LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the dawn of a new decade in sight and much additional success anticipated as we look to the future, the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools thanks all of our past and present donors and supporters for your continued, abundant generosity. Your support reflects your recognition that our children are the physical embodiment of our future and we should treat them as such. The Foundation hopes that the opportunities we are providing the students of the Dubuque Community School District lead to their success in finding solutions and making our world a better place for all of us.

Throughout 2019, we have focused on providing hands-on experiences to many of our students across entire grade levels. These experiences include field trips to deepen student learning in our elementary schools as well as the tiny house building project and highly successful robotics programs in our high schools.

We also are excited to meet many essential needs of the students in our district, including art and music education, performing arts programs, grants for classroom teachers to implement new learning tools or attend continuing education programs, and after-school programs for our most at-risk students.

It is only with your assistance that the Foundation can continue to impact our students in so many positive ways. If you would like to make a gift to one of our current funds or start a new fund to support a program, students or activities about which you are passionate, please contact Amy Unmacht, our Executive Director.

All of us at the Foundation wish you the best this holiday season. We look forward to seeing you at our annual fundraising luncheon on March 31, 2020.

Josh Weidemann, Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools President

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NOMINATE A NOTABLE ‘HOMETOWN ALUM’

The Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools is seeking nominations for its sixth annual Distinguished Hometown Alumni Award. This award will be given to a Dubuque Community School District alum who lives in the Dubuque area and has made a significant impact in the community and our public schools. The winner will be honored with a special award at the Foundation’s Enhancing Excellence Luncheon on March 31, 2020.

The public may submit Distinguished Hometown Alumni nominations now until January 31, 2020.

For a nomination form, please visit dbqfoundation.org/FDPS or call 563.588.2700.

THANK YOU TO OUR SEPTEMBER 19 PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS!

7 Hills Brewing Co.
Adobo’s Mexican Grill
Applebee’s
Caroline’s Restaurant
Dairy Queen, East 16th Street
Falbo Bros. Pizzeria
Fazoli’s
Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers
Houlihan’s
Junction 21
Knockout Melts, Pennsylvania Avenue
Magoo’s Pizza and Magoo’s Brew
Oolong
Panchero’s Mexican Grill
Pita Pit
Subway, JFK Road and Dodge Street
Town Clock Inn
Wendy’s
Your Pie
Old Chicago and Tap Room
Monthly Charity Nights

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Highlights of 2019

2019 was a busy year for the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools. We received over $50,000 in gifts to grant back to programming in the Dubuque Public Schools. The gifts came in many forms, and we appreciate everyone who supports the Foundation. Below are some highlights from 2019 that are enhancing student learning, thanks to you.

Project-Based Learning Fund

The Alternative Learning Center tiny house is almost completed and waiting for an owner. With the sale of the tiny house, other project-based learning activities will blossom.

Falk/Kendall Hunt Instrumental Music Fund

Another generous, five-year gift will allow continued support for music education in Dubuque public schools. With these funds, the district has been able to place instruments in the hands of students for whom this rich opportunity was out of reach.

Ed and Patricia Alt DCSD STEM Staff Development Fund

Through this fund, teachers can apply for funding to attend a conference on STEM education. After returning, they will present to fellow staff members and mentor staff in implementation of new learning into their teaching and curriculum.

Endowed Funds

- John & Rebecca Burgart Fund for DCSD Libraries
- Judi Chandliee Tribute to Teachers Endowment
- Allison Cress Endowment for Art Education
- Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools Endowment
- Beverly R. Hodge Fund for Dubuque Public Schools
- Joe and Sue Kaesbauer Memorial Scholarship Fund
- J.L. Stangeland Memorial Scholarship
- Don and Jean Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- Daniel J Miller Memorial Scholarship
- Lauren Schmidt Memorial Scholarship for Nursing
- Ruprecht Family STEM Scholarship
- Sieffert Family Teacher Appreciation Endowment
- Weidemann Family Washington Visual Performing Arts Endowment

Non-Endowed Funds

- Chris Chapman Memorial Fund
- FDPS Operating Fund
- FDPS Project Based Learning Fund
- FDPS Field Trip Fund
- FDPS Grants and Gifts Fund
- Dubuque Community School District Non-Endowed Scholarship Fund
- FDPS Achieving Potential Scholarship
- Tony D. Becker Scholarship
- Arthur J. Miller Social Studies Scholarship
- John D. Soley Memorial Scholarship
- Kirk D. Streuslein Memorial Scholarship
- Hempstead Class of ‘77 Scholarship
- Ruprecht Family Instrumental Music Fund
- Ed and Patricia Alt DCSD STEM Staff Development Fund

Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools Donors Receive Endow Iowa Tax Credits

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that oversees several funds to address classroom and district needs. Gifts to our endowed funds are eligible to receive the standard state and federal tax deductions, plus an additional 25% state tax credit through the Endow Iowa program.

Make a gift in support of Dubuque’s public schools today and you’ll be first in line for Endow Iowa tax credits in 2020!

Visit dbqfoundation.org/FDPS to make a donation.
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**Preview of 2020**

The Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools is looking ahead to great things in 2020. We work closely with the Dubuque Community School District and focus on its strategic plan to enhance student education with projects and programs that aren’t funded by the district budget. In the coming year, we are focusing on:

**FDPS Field Trip Fund:** The district plans to enhance instruction to more deeply engage students in their learning. An effective way to do this is to send students on field trips that impact learning in the classroom. The Foundation wants to expand field trip opportunities to all grade levels in the district.

**FDPS Project Based Learning Fund:** Hands-on activities engage students in their learning while also allowing them to learn from community members and preparing them for careers in our community. With the “tiny house” project almost completed, we are ready to engage students in additional hands-on learning to prepare them for real-world experiences.

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**Other ways to support FDPS**

**AmazonSmile:** Use AmazonSmile and choose Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools to support Dubuque Community School District projects and programs. AmazonSmile is operated by Amazon.com with the same products, prices, and shopping features. The difference is that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

To immediately select the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools, go to smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1441694

**Dine Out for Public Schools:** “Dine Out” is a collaboration among local restaurants, the community, and the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools to raise funds that enrich Dubuque Community School District programs. The goal is to encourage district families and Dubuque residents to dine at participating restaurants, driving business at local eateries and raising money for the Grants and Gifts Fund.

The public is encouraged to participate throughout the day by eating at our partner restaurants or ordering food for delivery. Diners should be sure to tell their servers and cashiers that they are “dining out for public schools.”

**Mark your calender!** The next “Dine Out” event is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020, when participating restaurants will donate 10% of their sales to the Foundation to support projects and programs in the schools.