



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 2016 Highlights Graduates and Grants



Keynote speaker, Charles Galbreath, Jr, FHS 2000, delighted the crowd with his motivational remarks and tales of his days in Fulton schools.

Charles H. Galbreath, Jr., FHS 2000, was delighted to return to his hometown to be the GALA keynote speaker on Saturday evening, April 9, 2016 when just over 76 people gathered to celebrate the Foundation's successes.

Charles was especially surprised when the podium on the stage was the one his Class of 2000 had presented to the high school as a senior gift—and he had been on the selection committee! Introduced by his classmate, Lydia Schuster, Foundation Board member, Charles enthralled the crowd with his tales of FHS and how those experiences prepared him for his life today as a motivational speaker, trainer and professional in the juvenile justice system.

Pat and Earl O'Rourke worked diligently as chairs of the event and were excited about all the activities. Attendees enjoyed viewing displays of classroom projects funded by Foundation grants and visiting with the teachers who received the grants (see page 3). All were impressed by the creativity of the teachers and students (see page 3).

During the program, Andy Bonderer, School Board President, also welcomed attendees. Other highlights included the recognition of the Classes of 1965 and 1950 for their generous class gifts (see page 4), the unveiling of a new Foundation video, edited by FHS Senior, Gabe Oestreich, and shown on the new AV projection system, a gift from the Foundation using reunion class gifts from 1964, 1965 and 1950, and recognition of the 40 charter Hornet Foundation Circle members. All enjoyed a delicious dinner by Fresh Ideas Catering of William Woods. Bruce Hackmann, President and Diane Burre Ludwig, Executive Director, gave Foundation updates and invited questions. Gina McLachlan, Foundation Board member, presented recognition certificates to the teachers who had received the 2015-16 Classroom Grants. Scott Walker kept the good music flowing, and with an alcohol-free policy, the group enjoyed specially created 'mocktails' during the evening. While not intended to be a major fundraiser, the GALA did generate approximately \$1,800 for Foundation programs and expenses.



Above, Foundation video is shown on new AV projection system; Gabe Oestreich, senior, works on video.



GALA Chairs, Pat and Earl O'Rourke, welcome guests to the Foundation's second annual GALA.

From the President — Bruce Hackmann

Dear Friends of the Fulton Public Schools Foundation,

We appreciate your interest and support of our foundation in what has amounted to a record-breaking year. The generous and loyal support of so many Fulton alumni and friends shows that we share an unwavering commitment to outstanding public education for all our children. We take this support as a strong vote of confidence in our shared vision to put our financial resources where they can do the most good to advance innovation and academic excellence in our District classrooms and buildings.

During the 2015-16 school year, you helped take our Foundation to an unprecedented level. Together, we contributed more than \$51,000 to educational initiatives within the Fulton School District – a truly remarkable achievement for a school system our size. (see page 5) . Approximately \$30,000 of that amount funded the purchase of a new state-of-the-art AV projection system for the Fulton High School Commons Area that ended the rather archaic use of a white linen sheet for a projection screen. The funds for this project came almost exclusively from reunion class giving by the FHS classes of 1950, 1964 and 1965. This investment is certainly impactful and stands as a wonderful legacy to the spirit and enthusiasm of their class giving.

I think we all recognize the role that top-notch education can have on a community's well being. The question going forward is whether the Foundation's unparalleled response in 2015-16 will become the norm, or the exception. We've made great strides over the past decade to diversify our role and build the resources so that we are in a position to fund about \$6,000 in classroom grants annually. The past school year is proof that we have graduated into a new era as a charitable foundation. With your continued help and commitment, there is no reason we can't stay there. Our promise to you is that the Fulton Public Schools Foundation will always strive to be an effective conduit between our schools and the constituencies they have impacted. Thanks again for your support.



Bruce Hackmann

Jo James and Sue Lippincott visit with Joshua Howard about his classroom reading program



Classmates Lydia Schuster and Charlie Galbreath pause for a photo op!



Melody Harper visits with Vicki McDaniel, and Ron and Janice McDaniel about the Justice System project done in her class.



Guest enjoy the new AV projections system installed this spring thanks to Foundation funding from reunion gifts

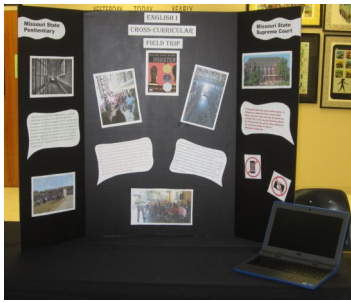


Irislee Prada (l) and Jean Avra read names on the HFC Charter members plaque



GALA 2016

Gala Highlight—Displays of Classroom Grant Projects



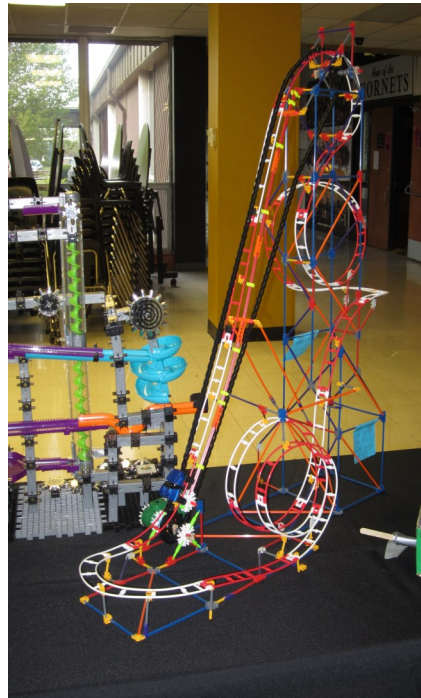
'Bringing the Justice System to Life' aptly named this hands-on high school project



'You Ought to See in Pictures' featured the use of geometry and algebra in everyday life



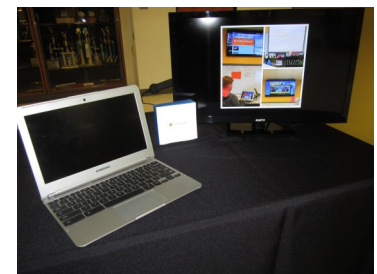
'Full STEAM Ahead' focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math



A fabulous 'Maker Space' creation!



'The Creation Station' allows for individual creativity and experimentation



'Cast the Chrome' delves into the worlds of apps and projects students create on their own



2014-15 Grant Recipients (L-R) Erica Hogan, Melody Hapner, Stephanie Smith, Katie Finley, Robin Frame, Camie Webb and Joshua Howard at podium. Gina McLachlan, board member, (far left) awarded the certificates.



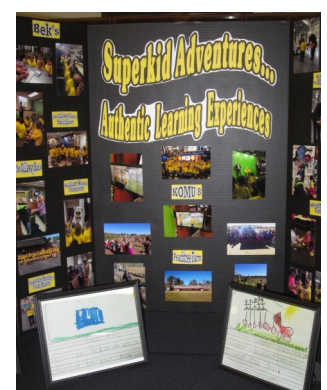
This 'Creation Station' project used simple elements for a fun design



'A Guided Reading Room' allows students to grow in appropriate reading levels

Noted one of the teachers after the event: "Thank you so much for all the work the Foundation is doing to support the teachers and students of Fulton Public Schools. Your impact is great and your efforts appreciated! "

"It was very nice to get out and engage with a part of the community we don't often see. What a wonderful experience for us to share the amazing and powerful things that are happening in our schools. To see the excitement and passion all those folks have for what we are doing is very reassuring and shows me that we are supported. Clearly our community is capable of great things."



'Authentic Learning Experiences' combined field trips and writing assignments

50th Reunion Class Gift Honored at GALA



Class of '1965 members, L-R, John Rootes, Scott Walker, Barbara Dunavant Huddleston, Shirley Harris Fisher and David Burre.

The Class of 1965 was on hand at GALA 2016 to be recognized for their outstanding Class Gift of \$16,565.65 (note all the 65s) - - the largest reunion gift to date! Classmates David Burre, Shirley Harris Fisher, Barb Dunavant Huddleston, John Rootes and Scott Walker enjoyed seeing their special donation amount inscribed on the Class Reunion Gifts plaque. A listing of all the 1965 class donors and their tributes was in our Fall newsletter. Approximately 50% of the class made a gift to help current and future Fulton students. THANK YOU Class of 1965!

Currently the Class of 1966 is working on their 50th Reunion and a class gift. The Class of 1976 is also planning a 40th reunion and doing a class gift. To make a gift on-line for either class, go to the Foundation website (www.FultonSchoolsFoundation.org) and look for Class Reunions, then select the class year and make your donation through PayPal.

If your class is planning a reunion and is interested in helping, please contact Diane Burre Ludwig at 573-642-4664. The Foundation will provide a reunion banner/sign for your specific reunion year and also

has a large 'presentation check' you may use. Many donors make their gift in memory of a classmate or loved one, or in honor of a favorite teacher, classmate or friend. It is the perfect way to remember the good times of your high school years and help today's students as they make their own great memories.

Class of 1950 Reunion Gifts

Reunion Date: October 10, 2015

The Foundation sincerely thanks the Class of 1950 for their generosity at their 65th Reunion! Below are the class donors who provided a total of \$1,950 in recognition of their class year and to honor/remember their classmates and teachers. THANK YOU ALL!

Marlene Acree
IMO Glenn E. Acree

T.J.. & Virginia Atkinson

Dorothy Backer
IMO Gene Backer

Patsy Brugler
IHO The Class of 1950 and Teachers

Will and Hellen (Dodd) Carpenter
IMO Mrs. Hellen Dodd

Margaret Elliott
IMO Richard Lee Elliott

John and Faye Houchins
IMO Mary Chenoweth Toebben

Jay D. Hall
IMO Donald Pickering

Kenneth & Barbara Hammon
IMO Mrs. Irene Salmons

Jerri & Roger Hewitt
IMO Marilyn Niblack Griffith

Donald K. Johnson
IMO Mrs. Hellen Dodd

Nancy (Statton) Korcheck
IMO All who have gone before

Ronnie & Janice McDaniel

Jo Ann (Millard) Nelson

Mary (Sevall) Nelson
IMO Miss Richardson and Mr. Garrett

Pat (Murphy) & Earl O'Rourke
*IMO Richard Elliott, Rip Russell,
Betty Sue Terrell Cox and
Glenn Acree*

Marilyn (Mittwede) Pogue

Neoma Plybon
IMO George L. Plybon



Pat O'Rourke (r) and Margaret Elliott view the Reunion Class Gifts plaque with Class of 1950 amount of \$1,950 engraved on it.

Don & Darlene Riley

Patricia Stark
IMO Charlie Stark

Wilkie Williams

Bonnie (Vandelicht) & Dale Vaughn
IMO Mr. George P. Newbolt

Two Anonymous Donors

IMO = In Memory of
IHO = In Honor of

Hornet Foundation Circle Update

The Hornet Foundation Circle (HFC), an annual giving club, was established in January 2015, to provide flexible dollars for Foundation growth. Some funds were also used to assist with the Foundation grant for the projection system at the high school. Levels begin at \$250 per year and go to \$5,000. We are excited that 40 individuals and/or companies signed on for our charter year. Thank you!

At the GALA in April, we recognized the charter members on a Charter Members plaque with all 40 names inscribed (see list at right).

From our recent Spring Hornet Foundation Circle membership campaign, we are happy to welcome the following NEW HFC members:

Myrna, '65 & Dale Backer, '65
 Connie & David Epperson
 Lou & Betty Lewis
 Joan Berry Morris
 Barbara Niles

HFC Charter Members plaque on display at GALA dinner



New Honorary HFC Class Reunion Donors include:

Brenda & Dennis Adrian, '66
 O. T. Harris, '46
 Jack & Betsy Tutt, '66
 Jack Ware, '66

Want to join? Just contact Diane Burre Ludwig, Foundation Director at ExDir@FultonSchoolsFoundation.org or call 573-642-4664

HORNET FOUNDATION CIRCLE

2015 Charter Members

Annual gifts of \$250 - \$5,000

Atlas Physical Therapy	Major Saver Holding, Inc.
Mike, '71 & Teri Basnett	Maupins Funeral Home
Robert & Puz Basnett	Vicki, '70 & Mike McDaniel
Tim & Kelly Borman	Gina & Mark McLachlan
Central Bank	Rick, '73 & Molly Means
David, '67 & Jane Bell Clapp, '67	Angela, '66 & George Morrison
Jacque & Karen Cowherd	Ovid Bell Press
Dick Davis, '69	Irislee Prada
Ned & Esther Digh	Deana Ready, '68
Dollar General Merchandise Center	Charles & Nancy Riley
Gary & Glenda Douglas	Nikki, '97 & Bob Ryan, '97
Derek Ebersole, '90	Tommy, '71 & Vicky Salmons, '73
Carolyn Fisher	Jorgan & Betsy Schlemeier, '83
Richard Gohring, '73	Shelter Insurance
Bruce, '73 & Linda Hackmann	David J. Shively, CPA
Joe Holt, '58 & Virginia Young	Melissa & Tim Siegel
Charles & Jo James	Clint, '94 & Shauna Smith, '94
Rodney, '75 & Janet Latty	Jack & Betsy Tutt, '66
Sue Lippincott	Chad & Julie Uhls, '93
Diane Burre Ludwig, '64	William Woods University

Honorary HFC Class Reunion Donors

Reunion gifts of \$250 or more

David, '65 & Dana Burre,	Martha Williams, '64, & James Fay
Shirley Harris, '65, & David Fisher	Jerry Kennett, '65
Jerry, '65, and Maureen Long, '67	Linda Glascock O'Bryant, '65
George Oestreich, '65	One Anonymous Donor, '50

Foundation Makes A Difference Through Grants

During this past 2015-16 school year, the Foundation funded the following projects making this our largest funding year to date:

Classroom Grants	7 grants	\$ 6,000
Academic Week Support	1 grant	\$ 3,000
Building Grants (six sites)	1 grant	\$ 12,000
Equipment Grant (AV projection system)	1 grant	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
TOTAL		\$ 51,000

Each year, the Foundation works with the Fulton School District to determine items from the District's 'needs list' for funding. Monies are raised from Reunion Class Gifts, the Hornet Foundation Circle giving club, the annual GALA, the Major Saver program, annual appeals, community gifts, corporate sponsors and endowment income. The reunion class gifts from 1964, 1965 and 1950 were instrumental in the Equipment Grant and the sale of a land donation helped with new building grants. Many thanks to ALL who helped with funding for our schools this year.



New Building Grants Bruce Hackmann, Foundation President (center) presented checks to each building principal on April 8, 2016 during an administrative meeting. (L-R) Beth Houf, Middle School, Jennifer Meyerhoff, Education Center, Connie Epperson, Bartley Elementary, Hackmann, Lynne Engle, Bush Elementary, Mark Clements, McIntire Elementary and Chris Mincher, High School. A total of \$12,000 was given to the principals to use as needed in their buildings. This new initiative by the Foundation was funded from the sale of a land donation.

Determining the Wish List Items

The Foundation works closely with the School District office to determine priority items for Foundation funding. The District uses an extensive process to gather the needs and then prioritize them for the Foundation. Current priority items on the District list include:

Music Equipment:

Snare Drums (4) - \$644 each and carriers \$220 each
(\$3,456 total)

Toms (3) - \$1,257 each and carriers \$245 each
(\$4,506 total)

Bass Drums (5) – varies \$541-678 each and carriers
\$220 each (\$4,142 total)

Brass Sousaphones and cases (4) – varies \$6,152-7,176
each (\$28,704 total)

Weight Room Equipment:

Weight equipment includes various weight benches, free weights and equipment supporting the weights. Approximate total cost is \$16,000

Smart Boards 8 Smart Boards at \$3,200 each for classrooms. (\$25,600 total)

Foundation Homecoming Booth— See you there!

The Foundation is planning to be a part of the Homecoming celebration this year and will be helping to roll out the new hornet logo. Look for our booth on Friday, September 9, at the stadium! We'll have a logo item to share with all who make a donation of a dollar or more to the Foundation that night. Join the FUN!

New Hornet Logo Unveiled

Meet the new Hornet in town! This winning design was done by Gabrielle (Gabby) DeVille, a freshman at Fulton High School. Look for it at the fall sporting events and on Fulton spirit wear. GO HORNETS!!!



From the Executive Director

When I left Fulton High School in 1964, I had no idea the many roads I would travel. Fortunately I was well-prepared by FHS. I am most thankful. I know many others are too as I work with the reunion classes and get to see graduates of 40, 50 or more years remember their alma mater. Many do so by honoring or remembering classmates or favorite teachers (see page 4) and we love to help with that. Teachers and classmates leave a lasting impression on us and it is nice to remember them. We are excited to be working with three groups presently, the Class of 1966, celebrating their 50th, the Class of 1976, celebrating their 40th, and the Classes of 1946, 1947, and 1948 holding a joint reunion. How wonderful as all are including a Reunion Class Gift in their planning and we will be providing the reunion banners for their events. If your class is starting to organize for a reunion, give us a call.



We are happy to announce recipients of our 2016-17 Classroom Grants on page 7. They represent innovative projects and opportunities for our students. Funding is provided, in part, by Reunion Class donations.

As you can tell from this newsletter, there are many things happening at the Foundation! One unique gift was a parcel of land which was sold earlier this year to provide additional funds for us to award to the schools. Our thanks to Joan Berry Morris for assisting in the sale and waiving her fee. The donor received a tax benefit and we were able to convert the gift into lasting benefits for the school children. A win-win for all!

Our Hornet Foundation Circle (HFC) continues to grow and we look forward to adding more new members this year. Our schools have many items on the wish list, so if you have an interest in helping the Fulton Public Schools give us a call. We'd love to help you achieve your goals.

Diane Burre Ludwig, CFRE 573-642-4664

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation offers its congratulations and best wishes to these 2016 retirees from Fulton Public Schools District 58. Thank you for your many years of loyal service.

Linda Baysinger, Fulton Middle School

Betty Bill, Fulton High School

Tina Blasa, McIntire Elementary

Lyn Dacey, Fulton High School

Juanita Heider, Bush Elementary

Patrick Mudd, Fulton Middle School

Carol Robertson, Fulton High School

Linda Williams, McIntire Elementary

Foundation 's 2016-17 Classroom Grants Announced

The following grants have been awarded for the coming school year to allow teachers to expand learning opportunities and creative activities.

Authentic Education Experiences	Bartley Elem	\$ 500
Connecting Kindergarten Through Service Learning	McIntire Elem	\$ 500
Creation Station	McIntire Elem	\$1,000
Digital Arts	Bush Elem	\$ 500
FMS Thrive Hive	Middle School	\$1,000
Full Steam Ahead	Bartley Elem	\$ 500
Fulton Mugs Coffee Shop	High School	\$1,000
Makerspace	Bartley Elem	\$ 650
OSMO in Kindergarten	Bush Elem	\$ 850
Sparkling Learning Through STEM	Middle School	\$ 500
Total 2016-2017 Classroom Grants		\$ 7,000

Major Saver Cards – A Fond Farewell

For ten years, the Major Saver cards have been a part of the fundraising efforts of the Fulton Public Schools Foundation. With new income sources and busy classroom schedules, it has been decided to discontinue this program. We have had a wonderful relationship with Kelly Osborn, President, and her team and thank them for the generous gifts they have given us each year along with the proceeds from the sale of the cards.

Welcome New Board Members



Susan Krumm Susan Krumm has returned to the FPS Foundation Board, having served during the Foundation's early years. She grew up near Williamsburg and graduated from Fulton High School and the University of Missouri in Columbia. She retired from 32 years with the Fulton Public Schools where she served as a middle school communication arts and social studies teacher, Director of Community Relations, and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. She then worked at William Woods University as the Director of Academic Assessment. In retirement she enjoys volunteer opportunities with First Christian Church, the Fulton Rotary Club, Fulton State Hospital Foundation, National Churchill Museum Friends Board and is a Chamber of Commerce Ambassador. She also enjoys traveling, quilting, reading, and spending time with her daughter, three stepchildren, and three grandchildren.

Vicki McDaniel Vicki Backer McDaniel attended a rural 2-room school north of Fulton for 6 years, then went to Fulton Public Schools from junior high through high school, graduating from FHS in 1970. She then attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating in 1975 with B.S.s in Human Environmental Design and Art Education. She did one year of graduate study at Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis. At intervals she worked in various capacities in the family business, Backer's Potato Chip Co. In 1979 she permanently joined the business becoming its president in 1989. She and her brother Dale Backer are 3rd generation owners of the business. In 2016, Backer's is celebrating 85 years!

In 1985 she married Mike McDaniel and became an instant parent of Melissa and John. Melissa is a teacher at McIntire Elementary School and John works for Backer's Potato Chip Co. There are now 5 grandchildren. Vicki is involved with the Model T Ford Club of America and is currently the local Fulton chapter president, is a leader in the Fulton Heritage Trust, is an elder at First Presbyterian Church, was president of the Kingdom Supper in 2013, and is president of the Auto World Museum Foundation which oversees the car museum founded by her father, Bill Backer. In 2016 the museum is celebrating 20 years and 10 years as a foundation.



2016 Board of Directors

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Vicki McDaniel
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Nikki Ryan
Lydia Schuster
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Diane Burre Ludwig, CFRE, Exec Director

Blattner and Garner Scholarships Awarded to 2016 FHS Graduates

The Fulton Public Schools Foundation is the trustee for two local scholarships and is pleased to announce the 2016 recipients. Awardees are selected by school counselors and teachers according to each scholarship's protocol.

**Sylvia K. Blattner Scholarship Award is presented to
Michaela Huff**

**Jack Garner Music Scholarship Award is presented to
Ryan Cortez**

Our congratulations to these worthy students.

Upcoming Foundation Events

Foundation Homecoming Booth	September 9, 2016
Class of 1966 Reunion	September 9-10, 2016
Classes of '46, '47 & '48 Reunion	September 17-18, 2016
Class of 1976 Reunion	October 7-8, 2016
Hornet Foundation Circle Fall Campaign	November 2016
2017 GALA Dinner and Awards	March 2017
Application deadline for 2017-18 Grants	April 2017
Announcement of Grant Recipients	May 2017

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