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A Letter from your Board President



It is a great honor to have been allowed by my peers to lead the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation as the Board President for the upcoming year. I want to thank all my fellow board members for their support and commitment to our school district. Over the years, they have been pillars to the community and, with their guidance and mentorship, I look forward to helping them grow TAEF in the years to come. More so, I would like to extend my gratitude to our donors and volunteers. It is so refreshing to see the benevolent spirit of our community's residents, both present and past, through their gifts. We are also fortunate enough to receive gifts from individuals whose only interaction with the community is indirectly. There is something very special that can be said for that too.

This past year has been a rewarding one for the TAEF board and the school district it supports. Despite the hard economic times, we have continued to grow in many aspects. More and more volunteers from the community are getting involved with our committees. Our net assets continue to increase due to sound investment policies. This year TAEF was able to award Thornapple Kellogg graduates over \$39,000 in total scholarships, including the full value of renewable scholarships. Additionally, TAEF awarded \$4,500 in grants that support the TK School District's efforts. In an era of budget cuts and tense negotiations, we would like to think our support goes a long way to make our student's experience at TK a rewarding one.

It is a privilege to work with those in our community who truly care. Again, thank you so much for your support and we look forward to working with you for years to come.

Warm Regards,



Board of Directors

- * Joanne Dipp
- * Shelley Erb
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- * Krissta Hannapel
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- * Bob Williams
- * Don Williamson
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NEW FUNDS FOR 2011

The Francisca C. Vrona Memorial Scholarship

The Francisca "Fran" C. Vrona Memorial Scholarship was established by her family to honor her memory as a very caring individual who loved her family and community. To parallel these values, scholarship recipients will also show a dedication not only to their academic success and achievement, but also to the Thornapple Community for which they live. The \$500.00 renewable scholarship will be awarded to one Thornapple Kellogg Senior or graduate who is majoring in a science or medical field.

Katherine & Edward Wieringa Friendship and Community Scholarship

The Katherine & Edward Wieringa Friendship and Community Scholarship was established to promote the positive use of friendship to benefit school, community, and to encourage higher education. This scholarship was developed to a great extent from the friendship between Elizabeth Thurber, who founded TKHS-National Honor Society and Katie Wieringa. Their commitment to their education and friendship at Thornapple Kellogg Schools lead both women on a path of success. Like the Elizabeth Thurber Chapter of National Honor Society, this scholarship promotes service, leadership and character in the students of Thornapple Kellogg Schools. Scholarship winners will write a collaborative essay, with up to 2 fellow students, describing how they volunteered together in their community while attending Thornapple Kellogg Schools. Scholarship winners must also be members of the Elizabeth Thurber Chapter of the National Honor Society at Thornapple Kellogg Schools. This is a one time scholarship of \$1,000.00 to be shared equally by the authors of the winning essay.



The Late Francisca C. Vrona

MICHIGAN FOUNDATION TAX CREDIT INFORMATION

We would like to make our donors aware that, although the Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit will not be renewed following the 2011 tax year, gifts to our endowment will still be eligible if made on or prior to December 31, 2011.

Volunteer Feature

Thank you to all the volunteers who have generously donated their valuable time to the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation.

Lisa Brown
Rick Buller
Mindy Cutlip
Janis Fitzgerald
Rhonda Hulbert
Tammy Johnson
Jim Keller
Brad Lambert
Melissa Losey

Brian Marcukaitis
Amy Miller
Melanie Newhouse
Ann Nolan
Jon Simpson
Jerry Stein
Vonnie Verlinde
Sam Wilkinson
Celeste Wolverton



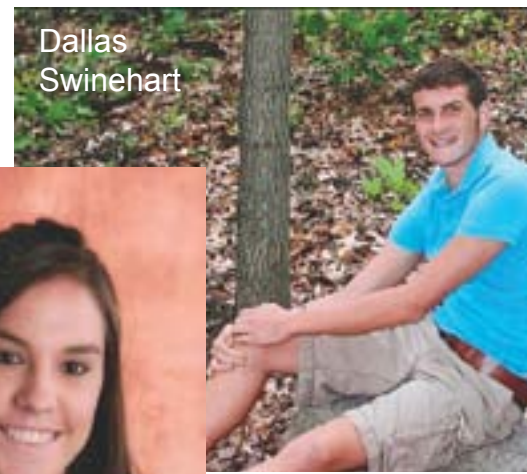
Ian Smith



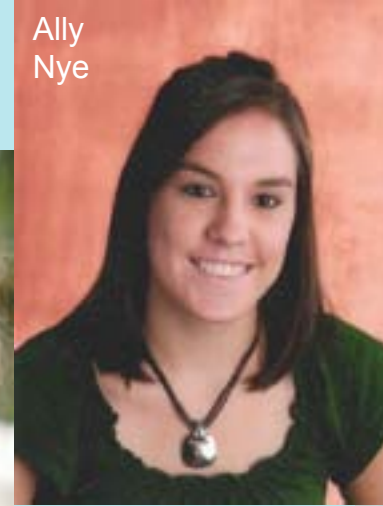
Olivia Seaman



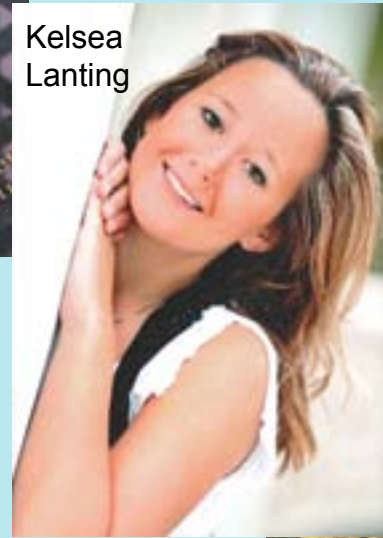
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Dallas Swinehart



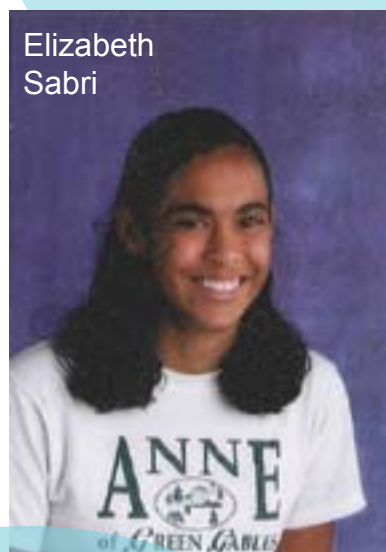
Ally Nye



Kelsea Lanting



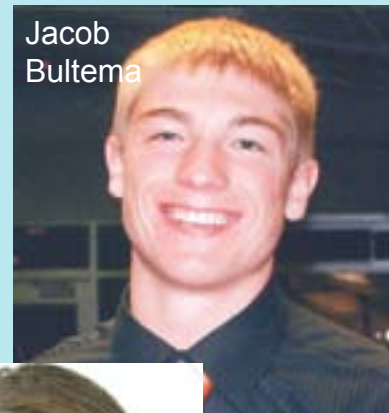
Jessica Crawford



Elizabeth Sabri



Molly Dahlgren



Jacob Bultema



Hana Hunt



Tamara Reed



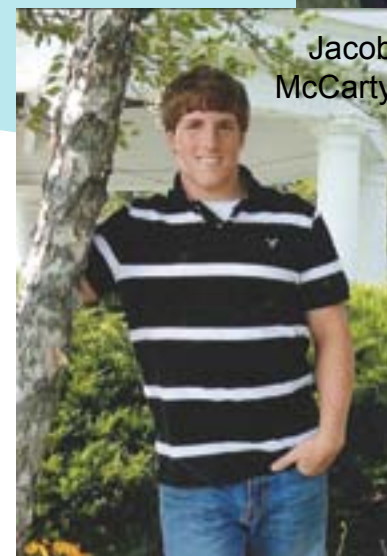
Brianna Kilgore



Trevor Vrona



Taylor Tripp



Jacob McCarty



Allyson Winchester

Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation 2011 Scholarship Recipients

- Adam Dipp Scholarship**
Ian Smith
- Alecia Lorraine Holst Scholarship**
Olivia Seaman
- Beth Helrigel Wester Memorial Scholarship**
Andrew Wingeier
- Dr. Wayne and Marie Finkbeiner Scholarship**
Olivia Seaman
- Eugene and Edna Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship**
Kelsea Lanting
- John and Maxine Robertson Scholarship**
Kelsea Lanting
- Jon and Kay Simpson Scholarship**
Ally Nye
- Lois Ann Nagel Seppanen Memorial Scholarship**
Dallas Swinehart
- Lynn Helrigel Summers Memorial Scholarship**
Elizabeth Sabri
- McCullough Family Scholarship**
Molly Dahlgren
- Millicent Grace Knox Teacher Scholarship**
Jacob Bultema
- Ray Page Scholar-Athletic Memorial Scholarship**
Jessica Crawford
- Rodney and Rena Schad Memorial Scholarship for Industrial Arts**
Hana Hunt
- Samuel McKeown Memorial Scholarship**
Olivia Seaman
Jessica Crawford
Brianna Kilgore
Andrew Wingeier
- Tad Thatcher Memorial Scholarship**
Trevor Vrona
- TAEF Matching – RKW Working Student Scholarship**
Taylor Tripp
- Terrie Yoder Memorial Scholarship**
Tamara Reed
- Thomas R. Hamilton Tennis Memorial Scholarship**
Ian Smith
- Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation Traditional Scholarship**
Matthew LeMay (not pictured)
Brianna Kilgore
Andrew Wingeier
- Travis Wenger Memorial 4-H Scholarship**
Jacob McCarty
- Travis Wenger Memorial Scholarship**
Allyson Winchester

TAEF Funds

Adam Dipp Scholarship Fund

Alecia Lorraine Holst Scholarship Fund

Beacon Society, Friends of the Thornapple Kellogg School & Community Library Fund

Beth Helrigel Wester Memorial Scholarship Fund

Calvin C. Plummer Memorial Fund

Charles & Margery Williams Youth Activity Fund

Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund

Donald & Catherine Williamson Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship Fund

Dr. Wayne and Marie Finkbeiner Scholarship Fund

Dykstra EMS Matching Fund

Eugene & Edna Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Frank Tichvon Memorial Fund

Gerald & Ceta Williams Fund

Jeffery Lehman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jessica Coe Memorial Fund

JK Simpson Scholarship Fund

John & Maxine Robertson Scholarship Fund

Katherine & Edward Wieringa Friendship & Community Scholarship Fund

Members of the Lee and Page Elementary OM World Finalist Team

Bottom row (l-r) Grace Brown, Elizabeth Cutlip, Ellie Adams, and Dora Koski, Middle row (l-r) Sam Dickman, and Turner Halle and on top Bennett Halle

THORNAPPLE AREA ENRICHMENT FOUNDATION'S GRANT AND MINI-GRANT AWARDS

Thornapple Kellogg High School received \$1,000 in TAEF Funds to purchase a new teleprompter for its Audio-Visual Studio

The Thornapple Kellogg High School was able to purchase a new teleprompter with the funds received from a \$1,000 grant from the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation. The new teleprompter replaced an older model. The new technology will enhance the Digital Media curriculum offered by the TK High School.

Thornapple Kellogg Odyssey of the Mind Team received a \$500 TAEF grant to participate in the World Finals Competition

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is an international educational program that provides students the opportunity to use creative problem solving, team work and presentation skills to solve complex problems. Students participating in OM must solve their selected problem on their own without help or assistance from adults. Thousands of teams throughout the U.S. and the world participate in the program. This year an elementary team from Thornapple Kellogg qualified for the OM World Finals. The TK Team



finished an amazing 4th at the OM World Finals. The team used the funds awarded to them from the Thornapple Enrichment Foundation for competition and dormitory fees during its four day competition in Washington, DC.

Inspiring Achievements

McFall Elementary receives a \$500 TAEF grant for its Brain Gym Program

The Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation awarded McFall Elementary with a \$500 grant to support its unique fitness-based learning program, which incorporates some of the Brain Gym Concepts and Midline Movements. Many of the activities focus on skills needed for two-sided (left-right) movements across the midline of the body. These cross-motor activities are used to activate the brain and to increase brain-body coordination. Students in the program benefit from starting their day with some specific, targeted activities to help them stay on track academically. The grant awarded by the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation provided Scooters and River Stones to enhance the current program.

Page 5th Grade Students received a \$2,000 grant for STARBASE Program

STARBASE is a premier educational program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. At STARBASE, students participate in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The program provided TK 5th grade students with 20 -25 hours of stimulating experiences including rocket launching, roller coaster design as well as a peek at military aircraft and vehicles at the Air Force Reserve Base in Battle Creek Michigan. The TAEF grant of \$2,000 helped to ensure that all Thornapple Kellogg 5th grade students had the opportunity to participate in the program.

Lee Elementary receives a \$500 TAEF grant to purchase sets of trade literature

Lee Elementary will use this grant to purchase challenging and age appropriate trade literature to instruct the growing number of advanced readers in second and third grade in the Thornapple Kellogg Area School district. Differentiating reading instruction to match the individual differences and readiness levels of all children is a demanding task facing teachers today. Advanced and gifted readers have the ability to read beyond grade level and TK teachers struggle to find resources to keep challenging them. This grant will offer needed support.

Lois Ann Nagel-Seppanen Scholarship Fund

Lynn Helrigel Summers Memorial Fund

McCullough Family Scholarship Fund

Middleville Women's Club Scholarship Fund

Millicent Knox Teacher Scholarship Fund

Mom's Scholarship in memory of Virginia Hoover Harrison Root Fund

Ray Page Scholar-Athlete Memorial Fund

Richard & Eric Lee Reyff Memorial Fund

Rodney & Rena Schad Memorial Scholarship for Industrial Arts Fund

Samuel McKeown Memorial Scholarship Fund

Tad Thatcher Memorial Scholarship Fund

TAEF Board Discretionary Fund

TAEF General Fund

TAEF Matching - RKW Working Student Scholarship Fund

Terrie Yoder Memorial Fund

The Francisca C. Vrona Memorial Scholarship Fund

Thomas R. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Fund

Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation Fund

Thornapple Kellogg Public Library Fund

Travis Wenger 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Lisa Brown



We all possess different, yet complimentary gifts and talents. Throughout my life I have been blessed with educational opportunities and experiences. Growing up in a family where service and education was valued, I learned the significance of using those gifts by giving back and investing in my hometown community.

As an educator, I value life-long learning. My service on the TAEF Scholarship Committee gives me pleasure knowing that I am helping youth in the community achieve their educational goals by providing financial opportunities that will further their education. Through my work on the committee, I am amazed by the talents

that our local youth possess, all of which will produce dedicated leaders and citizens. Citizens and leaders that will hopefully return to their hometown community.

I have discovered that through my parents modeling, my own satisfaction when serving others, and the joy of watching our children give back~ truly is a shared ownership in our hometown community. When you use your gifts and give of yourself, you can impact lives right here in your own community for generations to come.

-Lisa Brown

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