

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

"Enhancing Education through Giving"



Wall of Honor DEDICATED TO FOUNDATION'S DONORS

Over 70 guests attended the Foundation's Wall of Honor Dedication on September 23, 2021 held at the Petersen Foyer of Kewanee High School. "Tonight's dedication is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and express our gratitude to you, our donors, for your role in the success of the Kewanee Schools Foundation and Kewanee School District." stated Lori Christiansen, President of the Kewanee Schools Foundation, and Vice-President of the Kewanee Community Unit School District #229 Board of Education. "I would like to officially dedicate the Wall of Honor to all of our donors, for your continued generous and kind support."

The Foundation was in need of remodeling its Wall of Honor which was originally installed in 2001. The increase in the number of donors and donations since that time required the Foundation to re-categorize and add new levels to the Wall, to allow for growth, both now and in the future. Peoples National Bank sponsored the original Wall of Honor, as well as the upgraded system now on display. In addition, Joan's Trophy donated four additional plaques displayed to the left of the main system, which includes a new Legacy Society plaque. The Wall of Honor represents cumulative donations (including in-kind gifts) through June 30, 2021 and will be updated annually.

A highlight of the evening, the Foundation took the

opportunity to induct eleven inaugural members into its newly established Legacy Society. "By joining the KSF Legacy Society, you are leaving a legacy of your values and dreams to the children of Kewanee Community Unit School District #229 by naming Kewanee Schools Foundation as beneficiary of your will, Trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy or other planned giving vehicle" said Ms. Christiansen. "You have joined a special group of donors who have made the decision to make a significant positive impact to secure the future of Kewanee Community Unit School District #229", she added.

Dr. Christopher Sullens, Superintendent, shared his appreciation to the Foundation's donors, and gave a brief history of the expansion within the District since the Foundation's inception. The evening concluded with an optional tour of the recent additions to Kewanee High School including the new biology lab and classroom featuring the state-of-the-art digital anatomy table; art classroom/lab; Group Interpretation/Pom-Pon room, and home economics lab complete with a new commercial kitchen to assist students with an interest in pursuing a career in the restaurant/food industry.

Since its founding in 1990, Kewanee Schools Foundation has supported and nurtured children and educators as part of its mission to strengthen the educational opportunities for students of the Kewanee School District and promote community engagement within the District. This work remains critical today and well into the future



RECOGNITION FOR Per. David Kniker

At the Kewanee Schools Foundation Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021, Lori Christiansen, President presented long time board member Rev. David Kniker with a plaque of recognition for his years of service to the Kewanee Schools Foundation. Dave

At the Kewanee Schools Foundation served on the Board of Directors for 30 rd of Directors meeting on Monday, years as one of the original members of 10, 2021, Lori Christiansen, the Kewanee Schools Foundation.

We thank Dave for his visionary guidance, exceptional leadership and unconditional commitment to the students of the Kewanee School District.



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MISSION

The mission of the Kewanee Schools
Foundation is to strengthen the
educational opportunities for students
of the Kewanee School District and
promote community engagement in
the Kewanee School District.

FROM THE President

Dear Alumni & Friends.

With the New Year approaching, this is a wonderful time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to all that is to come. Through these extraordinarily challenging times, our work to transform the lives of our students has never wavered and you are vital to our success.

We have had many achievements to celebrate this year. With our students back in school five days per week, they are benefiting from many dual credit courses, as well as innovative grant-funded academic activities that are supported by our Kewanee

Schools Foundation. The new Anatomage table, purchased by the Foundation, is providing our Kewanee High School science students with state-of-the-art technology that is rarely available at the high school level and will prepare them well to pursue healthcare professions or other scientific careers. In 2021, our graduating seniors received over \$100,000 in scholarships which will provide much-needed assistance as they go on to college in pursuit of their dreams.

During the past year, we hosted two special events that recognized the amazing generosity of our alumni and friends. We unveiled our new donor wall and Legacy Society plaque while celebrating all those who have so generously supported the work of the Foundation. This new wall will allow us to recognize and thank our donors far into the future. We also celebrated with the Class of 1954 as they dedicated a bench just outside the front entrance of the high school and established the "Caring 4 Kids" fund to provide shoes, eyewear, and other items for student with financial need.

As we look ahead during these uncertain times, ensuring the educational success of our students has never been more rewarding, challenging, and critical. We greatly appreciate your continued support of the work of the Kewanee Schools Foundation. Our students need you now, more than ever! On behalf of the Kewanee Schools Foundation, I would like to extend to you warm wishes for the upcoming holiday season. Stay safe, stay well, and enjoy the holidays with your loved ones!

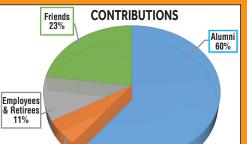
Best Regards,

Lori Christiansen

Lori Christiansen, President Foundation Board of Directors

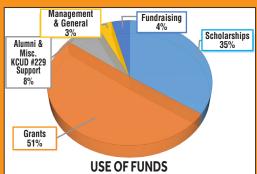
FY21 FINANCIAL REPORT AND USE OF FUNDS

NET ASSETS		EXPENSES	
*Without Donor Restrictions	\$2,968,762	Program Services:	
With Donor Restrictions	\$649,372	Scholarships	\$115,244
Total Net Assets	\$3,618,134	Grants	\$168,602
REVENUE		Alumni & Misc. KCUSD #229 Support	\$ 25,048
Total Contributions	\$193,825	Management & General	\$10,735
In-Kind Contributions	\$51,080	Fundraising	\$12,931
Investment Income	\$77,622	Total Expenses	\$332,560
Unrealized Gains/Losses on Investments	\$700,351	(Pending Audit)	
Other Income	\$403	*Cort to the control of the discount of the discount of the control of the contro	same at student



KSF Board

Total Revenues \$1.023.281



assets if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized.

Please Join Us!

Kewanee Schools Foundation is celebrating 30 Years of supporting the Kewanee Community Unit School District #229.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

Midland Golf Club

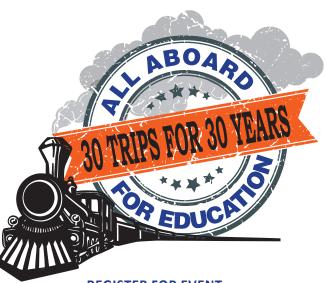
Bid on one of 30 exciting local, regional, and national trips, as well as trips abroad.

Trips can be redeemed up to 12 to 18 months following the event.

GOAL: **\$30,000** supporting Dual Credit Scholarships and the Foundation's Unrestricted Fund

Don't miss this exciting event!

All Alward!



REGISTER FOR EVENT

\$40 per person by April 2, 2022 \$45 per person after April 2, 2022

(Choice of chicken or sirloin steak; special dietary requests available)

FMV of ticket equals \$35

BECOME A SPONSOR

FIRST CLASS: \$5,000

8 complimentary registrations to Banquet

BUSINESS: \$ 2,500 4 complimentary registrations to Banquet

COACH: \$ 1,000

2 complimentary registrations to Banquet



For more information contact Mindi Goard at 309-856-8702 or mgoard@ksf229.org. or to register online go to www.kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org and click on the *30 Trips For 30 Years* event tab.



DUAL Credit

"Having the opportunity to take dual credit classes by receiving a dual credit scholarship helped me to take a big step towards my dream job. I saved hundreds of dollars on tuition during my first year of college.

The classes at KHS were up close and personal, so I could get all the help I needed from the teachers. I am thankful for the scholarship that I received which has impacted my future in more than one way.

My dream job is to become a detective with the Federal Bureau of Investigation! With all the dual credit classes I took at KHS, I will be able to graduate from BHE in May!"

~ Katelyn Witte Class of 2021

Enhancing Education THROUGH GIVING (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

Digital Anatomy Table Added to Kewanee High School Science Classroom



The Kewanee School District is the proud owner of a fully segmented real human 3D anatomy system that allows students to visualize anatomy exactly how it would look on a fresh cadaver. This cutting-edge piece of technology allows students to rotate the human body 360 degrees, take it apart, identify specific structures and look at multiple views at the same time.

The Anatomage Table was added to the Kewanee High School science lab and purchased by the Kewanee Schools Foundation through the Dr. Frances Horler Trust. Dr. Horler was a 1927 graduate of KHS, who left a \$2.1 million bequest from her estate to the Foundation to be used for academic excellence

The table is seven feet long and can be displayed horizontally or vertically. The touch screen feature makes it interactive, and has multiple classroom applications. The table is used for introductory lessons, lectures and assessments. Students are also able to use the equipment to perform activities such as test and laboratory practicals.

The KHS table is one of only seven tables being used in high school classrooms across the state.





Robert L. Petersen Excellence in Education Grants Awarded

A total of \$2,180 in grants was awarded in 2021 to fund English Language Arts (ELA) and Science materials and curriculum to enhance remote learning instruction in Grades 6-8; and resources and supplies to implement STEM activities to promote critical thinking for Grade K. To date, over \$17,000 has been awarded from the Robert L. Petersen Excellence in Education grant program.



Harry J. Anderson Memorial Trust Grants Awarded

Nearly \$134,000 has been donated since 2015 to the Kewanee Schools Foundation by the Harry J. Anderson Memorial Trust to create and support programs for the children in the Kewanee School District who need training and guidance in order to get a good start in life and become useful and desirable citizens. The 2021 Harry Anderson Memorial Trust grants funded over \$20,000 for a PearDeck program for the district; Vehicle Career Day for grades K-1; Incentives for the Alternative Program for grades 4-12; Live School program for Self Contained Special Education for grades

7-12; PLATO program for Grades 9-12; SEL curriculum for Grades 4-12; PBIS supplies for Grades 4-8; Business Essentials and Personal Finance course curriculums for Grades 9-12; Introduction to Business and Marketing supplemental activities and projects for Grades 9-12; as well as funding for Dual Credit Scholarships and Junior Achievement.

KHS Students Receive Over \$108,800 in Scholarships

The Kewanee Schools Foundation and the Kewanee School District awarded \$108,854 to the Class of 2021 this year. Awards and scholarships were presented to Kewanee High School seniors at the Senior Assembly and Commencement ceremonies. The assembly and commencement were held outdoors at the high school stadium in May. These scholarships have been made possible through the tremendous generosity of many loyal donors to the Foundation and Kewanee School District.

Local Banks Support Education

The Kewanee Schools Foundation received generous donations from local financial institutions through a partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago and Targeted Impact Fund for relief efforts for populations hit hard by COVID-19. A grant of \$5,250 from Union Federal Savings and Loan funded additional mobile Wi-Fi hotspots to assist students in their remote learning; and \$5,000 from State Bank of Toulon benefited the snack program administered by K.C.U.S.D #229. In addition, a grant of \$2,500 was received from Community State Bank, together with mortgage partner Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, for a reading program initiative for fifth grade students at Central School.



FROM THE Executive Director

Dear Alumni & Friends.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, I am amazed at the resilience of our students, teachers, staff, administrators and boards to make the best out of an unfortunate period in our history. It would make most heads spin to think about the logistics in coordinating the delivery of classroom instruction and extracurricular activities over the last two years to benefit our students.

Fortunately, school is now back in session five days per week, many extracurricular activities have resumed, and things are beginning to return to a more "normal" state. Our students, employees and volunteers in the Kewanee School District have been strong and resilient despite adversity. We are so proud of them!

The Foundation has had to adapt as well, and we certainly appreciate your patience as we have been forced to reschedule events and modify our way of doing business. The challenges over the last two years have taught us all to be flexible and adapt. One thing that has not changed is the loyalty shown by our donors. We recognize and celebrate all those who made donations to the Foundation this past fiscal year to help the Kewanee School District, despite the crisis at hand. Their names are listed on the following pages of this report. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to educate the nearly 1,900 students who are enrolled in the Kewanee School District each year. We appreciate you!

Your gifts strengthen and enrich learning opportunities through the development of innovative programs. Your support provides instructional supplies, equipment, and additional training for teachers, as well as facility and technology improvements. And your continued generous scholarship support has helped our graduating seniors reduce overall college costs. This Annual Report illustrates what we have accomplished together this past fiscal year.

But, additional funds are needed to continue to meet future needs. Won't you consider a gift of \$50, \$100.

\$500 or more to the 2021 Year-End Appeal? With the increasing number of children on the Free and Reduced Lunch program within the school district, I assure you that your donation is *vital!* Any level of support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for considering a donation to the Kewanee Schools Foundation. Happy Holidays and stay well my friends!

Kind regards,

Elizabeth Breedlove Executive Director

P.S. Don't delay! In order to receive a tax-deduction for 2021, your gift must be postmarked by December 31. Donations are also accepted online at www.kewaneeshoolsfoundation.org. All gifts are tax-deductible as allowable by law.

Why I Support Kewanee Schools Foundation

John Blake is a 1965 graduate of Kewanee High School. Immediately upon graduation John enlisted into the Air Force as a musician and completed assignments in Colorado, Panama and Southern Illinois for 4 years. Returning to Kewanee he joined a local manufacturer and took college classes ultimately attaining Associate Degrees in Engineering Technology and Business Management. He quickly advanced in his work as an Engineer, to Supervisor and to Director of Human Resources until his retirement in 2006. While in Human Resources, John worked closely with our local schools creating Business-Educational partnerships. He was elected to the Kewanee School Board in 1998, and was instrumental in bringing Junior Achievement to all Kewanee. Wethersfield and Visitation students. He was

past President of the Kewanee Chamber of Commerce, President of the Kewanee Area Industrial Association and a guest speaker to many organizations stressing the importance of Business-Educational Partnerships.

John has a real passion for providing kids with real life experience and exposure. John has currently partnered with the Kewanee Schools Foundation by developing a program called "Kids for Kulture". "The goal of the Kids for Kulture program is to provide funding for transportation, meals, entry fees and other expenses that would otherwise not be available to send students on field trips to museums, zoos, learning camps, and other cultural/artistic events," stated John. If a teacher desires to take their class on a learning field trip, the funds will be available through the "Kids for Kulture" program.





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Eleven donors were inducted into the Foundation's new Legacy Society as inaugural members during the Wall of Honor Dedication held on September 23, 2021 in the Petersen Foyer of Kewanee High School. The new inductees include Bill and Lori Christiansen, John and Carole Blake, James Golby, Dr. Jeffrey and Pamela Johnson, John and Beverly Spets, and Dr. Christopher and Kristine Sullens. Other Legacy Society members are: Hayden Groy, Robert and Annie Howe, Dr. Bill and Vicki Mattingly, and David Sprague.

Kewanee Schools Foundation recognizes those individuals who are thinking to the future through its newly established Legacy Society. The Legacy Society is made up of individuals who have promised to leave a future gift to the Kewanee Schools Foundation after their passing. Common future gifts include



bequests, life insurance, retirement plans, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and others. Many donors find they can make a much greater impact on the Kewanee School District and Foundation by making a gift from their estates. As such, these generous donors will provide educational resources and a lasting legacy for future generations of children in the Kewanee Community Unit School District #229. The Foundation congratulates and welcomes the inaugural members of the Legacy Society for their loyal and generous support.

Please contact Liz Breedlove, Executive Director at 309-856-8702 at the Foundation office or Ibreedlove (a ksf229.org for more information about the Legacy Society, or to let us know you have included the Foundation in your estate plans so we can say thank you and provide you with the recognition you deserve! All Legacy Society members receive a special KSF Legacy Society lapel pin and certificate, and are invited to Legacy Society events.