



The Foundation Buzz

Our Mission:

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing and enriching the educational experiences for students in our public school system.

GALA 2015 Honors Founders and Partners



Keynote speaker, Rick Means, '73 (center) helped make the Foundations' first-ever GALA a great success! Pictured with Rick are two of his FHS classmates who serve as officers of the Foundation, Treasurer Rick Gohring (left) and President Bruce Hackmann (right)

For years the Fulton Public Schools Foundation had wanted to hold a gala event to honor all the individuals and businesses that have helped it to grow into the success it is today. On March 28, 2015, that dream was finally realized. Approximately 100 people joined event chairs Vicky and Tommy Salmons for an elegant evening of dining, awards, and music at the Mueller Center on the Westminster Campus.

Rick Means, FHS '73, president of Shelter Insurance, gave the keynote address and also surprised the Foundation with a \$2,000 gift from he and his wife, Molly, which was matched by Shelter Insurance for a total gift of \$4,000!

Awards were presented to key individuals that have been instrumental in the Foundation's development. David A. Burre, '65, was honored for his initial land donation that was the impetus for starting the Foundation in 2004. Mrs. Pat Jones received recognition for establishing the first restricted fund with her gift of \$20,000 for foreign language training in the elementary schools. The Blattner Family was honored for their strong support of the Foundation in its early years. Recently they moved the Sylvia K. Blattner Fund to the Foundation as a restricted fund. Members of the Harris family were also honored. Bruce Harris, FHS '72, served as a founding member of the board in 2006 and Glenn Harris, FHS '01, recently served as treasurer. The Major Saver organization was also honored as an Educational Partner. A new Educational Partners plaque was unveiled at the GALA displaying all their names.

The Class of 1964 received recognition for its 50th reunion gift of \$4,365, the largest reunion gift in the Foundation's history at that time. A new giving club had been established in January of 2015 and charter members of the Hornet Foundation Circle, chaired by Mike Basnett, were also recognized. The final group to be honored was the Founding Fifty. This group of dedicated individuals undertook the task of creating an endowment fund for the Foundation in 2011-2012. Each person gave a minimum of \$1,000 to establish a \$50,000 endowment. All agreed, it was indeed a gala evening of celebration.



David A. Burre, '65, an Educational Partner, shares his story



Mrs. Pat Jones receives an Educational Partner award from Superintendent Dr. Jacque Cowherd



GALA Chairs Vicky and Tommy Salmons (right) FHS '73 and '71

2015 Foundation Board of Directors



*Top Row (L-R) - Joe Holt '58, Diane Ludwig '64 (Executive Director); Angela Morrison '66, Betsy Schlemeier '83, Beth Houf, Rick Gohring '73
Bottom Row (L-R) - Nikki Ryan '97, Melissa Siegel, Bruce Hackmann '73, Gina McLaclan, Lydia Schuster '01
Not pictured - Mike Basnett '72, Rod Latty '75, and Clint Smith '94*

From our President

Bruce Hackmann

We often hear people say they didn't know the Fulton Public Schools Foundation existed. Don't feel bad if that describes you. It simply underscores the challenge we face as an organization to build credibility within the ranks of our alumni and friends. Our charge is to make our mission worthy of your interest and support.

It was little more than a decade ago that a small group of community and school people were pulled together to form the Fulton Public Schools Foundation. At that point in time our objective was simple – create a non-profit entity, aligned but operationally independent of the Fulton School District, to accept a tax deductible land donation from FHS alumnus David Burre, '64. That mission was accomplished and the Foundation was born.

Just as education is the bedrock of our existence, the Fulton Public Schools Foundation has been faced with a learning curve. We no longer exist for a singular purpose. From that simple beginning the Foundation has evolved into an organization that now embraces the broader role it is intended to fill. Classroom grants, academic enhancements, class reunions, endowment growth, and other traditional objectives of public school foundations hardly registered on our radar a decade ago. Today, they are the reason we exist. It is very gratifying to see how far the Foundation has come since 2004 and even more exciting to see the opportunities that await us.

Even though our Foundation functions independently of the Fulton School District, we operate to supplement and improve funding for school programs that might fall outside of our district budget. We recognize that in order for our school children to have the best, the District could use our help. The Foundation envisions helping as many students as possible with the funds we have available. And we are proud to report that Fulton's students and teachers are now the beneficiaries of thousands of dollars for innovative classroom grants from the Foundation. These grants and other District initiatives are made possible through the generosity of our donors, many of whom are listed in this newsletter.

There is no reason to believe that our school district can't be one of the best in the state of Missouri. It is a goal that is worthy of our support. Investment in our students and teachers is a wonderful legacy that will impact future generations of Fulton students. Please consider investing today.

The Founding Fifty

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation gratefully recognizes the following individuals for their generous support in creating the FPSF Endowment Fund in 2011-2012.

Jean Avra

Dale and Myrna Backer

Rhad and Leah Beth Baker

Mike and Teri Basnett

Dr. Robert and Puz Basnett

Jim Baumgartner

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Betsy Blattner Tutt, '66, and John Blattner, '75, with Superintendent Dr. Jacque Cowherd (left)



Glenn Harris, '01, and Sue Williamson Harris, '65

Hornet Foundation Circle

New for the Foundation this year is the Hornet Foundation Circle, a major giving club to assist with Foundation growth. As new projects and needs have arisen, the board determined that part-time staffing was also a must. These multiple needs would require additional funding.

The Hornet Foundation Circle (HFC), an annual giving club, was established to provide those flexible dollars. Levels begin at \$250 per year and go to \$5,000. We are excited that many of you have already signed on and the opportunity will be provided to others in our Fall Campaign. Charter membership is available until December 31, 2015. If you would like to join, contact Diane Ludwig, at 573-642-4664.

At the GALA in March, we recognized all charter members with a special HFC label pin designed and created by B-Line Engraving.

Hornet Foundation Circle Chair Mike Basnett, '71. HFC Label Pin

Classroom Grants 2014 - 2015

A common question we hear is “What does the Foundation do with the money it receives?” This is a question we are happy to answer. Our most popular program is the Classroom Grant that any Fulton Public School teacher or principal can apply for. We typically award grants of \$500 to \$1,000 for projects that bring innovation, expanded learning opportunities, and/or unique learning experiences to the students. Our 2015-16 recipients will be featured in our Spring newsletter to allow time for their programs to be implemented. Here are the projects and recipients of the 2014-15 grants that were featured at the spring GALA.

Cruising Through Chromebooks in 2nd Grade (2 grants)— adding three chromebooks moved the class to a 2:1 access ratio for using this technology for activities such as researching, writing, and instant feedback. Bartley Elementary, Katie Marshall-Bishop, teacher; \$750 grant / Morgan Kraus, teacher; \$750 grant

Busy Bees— is a continuation of a program designed to reduce the amount of bullying behavior exhibited by 2nd and 3rd grade girls and teach relationships, self-image and personal strengths. Bartley Elementary, Teresa Alison, teacher; \$500 grant



R.A.I.L.S. Club—allows low-achieving students to choose on-level books to read, check out and take home. Books are discussed and reading logs kept. Bush Elementary, Juanita Heider, teacher; \$500 grant

I'm a 21st Century Learner! - This program for 4th grade students develops skills in Web 2.0 tools using Minecraft for Education and GoAnimate which foster critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and connectivity. McIntire Elementary, Casey Echelmeier, teacher; \$500 grant

McIntire's 5th Grade Hornet Ambassadors: Leading for the Future — is a collaborative program among 5th grade students, faculty and staff, and the community providing leadership development through leading by example. Beth Houf, Billy Cannon and Courtney Blackwell, teachers; \$500 grant



Classroom Grants Engage Learners in New Ways

Classroom Grants 2014 - 2015

FMS Broadcasting Club—support’s the work of FMS Broadcasting Club in their video and radio coverage of FMS activities as well as other programming needs. Jan Bailey, teacher; \$500 grant

Fulton Mugs Coffee Shop - FMS special education students run a coffee shop 3 days a week and complete learning objectives 2 days a week, learning life skills to transition to post-secondary life. Amy Jolly, teacher, \$1,000 grant



Back Row (L-R) - Erica Hogan, Bartley ; Josh Howard, FMS

Front Row (L-R) - Nikki Brown, McIntire; Casey Echelmeier, McIntire; Melody Haper, FHS; Stephanie Smith, FHS; Robyn Frame, Bartley; Katie Finley, Bartley

Thank You From The Teachers !

“I’m a 21st Century Learner”

“This past school year, *I’m a 21st Century Learner*, allowed 4th grade students the opportunity to “think outside of the box” and create personal learning experiences that would enhance their learning in specific content while developing 21st century skills needed to become productive 21st century learners. The students learned how to create video games that would showcase their understanding of content through a personal learning plan. By creating these experiences, the students were able to reach a higher and deeper level of understanding of all content areas.”

“ Overall, teachers have been able to acquire materials and implement programs and activities to promote student engagement and inquiry that may not have been available without the Fulton Public Schools Foundation funding.”

Casey Echelmeier
McIntire School
2014-15 Classroom Grant

“The Buzz - FMS Broadcasting Club”

“I have been a recipient of grants from the Fulton Public Schools Foundation several years. The grants have helped me greatly in extending my curriculum far beyond the classroom.”

“Our most recent and ongoing endeavor is the FMS Broadcasting Club. The Broadcasting Club has two facets: Internet radio broadcasting and video productions. FMS students (6-8 grades) have the opportunity to be part of either, or both. Our Internet Radio Station: The Buzz - allows us to communicate school functions, announcements, PSA's, and other student activities, along with top forty music hits. The video production portion includes videoing and photographing school activities, then producing videos to be shared with all FMS students. The Fulton Public Schools Foundation initially allowed us to purchase video flip cameras, microphones, head sets, and jump drives. This grant was continued to allow us to subscribe to an Internet radio service to host our station. Thank you Fulton Public Schools Foundation! “

Jan Bailey
Fulton Middle School
2014-15 Classroom Grant

From our Executive Director

Welcome to our first Fulton Public Schools Foundation newsletter! How exciting to be able to share with you the many wonderful things happening at the Foundation.

Having grown up in Fulton in the 1950-60’s, and then being gone for 45 years, I’m enjoying catching up with our school system and what the needs are today. Technology is certainly a driving force as is a need for global, innovative, thinking. All this causes needs our school systems cannot meet. That is where public school foundations come in. Jefferson City, Columbia, Mexico, New Bloomfield, and Sedalia all have them. Our Fulton Public School Foundation has been a slow and steady partner to the District. We work each year to fulfill needs identified by the teachers and administrators through the district needs assessment process.

We are now ready to grow our capacity to help. This means reaching out to you, our community. There are so many ways we can partner! If you are planning a class reunion, please consider a gift to the Foundation (and get to use one of our reunion banners; see page 8. Our new *Hornet Foundation Circle* annual giving club is a great opportunity and if you join before December 31, you’ll be a charter member (gifts of \$250-\$5000; see page 3. We’ll also be doing an appeal in November, just in time for your year-end giving. If you like bargains, be sure to purchase several Major Saver cards next March (2016) through the elementary schools see page 6. We also are honored to be the recipient of tribute gifts in memory of or in honor of persons or events. Some of you may be thinking longer-term about setting up a scholarship or an endowment gift, and we can assist you with those. Together our Foundation will grow into an even stronger partner for our school district as we all help create 21st century learners. Please let me know how you would like to help.



Diane Burre Ludwig, CFRE, ‘64 ExDir@FultonSchoolsFoundation.org 573-642-4664

50th Reunion Class Gifts Fuel Foundation

When the FHS Class of 1964 was planning its 50th reunion, they decided to make a class gift back to their alma mater. The class set a goal of \$2,500 and added a Foundation Reunion Gift Form to their packet of materials sent to all their classmates. The form allowed for donations 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' favorite teachers, classmates or family members and many chose to do that. The Foundation responded to this interest by creating a large 8 foot banner emblazoned with the words "FHS 50th Class Reunion" for golden anniversary reunion classes to use at their various events (see page 8). At the reunion banquet, class members were thrilled to learn they had raised \$4,365 for the Foundation and Fulton Public Schools!

Once Diane Burre Ludwig, '64, took over as executive director of the Foundation, she immediately went to the Class of 1965, her brother's class, and challenged them to meet or exceed the Class of 1964 total. The planning team, headed by Shirley Harris Fisher, decided it was a worthy goal and signed on. Again the pledge forms were added to the reunion packets and classmates could honor or remember classmates, teachers and family. And they did! The grand total for the Class of 1965 was \$16,565.65 (note all the 65s)!

Currently the Class of 1950 is working on a reunion class gift for their 65th reunion. Results will be announced at their banquet in mid-October. The Class of 1966 is also considering the option as they plan for their 50th reunion in 2016. If your class is interested, please contact Diane Burre Ludwig at 573-642-4664 or DBLudwig22@aol.com. The Foundation will provide a reunion banner/sign for your specific reunion year and also has a large 'presentation check' you may use. It is a FUN and wonderful way to remember the good times of your high school years and help today's students make their own great

Class of 1964



Terry Ersham, '64, (left) and Diane Burre Ludwig, '64, (far right) present their class gift of \$4,365 to FHS representative Carol Robertson in October 2014.

Class of 1965



Shirley Harris Fisher, '65 (left), David Burre, '65, and Linda Glascock O' Bryant, '65 (right), present their class gift of \$16,565.65 to Diane Burre Ludwig, Foundation executive director, in July 2015.

Major Saver Card = FREE Items!

The \$10 you invest in a Major Saver Card will certainly be one you'll enjoy! We thank the following area merchants for supporting the public schools through the Foundation with this easy and beneficial project. Here are the treats awaiting you and your MS card:

- Beks**—Free Artichoke Dip with a \$20 purchase
- Brooklyn Pizza**—FREE garlic bread with any \$10 food purchase
- Bronzed and Beautiful**—Receive 10% off any purchase reusable
- DQ**—Buy one combo meal and get a small sundae FREE
- Family Video**—FREE \$1 rental with any new release rental (reusable)
- Fulton Diner**—Buy one lunch/dinner entrée, get one slice of cheesecake FREE
- Iron Skillet**—Buy one buffet, get one FREE
- Jalisco**—Buy one dinner, get one burrito FREE
- Lulu's**—Buy one frozen yogurt, get one FREE (up to \$5)
- McDonalds**—Buy one large sandwich, get one FREE
- Pizza Hut**—Buy one lunch buffet and soft drink, get one lunch buffet FREE
- Saults**—Buy one milkshake, get one FREE
- Sonic**—Buy one single patty cheeseburger, get one FREE
- Studio Seven**—\$25 off a photo session fee
- Subway**—Buy one 6" sandwich and 21-oz drink, get one 6" sub FREE

Cards will again be available through the elementary schools next March. Plan now to support this great fundraiser and help make good things happen for our schools.



Kelly Osborne (center), president of Major Saver, Inc. presents a check for \$11,070 to Bruce Hackman, president and Diane Burre Ludwig, executive director, at the May 2015 Foundation board meeting. This represents the results of the 2015 Major Saver cards campaign. Many thanks to all who participated.

Class Reunion Donors

Classmates are encouraged to remember and/or honor favorite teachers, classmates, and/or family members with their reunion donations. We thank the following individuals for their gifts.

Alphabetized by Yearbook Name (in **BOLD**) IMO = In Memory of IHO = In Honor of

Class of 1964 - 50th Reunion

October 16, 17 & 18, 2014

Fred Atkinson
IMO John Glover

Trellis (Autenrieth) Blansett
IHO Kevin Craig

Sydney & Susan Baumgartner
IMO Allen Sheets

Trudy (Berry) Dysart
IHO Venita Diehl Renner

Diane (Burre) Ludwig
IMO Mrs. Gladys Books and Deri Jameson

Nick Cave

Roberta (Davidson) Cupp

Venita (Diehl) & Dave Renner
IMO John Glover

Martin & Phyllis Dixon
IMO David Horton

Terry T. Ehrsam

Larry Estes
IMO the classmates we have lost

Lance & Linda Friesz
IMO Dennis Gilbert and Allen Sheets

Mike Gannaway

Mike & Nancy Gentsch
IMO Mr. Kimmie Craighead

Phil & Sylvia Glenn
IMO all departed classmates

Natalie (Gordon) & Steve Burks
IMO Nancy Hill Morford

Larry Graves
*IMO John Glover, Allen Sheets,
Jack Galbreath and Lydia Curtis*

Pat Hansen

Patsy (Hendrix) & Terry Davis

Brenda Hickman

Jesse Holmes

Garry & Connie Houf

Julie (McGuire) & Joe Johnson
IMO Allen Sheets

Linda (Kennett) & Garry Carver

Ed & Lois Lorenz

Barbara (Lowes) Stone

Linda (Maddox) & Bo Matisziw
IHO all serving our country in the military

Janet (Maerz) Reyes
IMO Mrs. Irene Salmons

Susan (McAdams) & Lynn Brown

Margie (Mertz) Rucker

Wallace & Linda (Haden) Metz
*IMO Carl William Metz '67 &
Margaret Metz Kleeman '62*

Bob & Martha Newsom

Barb (Rich) and Cliff O'Donley

Vic & Pam Pasley

Linda (Polmateer) & Ed Hickman
IHO Mrs. Celia Craighead

Linda (Potts) Eymann
IMO Nancy Hill Morford

Karen (Prince) Galbreath

Helen (Qualls) & Bill Ward
IMO Vincent Ward

Shirley (Rice) & Charlie Peery

Kerry & Kathy Renner
IMO David Horton

Mar-E Robnett
IMO David Horton

Lindell Salmons

Joe Selby
IMO all classmates who have gone before

Sharon (Shoenings) Siegel

Delores (Stiers) Martin

Sandy (Thorp) and Ron Fritz
IHO Mr. Donald Thurston

Steve White
IMO Mrs. Edith Dean

Joan (Williams) Dolman
*IMO Darrell Williams and
Roger Williams*

Martha (Williams) & James Fay
IMO Mrs. Jean Berry

Patsy (Williams) & John Jaech

Rodger & Loretta Williamson

Mary Zickos-Cole

Four Anonymous Donors

Class of 1965 - 50th Reunion

July 24 & 25, 2015

Roy Arthur
IMO Mike Baker

Dale & Myrna (Garlock) Backer

Mary Bell
IHO Sally Williams

Barbara (Black) Greicius
IMO Mrs. Edith Dean

David A. and Dana Burre

Rhonda (Carrington) Selby

Richard Craghead

Jim Craig
IHO those killed and MIA in Viet Nam

K. Blake & Carol B. Danuser

Barbara (Dunavant) Huddleston
IHO Sally Williams

Linda (Glascock) O'Bryant
*IHO Sally Williams
IMO Allen Sheets '64 & Mrs. Marie Sheets*

Emily (Gordon) Frazier
IHO Sally Williams

Cathy (Hammen) Haymart
IMO Roger Davis

Shirley (Harris) & David Fisher
IMO Max, Josephine and Ron Harris

Helen Grace (Harrison) Shaw
IMO Dale Shaw '63

Loretta (Jones) Coffman
IMO Roger Davis

Jerry Kennett
*IMO Mrs Irene Salmons & Mrs. Edith Dean
IHO Mrs. Jerene Harris & Mr. Ed Brandt*

E. L. Kettle
IMO Mrs. Gladys Books

Linda Kritzer
IMO Mrs. Myrtle Walker

Dale & Gwynne (Hobbs) LaRue

Sylvia (Linnenbringer) & Phil Glenn
*IMO our parents,
Hadley & Gladys Linnenbringer &
Monroe & Daphne Glenn*

Jerry & Maurine Long

Audrey (McAllister) & Stan Puthoff
IHO classmates who served in Viet Nam

Lois (McClellan) & John Long
IMO Mrs. Irene Salmons

Cathy (McGrath) McCray
IHO all the caring teachers

Doug & JoEllen Milner

Martha (Beck) & Bill Morgan

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Baumgartner**
IHO all our dedicated teachers

George Oestreich

Linda (Painter) & Bob Love

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Diane (Pryor) Bashore
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Nora (Soukup) Magee
*IMO Mrs. Edith Dean
IHO Mr. John Reuber & Mr. Ed Brandt*

George & Gail Taylor
IMO Mrs. Gladys Books

Sandra (Thompson) Johns
IMO my parents Paul & Irene Thompson

Shirley (Ward) Kump
IMO Mrs. Celia Craighead

Sue (Westmoreland) Friesz

William B. White

William (Bill) Whitlow
IMO Mrs. Irene Salmons

Sally Williams
IMO Mrs. Gladys Books

Ronda (Wilson) Hays
IMO Mrs. Jean Berry

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The Class of 1965 utilized the Foundation's 50th Anniversary banner in their class photo at their reunion in July 2015. We are honored by the generous donations made by the Class of '65 and delighted they enjoyed using the banner at their various events.

Upcoming Foundation Events

Hornet Foundation Circle Campaign
2016 GALA Dinner and Awards
Application deadline for 2016-17 Grants
Announcement of Grant Recipients

November/December 2015
March/April 2016
April 2016
May 2016

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