2012-2013 Annual Report





Message from the Board Chair

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

It has been my privilege to serve with a very dedicated Board of Directors this year and it is with great pride and excitement that I share our 2012-2013 Annual Report with you.

The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation (APSEF) is a growing organization which is governed by a 13 member volunteer board. The foundation has had a significant impact on District 206.

Thanks to the support of many, the foundation has:

- Awarded 21 grants totaling over \$75,000 to Alexandria School District 206 teachers and schools to fund innovative teaching ideas.
- Raised \$4,000,000 to support the construction of the new Alexandria Area High School. Currently over \$1.5 million has been applied to the high school project.

What's remarkable is that this has been accomplished in five short years (2009-2013) through the generosity of those who have stepped up and donated to the foundation!

Through the Innovation Grant Program, the foundation has increased learning opportunities for students in every school and at all grade levels. The foundation fills a unique role in District 206. We strive to be the catalyst that turns an innovative teaching idea into action! Each year thoughtful and caring teachers write creative applications for funds that will bring their idea to life. These ideas may include new teaching materials to support curriculum, or the use of new technologies in the classroom so that teachers are able to make learning much more interactive and engaging for students. With financial support from the foundation, projects featuring several technology platforms, including iPads, ebooks, robotics, and interactive response systems were implemented across the district this past school year. We expect the interest and need to

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The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation (APSEF) supports educational excellence and a passion for learning by partnering with our community. Our focus is on funding projects above and beyond the scope of the state budget, and local tax dollars.

Funds raised will directly impact students through grants to classroom teachers and other funded projects that help support initiatives that further the mission and educational goals of the School District.



How you can help

As a stakeholder in providing a quality education for our

students, we hope you will join us in supporting the APSEF. Through our affiliation with the West Central Initiative Foundation, who manages our fund, a full range of planned giving vehicles and access to gift planning assistance is available to donors.

continue to grow.

Our ability to support innovative, quality educational experiences in the classroom depends upon the strength of our financial resources. I encourage you to renew your pledge or consider a donation. Together, we can make an impact and increase learning opportunities for all district students.

Sincerely,

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Greg Trumm, Chair Greg is an Alexandria resident, business owner, 1979 Jefferson graduate, and proud father of three daughters that all graduated from District 206.



APSEF Board of Directors

Back row I to r: Rick Lahn, Craig Andrews, Christine Pohlig Reilly,
Susan Scarborough, Amy Wensman.
Seated I to r: Jerry Hansen, Judy Backhaus, Keith Hoeschen,
Sylvia Christopherson, Greg Trumm.
Not pictured: Chad Larson, Heidi Ryan, Becky Nelson Zwilling .

Making a Gift

To make a gift simply complete the enclosed envelope, include a check and mail to:

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

You may also donate online at: <u>www.alexandria.k12.mn.us/edfoundation,</u> click on the Donate Online page.

Contact Susan Scarborough, foundation treasurer, for more details at (320) 762-3310, extension 4271.

Alexandria Public schools PO Bo Foundation Make a lasting difference

PO Box 308 Alexandria, MN 56308 Mission: The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation supports educational excellence and a passion for learning by partnering with our community.

Alumni Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the Alumni Hall of Fame 2012 Inductees!

The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation established the "Alumni Hall of Fame" in an effort to honor outstanding alumni who have earned distinction or achievement in their chosen field.

The 2012 inductees, recognized at the Hall of Fame Luncheon Celebration on September 21, 2012 were: John Hawkes, Class of 1977, critically acclaimed film and television actor; Joani Nielson, Class of 1985, entrepreneur and business owner; and *Richard "Bud" Peterson, 1940 graduate, renowned World War II fighter ace and architect in Minnesota.





Joani Nielson



Richard "Bud" Peterson *Inducted posthumously

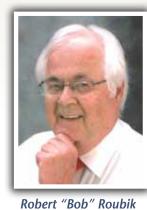
Three Honorees Chosen for Foundation 2013 Hall of Fame

The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation in partnership with Alexandria Public Schools is pleased to announce the 2013 Alumni Hall of Fame Honorees.

Three individuals will be honored at this year's luncheon -Vern Anderson, Class of 1960, co-founder of three major manufacturing businesses and Andes Tower Hills; Robert "Bob" Roubik, 1957 graduate, chief nurse anesthetist at George Washington University, teacher and researcher; Marge VanGorp, Class of 1941, writer/author/genealogist/ community volunteer.

These individuals will be honored at the 7th annual Hall of Fame Luncheon Celebration. The event is open to the public and is set for Friday, September 27 from 12:00-1:15 p.m. at the Broadway Ballroom in Alexandria. For ticket information contact Susan Scarborough, foundation treasurer, at (320) 762-3310, extension 4271.







Vern Anderson

Marge VanGorp



Saying Farewell to Jefferson

Jefferson High School is being retired at the end of the 2013-2014 school year and District 206 is starting to plan for ways to honor the school's proud history. It's a building that has been in existence for almost 55 years, serving over five decades of students and families. If you would like to be involved in planning activities to honor Jefferson, contact Jill Johnson, District 206 communications coordinator, at (320) 762-2141 ext. 4202.

Membership **Drive Kickoff**

July kicks off the foundation's annual membership drive for the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation. Memberships are annual and run from July 1 to June 30 each year.

A focus in the drive this year will be to grow our 206 Club membership. The funds generated through membership in the 206 Club go directly to the foundation's Innovation Grant Program and Endowment Fund. This would greatly increase the foundation's capacity for awarding classroom grants to increase learning opportunities for students. Annual membership levels are \$206 for individuals/couples. Our 206 Club currently boasts slightly over 200 members. The goal of

Make A Lasting Difference

The Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation (APSEF) raises funds to support innovative programs and initiatives that support student learning. The foundation's annual pledge drive, along with two special events - the Hall of Fame and Jeans & Jewels Gala – raised more than \$45,000 last fall. A portion of the monies raised help strengthen the foundation's endowment fund, as well as the teacher grants program, to help ensure future excellence and innovation in our schools.

"On behalf of the entire foundation, we'd like to thank all the patrons and volunteers for making these events so successful," said foundation chair Greg Trumm. "Our success means that our students and teachers can have important resources that can make the teaching and learning environment even more meaningful."

The Innovation Grant program is designed to provide teachers with the opportunity to improve student achievement and learning through innovative and creative practices. Qualifying projects are proposed by teachers and administrators, and are evaluated in a competitive review process by APSEF board members. Those which best meet the foundation's objectives are recommended for funding and implementation.

A Innovation Grant for \$6,770 provided elementary students access to books 24/7 with various devices through the establishment of an electronic book library.



Miltona Science Magnet Elementary School supported collaboration between 3rd – 6th grade classes by evaluating and engaging students75 with interactive response systems purchased through a **\$1,600**



increasing memberships will contribute to the foundation's target of granting \$100,000 annually in our Innovation Grant Program!

As a 206 Club Member, your donation:

- Directly funds innovative programs in Alexandria Public Schools.
- Is tax-deductible.

Additionally, you will receive:

- Recognition as a member and donor in Foundation publications, at events, and on a donor wall.
- Tickets to the annual Jeans & Jewels Gala – a special thank you event for 206 Club members.

Please renew or join as a 206 Club member today by completing the enclosed envelope and mailing in with your payment.

Students district-wide have benefited from projects funded in the areas of technology equipment; literacy enrichment and intervention programs and equipment; materials for math, reading and writing improvement; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs.

The Education Foundation is independent from the School District but works closely with the Board of Education and District 206. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of business and community leaders, parents, alumni, retired teachers, and staff members.

Donations from supporters are an investment in current and future students. For more information on the work of the foundation or to donate online, visit www.alexandria.k12.mn.us/edfoundation.

Innovation Grant funds of **\$7,000** provided for the purchase of LEGO MINDSTORMS® robotics kits, supporting handson delivery of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)concepts to high potential students in grades 4-6.



A Innovation Grant award for \$630 provided for handson classroom labs and demonstrations to promote locally grown food and connections to good health and nutrition.



Annual Donors – Thank You for Your Support! (Received July 1, 2012 through June 15, 2013)

MAJOR GIFTS

Bruce and **Kathleen** Pohlig, \$40,000 in support of Jefferson High School music program

Anonymous Donor, Class of 1988, \$50,000

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* Bolded names denote Alexandria graduates.

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Donna Podratz, *in honor of Marge VanGorp's 90th birthday* Carol Porter,

in memory of Ellen Ann Dehlin

Terry and Susan Quist, in memory of Thomas Hafdal

Mike and Susan Scarborough, in memory of Arnold Backhaus

Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of the donor list. If your name has been omitted or misspelled, please accept our apologies and please notify the Foundation of corrections by calling (320) 762-3310.

Save the Dates!

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Broadway Ballroom – Hall of Fame Luncheon honoring the 2013 Inductees - Vern Anderson, Robert "Bob" Roubik, & Marge VanGorp.

Steve and Diane Henry

Clark and Judy Hoffman

Ellsworth and Anne Holm

Clayton and Judy Hovda

Ken and Jeanne Howell

Tim and Missy Iverson

Tom and Joni Jacobson

Kim Jenson and Tom Elsen

Marc and Sara Illies

Keith and Coleen Hoeschen

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m., Broadway Ballroom – Jeans & Jewels Gala Event - "Back To School!" is this year's theme. This special event is an event to thank and recognize our 206 Club members who annually donate \$206 to the Foundation, as well as a fundraiser open to the public. The event features a silent auction, along with the opportunity to win special event prizes.



Bonnie Schnell

November 14, 2013, All Day – Give to the Max Day

As you consider your charitable end-of-year giving, please consider participating in Give to the Max Day. To make a gift visit: <u>www.givemn.razoo.com</u> and Search: Alexandria Education Foundation.

March 20, 2014, 5:30 p.m., Discovery Middle School -

Student Showcase Celebration. Attend this event and view student exhibits and demonstrations about the ways Foundation contributions make a difference for student education in the Alexandria School District.



For more information on any of these events, contact Susan Scarborough at (320) 762-3310 ext. 4271.



It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to renew your annual donation to the Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation (APSEF) using the enclosed envelope. You can also help the APSEF reduce renewal notice mailing costs by pledging securely online at <u>www.alexandria.k12.mn.us/edfoundation</u>. Simply click on the Donate Online link on the left hand side of the page and you will be redirected to the West Central Initiative Fund (our fiscal agent) website.

If you are a District 206 staff member and already signed up for automatic payroll deduction those will continue as usual and the best part about that is your membership will always be current! Donations to APSEF are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

If you prefer to mail a check, please address it to: Alexandria Public Schools Education Foundation, PO Box 308, Alexandria, MN 56308.



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District 206 hosted its fourth annual Student Showcase Celebration on March 14 at Discovery Middle School. This event is sponsored in part by APSEF and showcases the talent and creative projects of District 206 students.

Innovative Teaching Grants

Foundation Awards \$20,000 in Teacher Grants for 2013-2014

The foundation recently awarded \$20,000 in teacher grants to fund studentengaged projects planned for the 2013-2014 school year that will enrich learning and encourage classroom innovation. Projects funded include:



• **\$7,400** will provide for the purchase of ultrabooks, tablets, iPads, and iPad minis in order to expand on the secondary instructional and learning process in select math, science, social and world languages classrooms.



- \$3,500 will allow for a more challenging and rigorous level of glass fusion for 6th graders; introduce glass blowing and glass fusion for high school curriculum; and continue and expand glass fusion through District 206 Community Education. Grant dollars will allow for the purchase of kilns, glass accessories and supplies, along with glass blowing training.
- \$3,500 will provide for updating sewing technology by purchasing computerized machines, curriculum

Scholarship Awards





Seeds for Future Learning Scholarships

This scholarship established by Richard and Shirley Klimek provides for two \$400 scholarships to students who have an interest in pursuing a college degree in business, education, manufacturing, or agriculture.

Christine Pohlig Reilly, foundation board member, (pictured left), poses with one of the 2013 "*Seeds for Future Learning*" scholarship recipients, Michael Wussow. Not pictured: Devon Ward.

Class of 1988 Scholarships

Through a \$50,000 contribution to the foundation endowment from a generous 1988 Jefferson High School graduate, one male and one female graduate pursuing a degree in education, health care, or the arts will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Postsecondary plans can include either a 2-year or 4-year program.

Pictured left: 2013 "Class of 1988" scholarship recipients, Megan Shelden and Robin Larson.

High School Project Update

Thanks to a capital campaign spearheaded by the foundation in 2011, \$4 million was raised to support the construction of the new **Alexandria Area High School**.

The three-story classroom wing is well underway and you can start to feel the spaces taking shape. The exterior metal stud framing is complete and fireproofing is being applied. As weather permits, contractors will complete the roofing systems, concrete work, exterior brick, and window installation.

Throughout the gymnasium and performing arts areas the roofing systems are complete and mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) systems are being installed.

Over the student commons "the heart of the school", the glu laminated beams and roof structure is being installed.

On the site, road ways are in and utilities are complete. Over the summer and fall, contractors will complete final site work for the fields, stadium, tennis courts, parking lots, and landscaping.









and design software to support middle school family & consumer sciences curriculum. It will also allow for the use of unconventional materials to learn production skills, technical reading, entrepreneurship, vocational skills and teamwork.



• \$3,300 will give preschoolers access to technology tools like iPads and ProScope handheld digital microscopes in order to explore materials, record information, and take pictures, promoting scientific thinking and problem solving skills.



\$2,300 will enable students to collaborate with peers, analyze and synthesize information and utilize technology skills to create digital stories. Using an iPad for video recording, a green screen, and an iMac for video editing, students will bring science, social studies, and literacy to life as they share what they have learned.

To view the construction site webcam and monthly progress updates, visit <u>www.alexandria.k12.mn.us/phasell</u>.



Milestone Reunion

In partnership with School District 206, the foundation supports opportunities for alumni to gather together. What better opportunity to plan something unique and special than with the opening of a new state-of-the-art high school!

Alexandria Area High School is expected to be ready for the opening of school in September 2014. More important, it should also be ready for tours during the summer or fall when many classes are holding reunions. Five-year to fifty-year milestone anniversary classes in 2014 include: 2009, 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, 1974, 1969, and 1964. We're looking for ideas on how to reconnect our alumni to celebrate the past but also to get a glimpse of the future!

If you are interested in serving on the Milestone Reunion 2014 committee, please contact Jill Johnson at alumni@alexandria.k12.mn.us.