

# The Foundation Files

September 1, 2019  
through August 31, 2020

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Executive Director,  
Shelley Milek

Even with a crystal ball, we could never have expected the unprecedented changes each and every one of us endured this year. The coronavirus changed how we worked, played and learned. Our schools and this Foundation moved every day operations to distance learning and working. Our schools had to cancel sports and activities and practice social distancing. These were all changes that we could have never expected, but in the end, our learning has evolved.

We have become experts at online meetings and when a problem arose, we solved it. We found creative ways to stay in contact and manage our business and schools; and the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools has remained strong and continued to follow our mission to enhance and enrich learning for our students. While some grants already approved were cancelled, new needs arose and new grants were approved. Although we were inconvenienced by what became the norm of our new learning and how the Foundation operated, we used the resources of people working together to solve the problems at hand.

We started the 2019/2020 school year in the usual way by proportionately releasing over \$53,000 to the schools from the prior year's A Night to Shine fundraising event to be used for educational enhancements in the areas of Academics, Athletics, Arts and Activities. Administrators and staff collaboratively determined items that would provide the best learning for our students. In addition, the Foundation awarded two educational grants from the pool of staff candidates who provided payroll deduction donations to the Foundation.

Our annual \$5000 Dare to Dream grant was awarded to WSHS science teachers, Sandy Bussian and Kim Truchan, for Health Science in Today's World. They proposed the Dare to Dream grant idea to improve student outcomes by incorporating connections between the "real world" and textbook knowledge in health science concurrent courses offered at Winona Senior High. I will have more details on the great items purchased and student experiences later in this newsletter.

As we continued to work through our distance learning challenges in the spring, awards and contests changed as we tried to keep things as normal as possible for our students. Our annual Haake Poetry Prize Competition transformed to an online distance learning contest, but we were still able to provide prize awards to 10 WMS and WSHS students for their submitted poetry. Also, although the Winona Senior High School was not able to meet for an awards ceremony this year, 25 scholarships held at the Foundation for WAPS were still awarded to deserving students.

We experienced unusual times with COVID-19, but we looked for ways to support education for our schools. The Foundation for WAPS, Winona Area Public Schools and our students are resilient and learning has prevailed. We have all lived a part of history that will ever be marked in the books. With these changing times, there are more needs than ever and we wouldn't be able to provide assistance without you. Thank you for supporting the Foundation so that we can continue to support our students and schools.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

The **2019-2020 school year** was very active and eventful for the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools. **Some of the highlights included:**

- 37 classroom and school grants approved
- "Dare to Dream" \$5000 grant for Health Science in Today's World
- \$53,000 was distributed from the March 2019 A Night to Shine event for Academics, Arts, Athletics & Activities
- Concordia Language & Japan Trip grant approved (*Cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- (2) \$250 Staff Grants to use for educational materials
- 95 Donor Advised Funds and management of them
- 25 scholarships from funds held at the Foundation for WAPS
- 10 prize awards from the Haake Poetry Fund for winning poetry
- Over \$750,000 has been directed this year through the Foundation for WAPS to projects that enhance public education in Winona



Climbing Walls & More Grant



2019 Guthrie Grant

2019 Florida WSHS Band Trip



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.

## FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS...*Coming and Going*

### **Thank you Scott Hannon!**

The Foundation's Board of Directors is a group of volunteers from all walks of life. It is a team who provides support through business, career and personal expertise. They work hard to ensure the Foundation can provide enriching educational programming for the Winona Area Public Schools. One Board of Director, who we have had the privilege of working with for six years, is **Scott Hannon**. Dr. Hannon completed two terms as Board of Director, as well as additionally, holding the Superintendent seat for four years. Hannon said, "I have thoroughly enjoyed each of those years."

He also added, "I have been extremely impressed by each and every board member who served during my time, including the present board. Your passion to serve and compassion to adhere to the mission of the Foundation has been outstanding! I wish you continued success in your future endeavors to enrich and expand educational opportunities in WAPS by supporting important programs and projects that would otherwise not be funded through normal district resources. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve!"



Dr. Scott Hannon



Judy Davis

As we are saddened to lose the talents of Dr. Scott Hannon, **we are eager to welcome Judy Davis** and her talents to the Board. Judy comes to the Foundation with an excellent educational leadership background. She was an educator for many years, first as a classroom teacher, and then serving as a principal for the Winona Area Public Schools for most of her career. She also served as the gifted and talented coordinator for the district and is currently supervising student teachers for Winona State University.

Judy stated, "I've been extremely grateful for the work of the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools, serving students across the district by providing grants and programs that are specially designated to enrich the lives of students. The needs of teachers and classrooms at this point in time will continue to stretch the creativity and hard work the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools has always addressed."

Judy comes to the Board of Directors with a well-versed background and abundant experience. She has served on the Winona Community Foundation Board, Ready Set School Board, the United Way Board, The Central Lutheran Childcare Board, the Lutheran Campus Ministry Board, and is currently a member of the Winona Health Foundation Board and the Winona County Review Panel. We are excited to welcome Judy to the Foundation for WAPS Board of Directors and look forward to working with her!!

**Also joining our Board of Directors mid-year was LaDawn Kovala.** I asked LaDawn to give me a little bit about her background. She stated, "I was honored and excited when current board member Katherine Gilmer asked me if I would be interested in joining the WAPS Foundation board. I knew about the great things the board does for the Winona schools from teaching Art in the district for a few years. During that time, I had written grants to the Foundation to help enrich the Art program at the WALC. I have also attended the lovely annual gala event for many years. It's a wonderful celebration of our public schools! I am happy to be part of an organization that's mission is to enrich public education in our community.

Currently, I design and paint baseball bats for Pillbox Bat Company. Pillbox was founded by two WAPS alumni - Zak Fellman and Dan Watson. I am also a soccer and hockey mom that is adjusting to having only one middle schooler in the house now that her three brothers have all graduated from WSHS ('16, '18, and '20) and moved up north. My husband, Steve, works for Merchants Bank." The Foundation for WAPS is so excited to be able to have LaDawn provide her rich experience to the Board. *Welcome LaDawn!*



LaDawn Kovala and her family

## *Check Us Out* ON THE WEB!

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



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 online donations** is available 24/7 for gifts in honor or memory of a special person, program or event.



# NOSH IN *Nashville*

## 2020 Event moves from October 2020 to February 6, 2021!

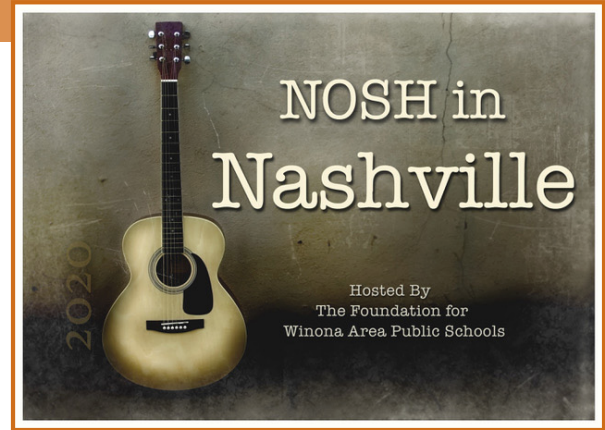
The Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools originally set a new fall date for their fundraising event. For the last two prior events, the potential for cancellation loomed in the air as snow and ice storms threatened to close down the event. To resolve the winter weather threat, the Event Committee decided to try the fall date of October 24, 2020 at Visions Event Center. Due to the recent Covid-19 outbreak and Stay-at-Home orders that were set in place, the Foundation dodged another near miss closing had we left the original date in March. With additional Coronavirus cases ramping up again this summer and the possibility of the Covid-19 virus breaking out again in the fall, the committee felt the need to move the event to the alternative spring date of **February 6, 2021**.

The Foundation's event is a time for community and schools to come together to support the Foundation for WAPS and its mission to enhance and enrich education for the Winona Area Public Schools. The event committee has been working hard once again to bring together a little Nosh in Nashville.

When purchasing tickets, you will have an opportunity to **bid in advance on one of two VIP tables, nosh on down home southern cuisine, and step inside to a relaxed modern Nashville vibe where jeans, boots and good times are always welcome**. Our Auction Committee has worked hard to bring you a range of live and silent auction items you won't want to miss.

Dust off your boots and reconnect with a friend; all while raising funds for the Foundation and Winona Area Public Schools. We hope to see you there!!!

For tickets and information go to [www.foundationwaps.org](http://www.foundationwaps.org) or call Shelley Milek at **507-494-1004**.



*Hey Y'all!*

Please join us to celebrate public education in Winona

- Saturday, February 6, 2021 • 6-10 pm
- Visions Event Center, 22852 County Road 17, Winona, MN 55987
- Semi-casual attire; western wear & jeans are welcome
- Social Hour 6-7 pm • Buffet open from 7-8:30 pm • Live Auction @8:45pm
- \$50 ticket includes welcome drink, appetizers & buffet
- **NEW!** Ultimate Backstage VIP Experience available for bid; place your bid online by January 24, 2021

Purchase tickets & bid online at [www.foundationwaps.org](http://www.foundationwaps.org) or return the enclosed RSVP card & payment to: Foundation for WAPS, 1570 Homer Rd., Winona, MN 55987.  
All proceeds will benefit Winhawks Academics, Arts, Athletics & Activities.

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## EVENT DOLLARS AT WORK *in Your Classroom*

Once again, event dollars were distributed at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year proportionately to each school or special department in our district. Staff and administration worked collaboratively to purchase over \$53,000 of educational enhancements for our students. Space will not allow me to list all items, but here is a glimpse of some of your Event dollars at work.

**Thank you for all of the support, we would not have been able to purchase all of these items without you!!**

- WMS Planners
- WMS Classroom Kits
- Cello Rack & Ukelele
- Educational Supply License
- Art Paper Cutter
- Lego Education Intelligent Bricks
- Spanish Language Books
- Cal Fremling Boat Field Trip
- Calculators Erase Boards
- Movie-Resilience
- Drama Scripts-Romeo & Juliet
- Camera & Kit
- HS Signs of Suicide
- Business Economics Software
- Field Trip to SE College
- Wabble & Task Chairs
- Playground Imagination Bags w/Wheels
- Field Trip to Mpls. Institute of Art
- Field Trip to Luther College
- Batting Cage (portion)
- Rosewood Kawai Piano
- Bookmarks
- PE Cart, Balls, Watersports & Games
- Kindergarten A Place for Everyone Carpet
- Discovery Ramps
- Floor Hockey Set & Yoga Mats
- Woodshop Supplies
- Money Poster
- Globes, Maps and World Desk
- History Books
- Science Egg Incubators
- 90 X 60 Electric Screen
- Bit Coding Robot
- Sensory Trampoline
- Scientific Leg/Arm/Brain
- Vocabulary Membership
- Technical Supplies
- IPAD
- Learning Cubes
- Optic Light Mirror Set
- Huckleberry Finn
- Archery Items
- Community KIDS Preschool
- WALC Washer/Dryer



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Terri Spartz

### **Jake and Hal Edstrom Music Scholarship**

Fran Edstrom

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### **Music Department**

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### **Project Plant**

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### **Special Athletic Competition**

Kiwanis Sunrisers  
Roger Johnson & Linda Kook  
Merchants Bank  
Anthony & Linda Palubicki in memory of Marion Resch  
**Honor of Isaac Palubicki** from: Anthony & Linda Palubicki, Grandpa & Grandma, Mom & Dad, Sophi & Graci (sisters), Connor (brother), Uncle Eric & Tami Anthony & Linda Palubicki in **memory of Wendy Frisch**  
Marion Resch and Delores Schafer  
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### **Stacy Rasmussen-Top Notch Teacher Program- WKBT**

Jim & Shannon Hanzel

### **WK Bob Hogenson Fund**

Gayle Goetzman-Stolpa & Ben Stolpa

### **WMS**

Anonymous

### **WMS DCD MM Fund**

Margaret McEvoy in memory of Jim McEvoy

### **WMS Independent Living**

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Jerry Papenfuss Family

### **WSHS Business/Economics Dept.**

Helen Imm Trust

### **WSHS Media Center**

Sharon Flatten- In honor of Cooper Hancock

### **WSHS Touchdown Club**

WSHS Touchdown Club

### **WSHS Work Force Work Experience**

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### **Grant Donation**

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#### **Up To \$250 Donors**

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Julie, Jenna, Jared & Jonah Boelter

### **Milt Brinkman**

Steve & Betty Maliszewski

### **Brigid Cantagallo**

Dr. Scott & Carmen Hannon

### **Class of 1950 Memorial**

Herbert Polachek

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Karolee Hogden

### **Gerald Haessig**

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### **Jim Klingler**

Paulette Klingler

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Ben & Sharon Baratto

### **Bryceson Maus**

Nancy Keller

### **Jerry Matejka**

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### **Deb Millie**

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### **Rod Opprieht**

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### **Cheryl Randklev**

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### **Joan Quinn**

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### **Herbert Speltz**

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### **Daniel Strong**

Paul & Mitzi (Morgan) Girtler

### **Joan Strong**

Paul & Mitzi Girtler



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## Daryl Anderson 2019 Ed. Advocate

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## Class of 1979

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Carolyn Goplen  
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Janis Vose

## Norma Grausnick

Don & Sandra Curtin  
Steve & Penelope Ortmann

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## Marsha Hall

Jim & Shannon Hanzel  
Shelley & John Milek  
Arvid & Gay Mortensen

## Jim & Shannon Hanzel

Don & Sandra Curtin

## Mitzi Henderson

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## Don & Joannie Klagge

Curtis & Barb Mihm

## Sue Kreibich

Shelley & John Milek  
Arvid & Gay Mortensen  
Gayle Goetzman-Stolpa  
Jon & Ruthanne Weispfenning

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Jim & Shannon Hanzel  
John & Shelley Milek  
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## Stacy Rasmussen

Jim & Shannon Hanzel

## Glenda Roellich

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Jon & Ruthanne Weispfenning

## Pete Weess

Shelley & John Milek  
Arvid & Gay Mortensen  
Jon & Ruthanne Weispfenning

# SCHOLARSHIPS

## Class of 1974 Memorial Scholarship

Nancy Keller  
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Julie Keller Pease  
Robert & Cathy Peplinski  
Greg & Leslie Scarborough

## Erik Floan Memorial Scholarship Fund

Einar Floan  
Karolee Hogden

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Terry Westby  
Rick & Janeen Wolter  
Sarah Zielsdorf  
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## Tom Blacklock Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jim & Roberta Degenhardt  
Teri & Michael Jacquart  
James & Frankie Saxton

## Youth Alliance Scholarship Fund

Garrett Heath  
Jon Lica  
Matt Pientok

## Leave A Legacy...

# THROUGH THE FOUNDATION'S LOWELL NELSON SOCIETY

In 1997, the Foundation Board of Directors established the Lowell Nelson Society in honor of former District 861 Superintendent Lowell Nelson. Membership in the Society is accorded to those who help build the Foundation's endowment by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in their wills, qualified pension plans (including IRAs, 401k's, Keoghs, etc.), insurance policies, trusts, or other types of planned gifts.

**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.**



## SOCIETY MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Judy Bodway  
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Mark Godsey  
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Harriet Green  
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Joyce & Pete\* Woodworth  
(\*deceased)

# 2019-2020 APPROVED GRANT AWARDS

(Some grants cancelled due to pandemic)

- Character Counts @ Goodview
- Climbing the Walls & More
- Health Science Career Fair
- Marching Band Trip to Florida
- LEO Payday Rewards
- ALC Bike Shop
- 8th Grade Science Karst Trip
- Class Speaker
- STEM Family Night at WMS
- Celebr8
- Field Trip to Science Museum
- Small Group Space @ Goodview
- Stop, Drop & Write
- Learning Games
- Walk-it Podcasts
- Honors Econ MOA Field Trip
- Japan Trip
- College Visits
- Audio Video Supplies
- Project Core
- Young Writers' Conference
- Concordia Language Village Trip
- Sensory Play in Preschool
- Physics Force
- Sensory Path Goodview
- 2nd Grade Goes to the Theatre
- Herky Code Cart
- Rios Math Night
- 5th Grade MN Zoo Trip
- National History Day
- Task Box for DCD
- Social Skills Curriculum
- Elementary Rhythm Sticks W-K
- Elementary Rhythm Sticks Jefferson
- Elementary Rhythm Sticks Goodview

Grant Dollars Purchase A Piano



# TEACHER & STAFF PAYROLL DEDUCTION PARTICIPANTS 2019-2020

As our teachers and staff were working hard to adjust to all of the new distance learning challenges and added time, they also continued to keep the students and their education in mind by donating personally to the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools through our payroll deduction program. Please take note of the 85 staff members who participate in the Foundation's Payroll Deduction Program benefitting the Winona Area Public Schools. Their support provided nearly \$11,000 for our student's education. We are humbled by these gifts and this grand support.

## The following WAPS employees support the Foundation through the District's Payroll Deduction Plan:

Gloria Alatorre	David R. Chapman	Jon M. Hogenson	Amber J. Mlynczak	Judy M. Sanvik	Ted A. Stuckmayer
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## STAFF PAYROLL DEDUCTION *Grant Award*

The Foundation awarded two grants from the pool of staff candidates who provided payroll deduction donations to the Foundation. Terri Spartz and Kathleen Welch were chosen to spend \$250 each on educational tools and enhancements for our students. Terri Spartz purchased Innovative Headset technology for the Winona Middle School and Kathleen Welch purchased activities and learning supplies for Miller Mentoring. Thank you Terri and Kathleen for supporting the students through the Foundation's programs.

Terri Spartz and Kathleen Welch  
2019 Payroll Deduction Winners



## FOUNDATION GRANT MONEY AT WORK

The Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools reviews grant requests monthly to help to pay for things like, field trips, technology, educational supplies, music and art, books, physical education equipment, etc. This year as we became accustomed to distance learning, some typical grants were cancelled and others filled their space.

We are able to provide these wonderful benefits of education because we are provided with generous support from our donors. The Foundation is working hard to lessen the gap of budget shortfalls by providing modern equipment and resources that play a vital role in enriching education for our students. Take a look at some of the great things our grants have provided for our students.



LEO Program ALC



2019 Weinman Fund Elementary Author Visit



## THE FOUNDATION Celebrates Seniors

As memories of graduation and marching to Pomp and Circumstance swirled in our heads, we thought of the Winona Area Public School graduates who were unable to celebrate graduation in the usual way. With the recent Coronavirus that touched all of our lives in one way or another, our students were forced to celebrate graduation in ways other than accepting their diplomas standing together at Paul Giel Field. The Winona Area Public Schools followed orders set by the state and allowed a drive-by graduation. People were forced to get creative with social distanced parties and online visits.

The Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools wanted to play a small role in cheering on and recognizing our seniors by sponsoring yard signs. Thank you to our parents for organizing and creating this fun congratulatory recognition.



In speaking with senior **Marissa Lindaman**, she kept an upbeat attitude and did not let the quarantine get her down. With technology and social media, classmates stayed in touch by texting and FaceTime, or sometimes her friends would park their cars in a distanced circle and talk to each other. Marissa stated, "she wished she could have had a traditional graduation but if it had to be online, she was happy to share it with her family." She also said, "the pandemic has brought me closer to my family and made me appreciate what I took for granted like going to school, working, playing sports and spending time with my friends and family away from home." Marissa plans to attend St. Olaf in the fall and thinks there is a high chance they'll go back to normal classes.

When senior **Jonas Trombetta** was asked how he is staying connected with his friends during the pandemic, he replied, "Honestly, it hasn't really changed. I don't have that many people I talk to. Small circle. We try to do things outside though so we aren't a big Petri dish inside." He was also asked what types of changes he has heard about with his upcoming college campus. He stated, "We have a modified schedule this year. Keeping everyone on campus so people aren't traveling much." Jonas will be attending Northern Michigan in Marquette MI to study biology. Finally, I asked him if there was anything positive to come from the COVID-19 situation. Jonas replied, "I learned how to bake bread." The Trombettas shared a couple of photos from the drive-by graduation held at the Winona Senior High School.

The Foundation for WAPS is proud to support our students and wish them luck as they move on to higher education and careers. Good luck!



## DARE TO DREAM 2019/2020: Health Science in Today's World



Sandy Bussian & Kimberly Truchan

This year's Foundation for Winona Area Public School's \$5000 Dare to Dream grant was awarded to WSHS science teachers, **Sandy Bussian and Kimberly Truchan**, for **Health Science in Today's World**. The teachers wrote, "Health science is a complex and rapidly changing field of study and the goal is to provide relevant and current immersive experiences in order to prepare students in this very technical and challenging field of study." They proposed this Dare to Dream grant idea for the purpose of improving student outcomes by incorporating connections between the "real world" and textbook knowledge in the health science concurrent courses offered at Winona Senior High.

Many students take all of the health science courses currently offered at WSHS and some of the topics are difficult to conceptualize from a textbook alone. This grant request was designed to purchase models which will enhance the student understanding of the intricate and physiological workings of the human body. New neuroscience lab

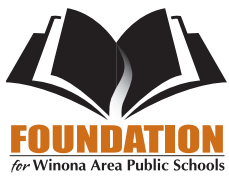
equipment, purchased with this grant money, as well as physical assessment tools like spirometers and oximeters brought the hidden world of the human body into play in educationally engaging ways.

The oximeters and muscle stimulator kits purchased have been used in the anatomy and physiology courses to bring obscure content into more understandable terms. The organic glassware purchased had students in the General Organic Biochemistry course completing labs such as distillation of hydrocarbons, extraction of essential oils from flowers, and production of esters, in an actuate and meaningful way. The new equipment has granted them the chance to learn the methods and techniques, that they will be required to be proficient with, when they perform daily healthcare duties.

In addition, the students got a better insight into health fields in today's market. The students also attended the Body Worlds exhibit at the Science Museum. The trip gave the students a better understanding of diseases and illnesses, such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, dementia, arthritis and obesity. In addition, students saw more than 100 plastinated human body specimens and got a glimpse inside the human body in a rare and authentic way.

**Congratulations to Sandy Bussian and Kimberly Truchan for Daring to Dream!!**





## 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. Using the emails collected from the Alumni Directory update, the Foundation for Winona Area Public Schools has started to reach out to alumni to share with them what is new at school and the work of the Foundation to enrich and enhance learning for students and teaching for our faculty. If you, or a family member, are a **WSHS ALUMNI** and you are not receiving an emailed newsletter, please use on the online form, found on the Foundation website at [www.foundationwaps.org/alumni](http://www.foundationwaps.org/alumni), to update your contact information.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

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**For more information, please call the Foundation at 507-494-1004 or email: [support@foundationwaps.org](mailto:support@foundationwaps.org)**

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Join us for **Nosh in Nashville** fundraising event on **February 6, 2021.**

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Thank you to the many generous and caring Foundation donors!  
 You have made it possible to enhance funding for many great educational projects and programs in the Winona Area Public Schools.

**SINCERE THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



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