



# Scholarships

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The GIPS Foundation **awarded 141 college scholarships** totaling **\$646,833** to the class of 2016.

Additionally, more than **\$29,000** was offered to 41 students for **dual-credit scholarships** this school year at the Career Pathways Institute.



Our work at the GIPS Foundation tends to coincide with many “lump in the throat” type moments each year. Helping donors realize their legacy giving goals generates this emotional response when coupled with the student lives they benefit. There is so much powerful testimony behind these numbers to reinforce the notion that this work really matters, it really makes a difference. To all of our donors: Thank you for investing in students with us!



**Traci Skalberg**  
GIPS Foundation Executive Director



## Classroom Mini-grants

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**9,801 students**...Every Student in the district will benefit from a classroom mini-grant this school year.



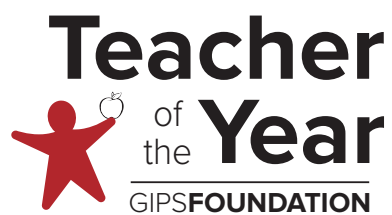

## Legacy Grant Funds

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**More than 2,000 students benefited** from legacy grant funds this school year. Grants are awarded for class projects, school-wide initiatives, and on an individual basis. From tennis shoes, to camps, to once-in-a-lifetime experiences, **our donors invest in students in a lasting and meaningful way.**



**265** teachers, staff and administrators were nominated by **890** grateful students, parents and co-workers in 2016. The program is sponsored by First National Bank.



## Teacher of the Year

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## Rise Grand Island!

an Alumni e-publication of the GIPSFUNDATION

**“Rise Grand Island”** is the alumni newsletter for Grand Island Senior High published every other month by the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation. “Rise” is where we connect with thousands of Islanders across the globe, keeping you and them up to date on what’s happening in Purple and Gold land, and reminiscing a little bit as well.

**Join the “Rise” community today...and keep pushing on.**

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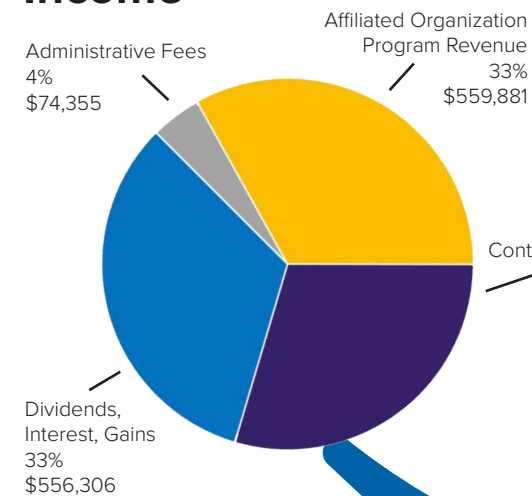


**George Ayoub**  
Class of 1968  
Alumni Liaison

## Fiscal Year 2016 - Audited Financials

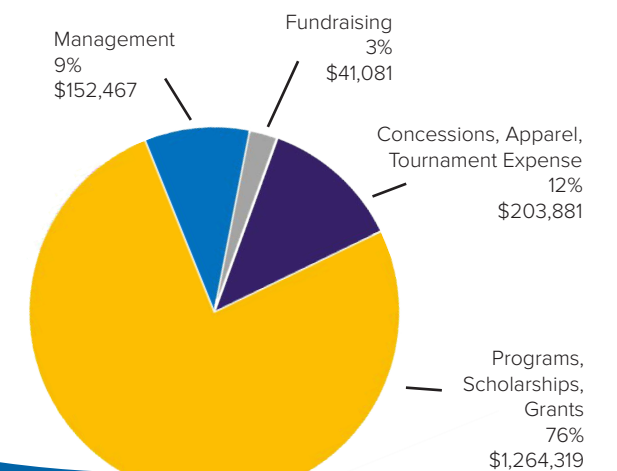
September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016

### Income



**Total Income:**  
**\$1,689,804**

### Expense



**Total Expense:**  
**\$1,661,748**

## GIPS Foundation Financial Facts for 2016:

- Managed funds for **13** parent and booster organizations
- **154** invested funds
- Processed **9,560** gifts from **2,195** donors
- Invested **\$1,264,319** into programs, scholarships, and grants benefiting students = Average of **\$130.37** per GIPS student
- GIPS Foundation Staff = **2.5 FTE** (full-time equivalent)
- **92%** of GIPS staff gave to the GIPS Foundation

The financial statements of the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation are audited annually by an independent public accounting firm. A copy of this statement can be obtained by contacting the Foundation office. The Grand Island Public Schools Foundation publishes the annual 990 tax return on our website at [www.gipsfoundation.org](http://www.gipsfoundation.org)



For the **third year in a row**, the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation has earned the 4-star rating from America's largest national independent charity evaluator, Charity Navigator. The **four-star rating is the highest award** for sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency.

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2016

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## When you serve nearly 10,000 students,

there are at least **10,000 ways** to invest in opportunity. Some are big opportunities like district-wide grants, reading initiatives and scholarships... and some are little opportunities that can really make a difference like new shoes, warm coats, glasses that fit, registrations for academic camps or music lessons. Through endowed funds and annual giving, we work with donors like **YOU** to invest in opportunities that are important, and pass on kindness to students who need it.

**Your Legacy is Their Opportunity.** Please get involved today.

**Your gift** is an investment in our students.

Types of gifts accepted by the GIPS Foundation:

- Mobile Transactions
- Appreciated Stock
- Savings Bonds
- Life Estates
- Company Matching Gifts
- Real Estate
- Credit Card
- Cash/Check
- Charitable Lead/Remainder/Uni-Trusts and Annuities
- Life Insurance Policies
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- Payroll Deduction
- In-kind
- Bequest
- IRA Distributions

Give GIPS at [www.gips.org/foundation/give-gips.html](http://www.gips.org/foundation/give-gips.html)

**GIPS Foundation + YOU = \$1,264,319 for kids**



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"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child." - Forest E. Witcraft, Teacher and Scholar

