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*Enhancing Academic Opportunities
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Spring/Summer 2023

\$141,200 Awarded to the Class of 2023!

119 Rocky students were honored and awarded at the 43rd annual *Austin Academic Achievement Awards and RIMEF Scholarship Night* held on May 9th in the RIHS Auditorium. 73 Top Ten students were recognized for their outstanding achievements with certificates and gift packages from local businesses. The 57 Seniors of the Class of 2023 received scholarships totaling \$141,200: \$36,000 in Austin Academic Achievement Awards was presented by RIHS department faculty and \$105,200 in scholarships was awarded by the RIMEF and scholarship benefactors. The evening wrapped up with a lovely reception in the new RIHS "Island." This wonderful event was attended by a full house of parents/caretakers, families, RIHS faculty/administration, members of the RIMSD board, and the RIMEF board/committee members.



The generosity of over 180 AAAA contributors and 46 scholarship benefactors made the awards possible for our deserving RIHS students. This tradition of celebrating and awarding academic excellence within Rock Island High School and our district will continue thanks to the strong support of all those who believe in our students, teachers and schools.

 **RIMEF Adds 5 New Scholarships!** 



"Failure is Not an Option" the Candice Hinze Williams Drama Scholarship

This scholarship was established to keep alive the memory of Candice Hinze Williams (Rocky Class of 1986.) Candice was a drama teacher and dedicated to improving the lives of young people. While battling illness, Candice adopted the motto "Failure is Not an Option" which exemplified her spunky, determined attitude. Students interested in pursuing drama in a college/university are nominated and must complete an essay. A special committee will review the essays and award the scholarship based upon the essay's strength and academics. Award: \$1,000



Timothy Joannides Family Foundation Scholarship

The Joannides Family Foundation was founded with the purpose of leaving a legacy of helping to serve and provide opportunities through philanthropic support. Timothy Joannides and his family established this scholarship for students having participated in band or orchestra while attending Rocky. Students must also have a GPA of 2.5-3.5 and letter of recommendation must come from their band or orchestra teacher. Award: \$1,000



Knights of Pythias Scholarship

The Knights of Pythias Scholarship was established by the order's Lodge based in Milan. The scholarship is awarded to one RIHS senior exemplifying the 3 main principles of the fraternal order: *Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence*. The letter of recommendation accompanying the RIMEF scholarship application should come from a teacher, administrator, or coach who can speak to these qualities regarding the applicant. Award: \$1,000



Schwiebert Family Scholarship

Siblings Peter, Sara, John, and Mark Schwiebert established this scholarship to benefit liberal arts college-bound students. All four graduated from Rocky and liberal arts colleges before pursuing their varied careers. Those eligible for this scholarship must attend a liberal arts college/university. Consideration is also given to merit and financial need. Award: \$2,000+/- (based upon 4% of scholarship fund balance)



William and Saralie Shallman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by John D. Shallman ('82) in memory of William and Saralie Shallman. The Shallmans instilled in their children and grandchildren an abiding commitment to social justice and community engagement, demonstrating through word and action how tolerance, respect and kindness for others makes the world a better place. Students must demonstrate leadership and initiative in service and/or community involvement. Financial need and GPA are strongly considered. Written recommendation must come from a teacher, coach, or school advisor attesting to the student's character, leadership qualities, and service and/or community involvement. Award: \$2,500





Barb Cady, 2023-2024 RIMEF Board President

It is my honor to serve as the 2023-2024 president of the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation. I am thrilled to help carry on the tradition that began in 1986 when a small group of advocates for Rock Island-Milan schools gathered to develop the framework for an organization dedicated to supporting the education of the district's students. As we grow closer to 40 years of "Enhancing Educational Opportunities for Student Success", I am grateful to our donors who have made it possible for the RIMEF to provide valuable assistance to our students, teachers, and schools. This unwavering support of our Austin Academic Achievement Awards, Birdies for Charity, General Fund, Legacy/Planned Giving Program, Memorial Gifts, PRIME Grants, and the newly formed RIMEF Endowment has made an immeasurable, positive impact on Rock Island-Milan students.

As the parent of two Rock Island High School graduates, I know that the quality education they received prepared them not only for the academic challenges of higher education, but also to be thoughtful, well-rounded individuals. I am proud to be one of the twelve Rock Island High School graduates in my family, spanning from 1963 to 2019. All of them have taken their "Rock Solid" education and experiences into the world and thrived. Many have returned to Rock Island and given back to our Rock Island schools and community. I know that countless families share the same history and experiences with the Rock Island-Milan Schools. With your support of the RIMEF we can ensure that the current and future students of our district will continue to succeed and make a positive impact on their communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our past president, Pryce Boeye for his insightful leadership. In addition, I would like to extend my gratitude to outgoing board members, Jerry Jones and Cindy Lukasik. They have each served nine years on the RIMEF BOARD and have provided unique and invaluable energy and expertise. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank our Executive Director, Monta Ponsetto for her dedication, attention to detail and enthusiasm for the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation. I look forward to working with her in the year ahead.

RIMEF Board of Directors

WELCOME

Doug Hultquist



A graduate of Augustana, Doug Hultquist began his career as a CPA with KPMG and then McGladrey & Pullen. He co-founded QCR Holdings in 1993 and served as its President and CEO from 1993-2019. Doug has been an active member on several boards and community organizations including the John Deere Classic, Augustana College Board of Trustees, Quad City Estate and Planning Council, Butterworth Memorial Trust, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the boards for QCR Holdings and its subsidiaries and more. Doug currently serves as the

Chair of the Augustana College Risk & Audit Committee, on the board of Russell Construction, and a member of the Butterworth Foundation Fundraising Committee. He is an active member of the Rock Island Rotary Club. Doug has a daughter who was a graduate of RIHS in 2002.

Eric Rowell



Eric Rowell grew up in Chicago and graduated from Augustana College in 1993. He has worked at Augustana for over twenty years and currently serves in the Admissions Office. He is also an assistant basketball coach at Augustana. Eric earned his Masters Degree from St. Ambrose University in 2012. He has served on several local boards in the Quad Cities that include the Rock Island Community Foundation and The Quad City Minority Partnership. Eric is newly married to his second wife, Coty Fournier, who

is a consultant within the field of construction management. Eric is widowed from his first wife, Amy Rowell. Eric has two biological children, Anna and Jude, is the legal guardian of two, Saurabh and Gaurav, and is the stepparent of Brielle.

LaShanta Williams



Dr. LaShanta Williams, RIHS Class of 1994, has served in the field of education for over 23 years. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education at Western Illinois University (WIU), received two masters and her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from American College of Education. Dr. Williams currently holds the position of EL/Bilingual Coordinator for the Rock Island-Milan School District. Dr. Williams has worked as a mentor, tutor, Drill Caption for the Metropolitan Youth Program (METRO Drill Team), an Alcohol Tobacco and Drug Prevention Specialist for the Rock Island County Council on Addictions (RICCA), and a classroom teacher. She

also serves on multiple committees and boards providing opportunities to uplift and educate the African American community and other communities within and around the Quad Cities. Dr. Williams' most valued position is being a mother to her son, who will be a Senior at RIHS this fall.

THANK YOU



At the May 2023 Board of Directors meeting, Cindy Lukasik and Jerry Jones were recognized for their many years of dedicated service to the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation. Both Cindy and Jerry served on multiple committees during their tenures on our board including Allocations (Jerry, Chair), Executive, Finance, Board Development (Cindy, Chair), & Scholarship. Jerry was President of our Board in 2017-2019 and Cindy served as Board President in 2021-2022. We are grateful for the outstanding and impactful leadership of their board work and the commitment they made to the students and schools of the Rock Island-Milan School District. On behalf of all those we serve:

THANK YOU!

Class of 2023 Scholarship Recipients



Not pictured:
Jake Brandt
Annuarite Venansia



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Austin Academic Achievement Awards - Departmental Scholarships

First Place - \$2,000

Second Place - \$1,500

- Business:**
- Career & Technical Education:**
- EL – English Learners:**
- English:**
- Fine Arts – Performing:**
- Fine Arts – Visual:**
- Math:**
- Science:**
- Social Studies:**
- World Languages:**

- Kennedy Maombi*
- Olivia Wiese*
- Klae Kpor*
- Natalie Pothoven*
- Kassandra Miller*
- Madelyn Maidak*
- Ella Hansen*
- Vix Dang*
- Emma Jasper*
- Riley Hawotte*

- Emily Myers*
- Dominic Baker*
- Maryrose Abukey*
- Daxon Ashpaugh*
- Brennan Hampton*
- Vaida Gunasheva*
- Nathan Hendrickx*
- Keller Mathews*
- Nathaniel Gottcent*
- Aiyanna Lacey*

Academic Excellence Awards - \$1,000: *Daxon Ashpaugh*



RIMEF Donor Spotlight – Don Devinney



Don Devinney graduated from Rocky in 1954 and retired as a teacher from Rocky in 1994. In the 40 years between graduation and retirement, Don obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees, got married, worked as a cartographer, had a family, and devoted himself to a teaching career that would span 32 years – 26th of those within Rock Island schools.

Don grew up in Rock Island attending Audubon, Washington Jr. High & RIHS.


Of all his teachers, the biggest impact was made by physics teacher George McMaster. His impact coupled with the influence of a geology major who lived just across the street, sparked Don's interest in the sciences. In the fall of '54, Don matriculated to Northern Illinois University where he received his bachelor's degree in geology in 1958. That same year he married his wife Karen (who became an elementary librarian and a teacher herself) and entered the School of Business at NIU to pursue his master's in Business Management. While taking a summer class to learn topography, Don did his first teaching at the Philmont Scout Camp in New Mexico.

After completing his master's, Don was hired as a Cartographer at the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center in St. Louis. The work did not hold his interest, however, and he remained there for just a year before taking his first teaching position: an 8th grade instructor in Hampton. Don stayed in the outlying districts - remained at Hampton just a year, taught science for a year at Riverdale, followed by teaching 8th grade science for 2 years each at Prophetstown and Coyne Center.

For the first 3 of his 26 years in Rock Island, Don taught science at Central Jr. High. At Rocky, Don engaged students in the business curriculum. He started the Business Co-op program, led DECA, and connected students with local businesses for career development. When the Co-op program ended, Don taught general business courses. The last 9 years with Rocky, he taught in downtown RI working with students who struggled to stay in school. As part of the program, he helped run a used clothing store – proceeds purchased supplies and helped pay students' tuitions to attend Blackhawk College.

In the nearly 30 years following his retirement, Don's passion to help students hasn't waned. In 2014, he established the Donald E. Devinney Business and Business Education Scholarship. In creating the award, he wanted to ensure an "average student could get something." His message is that you don't have to be a top student to go to college or be successful. The Devinney scholarship is currently the largest single award given to any scholarship recipient from the RIMEF.

Thank you, Don, for your years of dedicated teaching and continued support of the students of the RIMSD.

 This is the first of a "Donor Spotlight" series we will feature in our newsletters. Starting with this issue, we will focus on one major donor - individual, family, or business - who has made a significant contribution to the RIMEF in support of Rock Island-Milan School District students & schools.

RIMEF Endowment Fund Founders

Individual/Family

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Through the support of the Reynolds Family Foundation, the following teachers received \$200 each for classroom projects. In December, teachers submitted their ideas online and 20 of these "Bright Ideas" were funded mid-year -- another program which enhances RIMSD classrooms to benefit our students!

2022-2023 Bright Ideas Award Winners

Amy Benac, Eugene Field	Michele McDonald, Head Start
Danielle Blackwood, RICMS	Jennifer Mohr, Preschool for All
Brittany Coopman, Student Services	Susan Molina-Padro, Denkmann
Elizabeth De Lille, Head Start	BriAnne Pauley, Longfellow
Alexis DeWilde, Ridgewood	Jena Rice, Edison JHS
Mara Goodvin, Ridgewood	Cassandra Salas-Mikaio, EJHS
Carrie Henderson, Thomas Jefferson	Amy Self, Eugene Field
Elisha Horn, RICMS	Bridget Taheny, Denkmann
Angie Jo, Denkmann	Susan Thompson, Preschool for All
Laurie Lyon, Head Start	Laurie Vroman, RIHS
Gabrielle Marie, Frances Willard	

Reynolds Family Foundation Fund

Bright Ideas Awards!

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Seal of Biliteracy

Did you know that that 756 English Learner students are enrolled, and 34 languages are spoken in the RIMSD? EL students make up over 12% of our youth enrolled throughout the district. These amazing students work hard to develop their linguistic and academic skills to be productive members of our community. The EL department is now offering a "Seal of Biliteracy" to ANY student who can communicate in English and a 2nd language. This seal can give up to 2 yrs. of college Foreign Language credit saving thousands of dollars toward a degree.

The cost of testing and awarding this seal is made possible by the generosity of Jerry and Sue Horton. Thank you!

incubator@rihs

The *Final Pitch* for the INCubator: Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Class was held on May 17th in front of a large audience in the RIHS Auditorium. Six outstanding teams “pitched” their ideas to a distinguished panel of judges from the academic and business communities including: Mayor Mike Thoms, Ian Frink, Beth Tinsman, Maria Ontiveros, Jack Cullen, John Phillips, Ty Lewis, and Monta Ponsetto.

Thank you to all the coaches, mentors, Jerry & Sue Horton, DARI, and RI Rotary for helping these RIHS students develop future-ready skills. Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Thies for continuing to provide the encouraging award money which can be used as start-up funds or scholarships. Thank you as well to all our donors – with their help the RIMEF pays the ongoing costs of the INCubator.edu curriculum and training as well as funding seed-money to develop team websites, prototypes, etc. during the school year.

Congratulations to all the INCubator.edu 2022-2023 teams!



2023 Final Pitch Awards:

Best Business Model (\$5,000): True Diffuse - Ethan Smithson, Kyle Lamonte, Logan Moore, Javarion Thompson, Kyle Westerfield

Mentor – Bill Stengel

Best Pitch (\$2,500): Element -Diana Biswell, Mia De La Rosa, Zach Draper, Avery Flacliffe, Daviari Rogers

Mentor – Dr. Verschorre

Best Business Potential (\$2,500): Guardian – Kennedy Maombi, Terrnell Akers, Jacobian Anderson, Michael Brummit, Eric Hantz

Mentor – Tracy Singleton

INCubator Team Finalists:

One Click – Naylor Gay Austin Kowalik, David Rogers, Mentor – Bill Stengel

SCD Car Detailing – Javiah Butler, Eh Day, Cameron Figgs, Rhaonna Davis, Mentor – Tony Davis

Triage Marketing – Dameon Anderson, Alexis Engels, Leia McConchie, Evan Thompson, Mentor – Shay Moore

Additional INCubator Teams:

B.O.M.B. Helmets – Matthew Cooke, Bryce Lowry, Owen Hansen, Brayden Marshall, Mentor – Jason Kitterman

The Hub – Lucas Hansen, Mentor – Mrs. Matson

Live Advise – Anterrious Harrell, Mentor – Moneisha Norwood

Motivated Champion – Olivia Mitchell, Hser Ner Moo, Seth Strandberg, Ashton Unley, DesMond Woodson, Mentor – Mrs. Matson

Night and Day Care – Gabby Howard, Emily Myers, Mentor – Marcy Mendenhall



2022-2023 PRIME Grant Reflection

Chris Britton, Thurgood Marshall:

Urban Art Aesthetics



“This grant was a valuable opportunity for me as a teacher to enhance the learning environment and outcomes of my students. By introducing urban art pieces in the classroom, I was able to engage my students in meaningful and relevant discussions about the themes and narratives we were studying in our book. The urban art also helped my students connect their own experiences and identities to the curriculum and explore different points of view, The impact of this grant was evident in the feedback I received from my students, who expressed their excitement and inspiration. Here are two examples of what they said:

Anthony: The art in class made the room look cool. I saw pictures that made me think hard. I learned that art can show how I feel. I listened more to the themes and realized that sometimes the art was like my own life.

Jazzmine: When I first saw the urban art pieces in our classroom, I felt inspiration. I saw images that challenged me, that made me think. I understand more how art can be a powerful way of exploring different points of view and interacting with my surroundings.

“I am grateful for this grant and the positive impact it had on my teaching and my students’ learning.”





Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarships



Nell Althoff Family Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500 each

In memory of long-time 1st grade Audubon teacher Nell Althoff
Recipients: *Emma Jasper, Riley Jones, Montzerrat Meza-Pena, Brandon Poulos*

Charles O. Austin Leadership Scholarship – \$2,000

Honoring Charles O. Austin, Jr. and Charles O. Austin, III
Recipient: *Madelyn Maidak*

Bally's Quad Cities Scholarship – 3 awards

For students demonstrating academic and social achievement
Recipient, \$3,000 award: *Vix Dang*
Recipient, \$2,000 award: *Kaylee Plohr*
Recipient, \$1,000 award: *Stephen Dillender*

Carole S. Barkan Scholarship – \$1,000

In memory of Carole's life devoted to advocating for students
Recipient: *Amiyah Woods*

Boeye Family Scholarship – \$1,000

Established by the family to recognize involvement in extra-curriculars and the community
Recipient: *Mackenzie Meirhaeghe*

Grant W. and Virginia M. Brissman Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation to honor the Brissmans
Recipient: *Dylan James*

Class of 1961 Scholarship – \$1,000 each

Established and funded by the Class of 1961
Recipients: *Dominic Baker, Monyonnoh Carr, Maricela Churchill, Nathaniel Gottcent, Tamiah Jamison, Niyitunga Jeanvier, Alyce Jett-Ryan, Austin Kowalik, Juanita Lopez, Kennedy Maombi, Nevaeh Robinson-Cunningham, Gavin Quinones*

Class of 1963 "First in the Family Scholarship" - \$1,000 each

Established and funded by the Class of 1963
Recipients: *Nelie Ninahzwe, Montzerrat Meza-Pena*

Class of 1965 Scholarship - \$500

Established and funded by the Class of 1965
Recipient: *Mizero Gerald*

Stanley H. Coin Business Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by American Bank & Trust to honor Stanley H. Coin
Recipient: *Riley Hawotte*

Donald E. Deviny Business and Business Education Scholarship - \$8,000

Established by former RIHS business teacher Mr. Don Deviny
Recipient: *Emily Myers*

Barbara Fackel AVID Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Barbara Fackel and her commitment to education - for a student completing 4 years of the AVID program
Recipient: *Aline Niyogusenga*

Ben D. and Nancy K. Brown Farrar Scholarship - \$2,000

Established by former RIMSD teacher Nancy K. Brown Farrar
Recipient: *Kennedy Maombi*

Jim and Doug Franz Memorial Scholarship: \$1,500

Established in memory of the former Rocky Grads
Recipient: *Madelyn Maidak*

Rick Gilliland Scholarship - \$500

In memory of teacher Rick Gilliland – for a student attending Black Hawk College
Recipient: *Aiyanna Lacey*

Ray and Elva Habertur Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Established to honor the long-time Rock Island contributors
Recipient: *Natalie Pothoven*

Hass Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by the family in honor of Mary and Art Hass
Recipient: *Mackenzie Meirhaeghe*

Heart of a Rock Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by 2010 alum Megan Wilson and Triona Roberts - for students who have a family member struggling with a major illness
Recipient: *Gavin Quinones*

Amy Helpenstell Liberal Arts Scholarship – \$1,000

Honoring Rocky and Augustana College graduate, Amy Helpenstell
Recipient: *Mackenzie Meirhaeghe*

"Failure is Not an Option" the Candice Hinze Williams Scholarship – \$1,000

Established in honor of Candice Hinze Williams (Rocky Class of 1986) - for students interested in pursuing drama at a college/university.
Recipient: *Brennan Hampton*

Jerry and Sue (Farrow) Horton Scholarship – \$1,000

Established by the Hortons to encourage work in trades or nursing
Recipient: *Dominic Baker*

Derek James Jackson Art Scholarship - \$500

Established for a student who has participated in the Rocky art curriculum
Recipient: *Chanel Colvin*

Timothy Joannides Family Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000

Timothy Joannides and his family established this scholarship for students having participated in band or orchestra while attending Rocky.
Recipient: *Maricela Churchill*

Tyler John Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Tyler for a student in band and/or orchestra
Recipient: *Nathaniel Gottcent*

Judith A. Katz Scholarship - \$4,000

Established in memory of Judith for a student exhibiting outstanding academic achievement
Recipient: *Julian Anderson*



Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarships



Donavin J. Keim Scholarship – \$1,000

Funded by the family in memory of the former student athlete
Recipient: *Darius Tongo*

Knights of Pythias Scholarship – \$1,000

The Knights of Pythias Scholarship was established is awarded to a senior exemplifying the 3 main principles of the fraternal order: Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence
Recipient: *Camryn Milefchik*

R. Decker Magee Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Established in memory of RIHS graduate Decker Magee
Recipient: *Jake Brandt*

The Marler Clark Science Scholarship - \$2,000

Established to aid a student pursuing a degree in science
Recipient: *Keller Mathews*

Mollie Montgomery Scholarship - \$2,000

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation for a student entering a medical field
Recipient: *Anjilika Barikzay*

Herb Niemann Scholarship - \$1,200

In memory of former teacher and principal Herb Niemann
Recipient: *Lucas Rettig*

R. Dale Owen “Be the Light” Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by the Ascentra Credit Union Foundation to honor Dale Owen and his generosity of spirit to his community
Recipient: *Ntiebuwayo Leya*

Charlie White/Richard Klatt Purple Tuna Creativity Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by '83 grad Cary Hinze in honor of his influential RIHS art teachers
Recipient: *Vaida Gunasheva*

Darrell and Mary Anne Reynolds Scholarship - \$2,000 each

Established by the Reynolds to reward hardworking students
Recipients: *Rafael Lopez, Dustin Moreno*

Miles W. Rich Family Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by Mr. Rich for a student who will major in Business Administration
Recipient: *Ethan Smithson*

Jayovontae “Jaree” Roberts Scholarship - \$500 each

Funded by family and friends to honor former student Jaree Roberts
Recipient, Education: *Riley Jones*
Recipient, Music: *Nathaniel Gottcent*

Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000 each

3 scholarships funded by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation
Recipient, 4-year College: *Jake Brandt*
Recipient, 2-year College: *Aiyanna Lacey*
Recipient, Vocational School: *Isabelle Roelens*

Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Merit Scholarships - \$500 each

3 scholarships funded by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation
Recipients: *Jace Bennett, Alexis Carroll, Stephen Dillender*

Fred Houlton “Service Above Self” Rock Island Rotary Scholarship - \$1,000

For demonstrating service to the community and living the Rotary 4-Way Test
Recipient: *Ella Hansen*

Rock Island Township Scholarship - \$1,000

To support a student residing in RI Township and attending an Illinois college
Recipient: *Gavin Quinones*

Chet and Louise Schultz Scholarship - \$2,000

Established in memory of Rocky wrestling coach/teacher Chet Schultz and teacher Louise Schultz
Recipient: *Brandon Poulos*

Schwiebert Family Scholarship - \$2,000

The Schwiebert siblings established this scholarship to benefit liberal arts college-bound students
Recipient: *Lucas Rettig*

William and Saralie Shallman Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500

This scholarship was established by John Shallman (Class of '82) to memorialize his parents - students must demonstrate leadership and initiative in service and/or community involvement. involvement.
Recipient: *Nee Pwe*

Terry Stephens Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Established to honor former baseball coach Terry Stephens
Recipient, Softball: *Alexis Carroll*

Elizabeth Kennel Williams Scholarship - \$1,000

Honoring the '86 RIHS graduate who dedicated her career to helping students overcome challenges
Recipient: *Venansia Annuarite*

Women’s Computer Science, Math, & IT Scholarship - \$500

Encouraging women to pursue a degree in computer science, technology, or math
Recipient: *Amiyah Woods*

Rosemary Woodward Scholarship - \$1,000

Established with a grant from the RI Community Foundation to honor Mrs. Woodward. The scholarship is awarded to a student who will study nursing or to be a CNA
Recipient: *Monyonnoh Carr*

DW Young Memorial Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the family in memory of DW Young, a strong supporter of RI schools
Recipient: *Kayla Rice*

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation was formed in 1986 to solicit and receive funds to support academic programs in the Rock Island-Milan School District. A board of directors, comprised of volunteer professional, business, and community leaders, governs the operations of the foundation.



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RIMEF Endowment Fund



RIMEF Endowment Fund

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation (RIMEF) has established a unique endowment fund to support major Rock Island-Milan School District directed campaigns for Rock Island-Milan Schools. The **RIMEF Endowment Fund** will utilize only the interest/earnings received with the fund's principal remaining intact. Careful and regularly reviewed investment strategies will increase the fund's impact and create sustainable growth. Any individual, family, business, or corporation may invest in the fund with a minimum \$5,000 donation.

The contribution may be made as one payment or in equal installments of up to five years. Investors in the RIMEF Endowment Fund will be recognized once the full minimum donation has been received. The RIMEF Endowment is a permanently held fund.

Impact the future through your support of the RIMEF Endowment Fund. Giving now will help ensure the academic success of future generations of Rock Island-Milan School District students.

For more information or to make your investment in the RIMEF Endowment Fund, please contact the RIMEF at (309) 581-2154 or rimef@rimisd41.org



BIRDIES!

The John Deere Classic is fast approaching, but you can still get a 2023 Birdies donation in by July 7! When you donate through Birdies, we receive 100% of your donation PLUS we receive a guaranteed 5% and up to 10% for your gift! You can make an annual gift or direct your donation to your preferred program. If we receive no instruction via phone or email, we will direct your funds to assist the RIMSD41 EL Program.

Donate online or get more information at:

www.birdiesforcharity.com

The RIMEF Birdies number is – 1255



The 2023-2024 school year is just a couple of months away and the Major Saver campaign will run in the schools sometime this August. However, you can purchase a card online any time starting in August for Quad Cities vendors or possibly your own city...and you can still credit the RIMEF or your child's school! To date, the program has raised nearly \$275,000 for participating schools and for our PRIME Grants!

Get your Major Saver card at:

www.majorsaver.com

Find your card, credit our schools, and SAVE!



"There is no greater return than an investment in a child's education."