



The Oakwood Schools FOUNDATION

Enhancing Excellence in Education

2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Groundbreaking

The **NEW** Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing

The Oakwood Schools Foundation, founded in 1981, exists to honor and celebrate the multigenerational legacy and impact of the Oakwood community's commitment to excellence in education.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation facilitates private, philanthropic support for the Oakwood Schools toward grants, scholarships and special projects. to enhance the educational experience for Oakwood students and teachers.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation (OSF) was founded over four decades ago in 1981 and has seen exponential growth over the years thanks to the generous support of our committed and growing community of donors. My fellow Trustees and I comprise the 14-member volunteer governing Board of Trustees for the Foundation. Along with our dedicated part-time staff, Executive Director Brandy McFall and Donor Services Coordinator Mike Zimmerman, OSF is honored to serve as stewards of these precious gifts that enable our shared mission to support our students, our schools and our community.

Some highlights of our accomplishments in the last year thanks to the generosity of our donors:

- **\$6 million** in 2022 and more raised to support the new Rick and Jane Performing Arts Wing at the High School & Junior High, part of our FLOURISH Campaign for the performing & visual arts at Oakwood Schools
- **\$30,427** grants awarded to Oakwood Schools in 2022, for a total of over **\$1,000,000** disbursed since 1991
- **\$30,000** in scholarships awarded to **30** deserving graduates from the OHS Class of 2022
- **\$4,750** total prize money awarded to **26** student participants in the **14th** annual Harlamert Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition
- **\$4,400** awarded through student presentations to **five** local charities in the ninth annual Philanthropy 101 program
- **\$37,000** raised at Come Back Lumberjacks 2022
- **\$1,200** awarded for the **12th** recipient of The Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award, Smith Elementary teacher, Kathy Kash
- **165** OHS students participated in the second Junior Experience program, founded by the late Mike Kennedy with continued support from Mark Dalton, OHS '68 classmates

Please enjoy the 2022 Annual Report to the Community and learn more about all the amazing things our supportive donors helped OSF achieve last year.

Linda Woods
Board of Trustees Chair, The Oakwood Schools Foundation



For more information about the Oakwood Schools Foundation grants and grants cycles, visit:
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2022 GRANTS



Eleven special projects received Foundation grant funds in 2022 thanks to grants support. For more information on the Oakwood Schools Foundation grants and grants cycles, visit oakwoodschooldfoundation.org

FOUNDATION GRANTS impact **every** school, grade level and academic discipline in our school district. **Since 1991**, thanks to the generosity of our alumni, parents, and neighbors, the Foundation has been able to award **more than \$1,000,000** in grants to support thousands of Oakwood students and teachers over multiple generations.

The Foundation awards grants annually in the fall and winter in partnership with other community support organizations for Oakwood Schools, including **Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters and Parent Teacher Organizations from Harman, Smith, OJH and OHS**. These organizations share in the grants process with the Foundation to provide the best results possible for students, teachers and schools, in alignment with each organization's mission and in consideration of available funds.

"We are thrilled to collaborate with our community partners, such as Smith PTO, Harman PTO, the OJH/OHS PTO, and OFAB, to provide even more opportunities in our schools. It's exciting to see our groups come together to allocate resources that support innovation and enhancements for our students and teachers."

— Emma Butler, *Grants and Program Co-Chair*

FLOURISH

A Campaign for Oakwood's Performing & Visual Arts

Groundbreaking ceremony for the Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing on December 21, 2022

As with all Oakwood Schools Foundation initiatives, the brand-new wing was **100% donor funded** and will serve as practice and performance space for related arts programming to provide necessary added space in our schools. Fundraising will continue through 2023 for the remaining funds needed to complete the subsequent two phases.

To learn more or make a contribution, visit: oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.

A full list of current donors to FLOURISH can be found by searching **Our Donors**.



2022 SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED each spring to graduating seniors recognize achievements in academics, art, athletics, community service, creative writing and overcoming adversity. We sincerely thank the individuals and families who established these scholarships and the donors who contribute to these important funds each year.

Janet Bourne Memorial Scholarship awards involvement in community service and leadership skills.

David R. Collins, OHS Class of 1950, Scholarship awards excellence and/or outstanding achievement in English, creative writing, or speech and drama skills.

Comeback Award honors a senior who shows strength, courage, character, and integrity in overcoming adversity in his/her life.

Robert L. Davidson Scholarship recognizes a student's present or potential ability as a creative writer.

Dr. Robert W. Gaines, Jr., OHS '60, Young Men's Golf Award recognizes a senior student golfer who demonstrates good sportsmanship, consideration for others, academic achievement, leadership and community service.

Scott Harman Memorial Scholarship honors a student who lives life with enthusiasm and has a positive impact on others.

Susan Herman GLOW Scholarship recognizes **G**rade point, **L**eadership, **O**utstanding character and **W**ork ethic for a female planning to pursue a degree in a technical field (i.e. engineering) or the sciences.

Kevin Lauterbach Memorial Scholarship honors a student who plans to be a lifetime learner/practitioner in the field of fine art.

Leslie Ann Simms Nagel Creative Writing Scholarship honors a student who plans to be a lifetime learner and practitioner in the fine arts field.

Randy Neff Memorial Scholarship honors a student who inspires others and plans to major in education or math, with preference given to a student aspiring to teach math and coach a sport.

Thomas Neff Memorial Scholarship recognizes a student who is a team player and displays a strong work ethic, solid values and maintains good grades through hard work and dedication.

Barbara Nichols O'Hara Scholarship recognizes an outstanding female athlete, good citizen and student.

Oakwood Centennial Scholarship honors a student who distinguishes herself/himself during high school years.

Rader-Drummer Family Scholarship honors a student who plans to major in architecture or English literature.

Guy W. Richardson MVP Senior Boys Tennis Scholarship recognizes an outstanding senior tennis player who demonstrates good sportsmanship, leadership and academic achievement.

Guy W. Richardson MVP Senior Girls Tennis Scholarship recognizes an outstanding senior tennis player who demonstrates good sportsmanship, leadership and academic achievement.

Howard Sales Memorial Scholarship recognizes integrity, honesty, kindness in character in a student who plans to play a sport in college and played at least one sport at OHS.

Honorable Elizabeth Simms Gutmann Public Service Scholarship honors a student who has been involved in community service and plans to pursue a degree in a public service field.

Pam and Chip Seidl Scholarship benefits an outstanding wrestler who meets both academic and leadership qualifications.

Loran and Alberta Warner Scholarship awards a student who shows dedication to community service activities and has made an impact through his/her involvement.

Helen and Louis Wozar Scholarship recognizes a student who demonstrates an outstanding work ethic, self-initiative and entrepreneurial spirit.

For a list of the 2022 scholarship award recipients visit oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org, search Scholarships.

Come Back Lumberjacks!

Save the Date!



September 29,
2023
7:30pm



THANK YOU Oakwood alumni and friends for joining us at our annual event hosted by the Oakwood Schools Foundation in partnership with the Oakwood Alumni Association.

See updates, guest photos and a full list of 2022 sponsors by visiting: oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org/ComeBackLumberjacks.

**Saturday, September 30:
Homecoming Tours at OJH & OHS**

Dayton Country Club
555 Kramer Rd. | Oakwood, Ohio 45419

2022 SPECIAL INITIATIVES

THE PARKER LOVE OF TEACHING AND LIFELONG LEARNING AWARD was founded by former longtime Oakwood teacher Beverly Parker in 2010 in memory of her late husband Robert A. Parker, Jr. The award honors a special teacher nominated by the community who uniquely inspires the full potential of each student with whom he or she works.

Congratulations to 2022 winner Ms. Kathy Kash, 2nd grade teacher at Smith Elementary!



2022 Parker Award Winner, Kathy Kash accepting the Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award alongside award founder, Bev Parker.

The annual **HARLAMERT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION**

was created in 2010 when the late Judge Irvin Harlamert, OHS '48, envisioned this special entrepreneurship competition to inspire and challenge all OHS students to pursue the idea and spirit of entrepreneurship. In 2022, **27 students** participated, resulting in **\$4,750** in student awards.



OHS PHILANTHROPY 101 PROGRAM

Students are learning life lessons and making an impact on the community thanks to the Philanthropy 101 program. Each year, the project introduces students to local charities and the importance of giving. In December 2022 for their final exams, **30 students** formed groups and presented to a panel of community volunteer judges about local charities, resulting in **\$4,400 awarded** to five nonprofit groups.

A special thank you to the 2022 Philanthropy 101 Annual Award Sponsors, who made this program and the awards possible, including the Angela & Joel Frydman Family, Johnson Investment Counsel and Abby & Robert Wagner, with additional support from Jessup Wealth Management and The Dayton Foundation.



A student group presentation for Philanthropy 101

CLASS OF 1972 PLANTS PHILANTHROPIC SEEDS AT OHS

Alumni from OHS Class of 1972 launched a very special class gift campaign in 2022 as a way to honor and celebrate their milestone 50th reunion. Together they successfully reached their goal to support the construction of a new Greenhouse at the High School and Junior High. This very special gift for Oakwood students leaves a legacy for the Class of 1972 that will make an impact for years to come. In total, over **61 classmates** contributed **\$51,883**, making this one of the largest alumni class gifts made to the schools in recorded history.



Class of 1972 support new greenhouse



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