



ROCK ISLAND-MILAN
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2022

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

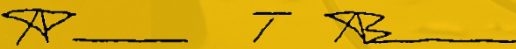
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
OCTOBER 1, 2021 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

A Note From Our Board President

2022 was a historic year for the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation (RIMEF). Not only did the RIMEF surpass \$4,000,000 in assets for a brief period of time, but the foundation was able to award over \$300,000 to the Rock Island Milan School District (RIMSD) through the Austin Academic Achievement Awards & Scholarship Night, PRIME Grants, the INCubator.edu class, HAVlife, New Teacher Gifts, and other classroom assistance. That also meant we have now awarded over \$1,000,000 in PRIME grants since the beginning of that teacher-focused program!

Looking forward, we hope to take the RIMEF to the next level by creating a unique endowment of at least \$1,000,000 to help support major educational initiatives the RIMSD may want to pursue in the future. For a minimum of \$5,000, you, your family, or business will be recognized as leaving a lasting legacy to the district. The earnings and interest of your donation can be used over time. To get things going, the foundation has decided to move \$50,000 out of our general fund to this permanently restricted fund.

Even with that accomplished, the endowment doesn't lessen the need for our other programs, and we hope you continue to give to them so we can continue to fill in our map of donors from throughout the country (see our map pg. 11). If you know of anybody in those states where we don't have a donor, please reach out to them to see if they would be willing to join you in supporting the foundation, or send their information to us as we'd be more than happy to follow up for you. Until then, we really appreciate all of your support. It's making a significant difference in the district and what we can do as a foundation. Thanks!


Pryce T. Boeye, President



Board of Directors

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Direction of Support

General Fund

Donations to our General Fund support the work of the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation and help us make an impact throughout the Rock Island-Milan School District. All donations listed within this Annual Report were received from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022.

PRIME Grants

PRIME (Promoting Rock Island-Milan Education) Grants provide opportunities for teachers, departments, and schools to explore and purchase innovative programs or materials for their classrooms. PRIME Grants are supported, in part, by our Major Saver fundraiser, our yearly allocations for giving, and donations given directly to the PRIME Grant Fund. The RIMEF has awarded over \$1,000,000 in PRIME Grants to date.

Austin Academic Achievement Awards

For 43 years, the Austin Academic Achievement Awards have celebrated the academic excellence of our Rock Island High School students. At the Austin Academic Achievement Awards and Scholarship Night, "Top Ten" students from each class are recognized and the top 2 seniors in 10 academic areas are rewarded with scholarships. Generous donations from the contributors listed in this report were made for the awards given during our annual event held on May 11, 2022.

Scholarship Contributions

The Education Foundation currently administers 48 named scholarships providing up to 71 individual awards ranging from \$500 - \$5,000. From October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022, the individuals listed made donations to establish or sustain the scholarships we award to our deserving Rock Island High School Seniors.

Honorarium/Memorial Contributions

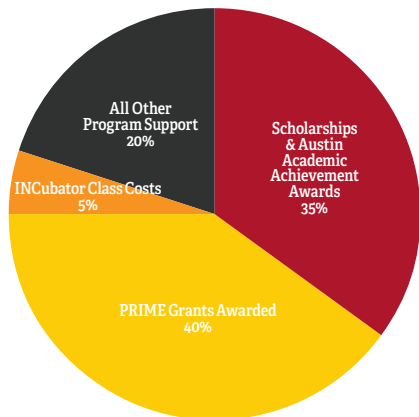
Contributions to the Education Foundation are sometimes given to honor or memorialize a family member, friend, community leader, or alumnus/alumna. These contributions may be directed to a scholarship, a program, or to our general fund. These gifts are a wonderful way to remember or honor someone while supporting our students and schools.

Accomplishments

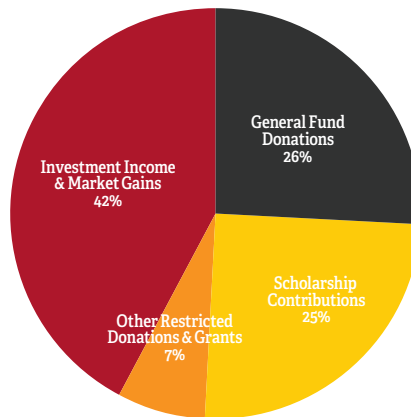
Thanks to gifts from our individual donors, businesses, community partners, and alumni locally and throughout the country, the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation gave over \$500,000 to the Rock Island-Milan School District in 2022. Due to your gifts, the RIMEF:

- Awarded \$137,200 in 88 RIMEF Named & Austin Academic Achievement Award scholarships, and recognized 87 "Top Ten" freshmen, sophomores, juniors, & seniors for the Austin Academic Achievement Awards & Scholarships presented May 11, 2022.
- Paid \$22, 446 in program fees for the INCubator.edu class at RIHS, updated the RIHS classroom, and awarded \$5,000 in prize money at the Final Pitch for 3 winning teams.
- Awarded \$158,404 in PRIME Grants for 76 innovative programs/material to 94 teachers to enhance education in the 2022-2023 school year.
- Provided nearly \$5,000 in HAVlife funds allowing students ages 10-15 to participate in activities which they otherwise could not afford. For students outside of those age parameters, our Extra-Curricular fund gave an additional \$800 in financial assistance for Rock Island-Milan based activities.
- Welcomed over 50 new teachers, principals, counselors, and staff with gift bags filled with nearly \$3,500 in gift cards and supplies to help establish classrooms/offices. These "welcome bags" also contained the information new educators need to take advantage of our programs, and gift cards from local favorite venues.
- Provided over \$68,000 in additional "other" classroom/school assistance.
- Assisted with the funding of over \$180,000 in direct contributions to schools and programs.

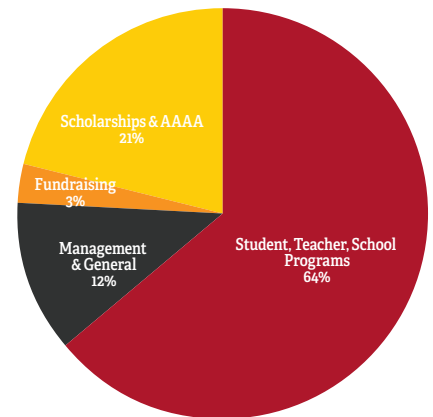
Breakdown of Program Support



Revenue



Expenses



Recorded 10/1/2021 – 9/30/2022

General Fund Donations (continued)
Donations received October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

(\$50-\$99) Continued

Pandora & Reginald Lawrence
 Peggy & Ed Lieblein
 Mary Ann Linden
 Lynn Owens
 Ann Miller
 Helen & Gary Miner
 Barbara & Rick Moskowitz
 Connie O'Hern
 Picture Perfect Travel –
 Mary & Dick Fislar
 Virginia Plutz
 Cheryl Prather
 Sandra Reid
 Donald Siegel

(\$50-\$99) Continued

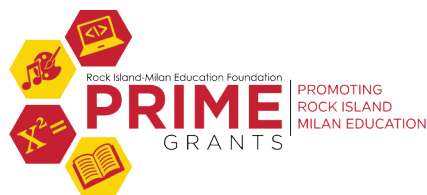
Mary Ann & Randy Slusser
 Georgia & Bob Steeber
 Jack Stewart
 Sandy Stoit
 Jerry Thomas
 Clara Thompson
 Peggy & Terry Tingle
 Margaret Tweet
 Sandy & Don Wentler
 John Wetzel
 The Robert W. Wheelan
 Family
 Barbara & Frank
 Youngquist

**Honor Roll
 (up to \$50)**

Anonymous
 Jane Ander
 Mary & Charley Arnold
 Mary Bartman
 Mary Lou & Dave Benson
 Maureen & Pat Brandle
 Toni & Steve Gasper
 Helen & Michael Haney
 Kathy & Don Healy
 Jill Hoff
 Julie & Doug Humphrey
 Margery & Hugh Johnson
 Jane & Kevin Koski

(up to \$50) Continued

Jane McGinnis
 Karen & Ken Meyer
 April Palmer
 Charlotte & Martin Rodemeyer
 Marge Early Scharer
 Camden Sellers
 Lisa & Tim Sparkman
 Molly Teigland
 Maria & Richard Timmer
 Jane & Richard Wahlstrand
 Lois Wehner
 Judy & Larry Weindruch
 Cosette & John Westensee
 Marcelious Wyatt



PRIME Grant Donations
Donations received October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

Director II

(\$5,000 – \$9,999)

Doris and Victor Day Foundation
 Rauch Family Foundation

Superintendent's Circle

(\$500 – \$999)

Edwards Creative
 Phil Dennis
 Chris Elsberg – State Farm Insurance

Valedictorian

(\$100 – \$249)

Suzanne & Jim Eagle
 Nancy Galbraith
 Diane Gilliland
 Jody Leiby
 Alexandra Choroshenko
 Sandway-Gutekunst
 Molly Teigland
 Betty Lou & Lee Tobin
 Susanne Walker

Dean's List

(\$50 – \$99)

Shelley & Steve Deutsch
 Sharon & Kent Granzin
 Carol Olson Warriner

Director I

(\$1,000 – \$4,999)

Junior Board of Rock Island

Principal

(\$250 – \$499)

Nancy & Bill Hass
 GERALYN & JOHN McEvoy

Honor Roll

(up to \$50)

Richard Holtman
 Joyce & Preston Zawada





**AUSTIN ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
ROCK ISLAND-MILAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Departmental Awards
First Place – \$2,000, Second Place – \$1,500

Business

1st – Tongil Kalomba
2nd – Madison Walker

Career & Technical Education

1st – Elijah Boeye
2nd – Jacob Stribling

EL – English Learners

1st – Reponse Muhoza
2nd – Nyota Wilondja

English

1st – Zaw Win
2nd – Najah Veasey

Fine Arts – Visual

1st – Kaw Kee La
2nd – Abraham Blanco

Mathematics

1st – Alaina Muller
2nd – Ian Empen

Science

1st – Peh Lay
2nd – Carli Gordon

Social Studies

1st – Favour Noya
2nd – Eliza Aleman

World Languages

1st – Olivia Sholl
2nd – Joseph Brune

AAAA Contributors

Donations received May 10, 2021 – May 9, 2022

\$1,000+

Ann Austin
Michele & Bryan Blew
Lois & Ben McAdams
Janet & Norm Moline
William J. Schwegler
\$500 – \$999
Nanette Albracht
Julie & Paul Hansen
Joannides Family
Foundation
Becca & Jared Kitterman
Karen Leonard
Linda & Art Milton
Sue & Mike Oberhaus
Dennis Sears
Yumi & Matt Stern
Sara & Mike Thoms
Patty & Craig Tillman
Jean Kuehl Tuech

\$250 – \$499

Cheryl Faidley & Dee Ahuja
Marla & Steve Andich
Richard Arnell
Chris & Vic Boblett
Beverly & Duane Bonsall
Barb & Brian Cady
Candy Canik & Dave Dehnel
Dorothy Beck &
Phil Dennis
Karen & John Frieden
Ian & Monique Frink
Sheila & Paul Guse
Nancy & Bill Hass
Rose Ann & Jim Hass
Mike Hodge
Linda & Russ Kennel
Carol & Robert Lowitz
Cindy & Fred Lukasik
Sue & Paul McDevitt
Geraldyn & John McEvoy
Helen & Gary Miner
Mary & George
Oelschlaeger
Mary Osborn
Ginny & Ed Payton
Monta & Mike Ponsetto
Linda & Gary Rowe
Nancy Schwegler
Thomas Schwegler
Colette & John Westensee
Don Wooten

\$100 – \$249

Phyllis Ahlstrand
Bruce Andich
Anonymous
Elise Ashpole
Julie & Dean Bacon
Jane & Steve Bahls
Cara & Charlie Banks
Sharon & Dennis Baraks
Nancy & Chuck Barbaro
Pryce Boeye
Tracey & Rob Boeye
Shellee Showalter &
Evan Branson
Gertrude & Walter Braud
Emilie Braughton
Mark Brooks
Norman Brunswig
Margaret Canning
Brenda & Alan Carmen
Sara & Michael Criswell
Janet & Gary Cross
Lorrie & Pete Dasso
Kathy & Dan Davis
Louise & Jim Davis
Roxie & Paul Delcourt
Linda & James Denoma
Bob DeVrieze
Lori Lefstein &
Michael Diamond
Patricia & Lowell Dorman
Rita Douglas
Marie & Achiel Dupont
Marilou & Charles Dyson
Suzanne & Jim Eagle
Karen Erickson
Debbie & Bill Fitzsimmons
Patricia & Loren Flater
Diane Gilliland
Cindy & Larry Graves
Connie & Kevin Guthrie
M Joyce Hanna
Connie Hayek
Kathy & Don Healy
Michael Higgins
Lorey Moore Hillyer
Lana & Steven Johannes
Virginia Johnson
Susan & Chip Johnson
Robin & Bill Jorgesen
Mindy Kershner
Susan & Peter Kivisto

\$100 – \$249 Continued

Sandy & Gary Koester
Harry Lester
Ed Lillis
Lisa & Jon Loquist
Nancy Luckenbill
James McDonald
Jane McGinnis
Carla & Tom McGreevey
Karen & Tim McMillan
Karen & Ken Meyer
Sarah & David Moline
Carole & Bob Monke
Diane & Greg Moroni
Joyce & Mike Mullinix
Sue & Greg Murphy
Ronna & Stephen
Nitekman
Karen & Peter Nyman
Jeanne & David O'Melia
Lori & Ted Pappas
Bev & Harry Parr
Shirley Perkins
Anna & Mike Philhower
Karen & John Phillips
Cheryl Prather
Cynthia & Steve Pressly
Frank Robinson
Jean & Tom Roche
Teresa & Dave Rockwell
Kathy & Chad Rugeberg
Ginny & Frank Ryner
Barbara & Phillip Salstrom
Alexandra Choroshenko
Sandway-Gutekunst
Nancy & Jack Schick
Kathee & Steve Seiver
Cosette Shrader
Robert Shuda
Pam & Phil Siegert
Marianne & Ron Stablein
Georgia & Bob Steeber
Bill Stengel
Sandy Stoit
Jane & Dave Strickler
Nancy Strohl
Erlane Tait
Molly Teigland
James Thompson
Liz Thulin
Marie & Richard Timmer
James Toal

\$100 – \$249 Continued

Betty Lou & Lee Tobin
Sue Traver
Alice & Kevin Traylor
Dorothy & Jeff Tubbs
Jan & Jerry Tutskey
Kym & Jeff Vandygriff
Lois Wehner
Sandy & Don Wentler
Linda Wheelan-Almquist
Mary & Seiji Yoshioka
Deloros Young
\$50 – \$99
Deborah Bendt Alejo
Marge & Fred Attwood
Laura & Louis Belby
Rebecca & Scott Biting
Julie & Bob Blew
Mary Ellen Carstens
Christine & Joel Chapman
Gail & Mark DeBarr
Carol Drish
Dan Fay
Glenna & Randy Friel
Dennis Gerber
Chloe Andich Goldsmith
Carol & Bill Greathouse
Marvel Green
Dora Hoben
Julie & Doug Humphrey
Linda C. Lindy
Nancy McManus
Karen & Jerry Murphy
Mary & Jeff Newcomb
Dee & Paul Noe
Rhonda Osbourne
Judy Patsch
Sandra Reid
Mary Ann & Randy Slusser
Martha & Gerald Taylor
Margaret Tweet
Char & Pat Verschoore
Peggy Ander Vorona
Darla & Ralph Walters
Marybeth Doden &
William Whitten
Christy & Thom Wignall
Barbara & Frank Youngquist
Joyce & Preston Zawada
Up to \$49
Mary Bartman
Lawrence Bennett

Up to \$49 Continued

Rita Currier
Toni & Steve Gasper
Cindy & David VanLandegen
Rita & Bill Martin
Alice & Jeffrey Rice
Deb & Joe Robb
Carl Schoessel
Mike Soboroff
Charles Wilt
Business
Allmakes Office Furniture
Birdies for Charity
Blackhawk Bank & Trust
Bowman Accounting
Bridges Catering
Carpentier, Mitchell,
Goddard, & Co.
Chris Elsberg –
State Farm Insurance
Dphilms
EH Schroder Insurance
Agency
Group O, Inc.
The Hungry Hobo
IBEW Local Union #145
IMPACT: Illowa Construction
Labor & Management
Council
Langman Construction
McCarthy, Callas, &
Feeney, P.C.
Modern Woodmen of
America
Nikulski Financial, Inc.
Poor Boys Pizza
Quad City Orthodontics
Rafferty Funeral Home
Rock Island/Milan
Booster Club
Russell Construction
Sanitary Cleaners
Tri-City Building &
Construction
Trades Council
Valley Construction
W.F. Scott Decorating, Inc.
Wheelan-Pressly Funeral
Homes
Whitey's Ice Cream
XPAC

Honorarium / Memorial Contributions

Donations received October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

Robert "Bob" Blomgren

Karen & Tim McMillan
Connie O'Hern

Thomas Allan Bowman

John Deere

Dr. Robert Brooks

Mary Brooks

Laura Denoma

Lorey Hillyer

Doug Franz

Janelle McCallum

Jim Franz

**All donations to the Jim & Doug Franz*

Memorial Scholarship

Jane Adams

Kathi & Craig Allison

Brian Barger

Robert Bartal

Steven Basile

Pryce Boeye

Beverly & Duane Bonsall

Michael Carlson

Shirley & Jim Cooper

Sharon & Aaron Darrell

Kathy Eagle

Paula Ertz

Barbara & David Gaffron

Beverly & William Gale

Michael Huntley

Martha & James Ingold

Margery & Hugh Johnson

Julie & Jeffrey Kautz

Christine & John Kibler

Lois & Frank Lipscomb

Nancy & Steven Lott

Joanne & John Maitland

Beverly & Richard McCallum

Janelle McCallum

Amy & Mike Millet

Frank Mitchell

Kathy & John Mohr

Marcia & James Nelson

Dianne & Harlan Pedretti

Joyce Pomrenke

Barbara Robinson

Pearl & Keith Smith

Lisa & Tim Sparkman

Alex Stuedemann

Lori & Tim Ulloa

Mary Wall

Robert W. Wheelan Family

Sarah Franz Wheeler

Rachel & James Wilson

Judi & John Harland

Jacqui Robertson

Tim Hussey

Linda & Ron Crouch

Missy & Tom DeVolder

Carol & Mike Eddy

Kathy & Donald Fry

Kathryn Gerling

Donita Grell

Suzanne & Harlan King

Bonnie & Steve Lawhorn

Patty Scott

Georgia & Bob Steeber

Mary & Wayne Stout

Debbi & Bob Swanson

Morris Maisenbach

Diane & Peter Maisenbach

William "Bill" Snyder

Peggy & Ed Lieblein

Lisa & Tim Sparkman

Robert W. Wheelan Family

Martha Van Hecke

Karen & Ken Meyer

Jan Watts

Cindy & Fred Lukasik

Sheldon "Shelly" Weiner

Marlyne & David Weiner

Charlie White

Cindy & Fred Lukasik

Charles C. Wilson

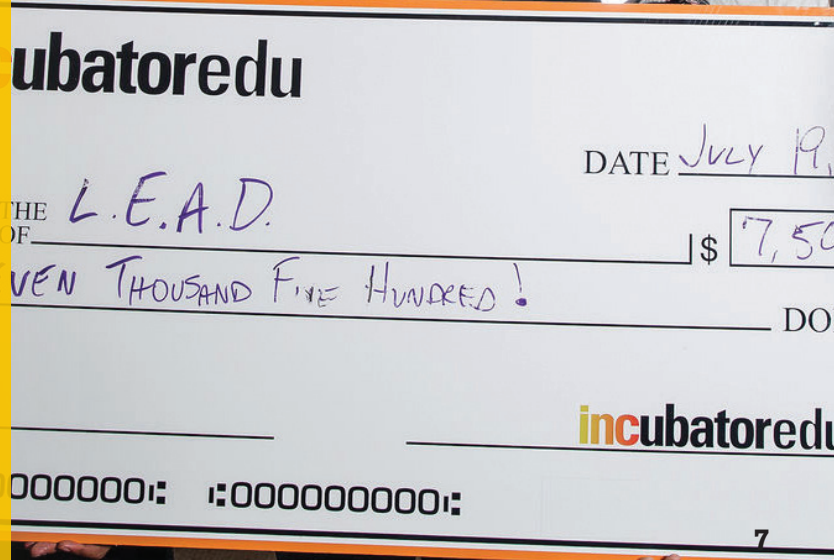
Pryce Boeye

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 fund 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@rimsd41.org





Scholarship Contributions

Donations received October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Althoff Family Memorial Scholarship

\$10,000: Kenneth Love Family

Bally's Quad Cities Scholarship

\$6,000: Bally's Quad Cities

RIHS Class of 1961 Scholarship

\$1,000:

Clara & Ray Bulens
Tom Taber

\$500-\$999:

Linda & Mike Denoma
Maryann Ruud Lezotte
Ron Schmits

\$100-\$499:

Linda & Tom Dickman
Lorey Hillyer
Suzan Rowley
Mary & Wayne Stout
Lisa & Tom Thomas

Up to \$100:

Linda & Ron Crouch
Missy & Tom DeVolder
Carol & Mike Eddy
Dan Fay
Kathy & Donald Fry
Kathryn Gerling
Donita Grell
Suzanne & Harlan King
Bonnie & Steve Lawhorn
Patty Scott
Georgia & Bob Steeber
Debbi & Bob Swanson

RIHS Class of 1963 "First in the Family" Scholarship

\$2,000 and up:

Vicki Birdsell-Baker
Diane Duytschaever & John Slover
Elizabeth Eagle & James Teros

\$1,000-\$1,999:

Emmert Clevestine
Robyn & Alan Jensen
Karen Leonard

\$500-\$999:

Judi & John Harland

\$100-\$499:

Bruce Andich
Ruth & Steve Baxter
Jack Fields
Lorey Hillyer
Jill Hoff
Judy & Larry Linder
Ted Maxeiner

(\$100-\$499 cont.):
Jacqui Robertson
Karen Shifo

Up to \$100:

Melvin Garber
Susan Sikkeman
Nadyne Stockhecke
Diana Wiggins

RIHS Class of 1965 Scholarship

\$1,500: Debbie & Greg Bonnett

Donald E. Devinney Business & Business Education Scholarship

\$10,000: Karen & Donald Devinney

Barbara Fackel AVID Scholarship

\$100-\$499:

Joe Fackel
Kelly Fackel
Beth & Don Groff

Jim and Doug Franz Memorial Scholarship

\$100-\$499:

Robert Bartal
Steven Basile
Michael Carlson
Sheryl & Aaron Darrell
Paula Ertz
Michael Huntly
Cristine & John Kibler
Janelle McCallum
Beverly & Richard McCallum
Lisa & Tim Sparkman
Alex Stuedemann

Up to \$100:

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Kathi & Craig Allison
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Margery & Hugh Johnson
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Nancy & Steven Lott
Joanne & John Maitland
Amy & Mike Millet
Frank Mitchell
Kathy & John Mohr
Marcia & James Nelson
Dianne & Harlan Pedretti
Joyce Pomrenke
Barbara Robinson
Pearl & Keith Smith
Lori & Tim Ulloa

(Up to \$100 cont.):

Mary Wall
Sarah Franz Wheeler
Rachel & James Wilson

Ray and Elva Habarthur Memorial Scholarship

\$3,250: Karen Leonard

Hass Family Scholarship

\$250: Katherine & Mike Boehm

Heart of a Rock Scholarship

Paris Roberts
Jerraco Johnson
Triona Roberts
Vanita Rockford
Megan Wilson

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

\$14,985: Established by Jane & Carl Hinze

Horton Scholarship

\$1,000: Nancy & Nick Coin

Jayovontae "Jaree" Roberts Scholarship

\$100-\$499:
Iesha Jones

Up to \$100:

Cindy Perkins

Timothy Joannides Family Scholarship

\$5,000: Established by Kathy & Tim Joannides

Keim Scholarship

\$1,000: Delores Rodriguez

Knights of Pythias Scholarship

\$25,000: Established by the Knights of Pythias

R. Decker Magee Scholarship

\$100-\$499:
Peter Johnson
Julie & Lee Kimball
Louise & Craig Ripley

Herb Niemann Scholarship

\$1,000-\$2,000:
Kay Niemann
Toni & Ted Niemann

\$100-\$499:

Janet Pauly

Up to \$100:

Lynn & James Cimfel

R. Dale Owen "Be the Light" Memorial Scholarship

\$3,211: Ascentra Credit Union Foundation

Darrell & Mary Anne Reynolds Scholarship

\$20,000: Mary Anne & Darrell Reynolds

Darrell & Mary Anne Reynolds Automotive Scholarship

\$20,000: Mary Anne & Darrell Reynolds

Miles W. Rich Family Scholarship

\$7,000: Miles Rich

Jayovontae "Jaree" Roberts Scholarship

Latesha Barolette
Jerraco Johnson
Carolyn Jones
Iesha Jones
Vanessa Roberts

Fred Houlton "Service Above Self" Rock Island Rotary Scholarship

\$17,573: Rotary Club of Rock Island

Louis and Chet Schultz Scholarship

\$500: Shockley Foundation

Shallman Memorial Scholarship

\$25,000: Established by John Shallman

Elizabeth Kennel Williams Scholarship

\$500-\$999:
Linda & Russ Kennel
\$100-\$499:
Jack Barrows
Cindy & Fred Lukasik
Carolyn Eagle & Rick Simmon

Rosemary Woodward Scholarship

\$5,000: Rock Island Community Foundation

DW Young Memorial Scholarship

\$4,000: Deloros Young

RIMEF Scholarship Recipients

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

In memory of long-time 1st grade Audubon teacher Nell Althoff
Recipients: Nyambanguka Benise, Olivia Bowman, Joseph Brune, Ywa Paw

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

Honoring Charles O. Austin, Jr. and Charles O. Austin, III
Recipient: Peh Lay

Bally's Quad Cities Scholarship - 3 awards

For students demonstrating academic and social achievement
Recipient, \$3,000 award: Alaina Muller
Recipient, \$2,000 award: Kamara Sakho
Recipient, \$1,000 award: Hunter Melody

Carole S. Barkan Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Carole's life devoted to advocating for students
Recipient: Kamara Sakho

Boeye Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by the family to recognize involvement in extra-curriculars and the community
Recipient: Joseph Brune

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

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation to honor the Brissmans
Recipient: Ashlie Heggen

Class of 1961 Scholarship - \$1,000 each

Established and funded by the Class of 1961
Recipients: Eliza Aleman, Alexa Avelos, Kaniya Davis, Crystal Fragogiannis, Xander George, Olivia Johnson, Briana Moreno, Nibitanga Pascalin, Brigitte Pendeza, Jacob Stribling, Najah Vesey, James Wolgaert

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

Established and funded by the Class of 1963
Recipients: Xander George, Favour Noya

Class of 1965 Scholarship - \$500

Established and funded by the Class of 1965
Recipient: Kelly Canning

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

Established by American Bank & Trust to honor Stanley H. Coin
Recipient: Tongil Kalomba

Donald E. Devinney Business & Business Education Scholarship - \$6,000 each

Established by former RIHS business teacher Mr. Don Devinney
Recipients: Hamidullah Barikzay, Ian Empen

Barbara Fackel AVID Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Barbara for a student completing 4 years of the AVID program
Recipient: Favour Noya

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

Established by former RIMSD teacher Nancy K. Brown Farrar
Recipient: Najah Vesey

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

In memory of the brothers who were Rocky grads
Recipient: Eh Htoo

Rick Gilliland Scholarship - \$500

In memory of teacher Rick Gilliland - for a student attending Black Hawk College
Recipient: Elian Blanco

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

Established to honor the long-time Rock Island contributors
Recipient: Ava Coussens

Hass Family Scholarship - \$1,000

Established by the family in honor of Mary and Art Hass
Recipient: Trichelle Gay

Heart of a "Rock" - \$1,000

Established by 2010 alum Megan Wilson and Triona Roberts. For a student who has had a family member struggling with a major illness.
Recipient: Jacob Stribling

Amy Helpenstell Liberal Arts Scholarship - \$1,000

Honoring Rocky and Augustana College graduate, Amy Helpenstell
Recipient: Grace Gustafson

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

Established by the Hortons to encourage a pursuit in trades or nursing.
Recipient: Olivia Johnson

Derek James Jackson Art Scholarship - \$500 each

Established for a student who has participated in the Rocky art curriculum
Recipient: Donavin Caston, Elizabeth Hamilton

Tyler John Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

In memory of Tyler for a student in band and/or orchestra
Recipient: Eh Htoo

Judith A. Katz Scholarship - \$4,000

Established in memory of Judith for a student exhibiting outstanding academic achievement
Recipient: Georgi Feigley

Donavin J. Keim Scholarship - \$500 ea.

Funded by the family in memory of the former student athlete
Recipient, Football: Xander George
Recipient, Wrestling: Rebecca Ferguson

R. Decker Magee Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Established in memory of RIHS graduate Decker Magee
Recipient: Elijah Boeye

The Marler Clark Science Scholarship - \$2,000

Established to aid a student pursuing a degree in science
Recipient: Zach DeMarlie

Mollie Montgomery Scholarship - \$2,000

Established by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation for a student entering a medical field
Recipient: Emily Allison

Herb Niemann Scholarship - \$1,200

In memory of former teacher and principal Herb Niemann
Recipient: Grace Gustafson

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: Liyah Millbrook

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

Established by the Reynolds to reward hardworking students
Recipients: Andrew Freeman, Brigitte Pendeza

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

Established by Mr. Rich for a student who will major in Business Administration
Recipient: Alejandro Torres

Jayovontae "Jaree" Roberts Scholarship - \$500 each

Funded by family and friends to honor former student Jaree Roberts
Recipient, Education: Ywa Paw
Recipient, Music: Georgi Feigley

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

3 scholarships funded by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation
Recipient, 4-year College: Tazia Stoner-Harris
Recipient, 4-year College: Aaliyah Jackson
Recipient, 2-year College: Elijah Boeye

Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation Merit Scholarship - \$500

Recipient: Addison VandeWalle

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: Favour Noya

Rock Island Township Scholarship - \$1,000

To support a student residing in RI Township and attending an IL college
Recipient: Briana Moreno

Chet and Louise Schultz Scholarship - \$2,000

Established in memory of Rocky wrestling coach/teacher Chet Schultz and teacher Louise Schultz
Recipient: Nyambanguka Benise

Terry Stephens Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Established to honor former baseball coach Terry Stephens
Recipient, Baseball: Xander George

Elizabeth Kennel Williams Scholarship - \$1,000

Honoring the '86 RIHS graduate who dedicated her career to helping students overcome challenges
Recipient: Grace Gustafson

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

Encouraging women to pursue a degree in computer science, technology, or math
Recipient: Ma'Kayla Steele

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: Ella Munday

DW Young Memorial Scholarship - \$4,000

Established by the family in memory of DW Young, a strong supporter of RI schools
Recipient: Liyah Millbrook



Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation

PRIME GRANTS

PROMOTING
ROCK ISLAND
MILAN EDUCATION

2022 – 2023 PRIME Grants Awards

* Rock Island Art Guild PRIME Grant Recipient

Teacher Grants:

Maria Bandera-Taber, Earl Hanson Elementary
\$1,491.53 – Feed the Need

Candace Vroman-Lopez, Earl Hanson Elementary
\$775.00 – Any Place Any Time Learning

Beth Raygor, Earl Hanson Elementary
\$1,449.61 – Sensory to Win

Cindy Arkebauer, Eugene Field Elementary
\$1,494.31 – Improving Growth Mindset and Social Emotional Learning through STEAM

Emilie Carriere, Frances Willard Elementary
\$1,500.00 – Sensory Friendly Classroom Environment

Gabby Pepping, Frances Willard Elementary
\$1,200 – Kinder Space to Support Social-Emotional Learning

Aubrey Keller, Horace Mann Early Learning Center
\$1,500.00 – Sensory and Inclusive Learning

Linnea Sparacello, Horace Mann Early Learning Center
\$1,500.00 – Science in the Preschool Classroom

Jamie Pilichowski, Rock Island Academy
\$666.26 – A Little Spot of Social-Emotional Learning: Feelings, Thoughts, Actions

Susan Scudder, Rock Island Academy
\$1,485.64 – Ultimate Reading

*Kelly Vroman, Rock Island Academy
\$1,500.00 – Art Mindfulness

Kristen Adams, Rock Island Center for Math & Science
\$1,142.84 – Promethean Projects & Small Group Resources

Kris Hays, Rock Island Center for Math & Science
\$945.43 – The Promethean Project

Jacqueline Krone Franks, Rock Island Center for Math & Science
\$945.43 – Interactive Learning for Kindergarteners

Shaya Smith, Rock Island Center for Math & Science
\$1,142.84 – Operation Cool Stuff

Susan Thompson, Rock Island Center for Math & Science
\$1,500.00 – Activities Across the Curriculum

Alicia Sigel, Ridgewood Elementary
\$965.51 – Fine Motor Fun without Tears

Christine MacDonald, Thomas Jefferson Elementary
\$1,000.00 – Graduation Bookends

Lauren Bisgard, Edison Junior High School
\$770.00 – Social Emotional & Culturally Responsive Classroom

Sylvia Cooper, Edison Junior High School
\$1,488.10 – Moby Max Subscription / Manipulative for Math & Math Projects

Kristi Geisler, Edison Junior High School
\$600.00 – Eagles Next Café

Rita Jett, Edison Junior High School
\$1,500.00 – Sensory Board

Melanie Martinez, Edison Junior High School
\$1,500.00 – Calm/Sensory Board

Kim Laingen, Washington Junior High School
\$1,500.00 – Cooking and Life Skills

Julie Churchill, Rock Island High School
\$1,000.00 – HS Counseling Dept Scheduling / Data Collection

Christopher Gabany, Rock Island High School
\$920.00 – Enhancing STEM Learning Through Virtual Science Experiences and Simulations

*Bill Gustafson, Rock Island High School
\$1,325.00 – Digital Drawing Screen Addition

Jason Kitterman, Rock Island High School
\$1,500.00 – Clothing for Kids

Christopher LaRoche, Rock Island High School
\$1,500.00 – May the Force be with You!

Sean McCollum, Rock Island High School
\$1,500.00 – Drone Coding

Lance Riccio, Rock Island High School
\$1,500.00 – Alternative Seating for High School Special Ed Students

Courtney Stone, Rock Island High School
\$940.00 – Biology I Dissection

Jennifer Trimble, Rock Island High School
\$1,401.69 – Back to the Future in Biology

Wade Weber, Rock Island High School
\$1,500.00 – Keep on Welding

*Christopher Britton, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center
\$1,400.00 – Urban Art Aesthetics

Janice Gbenyo, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center
\$1,350.00 – Digital Microscope Lab

Koffi A. Gbenyo, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center
\$1,500.00 – STEM and Hands-On Activities

Steve Van De Walle, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center
\$415.00 – Learning Advantage: Opening the Doors of Opportunities

Departmental/School Grants:

Jessica Stockwell, Denkmann Elementary
\$1,200.00 – Denkmann Safety Patrol

Peggy Canning, Eugene Field Elementary
\$2,407.52 – Kinesthetic Learning through Brainball & Steppers

*Donna Manning, Frances Willard Elementary
\$2,000.00 – Expressive Art

Nikki Melody & Valerie Matson, Frances Willard Elementary
\$3,000.00 – Reviving Rebecca Caudill at Willard

Michelle Weckerly & Carissa Boyd, Frances Willard Elementary
\$3,000.00 – Updated & Upgraded 4th Grade Classroom Library

Nicole Berry, Horace Mann Early Learning Center
\$2,893.80 – Sensory Interventions for Preschool

Dave Knuckey, Longfellow Elementary
\$3,000.00 – Peaceful Playgrounds

Sallie Konrardy, Longfellow Elementary
\$2,355.00 – SEL at Lunch!

Tara Niemeier & Mandi Stout, Longfellow Elementary
\$3,000.00 – Explore Our World

Adam Beck, Rock Island Academy
\$2,506.33 – Uke Can Do It at the Academy

Matthew Claude & Laura Irish, Rock Island Academy
\$2,198.72 – Organization for Success

Samantha Heath, Rock Island Academy
\$2,857.36 – Little Leopards, Big Emotions

Ashley Reeves, Lisa Hagen & Jessica Daves, Rock Island Academy
\$2,278.08 – Project Kindergarten – Building a Foundation for Future Learners

Amy Zero & Kelly Vroman, Rock Island Academy
\$3,000.00 – Presence Counts: Motivating Positive Attendance & Behavior Choices

Alexis DeWilde, Kati Montford & Mara Goodvin, Ridgewood Elementary
\$2,000.00 – Building Empathy through Teamwork

Kati Montford, Alicia Sigel & Elizabeth Hughes, Ridgewood Elementary
\$2,928.56 – Inclusive Technology and Supplies for Students in Functional Skills Special Education

Toni Moore & Meg Klocke, Ridgewood Elementary
\$3,000.00 – Everyone is a Reader

Giovanna Davila, Thomas Jefferson Elementary
\$3,000.00 – More Xylophones, Less Space

Olivia Frantzen, Thomas Jefferson Elementary
\$3,000.00 – Celebrating Attendance

Lindsay Anderson, Edison Junior High School
\$2,850.00 – Going Green in the Classroom

Emilie Heald, Washington Junior High School
\$3,000.00 – Enhancing STEM Instruction

Andrew Vogel, Washington Junior High School
\$1,800.00 – Warrior TV Publications

Katie Dennis, Rock Island High School
\$3,000.00 – Computer Tables that Fit!

Stephanie Dieudonne & Wade Weber, Rock Island High School
\$3,000.00 – Let's Try This

Maria Schrup Hanrahan, Rock Island High School
\$3,000.00 – EL Newcomer Vocabulary & Sentences Unit: EL Study Skills

Yvonne Grandberry Pugh, Rock Island High School
\$2,400.00 – Motivating Students

Science Department at RIHS, Rock Island High School
\$2,995.65 – Days of Dissection ("Days of Our Lives")

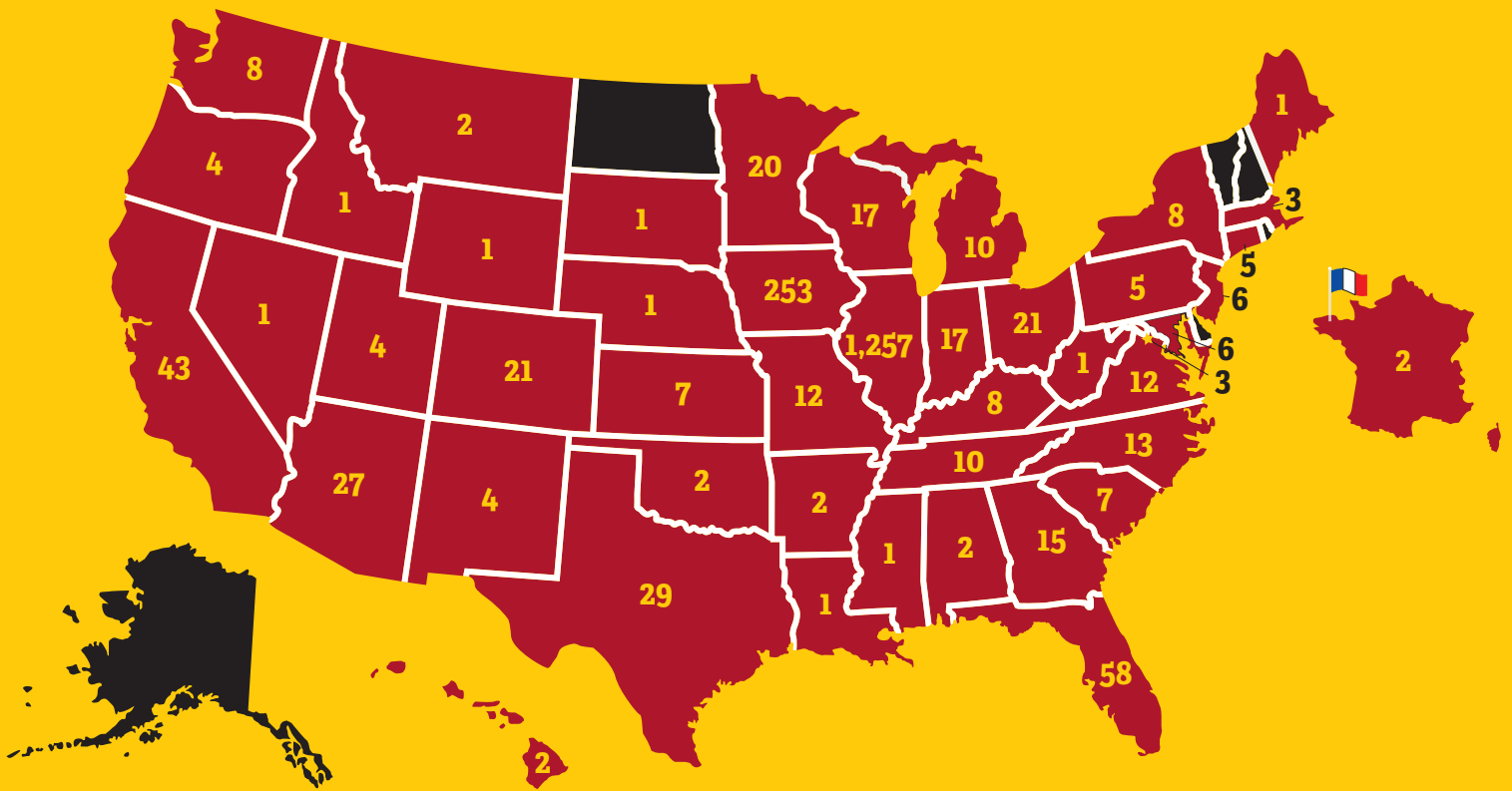
Venessa Taylor & Briana Nelson, Rock Island High School
\$3,000.00 – Safe Space / Locker Room

Amanda Crecelius, Darla Jones & Kate Reyhons, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center
\$3,000.00 – Developing Social-Emotional Resilience in Students with IEP's

Julie Vermiere, Thurgood Marshall Learning Center
\$3,000.00 – Student Success: Attendance Incentive Program

Donors by State

Total 1,923 – \$4,575,396.89 (as of 9/30/22)
44 States (plus DC & France)



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If you live in:

- Alaska
- Delaware
- New Hampshire
- North Dakota
- Rhode Island
- Vermont

please make your donation of support and turn your state RED for the RIMSD!

PRIME Grants Awards Continued

Multi-School Grants:

Mara Goodvin, Ridgewood Elementary
\$5,000.00 – Blue Sky Music Makers

Ben Hammer, Rock Island High School
\$3,000.00 – Rock Island Fitness Center Upgrades

Andrea Parer, Rock Island High School
\$5,000.00 – Rocky Resource Room

Chris Beierlein & Dionne Lohman,
Rock Island-Milan School District
\$4,521.04 – Coaching for a Change

Matthew Manweiler & Madison Penn,
Rock Island-Milan School District
**\$4,995.00 – Realizing Diversity through Rhythm
and Groove with Tracy Silvermann**

Sarah McCoy, Rock Island-Milan School District
**\$3,250.00 – Family Engagement Volunteer
Recognition**

Krystall Trice, Rock Island-Milan School District
**\$5,000.00 – Family Engagement that Impacts
Student Achievement**

Thank You

The Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation (RIMEF) believes every student is entitled to a quality education.

Our mission - "To Enhance Academic Opportunities for Student Success" – encompasses a commitment to enriching the current educational environment of all our students. Your generous donations to the RIMEF facilitate programs, fund innovative materials and projects, provide technologies, and help further the education of RIHS seniors

"There is no greater return than the investment in a child's education." We are tremendously grateful for your continued generosity and your investment in the education of the over 6,000 students of the Rock Island-Milan School District.



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