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Enrich teaching.
Enhance opportunities.



**LAWRENCE
SCHOOLS**
FOUNDATION

2023-2024 IN REVIEW



Inspire. Enrich. Enhance. These are the goals we have every day when working with our Lawrence Public Schools educators, students and families, and within our Lawrence community. The Lawrence Schools Foundation prides itself in providing resources that inspire learning, enrich teaching and enhance opportunities for all students, educators and staff in Lawrence Public Schools.

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Dear friends,



It is an honor to serve as this year's president of Lawrence Schools Foundation Board of Directors. I have always valued and appreciated public education and its importance to the young people of our community. Public education provides our students with their best opportunity to succeed in the classroom and in their future endeavors. I continue to be amazed at the extent to which our school district and the Foundation provide vital resources to both our students and their families.

Lawrence Schools Foundation strives to provide resources that inspire learning, enrich teaching and enhance opportunities for all students, educators and staff in the Lawrence Public Schools. By fulfilling this mission, the Foundation not only directly enhances the experience of all stakeholders in public education, but it also lifts up our local community and makes a positive impact on society in general.

None of this "inspiring, enriching and enhancing" would be possible without our generous donors. Whether you support an endowed scholarship, donate to our I C.A.N. fund, or make an annual or planned gift, thank you! I assure you that the Foundation runs efficiently, and our board and staff are very intentional when determining how your gifts are used to advance the Foundation's mission.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to Dena, Jamie and Michelle. As a small but mighty team, they provide the stability and consistency to ensure the Foundation delivers on our annual events, activities, goals and objectives. And equally important, they provide a can-do, creative spirit as new opportunities present themselves for Lawrence Schools Foundation to continue to positively impact our community.



Rob Gillespie, President, Board of Directors



As we look back on all we have accomplished over nearly four decades, we are so grateful our community has made the important choice to continue to support educational excellence in Lawrence Public Schools.

Our generous donors are the first part of this success story. Without your contributions, we truly could not do what we do as a Foundation: meeting students where they are and helping them achieve their dreams.

We continue to focus relentlessly on the wellbeing, retention and acknowledgment of staff, as students excel best in the presence of committed and inspired educators. We reinvigorated our Foundation grants, funding an array of creative, staff-designed projects with district-wide impact.

We collaborated with donors and our community business partners to create new scholarships and funds to support students, classrooms and programs, and we committed ourselves to growing an endowment to ensure the stability of our organization for generations to come.

The Foundation exists to ensure our students and educators in the Lawrence Public Schools have every opportunity to thrive, succeed and create positive change in our communities. The Foundation has never been in a stronger position to support this vital mission.

We are grateful for another year devoted to securing and stewarding investments that advance excellence in our schools and make a difference for kids. I invite you to invest in the future of children and families today. Every dollar you donate fills gaps to provide support for those who need it most.

While these remain challenging times, with your support, the future looks bright for students in our Lawrence Public Schools.

We thank you for your generosity and wish our educators, staff and students a bright and successful school year!



Dena Johnston, Executive Director

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Creations by all 400 students were on display during Sunset Hill Elementary's Science Expo.

GRANTS IN MOTION

Michelle Salmans, art teacher at Sunset Hill Elementary, received an Innovative Teaching Grant from Lawrence Schools Foundation in 2023 for her classroom project: Black Light Art Exhibition.

The project enriched the existing Science Expo by incorporating art, making it a comprehensive STEAM event. Every student in the school had the opportunity to create fluorescent artworks during their regular art lessons. Parents, classmates and the community got to enjoy the art — creations by all 400 students — on display in the art and music rooms during the Science Expo. The approach ensured that every child could contribute, promoting a sense of community and individual pride.

The project provided an immersive educational experience to bridge art and science, stimulate creativity and foster personal and communal engagement. While STEAM initiatives are becoming more prevalent, this project uniquely employed black light technology and the concept of fluorescence to create a captivating learning experience. It held students' interest and allowed them to see the immediate real-world applications of scientific principles and artistic concepts.



Help us continue to support the amazing students and programs in our Lawrence Public Schools! Scan this code with your phone to learn more about grants, scholarships, awards and special funds.

HITS FOR TEACHERS

Michael Brooks knew when he transferred to Kansas baseball that he wanted to do something for Lawrence Public Schools.

In 2023, he announced his Hits For Teachers campaign, personally pledging to donate \$20 for each hit he made that season to Lawrence Schools Foundation. In 2024 he added \$40 for each of his home runs.

"My mom's been a school teacher ever since I can remember, and she always talked about different kids every day she came home, and I just wanted to give back to kids like those. I know it can be a struggle, and money is a problem," Michael said. "So, I just felt like I should do something for the school district, and if not back home it could be here."

Since starting the campaign, Michael, his family and Jayhawk baseball fans throughout the nation following him have donated more than \$6,700 to Lawrence Schools Foundation.

"We've been in awe," said Dena Johnston, Foundation executive director, "not only to see the work that he's done through these donations, but the ripple effect throughout the community. What a truly inspiring student athlete!"



Students were inspired to give back by making posters for Michael and KU Baseball.



LAWRENCE HIGH GRAD HEADLINES COMMUNITY EDUCATION BREAKFAST

In September 2023, we welcomed “home” Jared Stone, 1995 graduate of Lawrence High School, as our keynote speaker for the Community Education Breakfast. Jared is an author of the book, “Year of the Cow,” and he has produced television shows for ABC, NBC, FOX, the CW, Bravo, USA, Lifetime and Sony. Most recently he has served as executive director, brand creative for the Warner Bros. Worldwide Television Marketing Unscripted team. He is the recipient of two Emmy awards and is a nine-time Emmy nominee.

Jared Stone

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

GARY WEBBER, 1998 EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING/BOBS AWARD RECIPIENT

I received the Special Award for Excellence in Teaching (Bobs Award) in 1998 when I was teaching science at Southwest Junior High School. My prize was an eight-inch Meade Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, some astrophotography equipment and a trip to a dark sky resort in the Southwest. For the next three years I hosted numerous star parties to introduce students and parents to the wonders of the night sky. I also captured hundreds of images of distant galaxies and recorded the first human-captured image of a supernova in 1999. See <http://www.gwebber.org/astrodiary/pages/M88.htm>.

I left teaching in 2000 and started work at the University of Kansas. During my 15 years at KU, I worked for the School of Engineering as an education coordinator, and then for the Department of Chemistry as a project coordinator at the Adams Institute for Bioanalytical Chemistry.

In 2014 I retired and found that I was no longer able to stay up late nights capturing images. I put the telescope away until 2021, when I refurbished it and sold it through a science hobby store in Wichita. The telescope sold for \$1,000 (not bad for a 24-year-old scope). I donated the money to Lawrence Schools Foundation and hope that future recipients will get as much benefit out of their prize as I did.

This amazing award provided me with thousands of hours of learning and exploration over 10 years and introduced the wonders of the night sky to dozens of Lawrence residents. I will always be grateful for this generous award.



Gary Webber receiving the award in 1998 and later on an astrophotography exhibition.

Fall 2023–Spring 2024

Scholarships (more than \$60,300 total)

77 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors

Innovative Teacher Grants (\$10,675 total)

Lacy Davison,

Community Connections @ Pinckney
Gary Denham & Jennifer Burnes,

Community Connections @ Pinckney
Karen Lassman, Cordley Elementary
Library Media Specialists, District-Wide
Jayci Roberson, Woodlawn Elementary
Michelle Salmans, Sunset Hill Elementary
Ameshia Tubbs,

Community Connections @ Pinckney

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

Valerie Schrag, Lawrence High School

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

Caleb Rahmeier, West Middle School

Barbara Hodgson Dream to Achieve Award (\$100)

Catherine Meihaus, New York Elementary

Carl Knox Teacher Grant (\$500)

Jennifer Burnes,

Community Connections @ Pinckney

MusicWorks Grants (\$3,600 total)

Jill Anderson, Kennedy Early Childhood

Community Center

Laurie Matney, Hillcrest Elementary

Katherine Stoltenberg,

Sunset Hill Elementary

School Assistance Grants (\$1,300 total)

Therese Edgecomb, West Middle School

Stacy Katzenmeier, Quail Run Elementary

Fall 2022–Spring 2023 A.C.E Awards (\$500 each)

Noah Baker, Facilities & Operations

Marie Daniels,

Community Connections @ Pinckney

Willie McKinnis, District Wide

Rachel Thompson, Woodlawn Elementary

Partners in action

LEAP

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

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
Kristi R. Keefer Insurance
Agency

Hillcrest Elementary
Commerce Bank—Iowa Street
Freddy's Frozen Custard
& Steakburgers
Kristi R. Keefer Insurance
Agency
multistudio
The Merc Co-op

Langston Hughes Elementary
Dillons Stores
Hy-Vee
J&S Coffee
Truity Credit Union

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

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

Quail Run Elementary
Berry Plastics
Hy-Vee
Jefferson's—West
Legends Dental Center
Pioneer Ridge
Rock Hill Church
Story Hill Church

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

Sunflower Elementary
Central National Bank
Freddy's Frozen Custard
& Steakburgers
Great American Bank
Hy-Vee
Taco John's

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
Uplift Coffee Shop

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

Southwest Middle School
Hy-Vee
Jefferson's—West
Kristi R. Keefer Insurance
Agency
McDonald's of Lawrence
t.Loaf

West Middle School
Commerce Bank—Iowa Street
Kristi R. Keefer Insurance
Agency
Sonic—6th Street
t.Loaf
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.Loaf
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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Douglas County
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Sonic
Sylvan Learning Center
T-Mobile
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The Basil Leaf Café
Toppers Pizza
Truity Credit Union
23rd Street Brewery
Wal-Mart
Watkins Museum of History

**District-wide—
Community Connections
@ Pinckney**
Cottin's Hardware & Rental
Taco John's

District-wide—Early Childhood
Dr. Sharon Michel Green, O.D.
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Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club
River City Church
Sunflower Bank
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



**TRUITY CREDIT UNION:
JAYHAWK BLUEPRINT**

Jayhawk Blueprint is a partnership between the University of Kansas and Lawrence Public Schools to offer college courses at a discounted rate. Jayhawk Blueprint courses are offered at \$103 per credit, more than 60% less than standard in-state tuition. Courses are taught at the high schools by qualified high school teachers, allowing students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. Students earn college credit from KU for each course they complete successfully. Most courses are transferable to Kansas public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education and may transfer to other colleges, depending on transfer requirements.

To ensure all students can take access this opportunity, Lawrence Schools Foundation and LEAP partner Truity Credit Union provide scholarships to offset the costs of tuition.

- Through this partnership, Lawrence Schools Foundation has provided \$122,000 in Jayhawk Blueprint scholarships to students since 2020
- Jayhawk Blueprint enrollment for 2023–2024 increased by 30% over the previous year
- The total number of credit hours in which Jayhawk Blueprint students were enrolled increased by 46% in 2023–2024 over the previous year

MCDONALD’S OF LAWRENCE: ENRICHMENT, OUTREACH AND MORE

“We have an obligation to give something back to the community that gives so much to us,” said Tom and Marilyn Dobski, and in that spirit they have given back to the Lawrence Public Schools for the past 36 years. A LEAP partner to Billy Mills Middle School, Southwest Middle School and Lawrence Free State High School, McDonald’s of Lawrence provides many in-kind and financial donations for school enrichment,



Principal Dr. Andrew Taylor, Assistant Principal Kady Carson and the Billy Mills Middle School mascot pose with a representative from McDonald’s of Lawrence after an assembly.

incentive programs, community outreach for the students and staff development.

“The partnership between McDonald’s of Lawrence and Billy Mills Middle School has been invaluable since I became principal in 2020, and well before I arrived,” said Dr. Andrew Taylor, principal. “It is such a blessing to know I can text Patrick Manning, asking for food for our hard-working staff, and within minutes he responds asking two things — how many people and what time do I want to pick it up. I wish there was a way for our school to repay Patrick and the folks at McDonald’s for providing this service to us. It is incredibly appreciated and not taken for granted.”

LAWRENCE ROTARY CLUBS: SNACKS FOR STUDENTS

The Lawrence Noon Rotary Club has supported students in our Lawrence Public Schools for many years by providing new tennis shoes at the beginning of the school year. In 2023, all three Lawrence Rotary clubs banded together to provide snacks for students. The Rotarians recognized that food insecurity affects concentration, memory, mood and motor skills, all of which a child needs to be able to be successful in school.

The Lawrence Rotary clubs now partner with Lawrence Schools Foundation to provide snack donations to all schools to support students who come to school hungry or need a snack during the day. In addition to its annual fall snack drive in 2023, the club



Lawrence Rotarians gathered in 2023 to pack snacks for students. PHOTO COURTESY OF RICHARD MEIDINGER

received a matching Rotary District grant and provided the Foundation with \$11,700 to purchase snacks for all schools through the district’s food service program. This generous support made it possible for 19 cases of healthy snacks — granola bars, crackers, juice, raisins, applesauce, graham crackers — to be available for students who need them at all of our Lawrence Public Schools.

Thank you, donors!

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Financials

	2023	Last Five Years
DONATED		
Via campaigns and events	\$ 225,531	\$ 974,172
For specific district betterment programs	\$ 524,537	\$ 2,641,963
FUNDS		
Grants, programs and awards	\$ 2,357,541	\$ 6,541,101
Scholarships	\$ 369,668	\$ 1,952,572

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FUND A NEED

Lawrence Schools Foundation has provided **more than \$550,000** in funding to our district students and families in need since 2018 through the Classroom Angel Network, or I.C.A.N. program. 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.



To donate to the I.C.A.N. Fund or another Lawrence Schools Foundation program, scan this code with your phone or visit LawrenceSchoolsFoundation.org and click **Donate Now**.

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Does your business or community organization want to partner with a local school? Join the Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP) program! Your business or organization will get to know your neighborhood or area school, learning about their unique challenges and cheering them on. You may choose to donate classroom supplies, volunteer to tutor or mentor kids, help out at school events or make monetary or in-kind donations. Many LEAP partners also sponsor Lawrence Schools Foundation signature events.

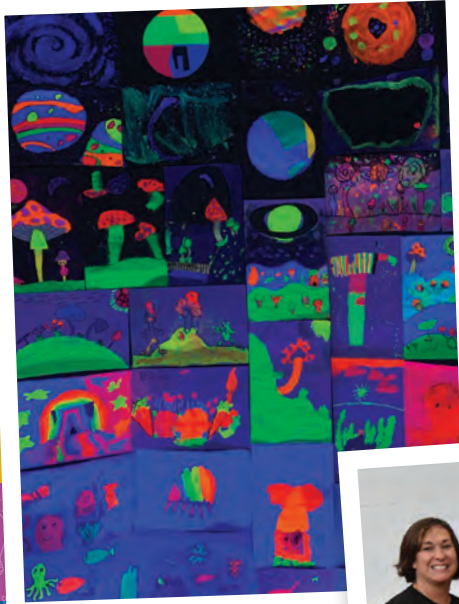


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