

# ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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“True joy is giving it away” - Anonymous

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## Mission

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation promotes student achievement and the unity of our community and its public schools by encouraging, supporting and recognizing excellence in innovative education, quality school programs and civic involvement.

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## Happy Summer from the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation!

Summer! That word brings joy to the hearts of so many children! During summer at the Foundation, we are focused on funding programs for the next school year - programs like Scholarships, Classroom Grants, Girls on The Run, Author Visits, and much more to bring happiness and opportunities to the youth in Elkhorn.

Fundraisers like our 1st Annual Bids 4 Kids Ladies Night Out, our upcoming Golf Fore Grants Tournament, and our new Grant-A-Wish campaign, along with our generous scholarship donors and other contributors enable us to offer these programs. We want to extend our sincerest appreciation for your thoughtful giving, participation in our events, and support of our mission that all together help make Elkhorn students jump for joy!

### Thank You!

*Stacey L. Falk*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bids 4 Kids Fundraiser

More than \$15,000 was raised to help support Foundation programs such as classroom grants, scholarships, robotics, author visits, reading intervention programs and more which impact all 6,000+ students within the Elkhorn Public Schools District.



Women from the community browsing the silent auction and raffle items at Bids 4 Kids.

Over 200 women attended the 1st Annual Bids 4 Kids Ladies Night Out Fundraiser on April 4th held at The Ridge Banquet Facility. A portion of the proceeds from Bids 4 Kids was donated to Womenade of Elkhorn.

A silent auction was held during the event that included many items donated by local businesses and District families. Coaches from Elkhorn High School and Elkhorn South High School generously donated youth summer camp registration fees. The principals at each Elkhorn Public School also donated "school experiences" to the auction – VIP parking, lunches in the classroom, reserved seats at musicals and more.

Hy-Vee at 180th and Pacific and Sam & Louie's donated all of the appetizers for the event. Gigi's Cupcakes and Nothing Bundt Cakes provided the delicious desserts enjoyed by all in attendance.

"We are extremely grateful to all of our donors and sponsors, everyone who attended Bids 4 Kids in its inaugural year, and our very hard working Bids 4 Kids Committee. Your dedication to the students and schools in Elkhorn is outstanding and speaks to the generous spirit of our community as a whole. This is one reason the Elkhorn Public Schools keeps growing by leaps and bounds every year – people are attracted to this community and we feel very fortunate to be part of it," states Stacey L. Falk, Executive Director of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation.



# HONORING ACHIEVEMENT

## Scholarship Program

Ninety-three scholarships totaling more than \$160,000 were awarded to 63 Elkhorn students on Wednesday, May 1st at Elkhorn South High School and Thursday, May 2nd at Elkhorn High School.

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation hosted more than 250 students, parents, guests and donors at scholarship recognition breakfasts honoring students for their academic, athletic and personal achievements.

Among the many functions of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation is the management of the scholarship program. The scholarship application and selection process is intense and is created as such to ensure the scholarships are awarded to deserving students who meet the defined criteria. Selection criteria and committees differ for each scholarship and are created by the scholarship donors.

If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause or create a new scholarship, please contact the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation.



Amanda Johnson from Elkhorn South with representatives from AXA Advisors - a local investment company that sponsors an annual scholarship for graduating seniors at each high school.

## ACHIEVE Awards

Exposure to core academic rigor, elective course sequences, community service and school activities often promote success during and after high school. Graduating seniors who achieve the designated criteria and submit a completed application are recognized as ACHIEVE Award recipients, wear a special honor cord during the graduation ceremony and receive an ACHIEVE monetary award.

### Elkhorn South High School ACHIEVE Awards

#### Gold - \$600 Award

Carl (Andrew) Bachman  
Brittany Cech  
Connor Dietrich  
Morgan Edwards  
Michael Greufe  
Cameron Maciejewski  
Elyse Mancuso  
Luke Marston  
Hayley Miller  
Hylan Miller  
Annie Pearson  
Jacob Sesker  
Kaitlyn Stava  
Kristen Strevey  
Jennifer Wies  
Mallory Wright

#### Silver - \$400 Award

Lauren Gehring  
Sarah Ghannam  
Lauren Hays  
Courtney Holcomb  
Elizabeth Howorth  
Amanda Johnson  
Garrett Kraudy  
Kayla Krings  
Allison Lee  
Becci Madden  
Jayne Oatman  
Caroline Sojka  
Kylie Sveum

#### Bronze - \$200 Award

Emily Fink  
Brad Hildebrandt  
Gabriella Hurov  
Hannah Jacobsen  
Abra Misselt  
Alyson Nielsen  
Nick Polodna

### Elkhorn High School ACHIEVE Awards

#### Gold - \$600 Award

Andrew Berger  
Kadie Bond  
Samantha Bowdino  
Stephanie Brummond  
Meaghan Delaney  
Drew Dudley  
Jesse Elser  
Karl Frazier  
Tee Jay Grooters  
Sarah Houston  
Logan Huntley  
Grant Kobes  
Ryan Kwapniowski  
Kelsey Martin  
Hannah Milenkovich  
Breanna Nelson  
Colton Roessner  
Skyler Simpson  
Chris Weber  
Leanna Willer

#### Silver - \$400 Award

Thomas Arington  
Morgan Delaney  
Adam Hornig  
Kayli King  
Nick Lassek  
Ariel Lennard

#### Bronze - \$200 Award

Hannah Arington  
Amber Hopp  
Kristin Lange  
Abigail Magers  
Mikayla Nordin  
Sarah Rouse



## Elkhorn South High School Scholarship Recipients



AXA Advisors Scholarship - Amanda Johnson  
 Barbara McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship - Annie Pearson  
 Carl L. and Mary A. White Scholarship - Daniel Briggs  
 Don Nordlund Scholarship - Michael Greufe  
 Dr. Harriet Bluford Memorial Scholarship - Abra Misselt  
 Elkhorn Girls Softball Association Scholarship - Kylie Sveum  
 Elkhorn Historical Society Scholarship - Michael Greufe  
 Elkhorn Lions Club - Arnold Fencel Scholarship - Kalya Dixon  
 Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Arts Scholarship - Mallorie Wright & Emma Vinchur  
 Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Boys Extra-Curricular Activities Scholarship - Michael Greufe  
 Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Girls Extra-Curricular Activities Scholarship - Amanda Johnson  
 Elkhorn Ridge Middle School Booster Club Scholarship - Michael Greufe & Emily Fink  
 Elkhorn South High School Soccer Booster Club Boys Soccer Scholarship - Riley Jones  
 Elkhorn South High School Soccer Booster Club Girls Soccer Scholarship - Kelsey Doerr  
 Elkhorn South High School Football Boosters Club Scholarship - Michael Greufe & Shea Hoffman  
 Elkhorn South High School Football Futures Scholarship - Cole Carelton & Travis Newgard  
 Elkhorn Volunteer Rescue Scholarship - Jennifer Wies  
 Elkhorn/Waterloo Area American Legion Post #211 Scholarship - Jason Shaneyfelt  
 Fire Ridge PTO Scholarship - Bradley Hildebrandt  
 James Manske/Alex Pearson Elkhorn Lawn Care LLC Business Entrepreneur Scholarship - Amanda Johnson  
 Kids Campus Employee Scholarship - Paige Allen  
 Kids Campus Former Student Scholarship - Taylor Karbowski  
 Legacy Eyecare Scholarship - Luke Marston  
 No Frills Personal Best Scholarship - Caitlin Allely  
 Skyline PTO Scholarship - Jason Shaneyfelt  
 Spring Ridge PTO Scholarship - Allison Heisler  
 Western Douglas County Rotary Scholarship - Elizabeth Howarth  
 Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Scholarships - Connor Dietrich, Emily Fink, Michael Greufe, Taylor Karbowski, Garrett Kraudy, Cameron Maciejewski, Becci Madden, Abra Misselt, Annie Pearson, Jake Sesker, Jennifer Wies, & Mallorie Wright

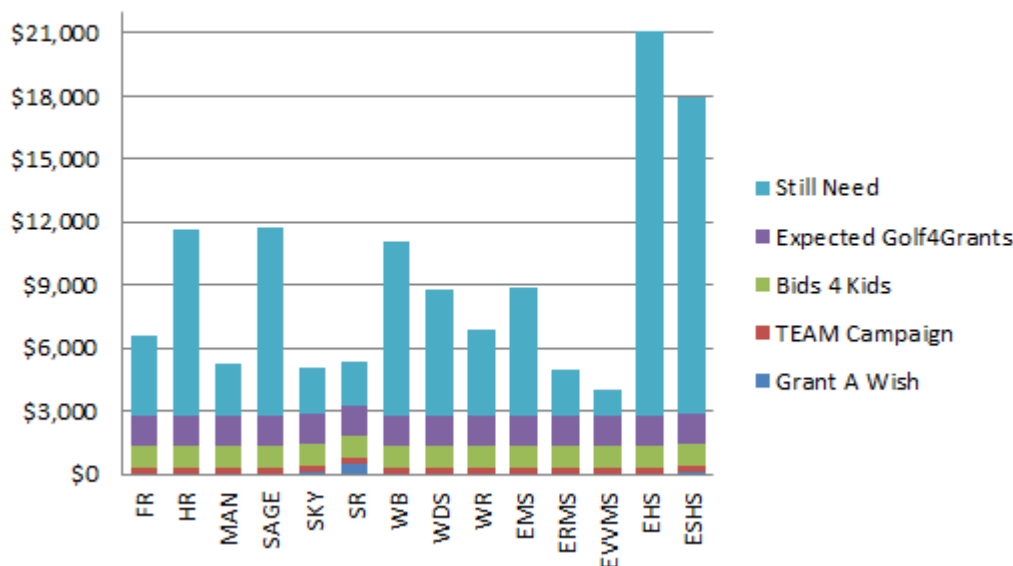
## Elkhorn High School Scholarship Recipients



AXA Advisors Scholarship - Kadie Bond  
 Carl L. and Mary A. White Scholarship - Kadie Bond  
 Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Baseball Scholarship - Austin Alfrey  
 Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Football Scholarship - Chris Weber  
 Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Softball Scholarship - Morgan Fogelman  
 Carol S. Schlosser Memorial Scholarship - Kelsey Martin  
 Class of 61 - Echtcamp/Warren/Pasch-Wilkins Memorial Scholarship - Steven Law  
 Elkhorn Girls Softball Association Scholarship - Kristin Lange  
 Elkhorn High School Band Booster Scholarship - Claire Knaus  
 Elkhorn Historical Society Scholarship - Kelsey Martin  
 Elkhorn Lions Club - Arnold Fencel Scholarship - Taylor Schruk  
 Elkhorn Middle School Booster Club Scholarship - Leanna Willer  
 Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Arts Scholarship - Amber Hopp & Skyler Simpson  
 Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Boys Extra-Curricular Activities Scholarship - Chris Weber  
 Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Girls Extra-Curricular Activities Scholarship - Leanna Willer  
 Elkhorn Volunteer Rescue Scholarship - Ryan Kwapniowski  
 Hillrise PTO Scholarship - Abigail Magers  
 J.D. Heiskell & Co. Agriculture Scholarship - Hannah Arington  
 James Manske/Alex Pearson Elkhorn Lawn Care LLC Business Entrepreneur Scholarship - Grant Kobes  
 Kayla Wilkins Memorial Scholarship - Abigail Magers  
 Kids Campus Employee Scholarship - Skyler Simpson  
 Kids Campus Former Student Scholarship - Hannah Milenkovich  
 Legacy Eyecare Scholarship - Karl Frazier  
 Leola J. Ohm Memorial Scholarship - Sarah Rouse  
 Manchester PTO Scholarship - Lindsay Hoag  
 Nathan Waggoner Memorial Scholarship - Adam Hornig  
 Nate Pullen Memorial Scholarship - Leanna Willer  
 Nick Alfrey Memorial Scholarship - Mikayla Nordin  
 No Frills Personal Best Scholarship - Sydney Urzendsowski  
 pARTners Scholarship - Ryan Kwapniowski & Sarah Rouse  
 Real World Initiative Scholarship - Benjamin Clifford  
 Vic Porter Memorial Scholarship - Brandon Fowler  
 West Dodge Station PTO Scholarship - Chris Weber  
 Western Douglas County Rotary Scholarship - Sara Mann  
 Westridge PTO Scholarship - Colton Roessner  
 William Patton Science Scholarship - Hannah Milenkovich  
 Don Petersen Family Scholarship - Hannah Arington, Brady Corbett, Jennifer Burwell, & Derrick Feldman  
 Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Scholarships - Hannah Arington, Kadie Bond, Samantha Bowdino, Drew Dudley, Jesse Elser, Sarah Houston, Grant Kobes, Abigail Magers, Hannah Milenkovich, Colton Roessner, Chris Weber, Leanna Willer, & Skyler Simpson

# "GRANTING" CLASSROOM WISHES

## GRANT A WISH Classroom Grants Campaign



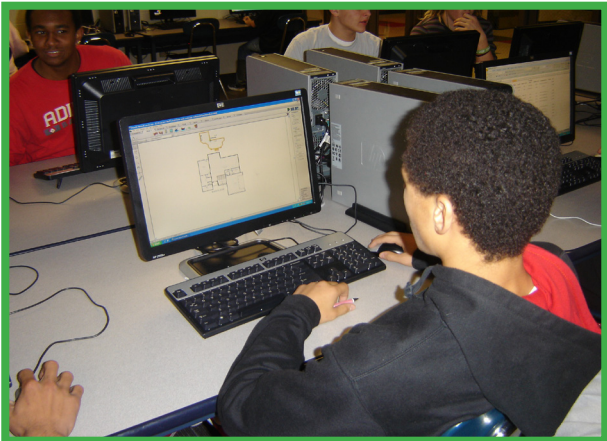
### Classroom Grants

A total of 77 Classroom Grants worth over \$130,000 will be awarded in the 2013-2014 school year. Each of the 14 schools in the District – including the 2 new elementary schools – will receive Classroom Grants from the Foundation.

Technology enhancements, family reading programs, robotics, science equipment and dissection



Students at West Dodge Station enjoying a classroom grant for music.



A student designing landscaping utilizing Horticulture software provided through a classroom grant at Elkhorn High School.

units, online tools, book rooms, and testing resources are just a few of the grants that our teachers wished for this year that will impact thousands of students across all grade levels.

We are currently seeking funding to help make these wishes come true! All donations received by October 1st will be recognized at each school and at our Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony and Reception this fall.



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# Save the Date

Golf Fore Grants	June 10
First Day of School	August 13
Grant A Wish Donations for Classroom Grants Due	October 1
Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony & Reception	October 13



**Looking for Summer Field Trip Information, Calendars, Tuition Deduction Dates, EKC/ACE Employment Applications, or Contact Information?**

**Find it on our website at: [elkhornfoundation.org](http://elkhornfoundation.org)!**

*Are you energetic, creative and enthusiastic?*

Our Elkhorn Kids Campus Before and After School Childcare Program has immediate openings for Childcare Assistants.

**APPLY TODAY!**

Please email your resume & application to Program Director, Amy Whorlow, at [awhorlow@epsne.org](mailto:awhorlow@epsne.org).