

Girard School District Foundation

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GIRARD SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Enhancing Educational Experiences

2017-18 Annual Report

Student Scholarships



Sixteen (16) Student Scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2018 during graduation at the Warner Theater on June 5, 2018.

Congratulations to the 2018 scholarship recipients:

- *The Kathleen Roberts Scholarship, \$500 - Nadya Makay*
- *The Brian Simkovitch Memorial Scholarship, \$500 - Karlie Musich*
- *The Outstanding Character and Integrity Scholarship, \$500 - Taylor Zampogna*
- *The Girard School District Foundation Ambassador Scholarship, \$500 each - Josephine Hughes & Jacob Wilczynski*
- *The Bev Miller Scholarship, \$500 - Hannah Klemm*
- *The Girard/Lake City Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, \$1000 - Elizabeth Wahlenmayer*
- *The Mina George Scholarship, \$500 each - Korin Bartlett & Corey Zimmer*
- *The Lee Ann Griffiths Memorial Scholarship, \$200 - Nadya Makay*
- *The Class of 1965 Scholarship, \$250 - Elizabeth Wahlenmayer*
- *The Brandon Charles Roney Memorial Scholarship, \$500 - Caleeann Blarr*
- *The Iszkula Family Scholarship, \$1,500 each - Mari Holben & Dominic Criscione*
- *The Steven McKenrick Memorial Scholarship, \$500 - Tim Lehman*
- *A.X.A. Scholarship, \$500—Nicole Buckman*

Message from the GSD Foundation President

The Girard School District Foundation is proud to be celebrating its eighth year of supporting the Girard School District by funding innovative learning opportunities for its students and providing multiple scholarships for graduating seniors. This past June, we awarded \$9950 in scholarships to deserving seniors to help reduce some of the financial burden of college. Last school year we were able to provide \$9000 in grants to enhance worthwhile experiences for Girard School District students. These hands-on learning experiences promote student engagement and provide opportunities that some students may not otherwise have had. Be sure to read about some of these innovative teacher grants further on in this report. This has all been made possible through the generosity of donors like you.

The GSD Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and expanding the excellence of the Girard public schools. Funding is made possible through support from businesses, alumni classes, and individuals who value education and want to make a difference in our students' future. We are very grateful for your partnership in this endeavor.

I invite you to access our website at www.girardsdf.org to learn about GSD Foundation events, past recipients of scholarships and grants, and to learn more ways you can become involved. This Annual Report provides you with information regarding the impact your donations had on students' lives last school year. Again, thank you for your support!

2018 Hive of Fame



Hive of Fame Class of 2018. Left to Right: Patrick Miller, GSD Foundation Vice-President; Inductees James R. Steadman, Esq; Rick Killian; Lt Col (Ret) Robert Dobson; Jacob M. Tobolewski; Brian Polk; and Mary Kay Borkowski, GSD Foundation President.

In April, 2018, The Girard School District Foundation celebrated the induction of the seventh class of distinguished Girard School District graduates at its annual Hive of Fame banquet. The individuals honored that evening represent a wide variety of talent and success and we were proud to recognize them for their contributions to their alma mater and their communities. Many generous sponsors make this annual event one of our signature fundraisers as the GSD Foundation continues its mission to enhance exceptional programs for the Girard School District students.

Our Mission

The purpose of the Girard School District Foundation is to enhance educational opportunities for all District students; to increase public involvement in schools; to increase initiatives which support quality instruction and lifelong learning endeavors and encourage alumni and others to support the GSD Foundation through annual gifts, planned gifts and memorial gifts.

Innovation Grants

The Teacher/Staff Innovation Grants encourage faculty to develop and implement activities that enhance and enrich academic programs.

Introduction to Engineering, Paul Baltzer (GHS)

The GSD Foundation provided funds to procure start-up materials for the "Introduction to Engineering" course which is offered to interested 11th – 12th grade students at Girard High School. This course teaches students about the many types of engineering, in addition to the educational requirements, working conditions and benefits of engineers. Engineering problem-solving models are presented and applied through the use of current industry technologies.

Family Literacy Night, Paula Kochera (EVES)

GSD Foundation is proud to provide funding for the continuation of Family Literacy Night at Elk Valley Elementary School. Family Literacy Nights are a fun and effective way to promote increased

literacy of Girard children as they interact with many caring adults in their lives.



Family Literacy Night

Breakfast in the Classroom (EVES)

This innovative program will feed breakfast to all children in Elk Valley at no cost to the families. Schools nationwide have seen an increase in breakfast participation when they moved breakfast out of the cafeteria and into the classroom.

The GSD Foundation is providing partial funding for the coolers, storage boxes, can coolers, and disposal units that will be used to safely store and transport the

food from the cafeteria to individual classrooms. The school district will provide ongoing funding for the food items for this important nutritional program.

Carnegie Science Center 6th Grade Field Trip, Frank Beachly (RAMS)

RAMS was awarded a Carnegie Science Center grant for the entire 6th-grade class to visit the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. The grant will cover admission, interactive science activities, live demonstration show, lunch, and a stipend toward transportation. The GSD Foundation will assist with busing costs.



RAMS 6th Grade at Carnegie Science Center

Girard School District Foundation Statement of Activities for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

	FY 18	FY17
	July 1-June 30	July 1-June 30
Revenue:		
Unrestricted Donations	\$6,969.00	\$4,988.60
Interest/Investment Income	1,682.00	2,495.22
Fundraising	15,980.00	20,428.16
Temp Restricted Donations		
Student Support	500.00	1,000.00
Scholarships	15,199.00	3,825.00
Total Revenue	\$40,330.00	\$32,736.98
Expenses:		
Operating & Insurance	\$1,900.00	\$2,601.23
Fundraising	6,141.00	7,267.95
Teacher Grants	9,709.00	7,932.67
Unrestricted Expenses	\$17,750.00	\$17,801.85
Unrestricted Net Income	\$22,580.00	\$14,935.13
Released from Restriction:		
Student Support	\$9,709.00	17,889.59
Scholarships	\$16,900.00	\$10,150.00

Girard School District Foundation Statement of Financial Position for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

	FY 18	FY 17
	July 1-June 30	July 1-June 30
Assets:		
Checking	\$87,708.00	\$69,414.33
Savings	9,833.00	9,823.32
Investments at the ECF	30,123.00	23,450.69
Total Assets	\$127,664.00	\$102,688.34
Liabilities and Net Assets:		
Teacher Grants	\$4,559.00	\$5,592.00
Scholarships	32,744.00	24,495.40
Playground	4,510.00	4,509.98
Arts	271.00	1,100.00
Total Liabilities	\$42,084.00	\$35,697.38
Unrestricted Net Assets	85,580.00	66,990.96
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$127,664.00	\$102,688.34

In accordance with GAAP, the GSD Foundation moved from a cash to an accrual basis of accounting beginning with the 2017-18 fiscal year.

We appreciate your commitment to providing additional opportunities to our students. We hope you continue this commitment to the GSD Foundation, either financially or through volunteering to help raise funds. Tax-deductible gifts can be made in varying forms: monetary donations (i.e. memorial, recognition of an educator, or tribute to someone special), scholarship funds, endowment, will or estate planning, and business partnerships.

Your contributions have a greater impact on student experiences, because the GSD Foundation is managed by an all-volunteer board of directors. To find out more, visit our website at www.girardsdf.org.

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