

# ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

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## ALUMNI ARE OUR GREATEST ASSET

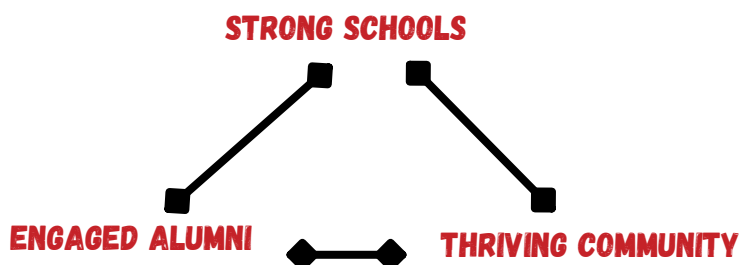
Beth Rohrer, SBPS Foundation Director



Nobody cares more for schools than it's alumni and Scottsbluff High School is no exception. Throughout my time as Director of the SBPS Foundation I have had met many incredible graduates with funny, poignant and inspiring stories about their time spent in school and how teachers, coaches and staff invested in them as students, athletes and more importantly as unique individuals. These stories are helping to preserve our history while we are looking towards an even brighter future for all students at Scottsbluff Public Schools.

That is why I believe you are our greatest asset and why I am striving to keep alumni and the community active in our schools. Because when community and alumni are involved it makes our schools even stronger. A recent example of this is the completed elementary schools playground remodel. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible by financially supporting us. We could not have done it without YOU! Alumni giving makes up a large portion of our funding. Classroom Grants, Excellence in Education Awards and more are made possible when you give. As Bearcat Alumni you are in a unique position to impact students by creating alumni partnerships that provide the resources to expand the educational experiences of today's youth and build strong public schools. Make a gift, share a memory, and have an impact!

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# OUR SCHOOLS

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LINCOLN HEIGHTS  
ELEMENTARY

## Home of the Lions

**Principal Jeremy Behnke** - "Lincoln Heights is one of the district's older, if not oldest, building. We have a consistent staff year in and year out that cares about educating and caring for students and their families. Lincoln Heights feels like a small school in a large district, with staff members who are able to work closely with one another to do what is best for kids.

Scottsbluff Public School's facility and technology teams are doing a fantastic job of modernizing our building this summer so we can return to a new and improved facility in August. It's been fun to see the progress in such a short amount of time. We are blessed to have great teams of people working on our building.

Lincoln Heights is a special school in our district. I hear stories of people who have attended Lincoln Heights often; hearing their stories and seeing the smiles on their faces helps me to understand just how unique Lincoln Heights is. We are grateful to educate students in a school that so many people have fond memories of."



new playground



modernization progress



WESTMOOR  
ELEMENTARY

## Home of the Wildcats

**Principal Bert Wright** - "Westmoor Elementary is the largest elementary school in the district with 400 students. We are lucky to house most of the district students with high needs. Not only do we have an amazing staff to educate these students, but our regular education students learn a great deal about empathy, friendship and advocacy. We are the newest elementary building in town (1960) and will begin our modernization next summer. It will take two summers to complete. We have an incredibly active and supportive PTO, a highly-qualified staff which is the best, and awesome students."



playground progress



LAKE MINATARE  
ELEMENTARY

## Home of the Mustangs



new playground

**Principal Ashlen Schaneman** - "Lake Minatare Elementary is the smallest building in the Scottsbluff Public School District. Although the history of the school dates back to 1889, the current school building was completed in 1966, and designed to accommodate the newly consolidated districts of Lake Minatare, Fairview, Hillcrest and Hope. Now, it is the neighborhood school made up of five classrooms with an attendance area of 160 square miles. Even though it is a smaller school, Lake Minatare Elementary has blended the curriculum and structures of the larger district with the spirit and customs of the country school. The school community cherishes the character and closeness of a small school. Families become close to the teachers and look forward to the unique activities and experiences of each classroom. The school has a strong, supportive parent body that shares the schools high expectations for behavior, character development and academic achievement."

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## GRANT & ANGIE HINZE SHS CLASS OF 1985



Grant and Angie graduated from Scottsbluff High School in 1985. They married in 1987, and to this marriage, they had three children. Shelby graduated from SHS in 2010 and now resides in Alexandria, VA and works for FEMA, Jackson graduated from SHS in 2015 and resides with his wife, Kacie, in Ashland, NE and teaches math and coaches at Gretna High School, and Sydney graduated from SHS in 2020, and resides in Tempe, AZ where she is a senior marketing major at Arizona State University. The Hinze household is filled with Bearcat Pride! As parents, we could not have asked for a better education for our children than what they received through Scottsbluff Public Schools. We are extremely grateful to all of the educators and coaches who played significant roles in the lives of our children, and to the educators and coaches who played significant roles in our lives as students at SHS.

**Q. What is your current occupation?**

- A.** Grant - CFO at Kelley Bean Company  
Angie - German teacher at Scottsbluff High School

**Q. Who influenced you most during high school?**

- A.** Grant - My parents  
Angie - My parents and Georgiene Diers, director of the SHS Drill Team

**Q. What is your favorite high school memory?**

- A.** Grant - Winning an individual and team state championship in tennis in 1984 and qualifying for the class A state basketball tournament in 1985  
Angie - Performing with the SHS drill team and marching band, alongside the Husker band during halftime of a Nebraska football game in 1983

**Q. Describe SHS in three words?**

- A.** Grant - Innovative, successful and supportive  
Angie - Opportunities, progressive and inclusive

**Q. How did SHS and the teachers prepare you for college and career?**

- A.** Grant - The teachers challenged me to want to learn  
Angie - The teachers prepared me for the rigor of higher learning. Mrs. Mensing, in particular, taught me how to develop a well written essay, and that helped me immensely in all of my course work

**Q. What is your greatest professional accomplishment?**

- A.** Grant - Being part of successful teams in all of the businesses that I have been a part of throughout my career  
Angie - The life lessons that I have taught my students at SHS over the past 30+ years

**Q. What is something that people may not know about you?**

- A.** Grant - I like to cook  
Angie - I am afraid of squirrels

**Q. What are some life lessons you'd like to share with students today?**

- A.** Grant - It is important to keep learning and enjoy the process. Getting through challenges in life will be what you remember most about your past  
Angie - It is important to always have music in your soul and dance in your step. And as I tell my students every Friday at the end of class: Be safe, be smart, and make good choices!

# 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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