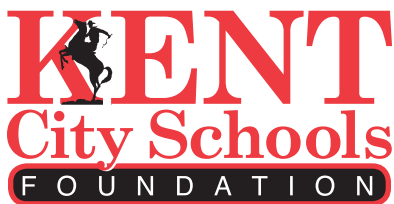




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Update on Kent Schools' finances



Making an impact

scholarships and awarding mini grants to teachers or principals, as well as funding professional development activities for teachers.

Established in 1998, current Foundation board members are **Dawn Carpenter, Deborah Krutz, Joe Marken, Paul Sellman and Linda Wingard.** The volunteer Board is charged with ensuring that the Foundation is fiscally sound and financially responsible for all assets. It is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Over the past year, the Foundation accepted anonymous donations for the Roosevelt Natatorium lockers, a replacement Steinway piano at Roosevelt and other projects. Funds raised at a benefit evening to support special education programs at Davey Elementary were also donated to the Foundation.

Joseph and Barbara Drew donated funds to specifically support the Preschool Program at Davey Elementary, citing the love, care and education the Preschool staff has given to their grandson. The new "Drew" outdoor storage shed to store playground equipment was built by Roosevelt's Construction Technologies program. Davey PTO also helped fund the project.

Foundation funds scholarships

Roosevelt High School alumni, community members and other organizations have funded scholarships through the Foundation, including a total of \$14,000 awarded to Roosevelt graduates last spring.

Created to encourage and support academic excellence in the Kent City Schools, the Kent City Schools Foundation supports three important initiatives with financial resources. They include providing student

Former Kent City Schools Hall of Fame inductees established a new Hall of Fame scholarship in 2018. Inductee **Tom Ahlersmeyer** sent letters on behalf of the Foundation to nearly 70 Hall of Famers, and several have responded with generous donations.

The Hockey Alumni Scholarship, established in 2015, continues to build support. **John Ferguson**, who graduated in 1981, established the Ferguson Family Scholarship for Science, Technology, Engineering and Medical Sciences, which designates \$2,000 annually, initially to run for ten years.

Mini grants help make positive change

Providing \$500 building mini grants is a way for the Foundation to support specific needs or projects.

In 2018 for example, Roosevelt High School used its funding to support the Black History Month Living History Museum presentation and to purchase copies of *Reaching and Teaching Students in Poverty* for a faculty book study.

At Longcoy Elementary, 17 teachers received special training in "Words Their Way," an approach to word study that teaches phonics, vocabulary and spelling skills to students. Walls Elementary purchased supplies to supplement mental health student supports. Holden Elementary bought a Bose compact portable sound system to use for assemblies, music and after-school programs.

Instructional technology is another popular use of mini grants. Stanton Middle School purchased a 3D printer for the school's new Makerspace lab.

