



26th Annual Gala

The 916 Education Foundation held its 26th Annual Gala on Friday, February 24 at Jimmy's in Vadnais Heights. Over 160 guests gathered to raise funds for the students and programs of Northeast Metro 916. The evening featured an hors d'oeuvres dinner buffet and cocktails, and silent and live auctions. The event raised \$30,678, including the Fund-a-Need's \$9,506 to support the purchase of accessible playground equipment for Pankalo Education Center, a new K-8 special education facility opening for students fall 2017.

The Foundation would like to thank all of the individuals and businesses for their generous donations to the live and silent auction, and to the many individuals who participated in the pledge drive that evening.

From the 916 Foundation Board of Directors

Greetings!

This past year marks another successful one for the 916 Education Foundation! Our Foundation members, business associates, friends, and 916 district staff all stepped forward once again in support of our mission by generously participating in our annual fundraising efforts.



As always, our successful year started with the annual fall membership drive and ended with another successful golf tournament – an event that marked its 30th year!

In between those two fundraising events was the winter Gala, from which the “Fund-a-Need” portion raised funds to support the specialized playground equipment for Pankalo Education Center, a new K-8 learning facility that opens this fall to serve member districts and their students and families in the southern and eastern portions of the Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District.

This year's Gala event also saw the presentation of the 2015-16 “Outstanding Benefactor” award to All Northeast Metro 916 employees. This was a recognition that the Foundation Board felt was richly deserved for all of the dedicated service and support our staff bring, not only in support of the Foundation's mission, but more importantly, the difference they make in the lives of our students and their families every year!

Each year we see the stories of our students succeeding in their educational programs and life skills pursuits, and the 916 Education Foundation is proud to be a part of supporting these students, acknowledging our staff, and enhancing our specialized learning programs! It is a pleasure for us to share a number of these stories in this newsletter.

Gary D. Benson
President

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SCHOLARSHIPS

916 Education Foundation General Scholarships

During 2016-17, the Foundation awarded 45 scholarships in amounts of \$500, \$750, or \$1,000 to students who will be attending any post-secondary institution. Recipients of the scholarships were:

Centennial

Padra Moua (Dental Occupations) and Kayln Sheak-Blair (Medical Careers)

Irondale

Mackenzie Glaser (Animal Science), Lila Hallett (Cosmetology), and Morgan Matlock (Computer Hardware/Software)

Mounds View

Sammy Mishal (EMT)

North

Jennifer Cortes Olanda (Dental Occupations), Brayan Rivas (Law Enforcement), and Youala Yang (Dental Occupations)

Tartan

Ryan Palecek (Law Enforcement), Katelynn Peterson (Dental Occupations), Zachary Schmidt (EMT), and Thein Thanh Vo (Medical Careers)

Roseville

Eh Ehcho Dwe (Medical Careers), Serianna Nath (EMT), Eh Paw (Law Enforcement), and Salda Say (Medical Careers)

White Bear Lake

Jemma Paulson (Law Enforcement), Alena Rousseau (Medical Careers), and Andrew Schommer (EMT)

Mahtomedi

Brock Halverson (Construction Occupations)

East Ridge

Abdalla Abdelrahman (Computer Hardware/Software), Nina Bui (Dental Occupations), and Lucas Lindquist (Computer Hardware/Software)

Park

Lexie Carlson (Law Enforcement), Calista Hernandez (Education/Human Services), and Jack Yeo (E-Marketing)

Woodbury

Otta Johnson (Construction Occupations), Scout McCullum (Medical Careers), Shannon Motzko (EMT), and Megan Sorensen (Medical Careers)

Stillwater

Sara Jorgensen (Design & Digital Media), Eric Longnecker (Computer Hardware/Software), and Mitchell McGhee (Construction Occupations)



Arthur N. Nelson Scholarship

ACR Homes Inc.'s Arthur N. Nelson Scholarship Program supports post-secondary study in psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, education, or a related field. The 2016-17 recipient of \$1,000 was Cynthia Yang from Woodbury.

Dean Bogie Automotive Technician Memorial Scholarship

The family of Dean Bogie, in partnership with the 916 Education Foundation, has established a \$500 scholarship for students who are continuing their post-secondary education in the automotive technology field. The 2016-17 recipient was Thomas Zellmer from Mahtomedi.

916 Education Foundation Area Learning Center Scholarships

The 916 Education Foundation established six \$300 scholarships for graduates from East View Academy, Metro Heights Academy, and 916 Mahtomedi Academy for use toward their post-secondary education. The 2016-17 recipients were: Abdirahman Adan (Metro Heights), Trisha Rae Bixler (Metro Heights), Katarina Pearsall (916 Mahtomedi), Andre Manuel (916 Mahtomedi), and Eliezer Lima (East View).

916 Education Foundation Construction Occupations Scholarship

The 916 Education Foundation established a \$500 post-secondary scholarship for high school seniors from our member districts planning to continue their education in the construction occupations field. The 2016-17 recipient was Matthew Odegaard from Park.

Venbug Tire Company Scholarship

Venbug Tire Company, in partnership with the 916 Education Foundation, established a \$500 post-secondary scholarship for students in selected member district high schools planning to continue their education in the automotive field. The 2016-17 recipient was Thomas Zellmer from Mahtomedi.

White Bear Smiles Dental Careers Scholarship

White Bear Smiles, in partnership with the 916 Education Foundation, established a \$500 post-secondary scholarship for students in selected member district high schools planning to continue their education in the dental assisting field. The 2016-17 recipient was Madelaine Shelton from White Bear Lake.

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The 916 Education Foundation has recognized the following former directors as Emeritus for their outstanding contributions:

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FUNDING



Sources of Funding

Gala – Our annual dinner and silent auction was held at Jimmy’s in Vadnais Heights and raised \$30,678. The Fund-A-Need raised \$9,506 to support the purchase of accessible playground equipment for Pankalo Education Center, a new K-8 special education facility opening for students fall 2017.

Golf Tournament – \$15,762 was raised during the annual golf outing at Indian Hills Golf Club in Stillwater.

Gifts – Individuals, businesses, and organizations make one-time cash gifts or deferred bequests.

Memberships – Individuals, businesses, and organizations can join the 916 Education Foundation. The membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. The six categories of membership for 2017-18 are:

Legacy Members	\$5,000 or more*
Platinum Members	\$2,500 or more annually
Gold/Business Partner Members	\$1,000 or more annually
Silver Members	\$500 or more annually
Club Members	\$250 or more annually
Bronze Members	\$30 or more annually

* Either a one-time contribution or a future pledge to the Endowment Fund

Business Partners Program

The 916 Education Foundation is pleased to recognize Kraus-Anderson Construction Company, Inc. and Marsh & McLennan Agency as Business Partners of the Foundation by becoming a member at the \$1,000 Gold/Business Partner level.

Employee Recognition

- Employee recognition by administrative leadership team (district-wide)
- Well-being initiative activities (district-wide)
- Service award and retiree recognition gifts

Student Recognition

As a part of its Student of the Month Recognition Program, the 916 Education Foundation awards \$20 Barnes & Noble gift cards in 15 different programs and recognizes students who have achieved personal goals, shown remarkable improvement, and are striving to reach their potential.

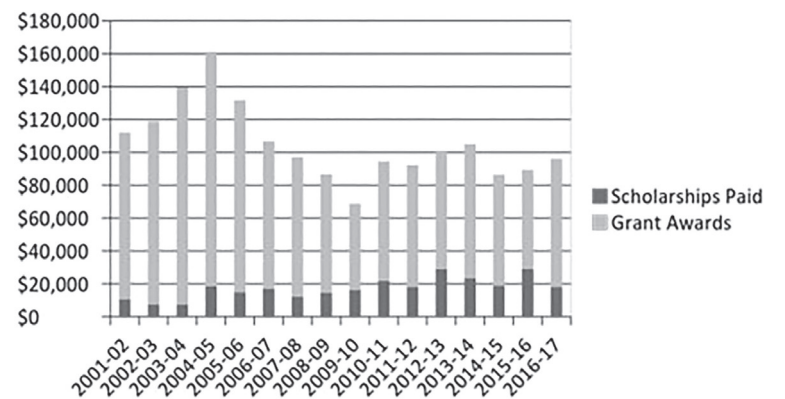
916 Education Foundation Gives Back to Students and Staff

B/VI Team Awarded Grant for Low-Vision Devices

Joni Purrington from the 916 Education Foundation awarded the 916 Blind/Visually Impaired (B/VI) team with a grant to support the expansion of the low-vision assessment kit to include more low-vision devices. Low-vision devices are necessary for students who struggle with distance vision to gain access to the classroom, as well as the community. These devices are benefiting the seven teachers who are serving 70 students with low vision.



Scholarships Paid & Grant Awards



2016-17 BOARD BENEFACTORS

These individuals, organizations, and businesses provided monetary or in-kind contributions to the Foundation:

- AmazonSmile Foundation
- American Family Insurance
- Paul D. Anderson, D.D.S.
- Mary Anne Cummings
- Dan and Julie Fleming
- Freedom by Design
- Curt and Elizabeth Gjengdahl
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- Marsh & McLennan Companies
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- State Farm Companies Foundation
- Fred and Stella Treiber
- Shelley Walsh
- Anne and Michael Welsh
- The White Bear Lake Rotary Foundation
- Steven and Linda Wiza
- Drs. Roger and Kay Worner

Outstanding Benefactor

All Northeast Metro 916 employees were recognized for their commitment and generous donations of monetary resources, their time, and their talents which have been the contributing backbone of the Foundation’s success.

EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAM NEEDS



During 2016-17, the 916 Education Foundation provided financial support to Northeast Metro 916's programs with the following grants:

Alternate Learning Program (ALP)/Creative Alternatives Program (CAP)-Capitol View Center (CVC)

- SOAR Store (PBIS) Reward Program
- PBIS Target Gift Cards
- Experiential Education Outings
- Student Leadership
- STEM Materials
- Yearbook
- "Sherlock Holmes" Production
- Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

ALP-John Glenn and Valley Crossing

- PBIS & Student Incentives
- Raptor Center Site Visit

ALP -John Glenn

- As You See It Artist in Residency
- Swimming/Community Outing
- Osmo

ALP-Valley Crossing

- As You See It Artist in Residency

Auditory/Oral

- Field Trip to Community Farm
- Como Zoo Penguin Program

Bellaire Education Center

- SOAR Store (PBIS) Reward Program
- School Library
- Women's Group Experience
- Rock Climbing Field Trip
- Healthy Living Initiative

Bellaire Education Center/WELS-North

- Helping Hands Emergency Fund

Blind/Visually Impaired

- Low Vision Assessment Kit

Career & Technical Center

- Student Ambassador Program

Creative Alternatives Program

- Art Projects

Deaf/Hard of Hearing

- Self-Advocacy and Social Event

District-Wide

- Employee Anniversary (3 and 5 years)
- Well-Being Program
- Employee Recognition by Administrative Leadership Team
- Employee Recognition Event Awards (20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 Years, and Retirees)

Karner Blue Education Center

- GoAnimate for Mindfulness
- Social Work Resource Closet
- Parent Night
- Black Bear, Loon and Walleye
- Autism Steam Roller
- HelpKidszLearn App Subscription

South Campus

- Como Zoo Outreach Program
- Bowling for Lifelong Skills

WELS-North

- SOAR Store Reward Program
- Women's Group Experience

WELS-South

- A Calming Force Artist in Residency

916 EDUCATION FOUNDATION FINANCIAL PICTURE

REVENUE

Membership Drive.....	\$54,446
Gala.....	\$33,760
Gala Fund-a-Need.....	\$9,506
Golf Tournament.....	\$30,560
Other Contributions.....	\$9,347
Investment Growth.....	\$30,266
Distribution-Endowment.....	\$16,468
TOTAL.....	\$184,353

EXPENSES

Scholarships Paid.....	\$18,250
Grants Paid.....	\$77,807
Membership.....	\$8,602
Gala.....	\$12,588
Golf Tournament.....	\$14,798
General Operating.....	\$26,100
TOTAL.....	\$158,145

2016-2017 Endowment Fund Total..... \$446,752

2016-17 MEMBERSHIPS

Many individuals, businesses, and organizations make undesignated gifts to the 916 Education Foundation.

Legacy
\$5,000 or more*

E. Dale Birkeland
 Connie & Chuck Hayes
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 Don E. Lifto
 Kent Lungstrom
 Charles W. Oswald
 Norm and Joan Purrington
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\$2,500 or more annually

Marsh & McLennan Agency,
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\$1,000 or more annually

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 David Paehlke
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 Brianna Peterson
 Ann Peterson
 Scott Pierce
 Kayna Plaisted
 Sally Poesch
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 Jamie Super



Bronze
\$30 or more annually

Katherine Alberg
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 Anita Bajenio
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 Linda Zahradka
 Chris Zschau



Silver
\$500 or more annually

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 Sullivan
 Joni Purrington
 Sandy Strand
 Rob Weber

Club
\$250 or more annually

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 Andrea Anderson
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 Peggy Armstrong-Larsen
 Melissa Barg
 Brittany Beaudette
 Tammy Bednar
 Rachel Benedict
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 Doug Hicks
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 Kevin Horst
 Lauren Hoyt
 Lois Jacobson
 Amy Johncox
 Gwen Johnson
 Steve Johnson
 Matthew Johnston
 Lynn Jutz
 Joe Kelzenberg
 Karen Kepple
 Kelly Kraus Gahie
 Kate Krzenski
 Kevin Kumlin
 Bill Kurdziel
 Kelly Quinn LaBarre
 David Lang
 Erick Lehet
 Laura Leslie
 Theresa Londo
 Brenda Luna
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 Jamie Mair
 Megan McAllister
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 Mary McGuire
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 Megan Wagner
 Jody Waldo
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30TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 30th Annual Golf Tournament was held June 13 at Indian Hills Golf Club in Stillwater. Nearly 100 golfers helped raise \$15,762. Several donors contributed to the event with golfer gifts, door prizes, and raffle items. Thank you to the following sponsors:

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and Superintendent Mark Larson*
MMKR

SAVE THE DATE

- Membership Drive: September 2017
- Gala: February 23, 2018 at North Metro Event Center
- Golf Tournament: June 12, 2018 at Indian Hills Golf Club

FOUNDATION GRANTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS' LIVES

WELS South Completes Artist-in-Residence Program

Students at WELS South completed a two-week artist-in-residence program "Nature: A Calming Force." The program, funded through a Foundation grant, encouraged students to explore art and nature while also practicing social skills. According to former WELS South teacher Erin Phelps-Stark, who works with artist Kris Gausman on the program, said the teamwork was amazing. "Kris and I witnessed calming and coping strategies that brought students to higher levels of accomplishment. In turn we observed respectful interactions and conclusions between staff and students when things were going awry." The program culminated with an art show for students to proudly display their work.



Students Explore Eagle Bluff Education Center

This spring, middle school students from Creative Alternative Program and Alternate Learning Program at Capitol View Center explored Eagle Bluff Education Center in Lanesboro, Minnesota. In addition to important outdoor skills, students had the opportunity to practice their science, humanities and communication skills in a hands-on environment. The 916 Foundation provided funding to help make this opportunity possible.

