great Minds activities advance “place-based education,” which promotes learning that is rooted in what is local--the unique history, environment, culture, economy, literature, and art of a particular place. The original design of Great Minds encouraged teachers to apply for funds through the Foundation to provide students with experiential learning opportunities to enrich their educational experience. While this process proved very beneficial to those students whose teachers apply, the Foundation has begun looking at the program to 1) identify gaps in the process, 2) align the program with the new strategic plan for the Foundation, 3) focus on developmental (asset) needs in the community, and 4) better align with the curriculum across the grade levels.

Beginning in 2007/2008, the Davenport Schools Foundation Great Minds program will take on two different faces – the original teacher-driven application process and a new enhancement project. The Great Minds enhancement project is an exciting venture that the foundation has spent several months developing that will utilize the knowledge and cooperation of educators, curriculum specialists and community members. The enhancement program will fully integrate curriculum, developmental assets and the community to benefit the students in the most effective and economically efficient way possible.

The Great Minds enhancement project for the 2007/2008 academic year will target Kindergarten through Fifth grade. The foundation is very excited to be able to expand the program to all of these grade levels and, in the future, hopes to touch each grade level with a Great Minds program that meets the new criteria. The enhancement programs for the upcoming academic year would not be possible if it was not for the generosity from our donors!

Harris Publishing Connects Alumni

—John Korn, Jr., Board Secretary, Technology Chair

The last few months have stirred a lot of Davenport Schools alumni to ask questions: “Who are these people from Harris Publishing asking questions? Is this legitimate?”

As Board Secretary and leader of this initiative, my name was on the postcards that went out in May. I know there has been a little bit of confusion and I'd like to address that.

First of all, yes, this is legitimate! Harris Publishing is a leading publisher of school directories, and they have published several editions for Davenport schools in the past. This new edition will be released around the December 2007 timeframe and will include all three Davenport high schools.

Part of Harris' commitment to this project is a great deal of research. They will use mail, telephone and internet to try and reach as many alumni as possible for accurate listings in the directory. Also, it is important to understand that they need to sell directories to stay in business, so the callers will encourage alumni to purchase a directory. The directories are a valuable resource, and I encourage everyone to consider making a purchase. They are not cheap, but they are a quality product.

The really exciting news, however, is what follows. Because of the size of our district, and our history with Harris, we qualify for a really important bonus. Harris will create and host an “online community” for all Davenport Schools alumni.

For the current students and recent graduates, this term will mean something. For most people in my age bracket, it will require some explanation.

If you are an alumnus who didn't receive information about the directory, there is still time! Just call 1-800-546-1052 to update your information!

“Online Communities” have sprung up big in the last 5 years or so. It means a group of people connected via the internet who mutually agree to share personal information. If you've never heard of MySpace or FaceBook, find someone under the age of 25 and ask them about it. Friends share photos, emails, gossip, etc. and this is currently a huge part of the culture of the younger generation. I believe it's blossomed for two reasons – it's easy, and it's fun!

The Harris online community we will get by the end of the year will be very similar to the FaceBook and MySpace systems. Users will be able to set up and edit their profiles and determine how much of their information is available to others.

Class reunions will now become much easier to organize. Graduates will be able to look for jobs back in their hometown, and if they are business owners here, they will be able to post job openings for grads who may be looking for an opportunity to move back. My wife and I are perfect examples of something that happens often – graduates move to the big city (in our case, Chicago), get married and have children, then choose to come back to the Quad Cities to raise their families. Our community needs to help bring our graduates back!

Harris has been providing the Online Community for colleges and private schools for many years. We will benefit from directory sales by getting the chance to have an online community hosted for us, more or less for free.

To become a subscriber will cost each user about \$15 per year. Even if an alumnus chooses not to subscribe, he or she will still be able to update his or her own profile.

More details will follow in the near future, as we will provide presentations to many outlets to increase awareness of this wonderful new opportunity we have.

Please spread the word – the online community is coming soon!!!