



The Oakwood Schools FOUNDATION

Enhancing Excellence in Education

2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



MISSION STATEMENT

The Oakwood Schools Foundation enhances excellence in education by facilitating grants, scholarships and special projects to benefit students of the Oakwood Schools.

The Foundation was created for the sole purpose of accepting, investing, managing and disbursing private, charitable gifts.

The spirit of giving is alive in Oakwood! We are grateful to you, our donors, alumni, community members, parents and friends for supporting the mission of **The Oakwood Schools Foundation** and investing in our students. Your generosity enables OSF to further its mission, **Enhancing Excellence in Education**.

Below is a list of the many creative and exciting things we have been able to do because of your generosity:

\$900,000+	<i>total grant money disbursed since 1991</i>
\$36,690	<i>grant funding awarded to teachers and administrators in 2019</i>
\$23,187	<i>scholarships awarded to 20 deserving graduates from the Class of 2019</i>
\$5,000	<i>total prize money awarded to 24 participants in the tenth annual Harlamert Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition</i>
\$3,200	<i>awarded to five local charities through OHS students in the 2019 Philanthropy 101 initiative</i>
\$1,200	<i>awarded to Oakwood High School and to English teacher Lori Morris, the ninth recipient of the Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award</i>

Please enjoy reading through our summary of activities for 2019. As you think about your plans for charitable giving, consider The Oakwood Schools Foundation and the dividends made possible by investing in our learning community. Every contribution, regardless of size, makes a difference in the lives of Oakwood students and teachers.

Thank you for expecting the best of our schools and for your continued support.

Chris Conard, OHS '76

Chair, The Oakwood Schools Foundation

Dr. Kyle Ramey

Superintendent, Oakwood City School District

2019 GRANTS



Elementary school students get inspired in the Idea Labs



OJH students interact with marine life during science classes



Lange students grow and stretch through creative movement



OHS students explore new habitats with saltwater fish tank

FOUNDATION GRANTS impact every academic discipline and grade level in our district. Since 1991, thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, teachers, friends and the community, the Foundation has awarded more than \$900,000 in teacher grants. In 2019 alone, grants totaling nearly \$40,000 provided support to a variety of unique opportunities for students of all ages:

- Two “Sherlock Bones” kits enable OHS Forensic Science students to **become forensic anthropologists** as they identify skeletal remains.
- Thanks to a **giant map of Ohio**, geography becomes a hands-on experience, allowing students to study physical features, political influence and historical events with the interactive tool.
- Idea Labs, established at Smith Elementary and Harman School, **create classroom extensions** where students can be curious, design, explain, play and explore.
- WAVE on Wheels, presented by the Newport Aquarium, enhances the OJH science curriculum, allowing 7th graders to **interact with marine animals** such as sharks, stingrays, and penguins.
- Soaring the Skies: Using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) teaches physics concepts to OHS Physical Science students through the **study of the science underlying unmanned flight**.
- New equipment, including musical instruments, balance beam and funnel ball game, at Lange School helps students **improve coordination and increase concentration** through creative play.
- A large format poster printer at OJH and OHS gives students the ability to **create well-rounded portfolios** and large format designs found in engineering and architectural workplaces.
- Yoga mats for Lange School students provide a **yoga and stretching program** for Oakwood’s youngest learners.
- Interactive science instruction from Boonshoft Museum and Glen Helen Raptor Center at Smith Elementary enables students **hands-on study of motion, energy and animals’ habitats and characteristics**.
- A saltwater fish tank at OHS facilitates the study and care of **saltwater habitats for science students** and allows the newly formed Oakwood Coral Club to maintain the system.

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. **OHS, Class of 1950, David R. Collins Scholarship** awards 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 present and potential ability as a creative writer. **Dr. Robert W. Gaines, Jr., OHS ’60, Young Men’s Golf Award** recognizes a senior golfer who demonstrates good sportsmanship, consideration for others, academic achievement, leadership and community service. **Susan Herman GLOW Scholarship** recognizes Grades, Leadership, Outstanding character and Work ethic. **Honorable Elizabeth Simms Gutmann Public Service Scholarship** honors a student who plans to pursue a degree in a public service field. **Scott Harman Memorial Fund** honors a student who lives life with enthusiasm and has a positive impact on others, as well as has academic achievement. **Kevin Lauterbach Memorial Scholarship** honors a student who plans to be a lifetime learner and practitioner in the field of fine arts. **Leslie Ann Simms Nagel Creative Writing Scholarship** honors a student who plans to pursue a degree in English, with preference given to students aspiring to teach math and coach a sport. **Thomas Neff Memorial Scholarship** recognizes a team player who displays a strong work ethic, solid values and maintains good grades. **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. **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. **Pam and Chip Seidl Scholarship** benefits an outstanding wrestler and scholar. **Loran and Alberta Warner Scholarship** awards dedication to community service. **Helen and Louis Wozar Scholarship** recognizes an outstanding work ethic, initiative and entrepreneurial spirit.

2019 SPECIAL FOUNDATION INITIATIVES

THE PARKER LOVE OF TEACHING AND LIFELONG LEARNING AWARD

honors a teacher who uniquely inspires the full potential of each student with whom he or she works. Lori Morris, OHS English teacher, won the award in 2019.

"As an English teacher, Mrs. Morris emphasizes the articulation and exchange of ideas. I always look forward to class discussions because they feel organic and relevant to high school students, even though they relate to our study of established works of literature."

— REBECCA GENTRY, OHS '19



Bev Parker with 2019 Parker Award Winner Lori Morris



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We are grateful for the generosity of these individuals whose legacy gifts will enable The Oakwood Schools Foundation to continue our mission of enhancing excellence in education for future generations:

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To learn more, visit our website at www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf



The annual HARLAMERT FOUNDATION ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION

sponsored by Oakwood Schools Foundation and generously underwritten by Irvin Harlamert, OHS '48, lets students imagine themselves as future business owners, inventors or philanthropists.

PHILANTHROPY 101, a unit in the OHS Wall Street 101 class, emphasizes the importance of helping those less fortunate in our local community, through giving of one's time, talents and/or treasure. OHS students team up and choose a local charity to research and present their findings to a panel of judges. The teams with the strongest case for funding are given \$3,000 to donate to the winning charities.



OHS students present a check to Jeff Sorrell, Executive Director, Life Enrichment Center

"The Life Enrichment Center was excited to see the young people who are interested in what is happening in their community and how they can impact it. The Philanthropy 101 class is an example of organizations working together for the betterment of the community. The funding we received will go a long way in helping some less fortunate individuals realize their dreams and ambitions."

— JEFF SORRELL, LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER

Over 400 alumni and community members enjoyed the fifth-annual **COME BACK LUMBERJACKS** event at Dayton Country Club during Homecoming Weekend.



SAVE THE DATE



Come Back Lumberjacks

September 25, 2020
Dayton Country Club
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.



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