

JEANS 1st & Jewels Annual ...Kick-off Event

An evening not to be missed!

Mark your calendars for an evening of food, fun, music & dancing. The Carlos Creek Winery is the venue for the 1st Annual Jeans & Jewels Gala on Saturday, October 3rd, from 7-11:00 p.m. The event includes hors d'oeuvres, two drinks (cash bar thereafter), educational stations, and musical entertainment by Doc's All-Stars. Presented by the 206 Club of the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation, this promises to be an evening not to be missed!

When:

Saturday, October 3, 2009
Reception: 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
Jewelry Prize Drawings: 8:45 p.m.
Dance: 9-11 p.m.

Cost: Free to 206 Club Members*

Attire:

Jeans or Jewels

The 206 Club is an integral part of the Education Foundation fundraising campaign. *The 206 Club is a donor club that allows individual donors to make a \$206.00 annual tax free contribution to the endowment fund. As a 206 Club Member you will be making a real and lasting difference for our students and to the quality of education in our district.

To become a 206 Club member and receive your tickets to the gala, contact Tom or Angie Anderson at 763-7275, or Judy Backhaus at 762-2141 ext. 4204.



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2008-2009 Annual Report

ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Education Foundation

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2009 Hall of Fame Honors Save the Date!

The Foundation invites you to help honor the next "class" of Hall of Fame inductees at the 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon set for Friday, September 25, 2009. The luncheon will be held at the Broadway Ballroom and will begin at 12:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 per person.

The luncheon event is open to the public and will honor outstanding alumni who have earned distinction or achievement in their chosen field. Three individuals will be honored at this year's luncheon - A.A. "Cap" Paciotti, Murrae Freng, and Bob Rader. Contact Susan Scarborough at 762-3310 ext. 4271 for more information and to purchase tickets.

Honorees from previous years include:

- Arthur O. "Art" Hafdal, District 206 Superintendent of Schools 1949-1976
- Maynard "Bud" Peterson, Class of 1949
- Ruth Salzman Adams, Class of 1941
- Ellen Eilers, Class of 1935
- Dr. John A. Gustafson, Class of 1950 and Alexandria Teacher/Coach 1958-1971
- Tom Lehman, Class of 1977

2008 Hall of Fame Awards Celebration

Last September, the Foundation sponsored its second annual Hall of Fame luncheon and celebration. The Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon is the Foundation's signature event. More than 150 people attended this celebration that honored three outstanding alumni - Ellen Eilers, John Gustafson, and Tom Lehman, each of whom has earned significant distinction or achievement in their chosen field. Wayne Elton, Foundation board member, was the master of ceremony for the event.



Pictured l to r: Ellen Eilers, Tom Lehman
Not in attendance: John Gustafson

Message from the Board Chair



Back row l to r: Bill Riggs, Bill Leuthner, Wayne Elton, Tom Obert, Terry Quist, Front row l to r: Scott Gronholz, Miriam Svobodny, Tom Anderson, Susan Scarborough, Jerry Hansen Not pictured: Heidi Ryan, Bill Flaig

On behalf of the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation Board of Directors I'm pleased to present our 2008-09 Annual Report. Within this publication you will read about the past events of the Alexandria Education Foundation, our partnership with School District 206, and also get a glimpse into what's in store for 2009-2010.

This year the Board has been busy working to continue our support for the awarding of teacher mini-grants that allows the students of the school district to benefit from additional enrichment projects in the areas of early literacy, technology, and research and development. Alexandria Public Schools have a rich tradition of being a great place to learn and grow and these grants, made possible by your financial support, represent a win-win investment for all. We thank you for your generosity.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to recognize two directors whose terms expired - LuAnn Golberg (founding board member), and Carol Ellison (board member 2006-08). These individuals were highly instrumental in energizing the Foundation over the past several years. We greatly appreciate their efforts and thank them for their contributions. Also, we are busy planning our annual Hall of Fame Awards Luncheon to be held Friday, September 25 at the Broadway Ballroom. You don't want to miss this event as we gather together in celebration of the amazing legacy of achievement by honored graduates and staff of District 206.

Again, let us say thank you for your support over the years, your continued support this year and in the future. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! In the meantime, have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Susan Scarborough

Susan Scarborough, Chair

Innovation Grant Awards



Playaway® Digital Audiobooks and MP3 Players

This \$1000 grant award will provide emerging readers with a means of using current technology as a new learning tool. Project leads, Heather Timm and Megan Paulson, first grade teachers at Washington [Woodland] Elementary School, will integrate the technology into the reading instruction as a tool to help improve reading comprehension, fluency and guided reading levels of first grade students, especially at-risk students.



Heatwave Club

The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation awarded a grant of \$1,000 to Rick Larson, industrial technology teacher at Discovery Middle School for his project, Heatwave Club. Heatwave Club provides pre-engineering enrichment opportunities for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students with an interest in engineering challenges.

Student representatives of the Heatwave Club participated in the Future City Competition earlier this year. Pictured front row l to r: Taylor Score, Hayden Jorgensen, Alex Bottema, and Nick Schlopkol. Back row l to r: Rick Larson, industrial technology teacher/advisor, and Jason Lattimer, engineer mentor from Douglas Machine.



Endowment provides scholarship

In March 2008, Richard and Shirley Klimek donated \$36,000 to the Foundation to establish the "Seeds for Future Learning Scholarship". This scholarship supports a graduating female and male student who has an interest in pursuing a college degree in business, education, manufacturing, or agriculture. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$400.00 with scholarships awarded annually as part of the Jefferson High School Honors Night.

Heidi Ryan, Education Foundation board member, poses with 2009 "Seeds for Future Learning" scholarship recipients, Liz Billberg and Taylor Morical.

Opportunities for Giving

Making a gift to the Alexandria Education Foundation is making an investment in the future of our community. Contributions can be made a number of ways:

Outright Donations

- Cash Gifts
- Real Estate
- Securities
- Personal Property

Deferred Gifts

- Bequests
- Retirement Plan

Assets

- Life Insurance
- Trusts with charitable provisions

Minnesota Community Foundation

Through its affiliation with the Minnesota Community Foundation, which manages the fund, Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation offers a full range of planned giving vehicles and access to gift planning assistance. Your contribution will have a long-term, ongoing value to the school community.

Making a Gift

To make a gift to the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation, simply complete the enclosed envelope, include a check or indicate your payment method and mail it to:

Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation
PO Box 308
Alexandria, MN 56308



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
- Winston Churchill

Peterson Outdoor Learning Center at Woodland Elementary School

Help pave the way...

The Education Foundation has the opportunity to help Alexandria Public Schools through offering personalized pavers to our community of donors. These pavers will be permanently installed in the new Peterson Outdoor Learning Center at Woodland Elementary School. This gathering space, overlooking the rain gardens and woods, will serve as an outdoor classroom for Woodland Elementary School but is also designed for use by the entire community. The outdoor learning space is named for "Bud" Peterson, as an enduring reminder of the gift of land that Bud gave to future Woodland Elementary students.

The Education Foundation is thrilled to have the opportunity to offer these personalized pavers as part of this scenic public space that will serve as an enduring legacy to Bud's memory. Reserve your personalized paver today for future generations to see by calling 762-3310 ext. 4271. Pavers are available for a donation of \$500 to the Education Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible. Installation is scheduled for the fall of 2009, with an opening celebration planned for all donors.



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