



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022



### COMMUNITY SUPPORTS KSF THROUGH

## *"30 Trips for 30 years"*

Kewanee Schools Foundation raised \$61,679 in net proceeds at the "All Aboard for Education! 30 Trips for 30 Years" event held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Midland Golf Club to benefit its Dual Credit Scholarship program and Unrestricted Fund (supports the areas of greatest need). Celebrating the Foundation's 30th Anniversary, guests had the opportunity to bid on 30 exciting trips to local and regional destinations, as well as longer trips to national destinations and abroad while supporting a great cause. Thanks to the community's support, the Foundation more than doubled its goal of raising \$30,000.

The Dual Credit Scholarship program gives Kewanee High School students the opportunity to receive high school and college credit simultaneously for certain coursework. As such, many students are able to enter college as sophomores after graduating from KHS, and are spared a year of college expenses.

The evening included a social hour and dinner with International desserts, and featured live musical entertainment provided by Todd Kelly Three. The 30th Anniversary Program included a video tribute to the progress made by the Foundation over the last 30 plus years. First and Business Class Sponsors were presented with special recognition plaques and the Coach Class Sponsors received certificates of appreciation during the program. The Silent and Live Auctions were a big success. The top five travel packages sold that evening included: #1 Ultimate Beach Destination; #2 Outer Banks Odyssey; #3 River, Rails & Wine Trails – Napa, California; #4 Family Fun in Orlando; and #5 Bahamas Cruise for Two.

The "30 Trips for 30 Years" event would not have been possible without the generous support of the Event and In-Kind Sponsors. The Foundation is very grateful for their commitment to the students of the Kewanee School District. The Foundation also thanks the "30 Trips for 30 Years" Committee for their hard work in planning the event. Members included Amron Buchanan, Chair, Sue Blake, Liz Breedlove, Casie Douglas, Katie Gerard, Mindi Goard, Kaleigh Good, Jeff Johnson, Dave Kniker, and Roger Malcolm.

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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,

As another New Year approaches, this is the perfect time to reflect on the many accomplishments of our Kewanee Schools Foundation and look forward to all that is to come. For over 30 years, the Mission of the Foundation has been "to strengthen the educational opportunities for students of the Kewanee School District and promote community engagement within the District." Our work to transform the lives of our students continues and each of you are vital to achieving success. Every young person deserves a chance to reach for their full potential and an excellent education is one of the most important elements of a secure and fulfilling life.

Over the past year, your contributions have helped the Foundation provide grants and other funding to enhance, enrich, and extend academic initiatives, technology, and facilities within our district. Our "30 Trips for 30 Years" event was a tremendous success, more than doubling our goal of \$30,000 and providing additional funds to support our students pursuing dual credit classes, as well as other areas of greatest need. Additional scholarship assistance to our graduating seniors has steadily increased with the KHS Class of 2022 receiving over \$118,000 in scholarships to help them succeed as they go on to college and pursue their dreams.

Ensuring the educational success of our students has never been more rewarding, challenging, and critical than it is today. Countless studies show that student achievement and success is highest when there are strong partnerships between families, schools, alumni, and communities. Many of you visited our schools this year attending class reunions and countless other events that showcased our facilities and the many exceptional things happening within Kewanee Schools. We're so proud of our District and extremely grateful for your continued support of our work. We're planning for another tremendous year ahead filled with opportunities and endless possibilities for our students!

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



## FY22 FINANCIAL REPORT AND USE OF FUNDS

Pre-Audit

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

### NET ASSETS

*Without Donor Restrictions	\$2,970,485
With Donor Restrictions	\$649,372
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$3,619,857</b>

### REVENUE

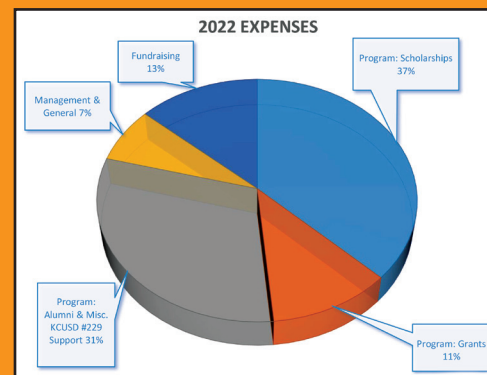
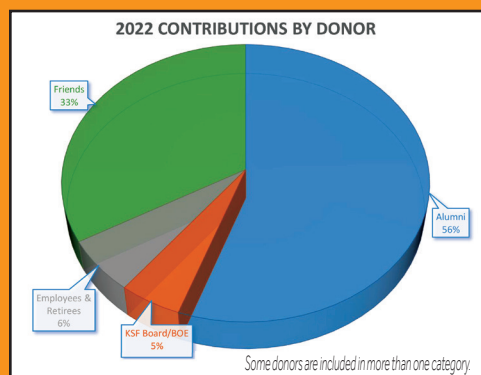
Individual & Business Contributions	\$323,700
Special Events	\$71,085
Investment Income	\$79,493
Other Income	\$0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$474,278</b>

### EXPENSES

Program Services:

Scholarships	\$61,211.57
Grants	\$18,739
Alumni & Misc. KCUSD #229 Support	\$50,493
Management & General	\$12,167
Fundraising	\$22,240
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$164,850</b>

\*Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized.



# Enhancing Education **THROUGH GIVING** (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)



## **KHS Students Receive Over \$118,000 in Scholarships**

The Kewanee Schools Foundation and the Kewanee School District awarded over \$118,000 to the Class of 2022 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 in the Petersen Auditorium and HF Brockman Gym at

Kewanee High School in May. These scholarships have been made possible through the tremendous generosity of many loyal donors to the Foundation and Kewanee School District.

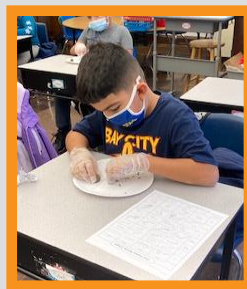
## **Robert L. Petersen Excellence in Education Grants Awarded**

A total of \$550 in grants was awarded in 2022 to a Crime Scene Unit for Grade 7; and reading books for KHS Spanish classrooms. To date, over \$17,500 has been awarded from the Robert L. Petersen Excellence in Education grant program.

who need training and guidance in order to get a good start in life and become useful and desirable citizens. The 2022 Harry Anderson Memorial Trust grants funded over \$20,729 for a vacuum forming machine for the District #229; Incentives for the Alternative Program for grades 4-12; Science curriculum for Grade 3 and 4; 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.

## **Harry J. Anderson Memorial Trust Grants Awarded**

Nearly \$155,000 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



*Jeremy Peart on behalf of Kal Peart*



*Etta LaFlora representing Clarissa LaFlora*



*Matt Costenson, Jim Peck, Eric Faoro, Jim VanHooetgem, Greg Christakos*



*Members of the 1960-61 Football Team*

## **KHS ATHLETIC** *Hall of Fame*

The Kewanee High School Athletic Hall of Fame is dedicated to the outstanding athletes, teams, coaches and supporters of the Boilermaker community who, through their efforts and achievements have brought honor and recognition to themselves, Kewanee High School, their families and our community.

The Hall of Fame committee is a volunteer group who gives of their time and effort. As we have lost members of the group, others have stepped in to fill the void. The entire group, that "bleeds orange", is committed to Kewanee sports. The committee is chaired by Matt Costenson with the following volunteers making up the committee: Tim Atwell, John Blachinsky, Bill Breedlove, Jon DeBord, Mindi Goard, Russ Hughes, John Jagers, Autumn McGarvey, Mike Miler, Tom Miler, Jerry Salisbury, Bill Stewart and Frank Tocha.

The 2022 KHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Over 180 guests attended the dinner

and induction ceremony, which was held in the Petersen Auditorium. This year's inductees were: Distinguished Alumni Charlie Hainline '60 and Gary Vancil '61; Coach Earl Faris; Friends Calvin Peart '72 and Steve Peart '71; Male Athletes Albert Helslander '37 and Eric Faoro '92; Female Athletes Breanne (Christiansen) Cinnamon '07, Clarissa LaFlora '07 and Cassie Darby-Ince '10; Team 1960-61 Football. Many memories were shared amongst the inductees and a great time was had by all involved.

If you would like to view the 2022 KHS Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony, visit Kewanee High Schools Sports and Special Events on YouTube.

The next Induction Ceremony will be held September 20 and 21, 2024. If you would like to nominate an athlete visit Kewanee Schools Foundation website and click on the Athletic Hall of Fame tab.



# FROM THE *Executive Director*



Dear Alumni & Friends,

Since 1990, the Kewanee Schools Foundation has been bringing the community together to make big things happen for all Kewanee School District students. Thanks to the support of alumni and community members like you, Kewanee Schools Foundation has been able to renovate and build new facilities. We have been able to grant over \$100,000 annually in classroom grants to enrich education for students of the Kewanee School District. In addition, the Foundation, in partnership with the Kewanee School District, has awarded over \$118,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors this past year. For this, we are sincerely grateful! We recognize and celebrate all those who made generous donations to the Foundation this past fiscal year. Their names are listed on the following pages of this report.

With over 1,900 students enrolled in the District, your gifts strengthen and enhance learning opportunities for all students. This Annual Report illustrates what we have accomplished together this past fiscal year.

There is more we plan to do, but we need your support. I invite you to make the students of the Kewanee School District a charitable priority this year by giving to the Foundation's 2022 Year-End Appeal.

With your gift of \$50, \$100, or \$500, you will be supporting every student by helping to fund classroom grants that make teachers' big ideas possible. Or, if you prefer, you can donate to another fund of your choice. Any level of support would be greatly appreciated.

Together, we can continue to provide excellent academic, athletic, and fine arts programs, as well as update our facilities.

We thank you for your consideration and hope we can count on you to join us in supporting the Kewanee School District by giving to the Kewanee Schools Foundation.

Best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful holiday season!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Breedlove".

Elizabeth Breedlove  
Executive Director

*P.S. Don't delay! In order to receive a tax-deduction for 2022, your gift must be postmarked by December 31. A remittance envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Donations are also accepted online at [www.kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.kewaneeschoolsfoundation.org). All gifts are tax-deductible as allowable by law.*

## Why We Support *Kewanee Schools Foundation*



Tom and Merilee Curran are wonderful examples of alumni who have made education in the Kewanee School District a priority. Their philanthropy is a result of their commitment to the importance and value of educating future generations of Kewanee youth.

Tom and Merilee met each other at Kewanee High School. Tom was born in Kewanee the fifth of seven children for Gene and Betty Curran. He attended Visitation School. Tom graduated from KHS in 1978. He earned a degree from Augustana College and a Master's degree from the University of Iowa. Merilee, the middle daughter of Donald and Connie Herrick, came to Kewanee in third grade and attended Central School. She graduated from KHS in 1978. Merilee earned a nursing degree from Baylor University. Tom and Merilee married in Kewanee in 1983. They lived in several different places over the years. Tom and Merilee love their four children and four grandsons. Tom recently retired after a long and enjoyable career with Edward Jones Investments. They now have fun spending time with family, traveling and pursuing outdoor interests.

"We chose to support the Foundation for three reasons: gratitude, recognition, and hope," stated the Currans. "We are grateful to have

grown up in Kewanee and to have been educated within Kewanee schools. We both had many opportunities to explore our interests and talents, make great friends, and receive the solid academic preparation to be confident and successful. The Kewanee Schools community, as well as the larger community, were steadfast in their support and encouragement. Those values haven't changed in these many years. We wanted to recognize how fortunate we both were to be part of families that placed a very high value on education. Many of our family members are educators. Our parents were all leaders at home and in the community. They had high expectations for us and were models of lifelong learners. We had wonderful examples and are pleased to be able to honor our folks through the establishment of The Caring Spirit Award and The Good Neighbor Award scholarships."

"We have great hope for Kewanee school students. As the world changes quickly the students will need to be prepared academically, socially, and technically. An excellent education in partnership with the Kewanee community that is interested, supportive, and encouraging is the best launch position for individual success whatever that might look like. Our best hopes are in the students."

"Being supporters has given us a chance to take a small part in the positive energy and momentum of the Foundation. We get to join the ranks of encouragers. We cherish our time as community members of Kewanee and the lifelong friendships nurtured there," added Tom and Merilee.

# CONTRIBUTORS

*July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022*

**THANK YOU** to the following contributors for your kind and generous support over the past fiscal year.  
Your gifts make a huge difference to the students of the Kewanee School District!  
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