

# ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Foundation Focus

Summer 2015



"It is time for us all to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever—the one who recognizes the challenge and does something about it."

-Vince Lombardi

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## Executive Message

During this busy time at the Foundation, I want to take a moment to say "thank you" to the Elkhorn community, including EPS teachers and staff and our Elkhorn Kids Campus families, for the continuous support of the Foundation's mission and programs.

We made it through EKC/ACE summer and fall enrollment with record numbers. Our Bids 4 Kids fundraiser was a big success and will provide funds for reading and math intervention programs. The high school scholarship breakfasts allow us time to honor the students who work so hard to achieve more for their future. Lastly, the 16th Annual Golf Fore Grants event raised over \$27,000 to benefit our Classroom Grants Program, which funds grants in all of the 15 schools in the Elkhorn Public School District.

We look forward to each of these events as an opportunity to connect with the wonderful Elkhorn community. I appreciate the time, financial investment and trust that each of you commit to the Foundation each year. We could not make a difference without your support. I hope you have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Stacey L. Falk

## 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.

## Board of Directors

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## Meet the Board

Get to know the newest Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation board members.

### Jason Bartling



Jason was born and raised in Sidney, NE, and graduated from Sidney High School in 1995. He attended college at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he played football and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing. Jason and his wife Jodi have lived in the Elkhorn Public School District for the past five years. This fall, their son will be a fifth grader and their daughter will be a second grader at Fire Ridge Elementary.

Jason has worked for First National Bank of Omaha in their Capital Markets group since 2002. Prior to that, Jason worked at Union Pacific Railroad for two years. Jason enjoys spending time outdoors golfing, hunting and coaching youth sports.

### Dennis Curtis



Dennis graduated from Elkhorn High School in 1964. He continued his education at Peru State College, majoring in Health, Recreation and Physical Education. In 1972, Dennis returned to school and earned his Masters in Counseling Education.

Dennis worked in four schools over a 23 year period and retired in 2003 as a school counselor. He currently teaches Psychology at the college level at both Metropolitan Community College and Iowa Western Community College.

# Bids 4 Kids Fundraiser

## Ladies' Night Out Event

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation hosted the third annual Bids 4 Kids Ladies' Night Out on April 9, 2015, at The Ridge banquet facility in Elkhorn. The community event raised more than \$16,000 to help fund reading and math intervention programs at all nine elementary schools in the Elkhorn Public School district.

The event featured a silent auction, raffle items, complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Hundreds of local businesses and community partners donated auction items, food and prizes. Some of the most popular auction packages included Garth Brooks and Kenny Chesney concert tickets, a propane fueled fire pit, Nebraska football tickets and spa day packages. Each school in the district generously donated school experiences and sports camps for students and their families.

"Bids 4 Kids is a success because of the generosity of donors, volunteers and attendees in and around the Elkhorn community," said Executive Director Stacey Falk. "It is amazing to see the outpouring of support for area students and educational programs through Foundation events like Bids 4 Kids. Thank you to everyone who was a part of this great event!"



*More than 230 auction items were on display*



*Ladies enjoying a night out in support of the EPSF*



*Everyone enjoyed the great food and company*



*More than 250 teachers, community members and supporters joined EPSF at Bids 4 Kids*

Thank you to our Bids 4 Kids sponsors:



# Scholarship Recognition Breakfasts

## 2015 Recognition Breakfasts

Each year, the Foundation holds a Scholarship Recognition Breakfast at each high school to honor scholarship recipients for their hard work and dedication to education. Students and their families are invited to attend to receive their scholarship award. This year, breakfast was held at Elkhorn High on April 29th and at Elkhorn South High on April 30th. Thank you to all of our applicants and congratulations to the winners.

## Scholarship Programs

In addition to its ACHIEVE Scholarship Program for graduating high school seniors, the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation administers scholarships on behalf of Elkhorn families, organizations and businesses. This year, 88 scholarships totaling more than \$120,000 were awarded to Elkhorn High School and Elkhorn South High School graduates.

## Elkhorn High School Scholarship Recipients

AXA Advisors Scholarship  
Carl L. and Mary A. White Scholarship  
Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Baseball Scholarship  
Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Football Scholarship  
Carl Riley Brodersen Memorial Softball Scholarship  
Carol S. Schlosser Memorial Scholarship  
Class of 61 - Ehtencamp/Warren/Paasch-Wilkins Memorial Scholarship  
Dennis Curtis Scholarship  
Don Petersen Family Scholarship

Edward W. Ohm Memorial Scholarship  
Elkhorn Girls Softball Association Scholarship  
Elkhorn High School Band Booster Scholarship  
Elkhorn Historical Society Scholarship  
Elkhorn Lawn Care Entrepreneur Scholarship  
Elkhorn Lions Club - Arnold Fencil Scholarship  
Elkhorn Middle School Booster Club Scholarship  
Elkhorn Volunteer Rescue Scholarship  
Elkhorn/Waterloo Area American Legion Post #211 Scholarship  
Fire Ridge Elementary PTO Scholarship  
Hillrise Elementary PTO Scholarship  
J.D. Heiskell & Co. Agriculture Scholarship  
Kids Campus Employee Scholarship  
Kids Campus Former Student Scholarship  
Legacy Eyecare Scholarship  
Liz Dolph Memorial Scholarship  
Manchester Elementary PTO Scholarship  
Nate Pullen Memorial Scholarship  
Nathan Waggoner Memorial Scholarship  
Nick Alfrey Memorial Scholarship  
No Frills Personal Best Scholarship  
pARTners Scholarship  
Real World Initiative Scholarship  
Rick Christmas Memorial Scholarship  
Secondhand Support, Inc. Scholarship  
Vic Porter Memorial Scholarship  
Western Douglas County Rotary Scholarship  
Westridge Elementary PTO Scholarship  
William Patton Science Scholarship  
Wortman/Bacus Commitment to Excellence Scholarship

Kelly Seevers  
Andrew Garrison  
Andrew Garrison  
Hunter Traynor  
Brittney Banks  
Abbie Burney  
Hank Uleman

Megan Willms  
Megan Anderson, Claire Frevert, Elizabeth Lange, Allison Marshall, Peyton McCormick, Caroline Musselman, Bailey Terrill & Jacob Thiele  
Alessia Jones  
Abbie Burney & Allison Marshall  
Jessee Zhang  
Kelly Seevers  
Jack Kobes  
Megan Willms  
Quinton Nietfeld  
Taylor Kahre  
Kyle Hill

Hannah Sieckmann  
Claire Frevert  
Elizabeth Lange  
Alessia Jones  
Tia Jones  
Brinn Hollenbeck & Alicia Mountain  
Amelia Greteman  
Alessia Jones & Jacob Thiele  
Anthony Sufficool  
Jacey Hilbers  
Claire Frevert  
Jessica Fronek  
Joshua Davis & Samantha Rouse  
McKenzie Kenkel  
Nicholas Anderson  
Jacey Hilbers  
Kolton Wiley  
Jessica Stirling  
Collin Roessner  
Jessee Zhang  
Anthony Sufficool & Hunter Traynor



Elkhorn High School Principal Dan Radicia,  
scholarship recipient Alessia Jones & EKC/ACE  
Director Amy Whorlow



Elkhorn South High School Principal Mark Kalvoda,  
scholarship recipient Ethan Moody & Fire Ridge  
Elementary PTO representative Jodi Bartling

# Elkhorn South High School Scholarship Recipients

AXA Advisors Scholarship  
Barbara McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship  
Carl L. and Mary A. White Scholarship  
Don Nordlund Scholarship  
Dr. Harriet Bluford Memorial Scholarship  
Elkhorn Girls Softball Association Scholarship  
Elkhorn Historical Society Scholarship  
Elkhorn Lawn Care Entrepreneur Scholarship  
Elkhorn Lions Club - Arnold Fencil Scholarship  
Elkhorn Ridge Middle School Booster Club Scholarship  
Elkhorn South High School Football Boosters Club Scholarship  
Elkhorn South High School Football Futures Scholarship  
Elkhorn South Soccer Booster Club Boys Soccer Scholarship  
Elkhorn South Soccer Booster Club Girls Soccer Scholarship  
Elkhorn South High School Volleyball Booster Scholarship  
Elkhorn South High School Wrestling Booster Scholarship  
Elkhorn Volunteer Rescue Scholarship  
Fire Ridge Elementary PTO Scholarship  
J.D. Heiskell & Co. Agriculture Scholarship  
John Greufe Memorial Scholarship  
Kayla Wilkins Memorial Scholarship  
Kids Campus Employee Scholarship  
Kids Campus Former Student Scholarship  
Legacy Eyecare Scholarship  
Mary Buck Memorial Scholarship  
Nate Pullen Memorial Scholarship  
No Frills Personal Best Scholarship  
Secondhand Support, Inc. Scholarship  
Skyline Elementary PTO Scholarship  
Spring Ridge Elementary PTO Scholarship  
West Dodge Station Elementary PTO Scholarship  
Western Douglas County Rotary Scholarship

Jake Johnson  
Mason Wright  
Anna Howorth  
Lauren Maciejewski  
Margaret Schmidt  
Margaret Schmidt & Sydney Graver  
Abi Heller  
Jake Johnson  
Ella Daves  
Madison Hebner & Zachary Van Roy  
Zachary Van Roy & Colton Morris  
Brett Stinson & Cole Butler  
Josh Lohr  
Mackenzie Moore  
Ashley Knight  
Mason Wright  
Reegan Powers  
Ethan Moody  
Caleb Greufe  
Ashley Knight  
Luke Johnson  
Luke Johnson  
Mason Wright  
Abi Heller & Moira Williams  
Evan Asche  
Payton Conrad  
Luke Johnson  
Zachary Van Roy  
Mackenzie Moore  
Michael Kardell  
Ashley Xiques  
Margaret Schmidt

# 2015 ACHIEVE Scholarships

## Funded by the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation

The ACHIEVE Scholarship Program recognizes students who engage in academically rigorous coursework while maintaining balance in other areas of interest within our schools and community. Award levels are based on enrollment and grade achievement in AP-level courses, involvement in extracurricular activities and participation in community service.

### Elkhorn High School Gold—\$1,350

Faith Arnold  
Emily Benes  
Abbie Burney  
Jacey Hilbers  
Elizabeth Lange  
Allison Marchall  
Caroline Musselman  
Collin Roessner  
Anthony Sufficool  
Emin Tahirov  
Jessee Zhang

### Silver—\$900

Nicole Feltz  
Claire Frevet  
Taylor Kahre  
Jack Kobes  
Sam Martin  
Quinton Nietfeld  
James Nugent  
Samantha Rouse  
Connor Seagren  
Jacob Thiele  
Shabnam Waheed  
Jenna Wiebelhaus  
Kaitlin Wiedler

### Bronze—\$500

Amelia Greteman  
Jessica Stirling

### Elkhorn South High School Gold—\$1,350

Josh Adams  
Paul Barnes  
Ellie Blusys  
Alisha Dalal  
Vishwanath Ganesan  
Abi Heller  
Luke Johnson  
Ashley Knight  
Jeanne Le  
Josh Lohr  
Eleanor Schmidt  
Margaret Schmidt  
Brett Stinson  
Hannah Trull  
Zachary Van Roy  
Corrine Veal  
Jacqueline Wax  
Mason Wright

### Silver—\$900

Caroline Christy  
Jonah Clark  
Allison Copple  
Madison Deane  
Caleb Greufe  
Austin Hoffman  
Jake Johnson  
Noah Johnson  
Michael Kardel  
Rachel Kenkel  
Rachel Ketchmark  
Alyssa Krings  
Morgan Lee  
Jake Lortz  
Lauren Lund  
Lauren Maciejewski  
Ethan Moody  
Mackenzie Moore  
Colton Morris  
Jace Patras  
Drake Schaphorst  
Abigail Schmadeke  
Emma Slominski  
Hannah Stanek  
Lindsey Thompson  
Brook Verbik  
Moira Williams  
Ashley Xiques

### Bronze—\$500

Shannon Beacom  
Sarah Foss  
Austin Grawe  
Anna Howorth  
Julia Jankuski  
Kylie Johnson  
Jacob Polodna  
Reegyn Powers

## Outstanding High School Students 2015

The Foundation would like to congratulate Lauren Maciejewski and Mason Wright of Elkhorn South High School on being named the Outstanding Female Student and Outstanding Male Student, respectively. Lauren will be attending the University of Nebraska, Lincoln Raikes School majoring in Business & Finance, Mason will also be studying at University of Nebraska, Lincoln Raikes School majoring in Computer Engineering.



Congratulations to Elkhorn High School graduates Shabnam Waheed and Anthony Sufficool, recipients of the 2015 Noerrlinger-Kruger Award. Shabnam is attending College of St. Mary in Omaha studying Human Biology. Anthony will be attending Iowa State University, majoring in Aero Space Engineering. Gene Kruger, an educator, coach and friend to countless Elkhorn students hopes this award will be a stepping stone for each recipient and provide opportunities in their futures.

Both the Outstanding Student Award and the Noerrlinger-Kruger Award are principal -selected and presented at the graduation ceremonies in May.



# Golf Fore Grants

## Tournament Raises More Than \$27,000 to Fund Classroom Grants Program

On Monday, June 8, 2015, over 130 golfers, volunteers & sponsors joined the fun at Shadow Ridge Country Club for the 16th annual Golf Fore Grants Tournament! This year the Golf Fore Grants event raised over \$27,000 to benefit our Classroom Grants Program which funds grants in all of the 15 schools in the Elkhorn Public School



First-time Golf Fore Grants participants Leaseteam supports the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation

district. Grants awarded range from new technology at the elementary schools utilizing audio books, iPads, and smart projectors to Middle School author visits and Physics lab stations at the High Schools. “We are truly blessed. The generosity of our guests is absolutely amazing. The support of all of our sponsors and the dedication of our Foundation staff and volunteers is what makes this event such a success,” said Stacey Falk, Executive Director of the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation.

The Foundation offered a morning 9-hole round which included a light breakfast, lunch and pin prizes. Tim Legband, Darren Osten, Jason Christo and Mike Chochon were the morning round winners. A four person



More than 130 people participated in this year's tournament, pictured here: Fire Ridge friends of the Foundation.

18-hole afternoon scramble began with lunch, was followed by a noon shotgun start, and ended with a rib-eye dinner buffet. ESHS cheerleaders, Elkhorn Kids

Campus, Foundation Board members, GERST Painting, Baxter Auto, Sam & Louie's Pizza and volunteers from AXA Advisors teamed up to help with games all along the course – including opportunities to win a new Ford F-150, free pizza for a year, putting green contest and much more.

The grand finale was the awards presentation announcing flag prizes consisting of coolers filled with prizes, a poker contest, putting contest winners, raffle winner and afternoon tournament champions.



Dave Raymond, Steve Baker, Danny Szegda and Tim Hughes, and were crowned “Golf Fore Grants” Tournament Champions.

If you would like to support the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation or find out more about classroom grants, contact Stacey Falk at (402) 289-1727 or visit [www.elkhornfoundation.org](http://www.elkhornfoundation.org).

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# Save the Dates

First Day of School	August 10th
Hall of Fame Banquet	October 25th
Scholarships Go Online	December 1st
Scholarship Applications Due	February 1st



# We're Hiring at EKC

## Are you energetic and creative?

We need you on the EKC team! Our Elkhorn Kids Campus before and after school childcare program has immediate openings for Childcare Assistants.

## Apply Today!

Email Program Director, Amy Whorlow, at [awhorlow@epsne.org](mailto:awhorlow@epsne.org) with your resume, or to request an employment application.



Lauren at the Spring Ridge Carnival

