



L-P School Foundation, Inc.

Selected Highlights:

- L-P Schools received \$12,602 in grants
- This year 557 supporters from 32 states made donations of \$48,616

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Foundation Will Be 10 Years Old

On January 7, 2018 the L-P School Foundation will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

With that milestone, it seems appropriate to review where we've come from, and to also consider our plans for the future.

The Last 10 Years

When the Foundation incorporated in 2008, the annual Senior Project, with the support of many volunteers, was already in its 8th year. The Foundation trustees have continued to oversee this annual event with the graduating LHS senior class. From inception, these Senior Projects have raised almost \$75,000 to help our schools.

With its annual campaign, the Foundation reaches out to over 5,000 alumni and supporters across the country. As of October 15, a total of 1,068 unique donors have made gifts to the Foundation. (This number is household based, counting a husband and wife as one donor.)

Making grants to improve our

schools is the true reason for the Foundation's existence. Grants have increased steadily, and total \$78,192 since the year 2001. The 2017 grant was over \$12,000 and we anticipate the 2018 grant to exceed \$15,000.

In addition to the seven current trustees, four others have served and assisted the Foundation since its incorporation. Our thanks go out to former trustees Tami Reynolds, Zach Davis, Caleb Brecheisen, and Jane Walters for their service and guidance.

The Next 10 Years

Our medium-term goal is to provide grants of at least \$25,000 to our schools each year. Using the annual campaign results over the past few years as a barometer, that goal is only three to four years away.

Our longer-term goals may seem like a stretch, but sometimes you have to think and dream big. We want the annual grants to grow even further, with a \$50,000 target by the year 2028. At that level, our

grants will have the potential to differentiate the Loudonville Schools from other school districts, thus aiding in the attraction, hiring, and retention of the very best teachers for our students.

In 2017 we partnered with the Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF) and created an Operations Endowment Fund. A generous matching gift of \$15,000 from ACCF helped establish the fund. This fund will be used to pay operating expenses like paper, envelopes, stamps, and printing costs. We want to grow this account until its annual distributions are sufficient to pay all our regular operating expenses. Once that occurs, every dollar of every gift we receive will be used to directly benefit our schools.

Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the Foundation and helping our grants grow! We always welcome your feedback, so please call any of the trustees listed on the next page, or send us an email using support@lpschoolfoundation.org.

Recap of 2017 Senior Project

The 18th annual Senior Project, organized by the LHS Class of 2017, was a Lip Sync Battle featuring 15 acts of students, teachers, and school staff members.

The event was held on the evening of March 11 at the Ohio Theatre, in front of a raucous, fun-filled, and capacity crowd estimated to be 350 strong.

The winning act, selected by a vote

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Last March the stage of the Ohio Theatre was filled with lots of talented students and staff members, including many Class of 2017 members shown above.

Planning for 2018 Senior Project

Two trustees from the L-P School Foundation (LPSF) met with the officers of the Class of 2018 to start planning the 19th annual Senior Project to be held this coming spring.

The officers considered several ideas, and then met with the entire class to vote on the various options. In the end, a repeat of the 2017 Lip Sync competition was the winner, edging out a theatrical production.

The class is considering an additional fundraising event, where students auction themselves off to provide labor for projects like raking leaves or washing windows.

The Class of 2018 will continue the



Class officers (left to right) Jayson Mitchell, Emily Hurst, Deken Foster, Eric Bailey, and Kaleb Gongwer, recently met to begin planning the 19th annual Senior Project.

2018 Class Officers

President: Kaleb Gongwer

Vice President: Eric Bailey

Secretary: Deken Foster

Treasurer: Jayson Mitchell

Historian: Emily Hurst

tradition of collecting food for the Helping Hand food pantry. Their goal is to raise at least as much money as the Class of 2017.

LPSF asked each of the class officers about their plans after high school graduation.

Kaleb Gongwer is the son of Nate and Misty Gongwer of Loudonville. He plans to study pre-optometry at Ohio University.

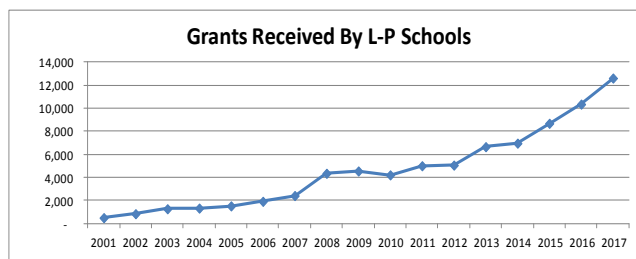
Eric Bailey is the son of Pamela Herrman of Loudonville. He is planning to study clinical psychology, but has not yet decided on a college.

Deken Foster is the son of Jeremy Foster and Heather Saylor. He will pursue a genetics major and a theater minor at a currently undetermined college.

Jayson Mitchell is the son of Jerry and Brenda Mitchell of suburban Jelloway. He is planning to attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University and study physical education for elementary students.

Emily Hurst is the daughter of Pete and Sheila Hurst of Perryville. After high school she will be studying to become a tattoo artist.

The L-P School Foundation sends its best wishes to all the members of the Class of 2018!



Annual grants to the L-P Schools continue to grow, and total more than \$78,000 since the year 2001.

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Thank you to the Foundation's supporters who are already using this website!



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Teacher Mini-Grants

Teachers Nicole Spencer, Joan Stoner, and Hannah Wildermuth received the Foundation's first three Teacher Mini-Grants last July. The three grants added up to \$1,262 or roughly 10% of the total grant received by the school.

Teacher Mini-Grants are to be used for materials, equipment, or other expenses related to a program or project not supported by the school budget, and are limited to \$500. Teachers must apply for the grants, and eight applications were received in this first year of the program.

Nicole Spencer teaches third grade, and wanted her students to gain first-hand experience related to a reading unit on how animals make physical and behavioral adaptations. The Columbus Zoo will bring animals to the school and show how the animals adapt to their natural habitats.

Joan Stoner's fifth grade science students will conduct research on the properties of light. Her mini-grant funds will help purchase ma-



Teacher Mini-Grant winners (left to right) Hannah Wildermuth, Joan Stoner, and Nicole Spencer thanked the Foundation and shared how their grants will be used.

terials the students will use to design, create, and test underwater viewing devices.

Hannah Wildermuth teaches kindergarten, and her grant will help furnish a sensory room for special needs students. Teachers will use the room with students who exhibit signs of excessive anger, anxiety, or stress.

The Foundation congratulates the 2017 winners and looks forward to continuing this program next year!

Teacher Mini-Grant Questions

Since this was the first year for awarding Teacher Mini-Grants, we'd like your opinions. Please send any thoughts or feedback to support@lpschoolfoundation.org.

- How much emphasis should be put on these grants, either as a dollar amount or a percentage of our total grant capacity?

- Should we highlight certain academic areas, or just award to the best perceived applications, regardless of the area of study?

Please share your thoughts . . .

Donations and Grants In 2017

So far in 2017, the L-P School Foundation has received donations of \$48,616 from 557 supporters located in 32 states. Since its incorporation in 2008, the Foundation has received support from an incredible 1,068 donors!

As a result of these donations, along with the 18 Senior Projects organized every year since 2000, the L-P Schools have received cumulative grants of \$78,192. The 2017 grant of \$12,602 included \$11,340 for 8th grade STEM materials, plus \$1,262 for three Teacher Mini-Grants.

Where Do Our Donors Live?

We took a look at the Foundation's 1,068 supporters to see what states they call home. Not surprisingly the vast majority (874 of our donors) live in Ohio, but we have received gifts from supporters living in 40 other states, too.

The other top states, along with the number of donors, are Florida (35), Arizona (15), California (13), Virginia (13), Texas (12), and Michigan (11).

We want to thank our supporters in Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, Nevada, Wisconsin, and West Virginia, as each of those states has exactly one donor.

We would love to add a donor from the missing states of Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, and Wyoming. If you know of any alumni living in these last nine states, please encourage them to support the Foundation!

Our Donor Map, accessible via a link at the bottom of every page of our website, shows the cities and towns where all our supporters live.

Redbird Alumni Challenge

The Redbird Alumni Challenge, a competition among the last 20 classes to graduate from LHS, had a second successful year.

The Challenge is designed to encourage recent graduates to support the Foundation, with the winning class being the one with the largest **number** of donations, not the largest dollar amount.

The Class of 2006 defended its title from the previous year, with a strong showing of 20 classmates making donations. The Class of 2001 placed second, and tied for third place were the Classes of 2003 and 2004.

In total, 66 graduates from 16 of these classes made donations. The total amount raised by the 2017 Redbird Alumni Challenge was \$1,301, which was almost \$500 more than the amount raised the previous year.

More details are available on the Alumni Challenge page of our website. Follow this [link](#) or go to www.lpschoolfoundation.org.

Thank you to all the recent graduates who participated in the Redbird Alumni Challenge!



You can quickly and easily support the L-P School Foundation using PayPal (Go to our website, or if you received this newsletter electronically, just click on the PayPal link above.)

Correction

Last year's newsletter incorrectly identified the parents of Tori McGowan, Class of 2016 Treasurer. She is the daughter of Tom and Brenda McGowan.

2017 Senior Project (cont'd from p. 1)

of the audience, was a quintet of teachers performing "Wannabe" by the Spice Girls. The group included Madame Arnold, Ms. Aubel, Mrs. Burd, Ms. Scarberry, and Mrs. Spreng.

Second place went to the team of Connor Young, Cole Kirkbride, Gaven Wiredu, Jayson Mitchell, and Jon Herman who sang "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys. Deken Foster took third place with a dramatic performance of "You'll Be Back" from the hit musical Hamilton.

Audience members were encouraged to bring items for the Helping Hand food pantry, and over 200 items were donated.

Including ticket sales and other donations, the Lip Sync Battle raised almost \$3,000 to benefit the L-P School Foundation.

The Loudonville-Perryville School Foundation thanks the Class of 2017 for their wonderful production, and congratulates them for continuing the now 18-year tradition of Senior Projects, which do good things in our community!



Left: Students perform "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys.

Payroll Deduction

For several years the L-P School District has offered a payroll deduction plan for teachers and staff members wanting an easy and convenient way to support the L-P School Foundation.

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year, six new staff members joined this program. There are now a total of 17 employees supporting the Foundation via payroll deduction. Additionally, all five current members of the L-P School Board of Education have made at least one donation to the Foundation.

Since the Foundation's incorporation in 2008, a total of 42 staff members have made donations of more than \$11,000. Three of these staff members, including two retirees, have supported the Foundation during each of our ten annual campaigns.

The trustees of the L-P School Foundation send their sincere thanks to the L-P School staff for this wonderful support!



Above: Deken Foster gave a polished and powerful rendition of "You'll Be Back" from the hit musical Hamilton.



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