

STORY OF THE YEAR



2021-2022 IN REVIEW



**LAWRENCE
SCHOOLS**
FOUNDATION



Lawrence Schools Foundation’s STORY OF THE YEAR is more accurately **thousands of stories** — one for each of the **11,000** students in Lawrence Public Schools, one for each of the **1,530** educators and staff, one for each community LEAP program partner, one for each volunteer, one for each donor no matter the size of the gift. In this report you’ll see snapshots of these stories, showing the myriad ways we all work together to carry out this important community mission — **to inspire learning, enrich teaching, and enhance opportunities for all students, educators, and staff in Lawrence Public Schools.**

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DEAR FRIENDS,



A daughter of two educators, my parents instilled the importance of getting an education in me and my two sisters at an early age. An education is something no one can take away. For these reasons, supporting and enhancing public education in Lawrence has been a priority for me since our two children started school.

In my time on the Lawrence Schools Foundation Board of Directors, I have been impressed by the community support (and beyond) for the Foundation, whose mission is to provide resources that inspire learning, enrich teaching, and enhance opportunities for all students, educators, and staff in Lawrence Public Schools. The IC.A.N. Fund that provides immediate needs for district students and families has been instrumental in helping various families survive the pandemic and the challenges it caused. The countless stories are simply heartbreaking.

District teachers, staff, and students may apply for various grants, scholarships, and awards that Foundation and district staff present throughout the school year. Those are available because of generous private support. As a business, please check out the LEAP program if you are not currently involved to see how you can make an impact.

None of this is possible without our three dedicated Foundation staff members — Dena, Jamie, and Michelle. Their vision and passion for the community elevates the Foundation in making a difference. Please consider joining me and my fellow board members in investing in public education in Lawrence and see your enthusiasm grow!



Jennifer Berquist, President, Board of Directors



For more than 35 years, the Lawrence Schools Foundation has had the privilege of supporting the Lawrence community and our public school system through thoughtful philanthropy. As we take a moment to reflect, we celebrate another milestone of awarding more than \$100,000 in grants, scholarships, professional development opportunities, and teacher and staff awards throughout our district this year.

This accomplishment is with thanks to many generous donors who have provided donations and established funds with us. We are proud to assist individuals, families, and businesses as they fulfill their charitable goals by establishing endowed funds with us for these purposes. We take stewardship of these funds very seriously by making sure they remain in perpetuity. The Lawrence Schools Foundation continues to seek support for the ongoing and ever-changing educational needs of our school district.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Foundation team, I invite you to celebrate and uphold our mission — whether it is through making an annual or planned gift, participating in any of our fundraising events, helping with community campaigns, volunteering, or supporting our community partners. Every dollar spent benefits the educators, students, and classrooms within the Lawrence Public Schools.

Our students are eager to learn and our educators are eager to teach, even when it is more challenging than ever. We are working every day to ensure that we have what they need to be successful in school. Whatever your WHY, when you donate to Lawrence Schools Foundation, you support and enhance public education in Lawrence and the community as a whole.

We invite you to contact us to learn how we can work together to accomplish your charitable goals. Remember, your contribution to the Foundation is a perpetual investment in our community — both now and in the years to come.

Thank you for making this possible!



Dena Johnston, Executive Director

SO MANY GOOD STORIES

Scholarships (more than \$58,000 total)
72 scholarships totaling awarded to graduating seniors

Innovative Teaching Grants (\$10,235 total)

Free State High School: Alternative Landscaping Initiative for Students
Quail Run Elementary/District Wide Project: School Sensory Paths Movement for Learning
Lawrence High School ED Program: Heart Rate Monitoring
Sunflower Elementary & Pinckney Elementary: Can't Catch Us Club
Elementary Library Media Specialists/ District Wide: Library Storywalks
Woodlawn Elementary: Reading Readiness and Recovery Program
Woodlawn Elementary: The Teddy Bear Project

Excellence In Teaching/Bobs Award (\$10,000)

Susan Micka, reading specialist who teaches literacy workshop and interpersonal skills (IPS), Lawrence High School

School Assistance Grants (\$3,000 total)

Hillcrest Elementary: Gelli Plates/
Glaze for Elementary Kilns
Woodlawn Elementary: Calm Room



Lawrence Schools Foundation, in partnership with the United Way of Douglas County, Salvation Army, ECKAN, Eudora Public Schools & Foundation, Baldwin City Public Schools & Education Foundation, Lawrence Public Schools, and Native American Student Services, joined efforts to develop the **2021 Douglas County Back2School** supply drive.

This collaboration gathered and organized resources to help low-income students obtain required supplies for the 2021-22 school year. With your help, we provided backpacks filled with school supplies for approximately **1,800 children** in Douglas County, helping them succeed on the first day of school and beyond.

Dedication to Education Award/ Sons of Bobs Award (\$5,000)

Erin Campbell, Special Education Teacher, Lawrence Free State High School

Barbara Hodgson Dream to Achieve Award (\$100)

Summer Frantz, Counselor, New York Elementary

MusicWorks Grants (\$7,682 total)

CTRAN/ East Heights: C-Tran Music Group
Lawrence High School: Choral Clinicians
Broken Arrow Elementary & Pinckney Elementary: Cardio Drumming
Sunset Hill Elementary: Take Home Ukuleles & Drumming with Tabanos



In September 2021, we welcomed “home” our **Community Education Breakfast guest speaker Spencer Lott**, 2006 Free State High School alumnus — a maker, writer, and puppeteer who recreated the iconic puppets from *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* in immaculate detail for the 2019 film *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.

In 2019, Spencer originated the role of Julia's brother Samuel on *Sesame Street*. His puppetry credits also include *America's Got Talent* (Live at Radio City), *Red Bird Lane* (HBO Max/Pilot), *Good Morning America*, *The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon*, *The Relationtrip* (Hulu / SXSW 2017), *Scarecrow* (X-Factor's Alex and Sierra), *Night Train with Wyatt Cynac*, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with The Muppets, and more! Learn more about this Lawrence Public Schools alum at www.misterlott.com.

Fall 2021–Spring 2022 A.C.E Awards (\$500 each)

Stacy Caldwell, Para Educator, Quail Run Elementary
Pam Mohler, Para Educator–SPED, Prairie Park Elementary
Laura Pope, Para Educator, Early Childhood
Cindi McCaleb, Receptionist, Lawrence High School
Lisa Maziar, Para Educator, Deerfield Elementary





Not all heroes wear capes. Some are simply named Bob.

More than 25 years ago a group of civic leaders who share the same first name “Bob” created the Excellence in Teaching award through Lawrence Schools Foundation. The benefactors choose to remain anonymous to focus attention on the outstanding educators selected annually to receive the award.

The award honors a teacher who exemplifies extraordinary instruction skills, reflects commitment to quality education and dedication to teaching, focuses on individual student achievement, and administers to the whole child. It comes with a check for \$10,000, as a gift for the educator to use as they wish. Nominations for this award can be made by parents, students, colleagues, alumni, and community members.

Since 1997, the Bobs have donated more than \$260,000 to Lawrence Schools Foundation to provide gifts and cash awards for Lawrence Public Schools educators.

Are you a Bob or know of one (Bob, Robert, Roberta, Bobby, Bobette — you get the idea) who may be interested in joining this elite group? Get in touch today and be a part of the legacy! Call 785-330-1941 or email djohnsto@usd497.org.



In 2016, after a misdirected phone call to Lawrence Schools Foundation (his intended call was to Lawrence, New York), we had a wonderful conversation with Joe Satriano about our work in Lawrence, Kansas. With that, the Satriano family opened their hearts and generous scholarship opportunities to our students here at USD 497.

The **Susan Satriano Memorial Scholarship Foundation** was established in 2005 by Joe and his two young sons after Susan, his wife, a mother and former educator from Long Island, passed away from cancer. Their foundation provides scholarships to college-bound seniors who have lost a parent to cancer or have a family member presently battling the disease. They have helped thousands of students throughout the country with nearly \$1 million. Many thanks to our generous supporters in New York. We look forward to the day that our friend Joe can visit our Lawrence. See susansatrianofoundation.com/foundation.php to learn more.



For more about scholarships administered by Lawrence Schools Foundation, scan this code or visit LawrenceSchoolsFoundation.org/programs/#scholarships.

In June 2021, the **Lawrence Free State High School Speech & Debate team** competed in the National Speech and Debate Association National Championship tournament, hosted virtually this year. The largest academic competition in the world, this year's tournament featured more than 6,500 competitors.

Having set records during the year by qualifying the most number of events and students for the competition, the students entered the tournament with high hopes and lofty goals — and they surpassed them in record fashion.

On the Speech side, LFSHS entered the tournament having had a combined total of two students in the school's 24-year history advance to the elimination rounds of this tournament. This year the Firebirds advanced four students: sophomore Emma Hefty, junior Ezra Joseph, and seniors Emily Bial and Timothy Huffman. Bial finished in the quarterfinals of Program of Oral Interpretation. Huffman finished in the finals of Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking, placing 5th of 349 competitors, the first person in Free State history to make the semifinals, let alone the finals.

Collectively, our students earned the prestigious **School of Outstanding Distinction Award**, a first for any Kansas school. This award is given to the **top 10** school programs in the country — out of 1,400 schools competing.



Visit LawrenceSchoolsFoundation.org/programs or scan this code to learn more about the **John Davidson Debate Fund** and how to support these programs.



We are grateful for amazing community partners! Thank you to Cottin's Hardware & Rental for their generous donation of \$500 to support the school gardens at Lawrence Public Schools. In addition, True Value Foundation has created Youth Up Matching Gifts to partner with retailers and expand the reach of donations designed to help kids achieve their full potential. With their assistance, this program enables Lawrence Schools Foundation to apply for a grant to match the donation from Cottin's Hardware & Rental. We love watching our school programs (and gardens) grow!



Thanks to the generosity of Lawrence Transit, Lawrence Schools Foundation receives city bus passes to help students and their families without personal transportation, so students can get to and from school. It also makes it possible for parents/caregivers to accompany younger students. The City of Lawrence Transit Fare Donation Policy makes annual fare donations available to Lawrence organizations that apply. In the last three years, more than \$13,700 of fares have been distributed through this policy to 22 local organizations. The 2023 Fare Free Pilot Program will be introduced next year for all.



City of Lawrence



THE
Jefferson's
FOUNDATION

The Jefferson's Foundation is committed to reaching all children who are less fortunate and living within our communities by offering them support when needed. Through this support, The Jefferson's Foundation hopes to ensure these children receive the physical and financial needs to encourage a stable and healthy environment in which to grow and develop.

Lawrence Schools Foundation is grateful and proud to work alongside dedicated LEAP partners such as The Jefferson's Foundation to help ensure that the physical, social, and emotional needs of our Lawrence Public Schools students and their families do not stand in the way of their success in school.



Will you be a classroom angel?

Since the pandemic, Lawrence Schools Foundation has provided **more than \$500,000** in funding to our district students and families in need.

Some children in our community are without running water or a mattress on which to sleep. Others are without shoes, socks, underwear, or maybe even toothpaste. Our goal is to make sure our school social workers, counselors, nurses, and psychologists have funds available to meet immediate and emergency needs such as these so students can come to school clean, confident, and ready to learn.

DONATE ONLINE Visit LawrenceSchoolsFoundation.org and select IC.A.N. Fund.



Scan this code with your phone to donate now.

THANK YOU, PARTNERS



Lawrence Education
Achievement Partners

A strong educational system is the foundation of a prosperous community. Recognizing this, the Lawrence Public Schools and the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce collaborated to form the Lawrence Business/Education Partnership in 1993. The Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP) program matches schools with businesses and community organizations and magic happens. **Approximately 115 local businesses partner with the Lawrence Public Schools.** Many focus on scholastic enrichment — such as reading to kids in class, mentoring, tutoring or training, or donating classroom supplies. Others volunteer to

help at school events or make monetary or in-kind donations to support them. Many sponsor Lawrence Schools Foundation signature events. Our LEAP partners enjoy being involved with the schools and learning from the students and teachers. They are the lifeline to the Foundation and to our community.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Broken Arrow Elementary
Central National Bank
Pet World
Premier Martial Arts
Raising Cane's

Cordley Elementary
Capitol Federal Savings
Cottin's Hardware & Rental
Dairy Queen—Mass. Street
Dillons Stores—Mass. Street
Lawrence Noon Rotary Club

Deerfield Elementary
Hy-Vee

Hillcrest Elementary
Commerce Bank—Iowa Street
Freddy's Frozen Custard
& Steakhouses
Premier Martial Arts
The Merc Co-op

Langston Hughes Elementary
Dillons Stores—6th & Wakarusa
Great American Bank
Hy-Vee
J&S Coffee
Truity Credit Union

New York Elementary
Altrusa
Connect Church
Cottin's Hardware & Rental
Emprise Bank
Kiwanis Club
Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club
Stevens & Brand, L.L.P.
Western Star #1 Masonic Lodge

Pinkney Elementary
LMH Health
McDonald's of Lawrence
multistudio

Prairie Park Elementary
Bank Midwest
Capitol Federal Savings
Hy-Vee
Mar Lan Construction
Pretzels, Inc.
Truity Credit Union

Quail Run Elementary
Berry Plastics
Darin Domnanish Agency—
Farmers Insurance
Hy-Vee
Jefferson's—West
Legends Dental Center
Pioneer Ridge
Premier Martial Arts
Rock Hill Church
Story Hill Church

Schwegler Elementary
Dairy Queen—Iowa Street
Premier Martial Arts
Raising Cane's
Runza

Sunflower Elementary
Central National Bank
Freddy's Frozen Custard
& Steakhouses
Hy-Vee
Premier Martial Arts

Sunset Hill Elementary
Meritrust Credit Union
Stephens Real Estate
The Merc Co-op

Woodlawn Elementary
Bowersock Mills &
Power Company
First State Bank & Trust
ICL Performance Products
Juniper Hill Farms

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Billy Mills Middle School
Hy-Vee
McDonald's of Lawrence
Mainstreet Credit Union
Printing Solutions
Raising Cane's

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School
Cottin's Hardware & Rental
First City Church
First State Bank & Trust
KU Natural History Museum
Lawrence Arts Center
Rodrock Chiropractic
& Acupuncture
The Summit

Southwest Middle School
Hy-Vee
Jefferson's—West
McDonald's of Lawrence
t.Loft

West Middle School
Commerce Bank—Iowa Street
Sonic—6th Street
t.Loft
The Merc Co-op

HIGH SCHOOLS

Lawrence Free State High School
Capitol Federal Savings
Central Bank of the Midwest
Commerce Bank—
Wakarusa Street
Eileen's Colossal Cookies
Hy-Vee
Juniper Hill Farms
McDonald's of Lawrence
Raising Cane's
t.Loft
Theatre Lawrence
Therapy Works
Truity Credit Union

Lawrence High School
Commerce Bank—23rd Street
Hallmark Cards
Hy-Vee
multistudio
Printing Solutions
Raising Cane's
The Valley Church
Truity Credit Union

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Texas Roadhouse
The Basil Leaf Café
Toppers Pizza
Truity Credit Union
23rd Street Brewery
Wal-Mart
Watkins Museum of History
YARDI

**District-wide—
Community Connections/
C-Tran**
Applebee's
Lawrence Family Video

District-wide—Early Childhood
Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary
Dr. Sharon Michel Green, O.D.
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United Way of Douglas County

District-wide—Fine Arts
KU Theater
Lawrence Arts Center
Lied Center of Kansas
Theatre Lawrence
US Bank

District-wide—Project Search
Joblink,
a Division of Cottonwood
KU Dept. of Human Resources
LMH Health
United Way of Douglas County

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amounts listed are reflective of the 2021 year

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THROUGH THE YEARS

1980s

The Carl Knox Endowment Association was founded in the 1980s to honor former superintendent Dr. Knox and to provide opportunities for staff development. This organization evolved into Lawrence Schools Foundation, which has continued the tradition of awarding grants to educators each year, as well as expanding its mission. Over the years, the Foundation has awarded **more than \$20,000** in grant funding to support professional development.

1988

The first Lawrence Schools Foundation-administered scholarships were offered to graduating high school seniors Travis Glass & H. C. Stuart. The Foundation now administers more than **72** scholarships and awards more than **\$58,000 annually** in scholarships to our local high school seniors.

1991

The Foundation Follies got its start to raise money for staff development grants and awards for teachers in the district. Event proceeds later helped support the Early Childhood Program. The first event featured Rep. Barbara Ballard on vocals and a Dixieland band including former band instructor Jack Brookshire and long-time jazz musician, Clyde Bysom. By 1992, professional singer Kelley Hunt was part of the cast, and former superintendent Randy Weseman, as well as Ric and Jeanne Averill, had become annual acts. In 2002, Congressman Dennis Moore performed as "Denny and the Doo-Dahs." Every school in the district contributed performances over the years. In 2006, the district's Lunch Ladies brought down the house.

1992

The School Business Task Force, chaired by Ed Meyen from the University of Kansas School of Education, suggested that the Lawrence Public Schools and the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce could cooperatively prepare a qualified workforce.

1993

The Chamber and the School Board formed the Lawrence Business/Education Partnership, hired its first director, and formed a Board of Directors.

1997

Several Lawrence businessmen and educators, all named Bob, approached the school district with the plan to recognize an outstanding educator each year. The group has grown to include 15 Bobs, including female Bobs and even a nationally known Bob from out of state. Over the years, the Bobs have donated **more than \$260,000** to Lawrence Schools Foundation to provide gifts and cash awards for

Lawrence Public Schools educators. Additionally, they have inspired their adult children to also give generously to support district educators.

Excellence in Teaching Award Winners

1997	Val Howland	Broken Arrow Elementary
1998	Gary Webber	Southwest Middle School
1999	Sue Siegfried	Woodlawn Elementary
2000	Dr. Victoria Beals	South Middle School
2001	Pam Bushouse	Free State High School
2002	Brian Anderson	Lawrence High School
2003	Kathy Rathbun	Langston Hughes Elementary
2004	Paula Barr	Quail Run Elementary
2005	Kathy Wagner	West Middle School
2006	Mary Chapman	Free State High School
2007	Sherry Vratil	Wakarusa Valley
2008	Deb Engstrom	Lawrence High School
2009	Paulette Breithaupt	Sunset Hill Elementary School
2010	Christy Kelly	Cordley Elementary
2011	Renee Babin	Schweger Elementary
2012	Michael Carriger	Lawrence High School
2013	Ryan McAdoo	Hillcrest Elementary
2014	Jordan Rose	Free State High School
2015	Mike Jones	Lawrence High School
2016	Rachel Dirks	Lawrence High School
2017	Scott Forkenbrock	Liberty Memorial Central Middle School
2018	Stuart Strecker	Free State High School
2019	Michele Duncan	Sunset Hill Elementary
2020	Susan Lomshek	Schweger Elementary
2021	Kaitlin Shulman	Quail Run Elementary
2022	Susan Micka	Lawrence High School
	Sam Rabiola	Free State High School

2002

Lawrence Schools Foundation held its first annual Community Education Breakfast event to celebrate public education in Lawrence. It featured as its keynote speaker 1989 Lawrence High School graduate Srinija Srinivasan, an inspiring and accomplished alum who related her public education to her success at Stanford and in business.

2003

The Lawrence Business/Education Partnership changed its name to Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP). To date, LEAP has approximately 115 community partners.

2007

The adult children of the Bobs created the Dedication to Education award to honor a dedicated teacher each year with a generous **\$5,000** gift. This group has provided **more than \$75,000** in funding to award and celebrate our outstanding educators.

2016

Lawrence Schools Foundation Board of Trustees approved a request of **\$39,000** for an initiative providing equitable access to technology for students in the district.

2017

The Lawrence Schools Foundation and Lied Center of Kansas were proud to announce the very first district-wide talent show for middle and high school students. Ovation! benefits Lawrence Schools Foundation and showcases the amazing talents of USD 497 students. Held on the main stage of the Lied Center with full production, the event brings the community together to celebrate the immense talent among Lawrence youth.

2018

The IC.A.N. Fund was established with an initial gift from the 2018 Leadership Lawrence Class, along with fundraising efforts from private donors and the Lawrence community. This fund provides funds to school social workers and counselors within Lawrence Public Schools to be used for emergency needs for students. The fund aims to ensure that students' physical, social, and emotional needs do not stand in the way of their success in school. Since 2018, the Foundation has provided **more than \$500,000** in funding to the district for urgent and immediate needs of our Lawrence Public Schools students and families.

Also in 2018, the A.C.E Award (Acknowledging Classified Employees) was established to recognize and applaud classified employees whose efforts benefit students, faculty, and staff, and others within and outside the USD 497 community. Students, faculty, classified staff, and administrative staff may nominate any permanent part-time or full-time classified employee. Award recipients are announced each fall and spring. Recipients of the A.C.E Award also receive a **\$500** award. Since the award was established, the Foundation has celebrated **16** employees and awarded **more than \$8,000**.

2019

Lawrence Schools Foundation updated the mission statement to reflect the growth, purpose, values, and goals in alignment with the district. Lawrence Schools Foundation provides resources that inspire learning, enrich teaching, and enhance opportunities for all students, educators, and staff in Lawrence Public Schools.

2020

The Foundation shifted efforts to meet the heightened needs of students and families brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. We worked with our community and corporate partners to serve free community breakfasts and lunches — **34,286** of each in April and May 2020 alone, continuing until students could be back in school physically.

2022

The Lawrence Schools Foundation Board of Directors approved the district's request for funding in the amount **up to \$80,000** for training for Montessori-certified teachers to obtain Kansas licensure for the purpose of staffing a public Montessori program to be located at New York Elementary, the first public Montessori School to be established in Kansas.



Susan Micka, a reading specialist at Lawrence High School, reacts with delighted surprise as she receives the 2021 Outstanding Educator/Bobs Award.

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