

## ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

## Another Successful Year!

2015-16 was another very productive year for the Lake Park High School Educational Foundation. Dedicated to a mission of supporting and enhancing the opportunities and educational experiences of students and staff members at Lake Park High School, the Foundation continued to provide programs and services for students and staff members as well as hosting a variety of fund-raising programs to help it achieve its mission.

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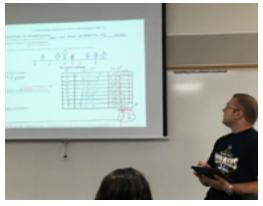
## Dreaming Big – Making a Difference

Since its inception in 1989, the Lake Park Educational Foundation has been committed to making dreams come true for the students and staff at Lake Park High School. The Foundation has supported a Funds for Excellence program that has allowed teachers to pursue innovative curricular ideas to enhance student learning by purchasing equipment and supporting programs that the regular school district budget is unable to fund. The Foundation has supported annual *scholarships* to help students fulfill the dream of extending their education beyond high school. Through its **Emergency Support Fund**, the Foundation has provided students from families in need with meals and funding to help them take advanced placement exams as well as ACT test preparation classes. Finally, through a major fund-raising effort, the Foundation worked with the school to build a beautiful **Memorial Garden** at the West Campus as well as enhance a

similar garden at the East Campus.



West Campus students using the "Collaboration Station" purchased through a Foundation grant



Mathematics teacher, Ben Bishop using the IPad purchased through a Foundation Grant to aid instruction in his "Flipped Classroom"

But, this is just a beginning. This year, the Foundation will be working with students, faculty, staff, and the school's administrators to generate ideas and spearhead a project that would have a significant impact on the school.

The following pages will provide additional information about the above programs and what the Foundation is doing to make a difference at Lake Park, so please read on.

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# EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD

#### **OFFICERS**

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Rebecca Wyatt, Exec. Director

## New Foundation Board Members

The Foundation will welcome five new members to its Board beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Kara Roll, will be replacing retiring faculty Board member Lynne Benson and Lake Park alumni David Pileski and Alex Tumminaro will be replacing retiring Board members Tom Della Penna and Ann Stacy. Additionally, Niko Callas, Class of 2017, and Shyam Upadhyay, Class of 2018, will be joining the Foundation Board as student representatives.



#### **FOUNDATION PROGRAMS**

## College Scholarships: \$18,000

This year the Foundation awarded 24 scholarships to help students pursuing their education after graduation from high school. Since 2010 the Foundation has

ABOUT OUR
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

awarded 126 scholarships totaling \$108,100. Individuals can donate directly to one of four Foundation scholarships, or they can create an annual scholarship in honor or memory of a loved one that the Foundation would publicize, administer, and work with the donor to determine selection criteria. The benefit of the Foundation's scholarship program may best be expressed by two recent scholarship recipients:

"The Foundation scholarship I received will help me be one step closer to pursuing my dream to attend Carthage College and successfully pursue a nursing career. Words cannot describe how much I appreciate this award."

"I am much honored to be a Foundation scholarship recipient. I will be attending COD in the fall with a goal to eventually earn a Bachelor's Degree in computer science at a university. I appreciate your confidence and willingness to help me achieve my goals."

## Funds for Excellence Grants: \$12,141

The Funds for Excellence program continues to be an important means to help teachers obtain support, materials, and equipment for innovative ideas and instructional approaches that are beyond the means of the regular school district budget. This year the Foundation awarded teacher-developed grants to support a collaborative effort by teachers to build on the relationship between student fitness and learning, to aid student-teacher collaboration in research, to support the development of student leadership skills, and to support an innovative approach to teaching and learning in mathematics classrooms. Over the past six years, the Foundation has awarded over \$70,000 in grants to directly aid teachers and students.





Using Fitbit activity trackers, purchased through a Foundation grant, a cross-departmental team of teachers was able to improve the overall performance of students in their classes.

FUNDS FOR EXCELLENCE GRANTS INFORMATION

## Emergency Need and Support Fund: \$4,090

The Emergency Need and Support Fund provides assistance for school-related expenses to Lake Park students in financial need. The Fund also provides free breakfast and lunch coupons for students whose families are facing financial challenges but do not qualify for the federal free/reduced lunch program.

By also assisting students in need with field trip, ACT prep class, and Advanced Placement exam costs, the Emergency Need and Support Fund exemplifies the Foundation goal to make a difference for students and help them dream of doing things that would be financially difficult for them to achieve without support of the fund. As a testament to the fund's effectiveness, during 2015-16 there was almost a 95% increase from the previous school year in the number of students who benefitted from the fund's support.

Three recent thank you notes from students illustrate the impact of the program:

"I greatly appreciate the Foundation for providing me with the opportunity to take my AP exams. I benefited greatly from this opportunity and can't thank the Foundation enough. Their contribution has helped me save money by earning college credit as a high school student."

"Thanks to the Lake Park
Educational Foundation
I was given an incredible
opportunity to succeed. The
ACT prep class allowed me to

get training and preparation which I don't think I could have previously afforded. As a result, my ACT score improved by 4 points and I couldn't be happier with the results."

"Thank you for the opportunity to take the ACT prep class. Without this class I wouldn't have been able to achieve the score I was aiming for. This opportunity allowed me to aim for a score that would allow me to go to the college of my choice. Again, thank you for making this possible."

#### **EMERGENCY NEED AND SUPPORT FUND**

#### Businesses, Individuals, and Companies Making Donations to Support Various Foundation Programs/Events

Amalfi's Restaurant

Animal Medical Center of Itasca

Anyway's American Grill and Pub

Athletico

Mr. & Mrs. Basso

David Bednash

Kathy & T.J. Blair

Bloomingdale Animal Hospital

Bloomingdale Golf Club

Bloomingdale Park District

Bonefish

Brianna's Flowers

Brunch Café

Brookfield Zoo

Buffalo Wild Wings

Campanelli YMCA

Capital Genealogy

David Carmona

Chicago Bears

Chicago Blackhawks

Chicago Bulls Chicago Pastry Anne Coppola Delish Cakes

Dino's Café

Egg Harbor Café

**Entertainment Cruises** 

Helen Figaro

Chuck FioRito

Fred Astaire Dance Studio

Friendly Ford

Hair by Grace

Headlines

Hit It! Fitness

Hilton Garden Inn - Addison

Hilton Indian Lakes

HR Imaging

**HST Materials** 

Itasca Park District

Izakaya Yume Restaurant

Jameson's Charhouse

Jennifer Jungel

John and Tony's

Lake Park Band Auxiliary

Lake Park Booster Club

Lake Park Choral Parent Assoc.

Lake Park High School

Lake Park Math Department

Lake Park Theatre

Lake Park Woods Class

Level 257 Experience

Dan & Kim Lobraco

Lucky Strike

Lynfred Winery

, Maggiano's Little Italy

Lou Malnati's

Marriott Resorts, Lincolnshire

Medinah Park District

Menards

Men's Warehouse

Paramount Theatre

Nancy Pelletier

Pinot's Palette

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Pilot Pete's

Platt Hill Nursery

Karen Probst

Ravinia

Roselle Garden Club

Roselle Park District

Howard & Karen Samek

Sam's Club

Salt Creek Golf Club

Schaumburg Boomers

Schaumburg Park District

Shedd Aquarium

Smashburger

Beth & Dan Sommers

Spavone's

Ann Stacy

Suburban Tire

Tasting deVine

Tree Guys

**Vertical Endeavors** 

Village Tavern and Grill, Carol

Stream

Village Tavern and Grill,

Schaumburg

Wheaton College

Wild Nails

Paula Winfield

Za Za's Italian Steakhouse



#### **FOUNDATION EVENTS**

## Spirit of Excellence Program

Each year the Foundation recognizes students, faculty, and classified staff members for their excellence, leadership, and achievement in a Spirit of Excellence banquet program that also honors alumni who have gone on to achieve distinction in their careers. The senior students recognized at this annual program for demonstrating the *Characteristics of the Ideal Lake Park Graduate* were nominated for consideration by teachers, counselors, and parents. This year's three distinguished alums, Susan Blair, Copy Chief for TIME Magazine; Dean Gronemeier, musician, attorney, and university professor; and Tim Laurie,



Dr. Tim Laurie Meeting With Students

# doctor of internal medicine and gastroenterology, also spent the day with students reflecting on their high school years and sharing insights on what allowed them to achieve success in their lives. The Spirit of Excellence program continues to be a major community event showcasing the quality of the Lake Park educational experience both past and present.

## **Golf Outing at Medinah**



The Foundation held its annual golf outing on August 3, 2015, at the world-renowned Medinah Country Club, home of the 2012 Ryder Cup. Thirty-six golfers had an opportunity to challenge their skills on Medinah's renowned #2 course and then enjoyed a dinner overlooking the beauty of the course on a picture-perfect day.

#### Commencement Box Suites

Each year the Lake Park High School
Educational Foundation offers box
suites to parents at graduation. This
year, proceeds from the sale of box
suites netted a profit of \$4,192. Families
purchasing a box suite are given
preferred parking and a place to take in
the graduation ceremony in a reserved
setting with family members while enjoying
refreshments provided by the Foundation.



**COMMENCEMENT BOX SUITES** 

## 2016 Spirit of Excellence

#### STUDENT HONOREES

Ariana Aloisio Lauren Kim Kaela Beugnet Piotr Lada Maryam Butt Daniel Lamz Sarah Cillick Samuel Little Sofia Defino Anne Mou Noel FioRito Lilv Nickisch Daniel Hynes Skye Palumbo Matthew Reilly Emily Joyce Kaitlyn Keith Joshua Solarz



2016 Spirit of Excellence Students



2016 Spirit of Excellence student Kaela Beugnet with Kathy Lovelace-Birk, the Lake Park teacher she chose as being a significant influence

#### **FACULTY/STAFF HONOREES**

Aimee Allison Tom Kaberna Kelly Sheridan Diane Stratton

SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE INFORMATION

## Night of Fine Dining and Theatre

On December 11, 2015, the East Campus cafeteria was transformed into a magical place where parents and community members could

NIGHT OF FINE DINING & THEATRE

sample from an elegant menu of winter tasting delights prepared by **Lake Park culinary students**. Prior to attending the drama production of "It's a Wonderful Life," evening guests had an opportunity to participate in a silent auction that raised more than \$6,400 to support various Foundation projects. Mark your calendars for this year's Night of Fine Dining and Theatre on December 9, 2016. As part of the dinner package, guests will receive reserved seating to the winter play, "A Charlie Brown Christmas."



## **Retiree Reunion**

On April 27, 2016, the Foundation hosted a retiree reunion luncheon at the Bloomingdale Golf Club banquet facility. 57 retirees had an opportunity to reconnect while reminiscing about their time at Lake Park. Special thanks go out to Lake Park retirees Diane Semro and Barb Smith for coordinating the event.





The following volunteers were indispensible in assisting with one or more of this year's Foundation events:

Anna Abbinante

Laura Bladel

Carol Blanchard

Mark Boroughf

**Kay Cahill** 

Janet Constien

Valerie Della Penna

Marjorie Frank

Virginia Harper

Jennifer Henderson

Darlene Itoh

Lake Park Art Club

Lake Park Custodial/ Maintenance Staff

Lake Park Technology & Engineering Students

Lake Park Jazz Ensemble

Lake Park NHS Students

Patrice Lovelace

**Dominic Manola** 

Nancy Oswald

Deb Peltz

Joanne Pusateri

**Mandy Reaves** 

Jim Roberts

Diane Semro

**Barb Smith** 

**Beth Sommers** 

Paula Winfield

Lauren Zalon

## Upcoming Foundation

Mark your calendars to be a part of these exciting events!

Night of Fine Dining & Theatre and Silent Auction

December 9, 2016

East Campus

**Spirit of Excellence Dinner** 

April 20, 2017

**Medinah Shriners** 

**Commencement Box Suites** 

May 25, 2017

Sears Center

**Annual Golf Outing** 

June 19, 2017

Bloomingdale Golf Club



## Foundation Members and Volunteers Assist at the Northern Illinois Food Bank

In an effort to reach out to those in need and to provide community support, members of the Lake Park Educational Foundation and volunteers assisted at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Through their efforts, they were able to pack 11,585 pounds of food which would provide 9,654 meals for needy northern Illinois families.

# **That's Caring** and **Amazon Smile**Partnerships

The Foundation recently entered into a partnership with That's Caring that will enable it to earn 20% from each purchase from this company. That's Caring offers unique gifts, including baked goods, wine & cheese baskets, and confections that make wonderful gifts. As an added benefit, part of the proceeds from each sale helps feed local children through the Northern Illinois Food Bank Weekend Bag Program.

Visit the Foundation's That's Caring page, **here** and find the perfect gift!



The Foundation has also entered into a partnership with Amazon that will allow it to earn a percentage on all purchases made using Amazon Smile. To help the Foundation, start each online shopping trip at Amazon Smile and make the Lake Park Educational Foundation your preferred charity.

To learn more, click here.



## Meet The New Executive Director



On January 1, Rebecca Wyatt became the Foundation's new executive director. A Lake Park alum, Rebecca was previously the Volunteer Program Manager for the Naperville Area Humane Society, where she managed over 300 volunteers, designed policies for various programs, created monthly newsletters, organized outreach events, and coordinated training programs. She has served on various boards, including the District 13 Educational Foundation. The Foundation looks forward to Rebecca's leadership and organizational skills in helping the Foundation serve the needs of all those who call Lake Park home.

## Jennifer Jungel Retires



Jennifer Jungel retired as executive director of the Lake Park Educational Foundation in December 2015. Under Jennifer's leadership, the Foundation was not only able to initiate the Night of Fine Dining and Theatre, Spirit of Excellence, and Emergency Need and Support programs, but also worked with the District to build a Memorial Garden at the West Campus. During Jennifer's eight years of service, the Foundation was able to successfully build on its scholarship and teacher grant programs while maintaining a financial base that will allow it to continue to serve Lake Park's students, teachers, and staff. Thank you, Jennifer, for your leadership and commitment to making a difference for Lake Park High School.

#### Individuals and Families Sponsoring Scholarships

Altier Family
Dr. Gary Annunziata
Barclay Family
Family of Scott Bradley
Family of Daniel Christophe, Jr.
Joe Cychosz
Family of Amanda Dombrowski
Family of Gaylon H. Elliott
Family of Chris Frizzelle
Family of Donald Lovelace
Neis Family

## Organizations Sponsoring Scholarships

Lake Park Badminton
Lake Park Italian-American Club
Lake Park Soccer Club
Itasca Lions Club
Lake Park High School
Educational Foundation

# OTHER WAYS TO HELP THE FOUNDATION

The Lake Park High School Educational Foundation relies on donations to fund the programs described in this report, such as the Emergency Need and Support Fund, Funds for Excellence Grants, or one of the Foundation's scholarships. Your generosity helps the Foundation support the quality of excellence at Lake Park that sets it apart from other schools and provides its students with a foundation for success in whatever endeavor they pursue. The Lake Park Educational Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged with a letter for tax purposes. If you have any questions or wish to discuss a contribution, sponsorship, or planned gift, please contact Executive Director Rebecca Wyatt at (630) 295-5264 or at <a href="mailto:rwyatt@lphs.org">rwyatt@lphs.org</a>. Your gift of any amount helps the Foundation achieve its mission of making a difference for the students, faculty, and staff of Lake Park High School!

Make a contribution on our secure website at www.lphs.org/foundation or send

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a check to Lake Park Educational Foundation, Lake Park High School, 590 South Medinah Road, Roselle, Illinois 60172, ATTN: Rebecca Wyatt. You may specify the program to which you wish to

donate. Also, please let us know if your company provides a matching gift for your donation (contact us for assistance if you're not sure).

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CLICK HERE FOR EVENT INFORMATION

**Participate in Foundation events** such as the Night of Fine Dining and Theatre, The Spirit of Excellence Awards Program, and the Annual Golf Outing.

Planned Giving: Help ensure excellence at Lake Park High School for future students by naming the Lake Park High School Educational Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan. Your estate planning attorney will be able to assist your efforts in doing this. By notifying us of your desire to do this, we will be able to recognize you for your future gift and keep you informed about our activities.

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION** 

**Volunteering:** The Lake Park High School Educational Foundation welcomes volunteers to plan or assist with one of its various programs.

Volunteers are always welcome and it is a good way to determine if working with the Foundation is something you would like to do on a more regular basis.

# Testimonials from Foundation Sponsors

Following is a sample of reasons why donors support the Lake Park Educational Foundation.

"Lake Park and the Foundation are near and dear to my heart. I know the good the Foundation does for the students and staff of Lake Park. Supporting the Foundation is a very worthwhile thing to do."

John Binneboese, Itasca Bank and Trust, Roselle

"I have been a supporter of the Lake Park Educational Foundation because the Foundation has always supported me and my department."

Deb Vogel, Retired Lake Park Teacher

"Electri-Flex has always believed in the enhancement of education. The Lake Park Educational Foundation is a perfect vehicle to make our vision a reality."

Blue Kinander Kelly, Electri-Flex Company

"For so many years in multiple ways the LPEF has continued to provide essential resources which enable and encourage the creativity of teachers while also providing numerous program and scholarship opportunities to enhance the learning, inquiry, and social development of Lake Park's students."

Dr. David Smith, Retired Lake Park Superintendent





## Foundation Partners

Through their generous support, the following partners have helped the Lake Park High School Educational Foundation achieve its goals by making a difference in the lives of students and staff members at Lake Park High School.

## **Corporate Sponsors**

Gold Sponsor - \$5,000



Silver Sponsor - \$3,000





Blue Sponsor - \$1,000











White Sponsor - \$500





## **Individual Donors**

The following individuals donated to support various Foundation programs. It is through the generosity of these individuals that the Foundation was able to do the things it does in support of Lake Park High School's students, faculty, and community.

#### Students, Parents, Friends, Community Members - \$9,285

Timothy Dublin Armella Rada K. Scott Abrams Caitlin Lang Brvan Eisenhard Claire Adachi Matthew Latoria Sophia Raitano Zachary Aehlert Jean Ann V. Eckert Rvan Litt William Rice Erica Lombardo Roselle Park District Garden Club Joseph Amore Helen Figaro

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Jennifer Hauser

Sahil Patel

Nathan Williams

Iris Castro

Brooke Heitman

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Casey Darre Katelynn Kurtz Michael Prell
Tom Della Penna Lake Park Class of 1965 Michael Ptak

Lake Park Class of 1975

Dr. Mary O'Reilly-Kehoe

## Lake Park Faculty and Staff Members - \$15,050

Aimee Allison Philip Groark Frank Matas Kristeen Riforgiato Ronald Alm Jeanne Hamacher Todd Mickley Jim Roberts Melissa Barger Benjamin Hare Andrea Miller Chris Rolek Kelly Baugher Kristin Harrington Tracy Mize Kara Roll Jennifer Henderson Julie Bausch Tim Moran Bill Roloff Chris Benak Jeff Henrikson Barbara Murray Andrew Rupnick Benjamin Bishop Mike Howard Rosa Novielli Andrea Safranek Lynne Benson Jay Ivory Elizabeth Olinski Jeff Sichz Michael Bundalo Carolyn Jonasen Sue O'Neil Youla Simos Ashley Castellanos Jennifer Jungel Nancy Oswald Ian Smith Kristina Stanis Dan Colucci Tom Kaberna Lynne Panega Janet Constien Sara Keith Tony Parrillo Jeanne Tasch Anne Coppola Patricia Klein Cathy Patzner Together Helping Others

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#### Lake Park Retirees - \$3,960

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Daniel Defino

Alberta Apuzzo Dr. & Mrs. G. Allan Gogo Beverly Mazola-Panagiotaros Dr. & Mrs. David Smith Jim & Peggy Benzin Carol Koszola Fred Photos Joselle Ulin-Roloff James & Debra Rupnick David & Claudia Victor Dean Bladel Sandra Menze Nancy & Harvey Braus Janet & Richard Scoles Larry Mings Debra Voqel

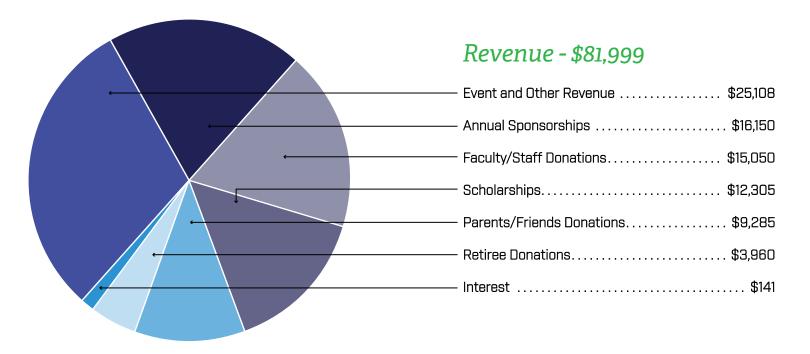
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Barbara Smith



## Financial Picture - 2015-2016

The Lake Park Foundation relies on various revenue sources to fund the programs it supports. Following is a breakdown of these revenue sources and expenses for 2015-2016.



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All Funds:

\$125,733

## Foundation Activities Throughout The Year















The students of Lake Park High School thank you for your continued support of the Foundation





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