

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

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FOUNDATION

School's Out For Summer!



For many of us summer is a time of rest, travel, and family get togethers. However, here at Scottsbluff Public Schools Foundation we will use this break in student activity to reflect on the impact YOU have made during the 21/22 school year through your generous donations. This year alone YOU have funded 5 new scholarships for high school seniors. These funds allow graduating seniors to follow their educational dreams. YOU have donated \$10,000 towards classroom grants to be awarded to teachers for innovative classroom enrichment experiences. School budgets are always tight and this allows teachers to be creative and add experiences that would otherwise not be possible. Students lives are being impacted by your generosity.

We will also use this time to look forward to next year. What are our organizational goals and how

will we accomplish them? One thing is certain, we need YOU! Your financial support is what makes these things possible. Scottsbluff Public Schools are stronger because of YOU. Students are achieving at higher levels with your support. Our town and business community are stronger in part, from your support of the SBPS Foundation!

FROM THE BOARD

Becky Jones

I'm a fourth generation Scottsbluffian (is that a word?), and a third generation Bearcat. My three sons attend Scottsbluff Public Schools; in fact, the past two years, I've had one in elementary school, one in middle school and one at the high school. To their teachers: I really try to read all the emails...I really try.

When a friend asked me to consider joining the Scottsbluff Public Schools Foundation Board with her last year, I knew that it was a place I could give back some sliver of what educators have invested in me and my family over the last few decades.

I attended Westmoor Elementary, BMS, and graduated from SHS with the class of 2004, and completed my teaching degree via distance learning at Chadron State College while living and working in Scottsbluff. I had the opportunity to do observation hours, student teaching, and substituting at various Scottsbluff



schools, culminating in a position as a fifth grade teacher at Longfellow Elementary. I only worked there for one year, but have had the opportunity to return year after year as a parent. In fact, this is my last year of being a Longfellow Razorback parent, a privilege I've had since 2012!

As a college student, a teacher and a parent, I've been in and out of nearly every school building in the district in the last two decades, and the common denominator in every building is a group of people who are deeply dedicated to the well-being of kids in our community. Teacher's lounges are full of professionals who share concerns and recommendations over what is supposed to be their lunch break. Administrator's offices are revolving doors of our district's principals mentoring and investing in their staff so they can help the children in their buildings thrive. And the classrooms! That's where the magic really happens. Our teachers show up day after day, determined to try anything to reach every child entrusted to them.

I am especially excited about the career academies, career and technical education opportunities and the way our school district creates so many paths to success for our students. When I was in high school, post-secondary choices seemed narrow - you either attended a four year college, enlisted in the military, or got a job after high school. Because I was a teen mom, and therefore a non-traditional college student, I'm thrilled to see all the different ways young adults can find their way because of the educational opportunities available to them in our community, both within the walls of the high school, and with community partners.

Giving to the Scottsbluff Public Schools Foundation is truly investing in the heart of our community. In just two meetings I've attended as a new board member, I've learned about new playground equipment for all elementary schools, community partnerships for high school students and a long list of scholarships for students on their way out into the wider world. The Foundation is dedicated to investing in all students at every stage of development, and connecting with alumni like me who have reaped the benefits of such a dedicated community of educators. I invite you to support the work of this community financially and be a part of all the amazing things happening in our district, or reach out and share your story today about how SBPS has impacted you.



Have you purchased your Bearcat Pride Paver yet? We will be taking orders for custom pavers through August. This is a great way to remember family members who have graduated from SHS or who plan on graduating from SHS. We have two sizes to choose from, starting at \$100.00 For more information visit our website sbpsfoundation.com or call Beth at 308-981-2917.

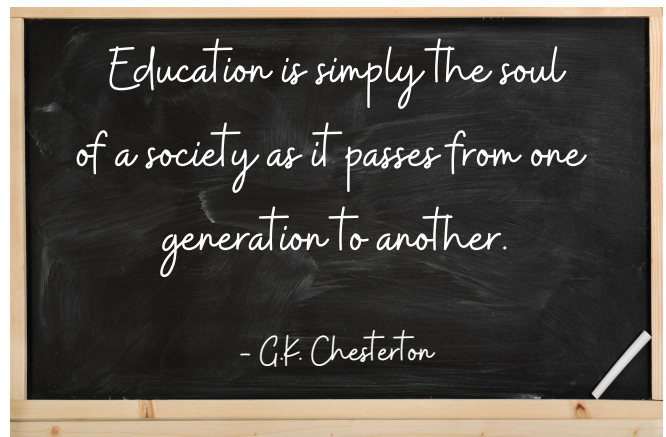


Scholarships



Steve McMillan and Marion Gretzinger Golden Rule Scholarship recipient, Brittani Perez.

Scholarships offered through the SBPS Foundation have grown in number over the years. We currently have 15 scholarships available: The Kelley Bean AG, Food and Natural Resources Scholarship, the Steven Green Memorial Scholarship, the Shelter Insurance Scholarship, two West Education Scholarships, three Grow Our Own Teacher Scholarships, and added this year, three Michael F. Ferguson Memorial Scholarships, the Lieberman Family Scholarship, the Douglas Chappell Memorial Scholarship, the Class of 1954 Patty Eskam Scholarship and the Marion Gretzinger Golden Rule Scholarship. Each of these are funded by YOU, our supporters, and enable high school graduates to follow their educational dreams by attending a 4-year university, a 2-year community college or a trade school. As the cost of higher education grows this is a great way to support students and free them from some of the financial strain associated with post secondary education. Their success equals community success! It's easy start your own memorial scholarship. The foundation can guide you through the process so you can start impacting students lives today.



Ways you can give:

Credit card online at sbpsfoundation.com click donate

Cash or Check

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Endowments & Scholarship Funds

Memorials

Thank you for making the SBPS Foundation part of your giving!

Career and Technical Education Breakfast



Scottsbluff High School, in partnership with the SBPS Foundation held it's second annual CTE Breakfast in April. This event is free and open to the public. Attendees enjoy a breakfast catered by SHS students and a report from each Career and Technical Student Organization.



Scottsbluff High School has 7 different Career and Technical Service Organizations (CTSO's) . Each one corresponding to a different career academy: **DECA**- Business, Marketing, and Management, **Skills USA** - Skilled and Tech Science, **FFA** - Ag, Food, And Natural Resources, **ProStart** - Culinary, **Ed Rising** and **FCCLA** - Education and Human Services, and **HOSA** - Health Sciences.

There are many benefits for students who participate in a CTSO. First and foremost, they are able to apply their academic and technical learning in real life situations while discovering their individual strengths and talents. Each organization holds competitions at the state and national level where the students are able to compete with the best of the best in their chosen field. This enhances student performance and in many cases helps students discover their career.



There are also benefits to our community. Not only do these organizations engage local businesses in our school events and activities, but it helps students to be aware of local careers which may encourage them to return to the area for future employment or entrepreneurship.

Thank you to our business partners. Your partnership and support is helping students realize their educational and career goals. Donations from this event help to cover the costs associated with state level competitions.

Our Board Members

The Scottsbluff Schools Foundation Board was founded in 1988. It was established for the purpose of raising funds for the support and improvement of educational programs provided by Scottsbluff Public Schools. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The board of directors of the foundation is composed of volunteers from the community who believe in the importance of providing a high-quality education to the students of Scottsbluff Public Schools.

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Partnership Packages for Annual Fund

As alumni of Scottsbluff High School, you are our largest group of supporters.

We invite you to join us as a partner in education with a financial commitment to help our students soar. Your commitment to the Scottsbluff Schools Foundation means that students will have educational opportunities that will prepare them for the future.

☐ Summa Cum Laude (\$5,000)
☐ Magna Cum Laude (\$1,000)
☐ Cum Laude (\$500)
☐ Other

☐ Dean's List (\$250)
☐ Honor List (\$100)
☐ Academic Letter (\$25)

Donor Information:

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SHS Graduation Year: _____

Send Completed Partnership form and check to:

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