

How to Donate to the Foundation

General Endowed Gifts

Make your check out to
KCF/PEF General Endowment Fund

Non-Endowed Gifts

Make your check out to

KCF/PEF Non-Endowed Fund and note in the memo section how you would like your gift to be used or if it is an unrestricted donation. Non-Endowed gifts do not qualify for the Michigan Tax Credit.

Note: Donations are made out to the KCF/PEF since the Portage Education Foundation holds all endowments as component funds at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Donations should be mailed to the
PEF at P. O. Box 2043, Portage, MI 49081
For more information call 269-323-5167.

About the Foundation

- The Foundation provides funding to Portage Schools in areas that would otherwise not receive District funding.
- The Foundation, led by a volunteer community board, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and holds all endowments as funds at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. Donors who contribute to any of the Portage Education Foundation endowments may qualify for the Michigan Tax Credit, in addition to the federal tax deduction for gifts to qualifying non-profit organizations.
- The Board of Education established the Foundation in 1990, inspired by a generous gift by L. Donald Pipe, MD, who wanted the District to have a middle school computer lab. School foundations were a relatively new concept in K-12 public education at that time.
- The Foundation has made a total of 228 grants and scholarships totaling more than \$371,000.

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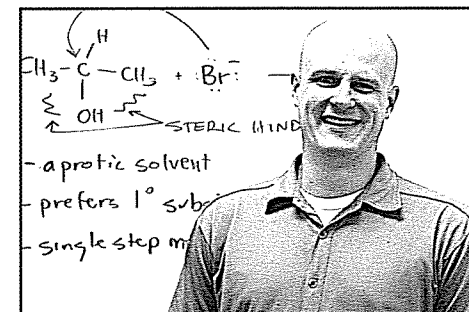
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ANNUAL REPORT



*“When education is this good,
powerful things can happen.”*



Message from the President

Your school Foundation had another successful year, thanks to the generous and continued support of you, our donors.

We announced a new scholarship for the 2008-2009 school year, established by the family of Chuck Evans, the former Northern High School principal. The Evans family is providing an annual \$2,500 scholarship in his memory, and the first recipient – **Kristopher Barron** – was included in the recent announcement of Foundation scholarships for 2009.

We also named a scholarship in memory of a long-time professional in the District's Technology Department. With donations from his family, the Education-for-Employment Endowed Scholarship is now the Scott Hammond Education-for-Employment Endowed Scholarship. The first winner of this scholarship is **Clayton MacRitchie**.

We honored three retiring members of our Board in December. **Fi Spalvieri**, a former president and treasurer of the Foundation, served on the Board for nine years. **Julie Clancy**, who served as Board secretary, retired from the Board with eight years of service. Finally, the Foundation honored **Shirley Johnson**, who served as Board of Education liaison to the Foundation for almost eight years.

Meanwhile, the Foundation welcomed six new Board members:

- **Mike Collins**, vice president of College Relations at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.
- **Deb Droppers**, owner of The Event Company and an instructor at the School for Public Affairs at Western Michigan University.
- **Ruth Friar**, a retired Portage Schools Special Education professional.
- **Matt Molitor**, who works in film and television production and is president of Moli-Land, Inc.
- **Deb Polderman**, Board of Education liaison to the Foundation, and a long-time PTO president at all levels.
- **Ted Vliet, Sr.**, a member of the Portage City Council, and retired administrator from Portage Schools.

On behalf of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, I can assure you that we continue to work hard to direct the resources you provide to those areas of the District where our funds can make the most significant impact. Thank you for your continued support and please visit us online at portageps.org (see the Foundation link on the homepage).

Dorlee Schieble

Foundation Honors Retiring Trustees



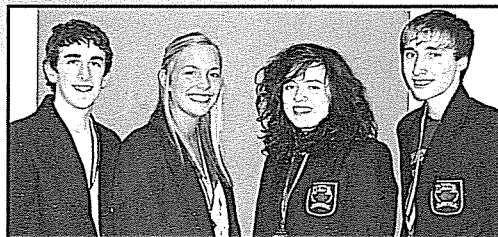
Foundation trustees **Fi Spalvieri** (center) and **Julie Clancy** (not pictured) ended their terms on the Foundation Board at the end of 2008. Presenting Spalvieri with a plaque honoring her 9 years of service is the current Board president **Dorlee Schieble** (left) and **Shirley Johnson**, president of the Board of Education.

Funding For Math Training

The Foundation provided a \$5,000 grant to the District to help cover expenses for K-12 professional development in math instruction. Moorsbridge Elementary School 1st grade teacher **Mary Rogers** was one of the faculty members receiving this training.



Leadley DECA Grant



The Foundation provided a \$700 grant from the Glen Leadley DECA Endowment to assist Northern High School's DECA team in traveling to Dearborn for the state conference. From the left are **Nick Farrell**, **Kelli Hart**, **Maggie Ortlieb**, and **Andrew Everett**, four members of the team who qualified to compete in the national conference.

2008 In Review

The Foundation works on a calendar year, as opposed to a school-calendar year.

10 grants awarded: \$10,178

- \$5,000 for faculty professional development in math instruction.
- \$1,583 for Beam Family Elementary Reading grants to multiple schools.
- \$1,000 for summer literacy instruction.
- \$1,200 in miscellaneous grants.
- \$600 for Northern High forensics and debate grants (Forensics state champions for 2008-2009).
- \$525 for Central High Drama grants.
- \$270 George Conti Endowment for Vocal Music grant for Michigan Youth Arts participation.

6 scholarships awarded: \$6,500

- \$4,000: Robert P. Amrhein Scholarship
- \$1,000: Sue Nelmes Scholarship for history
- \$500: Ken Draayer Scholarship for auto-tech
- \$500: Board of Education Endowed Scholarship
- \$500: Dwight Hodgkin Endowed Scholarship

213 donations received totaling \$82,918

- General Endowment: \$48,293
- Non-Endowed: \$24,410
- Restricted Endowments: \$10,215

Funds at Year-End

- General Endowment: \$193,921
- Non-Endowed Fund: \$24,183
- Beam Family Elementary Reading Endowment: \$20,130
- Northern Communications Endowment: \$11,107
- Scott Hammond EFE Endowed Scholarship: \$10,462
- George L. Conti Endowment for Vocal Music: \$9,617
- Board of Education Endowed Scholarship: \$6,980
- Glen Leadley DECA Endowment: \$7,177
- Dwight Hodgkin Endowed Scholarship: \$5,798

Operating expenses of \$3,171