









Everything we do at the Lawrence Schools Foundation is done to sustain student achievement and affirm teaching excellence in the Lawrence Public Schools.

It is for the benefit of all 12,018 students, this year alone ... for 1,012 teachers and 900 support staff ... for our future, because today's kids are the ones who are creating it ... and for Lawrence, because we know that strong schools are a hallmark of a strong community.

Everybody benefits from great public schools.

As a community, we want to help all these kids get ready,

because we are just so much better when we all are involved in their education.

—Scott Morgan, President, Lawrence Schools Foundation Board



The work of the Foundation and our community partnerships are true testaments to what is possible when teachers, school leaders, parents, and a supportive community come together

to help prepare

students for success in the classroom and beyond.

—Dena Johnston, Executive Director, Lawrence Schools Foundation



We don't do anything in our lives more important than make sure our kids have an opportunity to succeed.

—Hank Booth, former Lawrence Schools Foundation Board member







2017-2018 LAWRENCE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION BOARD

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Why we organize events, seek funding, and have conversations to

CREATE COMMUNITY, PROVIDE RESOURCES, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR SCHOOLS



At the Lied Center, we believe the arts are essential to the human experience.

Consistent, barrier-free access to the arts for school-age children results in increased creativity which leads to innovation that propels society forward in a positive way.

—Derek Kwan, Lied Center of Kansas executive director

I am a product of public education and come from a family of public school educators.

I feel it's important to support students, teachers and staff in Lawrence if we are to move forward in a changing world.

—Jane Imber, retired school librarian



EVENTS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION BREAKFAST



Hamilton Lewis, a pre-visualization artist at The Third Floor, Inc., became the first Free State High School graduate to serve as keynote speaker at the Community Education Breakfast. The 2005 graduate spoke to more than 500 guests as he

talked about his career path. More than \$61,000 was raised for Foundation programs through sponsorships and ticket sales. Thanks to Aetna, McCown Gordon, Pur-O-Zone, and Truity, major sponsors for the 16th annual event.

FOUNDATION FOLLIES

Our talented teachers, staff, and administrators put on another entertaining show at the 28th annual Foundation Follies. More than \$29,000 was raised to help fund Innovative Teaching Grants and School Assistance Grants. Thanks to our many sponsors!

LIED CENTER / LSF EXPANDING ARTS ACCESS DINNER

Our partnership with the Lied Center of Kansas raised more than \$7,300 to support free performing arts access for all students in the Lawrence Public Schools.

OVATION!

The second annual Ovation! Talent Show, created and produced by recent Lawrence High School graduate Graham Edmonds and sponsored by The Dentists in Lawrence and CEK Insurance, brought in more than \$6,000 for Foundation programs. The show, held on the Lied Center stage, features the talents of middle and high school students in the district.

DECEMBER DINE AND DONATE

During the month of December, restaurants donate a portion of their profits one night to assist the Foundation. Thanks to Blue Moose, Culinaria, Jefferson's, Lawrence Beer Co., Quinton's, Spin! Pizza, The Burger Stand, and 23rd Street Brewery, more than \$2,300 was raised.

CASUAL FOR KIDS

A number of businesses gave our schools a boost up when they dressed down and donated at work on November 17, 2017. The event raised more than \$700 for the Foundation.

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

The annual campaign offers another easy way for individuals, families, and groups to be involved in supporting Lawrence Public Schools. Last year's Community Campaign raised \$58,830 in unrestricted funds.

GRANTS

We actively seek funding to meet needs in the Lawrence Public Schools. Following are two examples of grant funding:

SEGER (Special Educational Grants for Emergency Resources) FUND

This privately funded grant program provides an annual gift of \$1,000 to each Lawrence high school to be used for students' emergency needs. Social workers and counselors at Lawrence High School and

Lawrence Free State High School disburse the funds as needed.

Community partnerships benefit all of us. Our kids need to see people who look like them, doing the jobs that they will one day be doing.

—Dr. Keith Jones, Billy Mills Middle School principal

READ ACROSS LAWRENCE PROGRAM GRANT

In partnership with Lawrence Public Library, the Lawrence Schools Foundation received a \$3,500 grant from the Douglas County Community Foundation to purchase approximately 1,500 copies of R. J. Palacio's book, "Wonder." Books were distributed to USD 497 students in classes that participated in the 2018 Read Across Lawrence program. This annual program, which aims for people all across Lawrence to read and discuss the same book, began in 1999 as a joint project of USD 497 and the Lawrence Education Association.



Why we work to sustain and recognize

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Serving your community is a personal commitment.

My scholarship is just my small contribution to a community that has made an enormous contribution to my life, and it is my small way to empower the next generation of students.

 —Spencer Chestnut, who provides renewable scholarships to Lawrence Free State High School seniors



—Stan Roth, retired teacher and scholarship donor





My favorite part of being a middle school teacher

is experiencing the growth that usually happens as students stretch from their first day as a sixth-grader all the way through graduation. The scholarship ceremony in the LHS auditorium is a great way to reconnect with these students as they complete their iourney through our schools.

 —Jay Deiser, Billy Mills Middle School teacher, who provides three scholarships to seniors at Lawrence High School

STUDENT CHAMPIONS

Each year, seniors from both high schools are recognized at the annual Community Education Breakfast. These seniors are selected by their counselors on the basis of scholarship and leadership. Congratulations again to the 2017 Student Champions, Goldie Schmeideler and Simon McCaffrey of Lawrence Free State High School, and Taeghan Sharpe and Graham Edmonds of Lawrence High School.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2017, 62 scholarships totaling more than \$63,000 were awarded to seniors at Lawrence High School and Lawrence Free State High School. These recognition scholarships administered through the Lawrence Schools Foundation range from \$500 to \$2,500 and help seniors with their post-high school learning. They are made possible by individuals, families, and organizations, often in honor or remembrance of someone special, and/or to encourage young scholars to pursue a particular field of study. To see a complete list of scholarships provided and the year-by-year recipients, visit www.LawrenceSchoolsFoundation.org and click on the programs link.

Aimee E. Ziegler Memorial Al Deiser Memorial Al Woolard Memorial Arthur "Mike" Browning Memorial Barbara Burnett Bill and Gunnar Zimmerman Motivational Award Bob and Pauline Johnson Brian Shirk Memorial Carl Mibeck Carol "J.C." Church Central Bank of the Midwest **Chantal Anderson Memorial** Chestnut STEM Coach Kermit D. Aldridge Dale Shillington Memorial

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High school can be very challenging.
It can be the most amazing, incredible thing to happen to a kid, or the worst, depending on their circumstances. I am here to build as many connections and relationships as possible.
I want to make sure they know they have people who care about

—Sylvia Trevino-Maack, Lawrence High School psychologist and scholarship donor

them and that they are important.

Why we work to affirm and honor

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

As a university professor, I know full well that college is not for everyone.

I wanted to encourage an alternative, to do something to help some students get hooked on tools and materials like I did, on building or repairing things, early enough to head in that direction with enthusiasm and confidence in their future.

—Robert Hanzlik, Hanzlik Hands-on Academy Grants donor

We have to recognize our educators for what they are doing for our kids and for everybody.

I don't think they get enough thanks.

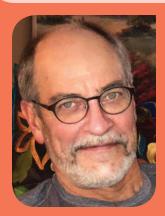
—Martin Moore,
Lawrence Schools Foundation
board member



With access to resources, research and further study,

teachers not only innovate in meaningful ways, but maintain the high standards Lawrence Public Schools have long been known for.

-Mary Chapman, retired teacher



Music helps young brains learn.

It fosters community and teamwork in our schools. It exposes students to different ways of expressing themselves, other cultures, and other languages.

—Dr. Bob Dinsdale, Music Works! Grants donor

TEACHER AWARDS

Year after year, generous individuals and organizations make possible these awards that celebrate and recognize the talent, skill, and dedication of Lawrence's excellent teachers and educators.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING / BOBS AWARD (\$10,000)

Scott Forkenbrock, computers and multimedia, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School

DEDICATION TO EDUCATION / SONS OF BOBS AWARD (\$5,000)

Kim Fuller, special education para, South Middle School

EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR / GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS (\$1,500 each)

- Jenny Humburg, kindergarten, Deerfield Elementary
- Carol Souders, social studies and English language arts, Liberty Memorial Central Middle School

ALLEN PRESS DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD (\$500)

Michael Carriger, English department head, Lawrence High School

BARBARA HODGSON DREAM TO ACHIEVE AWARD (\$100)

Amy Lekey, first grade, New York Elementary

An award is a boost for the whole school.

The Foundation allows people to give dollars to build opportunities for our kids right now, which is also an investment in the future.

—Tammy Becker, Hillcrest Elementary principal



TEACHER AND CLASSROOM GRANTS

The Foundation also awards a number of teaching grants each year, courtesy of our generous donors. Teachers and educators are encouraged to apply.

INNOVATIVE TEACHING GRANTS are awarded to teachers who implement innovative and unique programs or projects for their students that enrich learning, result in increased student achievement, and engage students in critical thinking and problem solving. This year 10 grants were awarded, totaling \$20,249.

SCHOOL ASSISTANCE GRANTS fund defined areas of use for needs that are not being met with state or federal monies. Six grants totaling \$9,890 were awarded this year.

MUSIC WORKS! GRANTS provide music educators funds to enhance access to, enrich the quality of, and expand the educational experiences of their students. Five grants totaling \$3,832 were awarded.

HANZLIK HANDS-ON ACADEMY TEACHER GRANTS support elementary teachers who will instruct or expose kids to design-and-build learning activities as part of their classroom curriculum through a makerspace connection with the Lawrence College and Career Center. Such activities provide hands-on learning experiences for physics, math, and science. A \$1,100 grant was awarded this year.

McCOWNGORDON TEACHING GRANTS support teachers who will instruct or expose kids to the areas of construction, engineering, or architecture. One \$1,200 grant was awarded this year.

CARL KNOX STAFF DEVELOPMENT GRANTS fund professional development experiences, such as summer institutes, action research, mentoring experiences, or lesson study. Two grants totaling \$1,000 were awarded this year.

Why we encourage partnerships to help Lawrence students LEAP TO THE NEXT LEVEL

For more than 25 years, the mission of the Lawrence Education Achievement Partners (LEAP) has been to create and build community partnerships that support and enhance student achievement and success in the Lawrence Public Schools. The LEAP program is operated through the Lawrence Schools Foundation.

Each one of our schools, including the Lawrence College and Career Center, has LEAP partners. Some businesses and community organizations are district-wide LEAP partners, which means that any school in the district may call on them for assistance. LEAP partners may 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 these events. Many of our LEAP partners sponsor Lawrence Schools Foundation signature events and purchase tables or donate goods and services to make the Foundation Follies and the Community Education Breakfast successful. Our LEAP partners enjoy being involved with the schools and learning from the students or teachers.

MASTER LEAP PARTNERS

While we consider everybody superstars when they volunteer to support our schools, some organizations stand out because their combined support totals \$10,000 or more in a school year for their partner school, the district, or the Lawrence Schools Foundation. Thank you to the following 2017-2018 Master LEAP partners:

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** district-wide partner
- Hy-Vee: partners with Deerfield Elementary, Langston Hughes Elementary, Prairie Park Elementary, Quail Run Elementary, Sunflower Elementary, Southwest Middle School, Lawrence Free State High School, and Lawrence High School
- Lawrence Arts Center: partners with Liberty Memorial Central Middle School and district-wide fine arts
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital: partners with Pinckney Elementary and Project Search
- Lied Center of Kansas and U.S. Bank "Adventures in Imagination": district-wide partners
- The Merc Co-op: partners with Hillcrest Elementary, Sunset Elementary, and West Middle School

- Pelathe District, Heart of America Council, Boy Scouts of America: district-wide partner
- Printing Solutions: partners with Billy Mills Middle School, Lawrence High School, and district-wide
- Raising Cane's: partners with Billy Mills Middle School, Broken Arrow Elementary, Schwegler Elementary, Lawrence Free State High School, and Lawrence High School
- Salvation Army of Douglas County: district-wide partner
- Truity Credit Union / Truity Education Foundation: partners with Langston Hughes Elementary, Prairie Park Elementary, Lawrence Free State High School, Lawrence High School, and district-wide

LEAP TOTALS (2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR)

	ARTNERS	 PARTNERS	E	ALL PARTNERS
Cash Donations	\$ 15,759	\$ 63,551	\$	79,310
In-kind Gifts	38,936	356,581		395,517
Volunteer Value				
Volunteer Hours	1,151	4,977		6,128
Value (\$24.14/hour)	27,785	 120,145		147,930
TOTAL	\$ 82,480	\$ 540,277	\$	622,757

What makes schools great schools are the partnerships, which are essential.

—Nancy O'Connor, The Merc Co-op



2017-2018 LEAP PARTNERSHIPS





ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Broken Arrow Elementary

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

Cordley Elementary

Capital City Bank Cottin's Hardware & Rental Dairy Queen–Mass. Street Dillons Stores-Mass. Street Lawrence Noon Rotary Club

Deerfield Elementary

Hv-Vee-6th St.

Hillcrest Elementary

Commerce Bank-lowa Street Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers Premier Martial Arts The Merc Co-op

Kennedy Elementary

Independence, Inc. United Way of Douglas County

Langston Hughes Elementary Dillons Stores–6th & Wakarusa Hy-Vee–Clinton Parkway J&S Coffee Truity Credit Union University National Bank

New York Flementary

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

Pinckney Elementary

Applebee's Gould Evans Associates Lawrence Memorial Hospital Smucker's

Prairie Park Elementary

Capitol Federal Savings Hv-Vee-Clinton Parkway Peoples Bank-Harper Street Truity Credit Union

Quail Run Elementary

Berry Plastics Hy-Vee-6th Street Légends Dental Center Pioneer Ridge Premier Martial Arts Zaxby's

Schwegler Elementary

Dairy Queen-lowa Street Premier Martial Arts Raising Cane's Runza Schlumberger

Sunflower Elementary

Central National Bank Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers Hv-Vee-Clinton Pkwv 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 Noodles & Company

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Billy Mills Middle School

Mainstreet Credit Union McDonald's of Lawrence Printing Solutions Raising Cane's

Liberty Memorial Central Middle School

Cottin's Hardware & Rental First State Bank & Trust KU Natural History Museum Lawrence Arts Center Rodrock Chiropractic & Acupuncture The Summit

Southwest Middle School

Bartlett & West Engineers, Inc. Hy-Vee-Clinton Parkway Jefferson"s-West McDonald's of Lawrence

West Middle School

Commerce Bank-lowa Street Sonic-6th Street t.Loft The Merc Co-op Zaxby's

LAWRENCE COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

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HIGH SCHOOLS

Lawrence Free State High School

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Lawrence High School

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District-wide-**Community Connections/C-Tran**

Applebee's–lowa Street Lawrence Family Video

District-wide-Early Childhood

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District-wide-Fine Arts

KU Theater Lawrence Arts Center Lied Center of Kansas Theatre Lawrence **US Bank**

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Why we say

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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current Liabilities	\$	137,452
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