



**ANNUAL
REPORT**



2022-2023

Distinguishing the Vicksburg Educational Experience

New Technology and Equipment...Hands-On Educational Tools...Books...Alternative storage and seating solutions...and Daylilies just to name a few.

Looking back on grants awarded to the teachers and students of Vicksburg Community Schools, it's clear we've had a very successful year. At the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation, we take responsible stewardship of our donors' generosity very seriously. We remain fully connected to the district and stay aware of their most pressing needs that don't fit into the general budget. Together with the school district, we aim to distinguish the Vicksburg student educational experience..

Our future donations to the VCSF, yours and mine, can help us to accomplish even more great projects. As president of the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation, I want to thank all of you for your continued generous support to our students and staff.

The VCSF added two new trustees from the local community this year, and we have room for more. Contact us for details. Enjoy reading the accomplishments found throughout this annual report.

Bob Willhite President, Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation

2023 Bardeen Teacher Incentive Grant Recipients

This Teacher Incentive Grant Program, named in honor of the late Max Bardeen, has been supporting special teacher training, high tech equipment and unique innovative programs at Vicksburg Community Schools since 1986. The Vicksburg Foundation donates \$10,000 each year to the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation to support this special program.

The following Bardeen Grants were awarded in April 2023:

High School:

- Bennett for recording devices - \$792
- Lindeman for camera - \$1246.90

Middle School:

- Spanding for movement seating/solutions for SE room - \$1000.05
- English Department for 6 staff members to attend Michigan Reading Association Conference in GR - \$2753.64
- Duncan for medicine balls for PE classes - \$800
- Hinga for cafeteria/lobby seating - \$2559.80
- Zemlick for Detroit Institute of Art and authentic Mexican meal field trip - \$3000

Indian Lake:

- Pepps/Cousins community rugs for classrooms - \$773.80
- Odell for mile club improvements - \$900.80

Sunset Lake:

- White for storage solutions for her classroom - \$395.82
- Warner for student mailboxes and movement seating - \$511.97
- Bond for rug - \$664.29
- Ebert for bookshelves, book bins, table and chairs - \$950.60
- Hillsburg/Newshouse for floor seats and stools - \$422.48
- Guerrero for science standard learning stations - \$878.70
- Parsons for puzzle building sets and wobble cushions - \$489.26
- Johnson for hands on manipulatives - \$965.40

Tobey:

- Byrne for phonic program tiles - \$725.76
- Odell (see Indian Lake list, shared grant)

OEC:

- Christiansen for hands on items - \$1017.27



Curiosity Grants

- MacDonell** - weighted animals/pogo jumpers
- Barton** - books
- Feller-Enderich** - plants
- Bombich** - injection molding supplies



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- Christopher "Kip" Young • Tamara Young

2022-2023 Scholarship Recipients



Tristen Abnet
David Reisterer
Memorial Scholarship
\$2,750



Olivia Ahrens
Louise W. Maher
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,500



Cooper Androsky
Jeremy Smith
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000



Alyvia Bailey
Vicksburg Foundation
Scholarship
\$2,500



Avery Barker
Vicksburg Foundation
Scholarship
\$2,500



Allison Bontrager
The Appell Family
Scholarship
\$2,500



Jackson Bowles
David Reisterer
Memorial Scholarship
\$2,750



Abigail Bush
Vicksburg Foundation
Scholarship
\$2,500



Grace Cherette
Vicksburg Foundation
Scholarship
\$2,500



Tyler Fenwick
Peter Tindall
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000



Andrew Geiger
Vicksburg Foundation
Scholarship
\$2,500



Cody Hatridge
Vicksburg Foundation
Scholarship
\$2,500



Malorie Heflin
John W. Fritz
Memorial Scholarship
\$500



Carson Holmes
Rotary Academic
Scholarship
\$1,000



Elizabeth Koning
Letha Munn
Memorial Scholarship
\$500



Amanda Laughery
Gordon and Dorothy Daniels
Memorial Scholarship
\$3,000



Jager Luegge
Vicksburg Community Schools
Foundation Scholarship
\$1,000



Kately McClish
Stanley Weinberg
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,250



Chloe Phillips
Mason Heikes
Memorial Scholarship
\$500



Lily Puckett
Rotary Trades
Scholarship
\$1,000



Tucker Radgens
Vicksburg Community Schools
Foundation Scholarship
\$1,000



Connor Rugg
Walter Harris
Memorial Scholarship
\$500



Daxton Rugg
Louise Reed
Memorial Scholarship
\$2,000



Patrick Russon
Rotary Academic
Scholarship
\$1,000



Bryce Smith
Rotary Academic
Scholarship
\$1,000



Faith Smith
Brennan S. Hamilton
Memorial Scholarship
\$2,000



Brycen Town
Lloyd (Todd) Cantwell
Memorial Scholarship
\$500



Ryan Vallier
Rotary Trades
Scholarship
\$1,000



Emma VanWoert
Ana Resseguie-Barnes
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000



Chase Willcutt
The Appell Family
Scholarship
\$2,500



Nate Willcutt
Louise W. Maher
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,500



Molly Young
Phyllis Goldsmith DeRight
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,500



Morgan Zagar
Patrick & Lynn Vallier
Memorial Scholarship
\$500

Platinum Club

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 Pat W. and Art O'Leary
 Bill Oswalt
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 Warren Lawrence

Gold Club

Dave and Jacqueline Sirotti

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 Adam Brush
 Chris Kosiba
 Amie McCaw

Keevin O'Neill
 Stephen and Katie Goss
 Lisa Newman
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 David Aubry
 Jack Collins
 Gail VanDaff

Bronze Club

Kathy Descheneau
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 Matt Hawkins
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 Alyson Lonsway
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Beth O'Roark
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Operating Grants & Contributions:

Annual fund drive..... \$14,594
 Student Curiosity Grant \$3,000
 Bardeen Teacher Incentive Grant ... \$10,096
 Fundraisers-net \$7,662
 Other Grants & Contributions..... \$21,373
 Scholarship contributions \$17,710
Total.....\$74,435

Grants Awarded:

Student scholarships..... \$65,416
 Bardeen Teacher Incentive Grants. . \$20,848.54
 Student Curiosity Grants \$1,027.57
 Other grants \$12,224
Total.....\$99,516.11

Transfers to Endowment:.....\$20,000

Total Operating Expenses: ...\$15,477

General Endowment Funds:

Vicksburg Community Schools Endowment
 Legacy Fund
 Ellen & Joseph Cashion Memorial Fund
 Reisterer Family Fund

Designated Purpose Funds:

Bardeen Teacher Incentive Fund
 Lewis M. Maher Memorial Fund
 Patricia Reeves Exemplars of Service Fund

Scholarship Funds:

VCSF Scholarship Fund
 Patrick and Lynn Vallier Memorial
 Scholarship Fund
 Louise Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Stanley Weinberg Farms Scholarship Fund
 Letha Munn Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Vicksburg Foundation Scholarship Fund
 Ana Resseguie Barnes Memorial
 Scholarship Fund

Jeremy Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Gordon & Dorothy Daniels Memorial
 Scholarship Fund
 Lloyd Cantwell Memorial Scholarship Fund
 John W. Fritz Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Appell Family Scholarship Fund
 Peter Tindall Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Brennan Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Fund
 David T. Reisterer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Endowment Balance

July 1, 2022 \$2,820,119

Contributions Received\$43,010

Grant Distributions.....-\$44,772

Investment Return\$262,925

Endowment Balance

June 30, 2023 \$3,081,282

**Endowments held by Kalamazoo
 Community Foundation**

MISSION STATEMENT - The Foundation helps financially energize the Vicksburg Community Schools to achieve its objectives and needs beyond traditional educational funding.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION - The continued growth of our School Foundation is the result of the strong support of the greater Vicksburg community. To learn more about ways to contribute to the Foundation's growth, please contact the Foundation office at 269-321-1006 or scan the QR code to visit our website for more information

