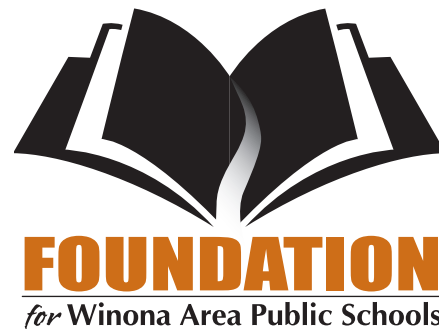


# The Foundation Files

September 2016 through August 2017



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Shelley Milek, Executive Director

## From the Executive Director

I am both honored and thrilled to be part of an organization which can help mold the mind of a student through the gift of education. As life and the needs of education are continually changing, the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools strives to keep abreast of the necessary changes.

In August, the Foundation attended an opening day workshop for the Winona Area Public Schools staff. We were excited to inform staff of the \$55,000 raised for Academics, Arts, Athletics & Activities for the Winona Area Public Schools. Each WAPS school or department was given funds per pupil. Staff and administrators were encouraged to collaboratively determine educational needs that would enrich and enhance education for our students by using this gift of money.

Next, our annual Dare to Dream grant competition received a multitude of remarkable grant applications. Staff collectively work together and continue to take personal time to research educational ideas which will take learning to the next level for our students. The detail in these grant application requests exceeds all expectations. The Foundation for WAPS Grants Committee and Board of Directors found it tough to narrow the award to just one winner. See more exciting details later in this newsletter on our 2017 winner!

As spring rounded the corner, the 2017 twenty-six member event committee was prepared to offer a fundraising event different from years past. The Blues and Brews event, "packed the house", with more people than ever before as we raised funds, once again, for Academics, Arts, Athletics & Activities for our schools.

The annual Haake Poetry Prize Competition encouraged our students to get in touch with their soulful side as we received 116 total poetry entries of exceptional quality. Entries were judged by an esteemed panel of judges made up of Emilio DeGrazia, Carol Borzykowski, and Ken McCullough. WSHS educator, Laura Armstrong, and WMS educator, Eileen Dahlin, were instrumental in coordinating this competition. The Foundation for WAPS is thrilled to sponsor educational enrichment programs such as this.

Finally, as I look back on this productive year, I saw eighty-five funds held here at the Foundation encompassing honorariums, endowments, special interests, purchasing equipment and providing over twenty scholarships for our schools. I see a Board of Directors that gives their time, money and support to ensure we are doing the very best we can for our students.

As the school year closed and the summer lends to preparations for another exciting year, we take a moment to reflect on the many gifts we have and know that the Foundation is here because of the great support we receive from alumni, staff, community and businesses. Together we work hard to enrich and expand education for our students in the Winona Area Public Schools. Thank you!!!

-Shelley Milek, Executive Director



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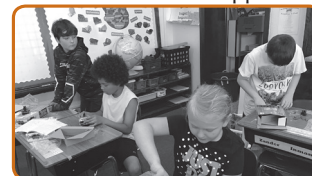
Not pictured: Patrick Menton

## Highlights of the Year

The 2016-2017 school-year was very active and eventful for the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools. Some of the highlights included:

- 50 classroom and school grants
- \$5000 "Dare to Dream" grant for "Commissioned Composition"
- \$5000 from fund to purchase 3D printer and materials
- (2) \$250 Teacher Grants to use for educational materials
- 84 Donor Advised Funds and management of them
- 20 scholarships from funds held at the Foundation
- 10 prize awards from the Haake Poetry Fund for winning poetry
- Over \$636,000 has been directed this year through the Foundation to projects that enhance public education in Winona
- Over \$49,000 was raised at the 2017 Blues and Brews event to support Academics, Arts, Athletics & Activities

The Foundation for WAPS Board of Directors and I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your generosity and kind support. The help has made all of the special programs, projects and field trips listed in this newsletter-and much, much more possible. Gratitude goes out to each of you and I hope you will contact us with any questions or ideas you might have for the Foundation and our schools.



# Foundation Board of Directors...Coming and Going

The Foundation for Winona Area Public School thrives because of the countless volunteer hours of so many, including, our board of directors. We are lucky to have them lend their expertise as educators, business and community members, and policy makers. The Foundation for WAPS Board of Directors can serve up to two consecutive three year terms. As the seven board of directors end their terms, we are grateful for the gift of time they have provided.



• **Tanya Berzinski**

"What an honor it has been to serve as a member of the WAPS Foundation Board! The Foundation makes a positive impact on every child in our school district, and I have been humbled to be a part of that process. It has forever touched my heart!"



• **Hannah Brown**



• **Mary Cappel**

"I have really enjoyed my short time with the wonderful members of the WAPS Foundation Board! Having been a teacher who utilized the Foundation's grant process many times, it was really interesting to be on the other side--actually being able to help award the grants! The WAPS Foundation is such an important resource for teachers who want to go above and beyond in providing extra opportunities for their students!"

• **Jamie Pomeroy**

"It has been a true joy to serve on such a wonderful organization whose mission it is to enrich the lives of WAPS students. WAPS has positively shaped and enriched my life personally, and to be able to give back and positively shape other student's lives has been tremendously gratifying. The Foundation for WAPS will always hold a special place in my heart, and I know that great things are in store for the Foundation and district."



• **Scott Sorvaag**

"I have been privileged to work with some extraordinary people, associated with our Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools, who are dedicated to supporting the next generation of citizens through innovation and enhancement in educational experiences. I am grateful for all of the members of our community who have the generosity and wisdom to invest in students in order to improve the quality of life in the Winona area."

• **Kim Roque**

"I enjoyed serving with a great group of people who support public school. I believe a strong and healthy community must have a strong and healthy public school."



• **Donna Helble-** by Luke Merchlewitz, Foundation for WAPS Board of Director

1 Universe, 9 Planets, 204 Countries, 809 Islands, 7 Seas, and we had the privilege to meet you.

Donna Helble was our friend. She was on the Foundation for WAPS Board of Directors since 2013. She was very passionate about education. Donna Helble passed away on March 13, 2017. She was part of the GALA event committees since the beginning and continued to be a sponsor. We will remember her as an energetic, witty, loving and giving friend to many people locally and around the world. Donna's generosity of spirit, as well as love of educating children, her ready laugh, her appreciation of beauty and humanity will all be missed by a community that has benefitted from her full and benevolent life.

We hold dear this very important person not only to the Foundation for WAPS, Winona State University, and the Winona Area Public Schools, but this community!

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them. But you know they're always there.

As much as we are saddened to see our friends and board of directors leave, we welcome the new faces that will join the Foundation Board!

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## CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB!

Information on the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools, its mission, Board of Directors, grants, and alumni connections can be found on our website at:

[www.foundationwaps.org](http://www.foundationwaps.org).

Also, a **link for on-line donations** is available 24/7 for gifts in honor or memory of a special person, program or event.



The Foundation is on Facebook!! Check us out!!



# *Blues and Brews Event* Raises over \$49,000 for our Schools..... Next year's Event: Feb. 24th 2018

As we look back on the frosty blue ice of winter, the Foundation for WAPS was too all about the blues with their annual fundraising event this year, "Blues and Brews". Island City Brewing Company, with their taste sensations of craft beers and Jefferson Pub & Grill with their mouthwatering appetizers, were hosts to our soulful and "bluesy" event. At the Foundation for WAPS, we were definitely coming together to celebrate life and the great things happening in public education.

The Foundation and 2017 Event Committee set out on a journey to raise money for Academics, Arts, Athletics and Activities for all Winona Area Public Schools. As a Foundation, we were proud to serve so many needs in this category last year, so we decided to repeat the effort. We can be so proud to partner with the Winona Area Public Schools where our goal is to expand, enrich and enhance education. With the support of so many businesses, individuals, and our two lead sponsors, Merchants Bank and Winona National Bank, we were able to raise over \$49,000 to enrich education in the Winona Area Public Schools.

Each year, the Foundation's Board of Directors awards the Legacy Award which is presented to a citizen or organization that shows exemplary support and commitment to the Foundation's goal to enhance education with dedication to our community of learners. The 2017 Legacy Award was presented to Dave Mertes. Dave taught business courses at WSHS for 35 years. He stayed an additional 8 years and helped out in the Athletics and Activities office. He volunteered more hours than can be counted with the Booster Club and served as Treasurer for the last 9 years. He was a key member in raising funds and realizing the dream of the "Wall of Champions" at the WSHS, served on the Foundation for WAPS Board of Directors for six years and remains active on the Foundation for WAPS Alumni Committee. It is with the great support of such wonderful people, like Dave, who keep enriching and enhancing education for our students. Congratulations to Dave Mertes for the Foundation for WAPS 2017 Legacy Award.

In addition, a special thank you is extended to the many sponsors, business donors, silent auction donors, and event committee members that gave their time and money to make the 2017 "Blues and Brews" event an overwhelming success.

Again, the Foundation for WAPS is here to support the kids and we couldn't do it without you! Thank you again for all of the continued support of the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools. For more information about the Foundation for Winona Area Public schools, contact Shelley Milek at 494-1004 or email [www.foundationwaps.org](http://www.foundationwaps.org).



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**Please consider the Foundation when you are updating your will or developing your estate and retirement plans. Our office is here to help you make a difference in the lives that follow.**

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The staff of Winona Area Public Schools continues to give back to their students. It is an honor to know you! Thank you for the continued support you give to the Foundation so we can continue to provide extra educational assistance each and every day. Heartfelt thanks to the nearly 100 WAPS staff members who not only provide excellent education and support for our students, but whom also participated in the Foundation's Payroll Deduction Program benefiting the Winona Area Public Schools. Their support provided over \$12,000 for our students. We are so grateful!!

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Payroll Deduction Grants

DCD Severe Profound Eagle Center Trip-WSHS

Science Field Investigation Geology Trip-WMS

Concordia Language Village-WMS & WSHS

100 Book Worm Challenge- Jefferson

Frames for Kids- Math Learning- K-2

Career Expo-WSHS

Viterbo Choir Trip- WMS

WALC Project Based Learning

Outdoor Education - Ice Fishing-WMS

Insypre -Social and Emotional Learning-WMS

Intergenerational Learning -WAPS Pre-School

Visual Arts Activities-WSHS

Robotic Project-WK

Home & School Math Materials-Madison

NY Orchestra Trip-WSHS

Transition Recreation -WALC

Japan/Misato Trip-WMS & WSHS

Trills & Thrills Music Festival -WMS

Shakespeare in the Schools-WSHS

Kalahari Middle School Band Festival-WMS

MN Zoo & IMAX Trip-5th grade

Capitol & Fort Snelling-WMS

2nd grade Book Bag Project-WK

WALC PE Bowling

Young Writer's Conference-WMS

ECSE Sensory Needs- Early Childhood

Science Museum Field Trip-Jefferson STEM

FIRST Robotic National Championship-WSHS

PBL English Recreation-WALC

Makerspace-WMS

IHT Spirit System-Grades 5 - 12

Numeral Rolls-K- 4

Student Bead Racks-K-1

Science Museum Field Trip- Jefferson STEM

2018 Grade Guthrie Field Trip-7th

Osmo Project- Kindergarten

Robotic Project-4M Table Top Robots WK 1

Robotic Project-4M Table Top Robots WK 2

Visual Arts Activities-WSHS

## Foundation for WAPS 2017 Dare to Dream Winner- *Commissioned Composition by Andrew Marsolek*

The Winona Middle School band program applied for the \$5000 "Dare to Dream" grant to fund a commissioned composition by a wind ensemble band composer and arranger. The band program will commission Mr. Bradley Bombardier, from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, to work alongside the band to compose a piece of music written specifically for the Winona Middle School band. The WMS band will premier this piece during their spring concert in May of 2018.

Andrew Marsolek hopes by opening this door of creativity, we can continue to provide students with a comprehensive musical education that fosters lifelong musicianship.

Congratulations Andrew, for "Daring to Dream"!!!



## Foundation Grant Money at Work.....

It is always amazing when you can see first-hand how grant monies can enrich learning for our students. Sometimes it is a piece of technology that will “turn the lightbulb on” for our students, it is sometimes a field trip, and it is sometimes a learning tool that will take that student to the next level. The Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools is so proud to play a role in helping our students reach out and engage in education. As scholastic readiness is always in the forefront, the Foundation for WAPS hopes to play a role to enhance education and provide exposure to the up and coming tools needed for young students to build on the next level of education, to be college-ready or be prepared for that first attempt in the job market. Here is a glimpse at some of the things that happened this year.

### 3D Printer



A fund held at the Foundation for WAPS, provided by Mr. Paul Seppanen, allowed the Foundation to purchase a 3D printer for classes at the Winona Senior High School. Mr. Kevin Martin, educator, is using the new 3D printer in drafting classes, with his Project Lead the Way group, and plans to create a new CADD 3D printing class next year. Mr. Martin said, “The best thing is that the printer allows the students to design the project on their own from start to end and really create their own projects.” One student, Tucker Hemmelman, was eager to show pistons and an engine crank

shaft he was creating with the 3D printer. He stated, “By working on the new 3D printer, it will help me with my future goal to be a CNC Machinist.”



### IHT Spirit System, by Interactive Technologies, LLC

The Foundation for WAPS recently approved a pilot program grant submitted by the physical education instructors at the Winona Senior High School and the Winona Middle School for the IHT Spirit System. The system is a wrist-based heart rate monitor and software package. The purpose of the IHT Spirit Adidas Zone, is to provide a personalized fitness experience for all grades 5-12 physical education students. The system will also allow for communication on daily activity levels between the teacher, students, and parents. Mr. John Casselius, instructor, stated, “By students knowing their fitness level and what it takes to get and stay in their “Target Heart Rate Zone”, we empower them to live a healthy lifestyle.” He said, “The goal is to help students learn long term health benefits.” He also added, “You can sync each class and person and all data will upload and create individual charts that can be shared with students and parents.” The hope is that this tool will better educate and teach students where they need to be to have optimal health benefits.

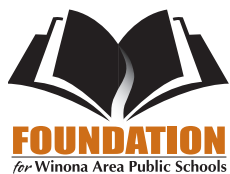
### FIRST Robotics National Championship



The Foundation was also excited to help the Winona Robotics Group get to the FIRST Robotics National Championship this year in St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. William Braun leads the after-school activities group. There are many skills needed and used when in the group such as, strategy, CNC, CAD, electronics, photography and public relations, scouting and gaming, and much more. A project such as this allows students to get involved with design, strategy, and put those gaming skills to good use. Mr. Braun stated, “The driver controls the robot and directs it what to do during the competition. It can be 2 ½ minutes of high stress for the driver!” Nine students were part of the team who all collaboratively played a part in creating a robot for the event. One team member, David Florness, stated, “The biggest thing I liked about the Winona Robotics Group was the team building aspect of the group.” David programmed the codes for the robot and, if available, would like to get involved with a group like this at Colorado School of Mines next year. Braun added, “Six seniors will be graduating from the Winona Robotics Group, so it will be a re-building year next year.”







## Mission

The Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools is an independent, non-profit, 501©3 organization established in 1991 and funded entirely by community and business supporters of education in Winona. The single purpose of the Foundation is to enrich and expand educational opportunities in Winona Area Public Schools by supporting important programs and projects that would otherwise not be funded through normal district resources.

## Community & Alumni Support

Community and alumni support has been invaluable to the many projects that have benefited our students, such as field trips, student speakers and enrichment programs. The Foundation also holds over 93 donor advised funds created by individual supporters to benefit specific educational causes of interest

## How You Can Help

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*Mark your Calendars!*

**Look for upcoming event on February 24, 2018**

Over the past year, **more than than \$636,000 has been directed through the Foundation to projects and programs that have enhanced education in the Winona Area Public Schools through the Foundation..**

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