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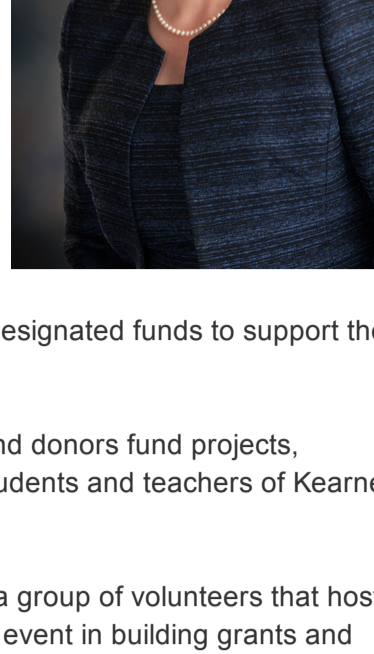
NAPSF News

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Hello Nebraska K-12 School Foundation Friends!

NAPSF Member Spotlight: Kearney Public Schools Foundation

Lisa Reese Parish



Like many public school foundations in Nebraska, Kearney Public Schools Foundation is distributing scholarships, assisting with grants, meeting with alumni and donors, and working hard to bring resources to the students and teachers of our district.

One of the challenges the Kearney Public Schools Foundation faces, is building relationships with our teachers when we lack undesignated funds to support their needs.

There are many funds through the foundation where volunteers and donors fund projects, scholarships, student groups, and capital projects to benefit the students and teachers of Kearney Public Schools.

One of the funds managed by the KPS Foundation is CLASS Act, a group of volunteers that hosts a gala event and auction. CLASS Act invests the proceeds of their event in building grants and teacher grants. It is a wonderful effort, but nothing the "KPS Foundation" can claim as its own.

Fortunately, the KPS Foundation board is committed to membership with the Nebraska Association Public Schools Foundations (NAPSF) and encouraged me to attend the national conference of the National School Foundation Association (NSFA).

That is where another foundation director shared an idea that is growing at Kearney Public Schools.

The Thank a Teacher Campaign is a fundraising campaign that allows our parents and members of the community to direct a gift to a specific classroom teacher in our district. We promote the campaign from August 1 – September 30 and with the help of campaign sponsors, ensure every teacher in the district receives at minimum a \$25 certificate to redeem. The first week of October, our foundation board members visited every classroom in the district to present the certificates and personally thank every teacher in the district for their commitment to our students.

Every. Single. Teacher.

Some of the teachers received over \$600 when generous parents found that their employers would match their gift. Teachers at schools with far less parent support were touched that they received gifts even though their parent participation was nothing.

The teachers aren't expected to complete a grant application, or volunteer for their certificate. They simply indicate how they want to redeem it. They can be reimbursed for classroom purchases, request a gift card to make classroom purchases, order items through the foundation, or transfer funds into an activity account.

All of the teachers received the deep gratitude of our board and community for the impact they have on our students and it is a campaign we are all looking forward to repeating again and again!

Click on the picture below to see the form used by KPS Foundation for this program.



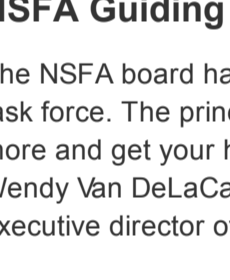
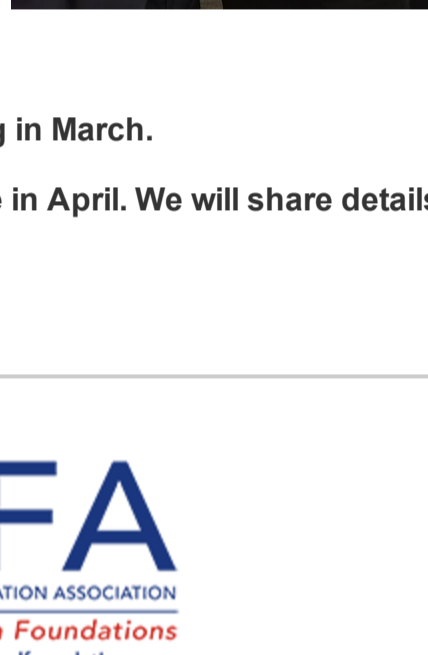
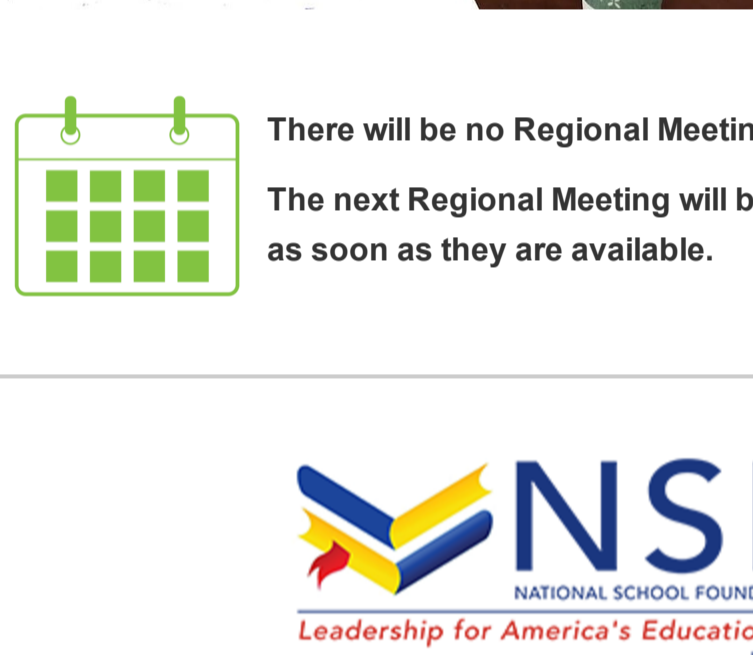
NAPSF Regional Meetings

Omaha Regional Meeting Feedback

On 2/20/20, a dozen K-12 education foundations from Region 2 gathered at the OPS Foundation for a networking reception. Among the topics discussed were the Foundation/District relationship, examples of board engagement in an established foundation, ideas of where to find new members for your board and what keeps you up at night. We welcomed new staff to foundations around the area and look forward to connecting more with the new DC West Public Schools Foundation which is working diligently to organize. Everyone is looking forward to another opportunity to gather in Omaha this fall.

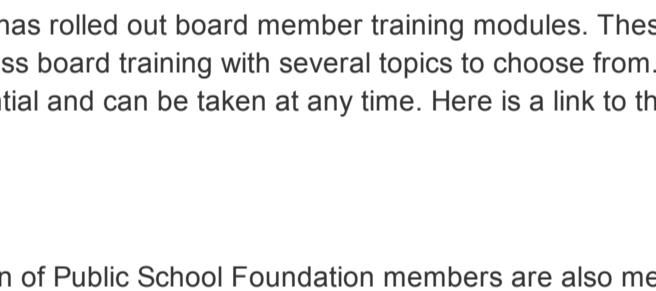
"Thank you all for hosting this wonderful event. I know I gained some confidence going forward with our young foundation! The group's mentoring is priceless! Look forward to future gatherings!"

Sue McKie from DC West Foundation



There will be no Regional Meeting in March.

The next Regional Meeting will be in April. We will share details as soon as they are available.



NSFA Guiding Principles

The NSFA board has accepted the guiding principles developed by the national best practices task force. The principles will be launched at the national conference in March. You can learn more and get your hands on a copy of the principles by participating in a webinar series led by Wendy Van DeLaCastro, Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools and Robin Callihan, former executive director of NSFA. The first webinar is Wednesday, March 25th, noon central time.

NSFA New Resources

Don't forget, the NSFA has rolled out board member training modules. These modules are a reasonable way to access board training with several topics to choose from. Each module is a 30-60 minute micro-credential and can be taken at any time. Here is a link to the board training.

NSFA Webinars

All Nebraska Association of Public School Foundation members are also members of the National School Foundation Association. This means that you have access to several free webinars each year. The NSFA is building the schedule for next year and would like to know what topics are of interest to you. Please reach out to Joanne Dunne at joanne@schoolfoundations.org if you have ideas on this.

NAPSF Members in the News

Do you have a story to share? Email Liz at ne_egambin@gips.org and I will include it in the newsletter. Let's celebrate what everyone is doing around the state!

NAPSF Membership Benefits

NAPSF Website

Don't forget to log into the NAPSF website and submit your school foundation success story. We have posted some stories from Lincoln, Columbus, Omaha, and Norfolk to name a few. You can submit stories here.

NSFA Membership

All members of NAPSF receive a NSFA membership. This includes free NSFA Webinars and discounts for NSFA conferences.



NAPSF Members

We are currently 30 members strong at the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations. A list of our membership is below.

- Anselmo-Merna Public Schools Foundation
Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation
Aurora Public Schools Foundation
Beatrice Educational Foundation
Bellevue Public Schools Foundation
Bennington Public Schools Foundation
Cardinal Education Foundation (South Sioux City)
Central High School Foundation (Omaha)
Columbus Public Schools Foundation
Cozad Public Schools Foundation
Creek Valley School Educational Foundation
DC West Schools Foundation
Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation
Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
Gering Public Schools Foundation
Grand Island Public Schools Foundation
Hastings Public Schools Foundation
Kearney Public Schools Foundation
Millard Schools Education Foundation, Inc.
Norfolk Public Schools Foundation
Northwest Educational Foundation, Inc.
Ogallala Public Schools Foundation
Omaha Public Schools Foundation
Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation
Ralston Community Schools Foundation
School District 145 Foundation for Education (Waverly/Eagle)
Scottsbluff Schools Foundation
Wayne Community Schools Foundation
Westside Community Schools Foundation, Inc.
York Public Schools Foundation

Haven't Become a NAPSF Member Yet?

The Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations is a state affiliate of the National School Foundation Association. This means that as a member of the Nebraska Association of Public School Foundations, you will get the discounted conference rate and all other full benefits of membership to the national organization as well as Nebraska. You pay one rate to Nebraska and get two memberships Statewide and National! What a deal!
Learn more about NAPSF membership benefits

NAPSF Event Calendar

Upcoming Meetings

NAPSF Board Meeting

When: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Location: Norfolk Public Schools Foundation, 512 Phillip, Norfolk, NE

Upcoming NSFA Webinars

Monday, March 2, 2020, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Marketing That Matters: How to Build a Social Media Marketing Strategy That Really Works **NSFA Members Only**

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