



365 Club Breakfast A Great Success!

The Danville Public School Foundation held its first in-person **365 Club Breakfast** since 2020, and what a success! Attendees were treated to three great presentations by teachers and students highlighting some of the projects funded by the Foundation.

The **Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation** was again the Title Sponsor. Our Breakfast Sponsor was **Iroquois Federal Foundation**, and our Program Sponsor was **Envirox**.

The 365 Club has exceeded its goal this year raising over \$94,000. There is still time to donate in support of the Foundation's mission of providing enhanced educational opportunities for the children attending Danville Public Schools. You can donate by [clicking here](http://www.dpsf.org).

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about the Danville High School (DHS) pool obstacle course that was purchased through the Foundation's Classroom Grant Program. Mrs. Skovran and her Kenneth D. Bailey Academy students Karmyn DeVore and Chris Mayfield spoke about the Classroom Grant that was received to purchase STEM robotic kits. The final presentation was by DHS Choral Director Jeff Thomas. He spoke about the Foundation Initiative that provided \$320,000 for a new sound system at the Dick Van Dyke Auditorium. Along with funding from the School District for new stage lighting and rigging, the students have an excellent performance venue.

The breakfast ended with a performance by the DHS Jazz Vocal Ensemble.



Mrs. Skovran and her students Karmyn DeVore and Chris Mayfield.



The DHS Jazz Vocal Ensemble along with Choral Director Jeff Thomas (center right) and Foundation Executive Director Bob Richard (center left).

Recipients of the 2023 Dr. David L. Fields Excellence in Teaching Awards Recognized

The Danville Public School Foundation and Danville Community Consolidated School District 118 were honored to announce the recipients of the **2023 Dr. David L. Fields Excellence in Teaching Awards**. The awards were established by the Foundation in 2001, and named in honor of Dr. David Fields, who retired as the Danville Superintendent of Schools after serving 40 years with District 118 as a teacher, principal, and superintendent.

The Excellence in Teaching Awards are bestowed upon the outstanding teachers from the primary, intermediate, middle school and high school levels. Teachers receiving this award represent the finest in teaching, demonstrating a continuing dedication to their students and to their profession.

Along with the formal recognition, the Foundation provides a \$500 cash award to each recipient, the District provides \$500 of instructional supplies of the honoree's choice to further enhance the educational environment in the recipient's classroom, and the Danville Education Association provides a custom award.

On May 24, teachers **Taylor Heston, Sommer Frazier, Ashley Valangeon, Brittany Scott and Laurie Grant** were recognized at a meeting of the Board of Education honoring their achievement.

Following are excerpts from the nominating letters.

Ms. Heston epitomizes the criteria and honor of the Dr. David L. Fields Excellence in Teaching Award.



Taylor Heston



Ashley Valangeon

Ms. Heston is very energetic and enthusiastic as a person and a classroom teacher. Ms. Heston has proven to be a dedicated educator at **Danville High School**, who consistently works on her skills to improve her teaching capacity. Ms. Heston has a great rapport with students and the level of respect shown on a daily basis demonstrates her ability to connect with students and to draw out the best in them.

Ms. Heston teaches Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) students, which includes a diverse and varying range of skills. She has established a culture of learning in the classroom that has high expectations with clearly defined goals. Her



Sommer Frazier



Brittany Scott



Laurie Grant

ability to connect and communicate with the students using a student centered approach fosters a classroom of creativity, expression, and most importantly, leadership. This environment allows students to believe in themselves, which produces results.

The results of Ms. Heston's teachings are not only found in her classroom, but other classrooms as well. Ms. Heston has been instrumental in creating and delivering professional development to our Danville High School staff to implement and support AVID instruction at the high school level. Her careful approach in explaining the AVID methodologies has allowed the DHS staff to immediately put in use the strategies that have resulted in more engaging and collaborative opportunities for students.

Ms. Heston is a force to be reckoned with when it comes to AVID. It is due to her commitment and dedication that Danville High School continues to grow and excel at AVID school-wide. We are very fortunate to have someone like Taylor who shares her passion with others so that they can be better at serving children.

Mrs. Frazier has been a teacher with Danville School District 118 since 2007 and is currently a middle school ELA teacher at **Kenneth D. Bailey Academy**. Mrs. Frazier excels in all areas of her professional practice. Her plans represent the coordination of in-depth content knowledge, understanding of different students' needs, and clear, rigorous outcomes.

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Mrs. Frazier's classroom is a cognitively vibrant place, as she systematically uses AVID best practice strategies to link the instructional purpose of the lessons to student interests, thus maintaining high student engagement.

Mrs. Frazier is always seeking additional support, coaching, and resources to enrich the curriculum for her students. Classroom expectations and procedures are evident and consistently enforced; however, discipline is minimal in her classroom where relationships are obviously top priority. Mrs. Frazier regularly has former students visiting her from the high school classes, and she is often praised by them as being kind, caring, and genuine. Mrs. Frazier sees lots of student "wins" in the classroom.

Mrs. Frazier serves on the district's ELA Committee, attends PBIS and AVID trainings, and participates in all KDBA Family Council events. She is held in high regard by her colleagues, is proactive in her service to students, and is a strong voice in departmental decision-making. Mrs. Frazier is truly an asset to KDBA.

Mrs. Valangeon began her teaching career 13 years ago with Danville District 118. At that time, Mrs. Valangeon taught at Southwest Elementary. The rest of her teaching career has been spent at **South View Upper Elementary School** in 5th grade.

Mrs. Valangeon serves on the leadership team as a unit leader. She works

with the 5th-grade math and science teachers to aid them in teaching the curriculum with fidelity. Fifth grade is the first grade level with a designated science curriculum. Most students have very little background knowledge of the science topics. Mrs. Valangeon worked with the curriculum office to create a list of trade books to introduce each topic.

Mrs. Valangeon has high expectations for her students. She practices expectations and procedures until they have become routine. Her students showed significant growth on the iReady math diagnostic from fall to winter. She keeps regular communication with parents through Class Dojo, phone calls home and conferences. Her students from the previous year often come back to visit her.

Mrs. Scott is a first-grade teacher at **Northeast Elementary Magnet School**. She has been at Northeast for the past five years. Before coming to Northeast, Mrs. Scott was a teacher at Garfield Elementary School. Mrs. Scott has high expectations for all her students and helps her students succeed through her calm and determined attitude towards learning.

Differentiation is apparent in her classroom whether the students are working in small groups during an ELA or a Math lesson. Mrs. Scott works with her fellow teachers and staff members through PLCs and is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it.

Mrs. Scott is truly a "team player" when it comes to helping others. Mrs. Scott is always willing and eager to attend professional development. Mrs. Scott is an AVID teacher and has undergone many hours of professional development to gain "AVID status". Mrs. Scott is willing to share her expertise in professional development at Northeast as well.

Mrs. Grant: has been an English Language Learner (ELL) educator for the past 10 years with Danville Schools. She has served students at Garfield, Mark Denman, Meade Park, and South View Middle School. She currently serves as the ELL teacher for **Mark Denman and Meade Park Elementary**,

Mrs. Grant serves as the AVID Site Coordinator at Mark Denman and is an advocate for students to pursue career and college pathways, even at an early age. She can be counted on as the elementary "go to" person for all things AVID.

Through her years in Danville, Laurie has developed relationships with several members of the community, business owners and members of the Danville Area Community College. With her relationships, Mrs. Grant coordinates a Career Day to provide unique opportunities for Mark Deman and Meade Park students.

Congratulations to all Dr. David L. Fields Excellence in Teaching Award recipients!

District 118 Honors Retirees with Paver in Walk of Honor

Danville District 118 honored the following retiring employees with 30 years of service or more with a paver in the Walk of Honor located at Danville High School.

Tracy Cherry

Kristi Latoz

Chuck Miller

Sharon Phillips

Scott Stewart

Dr. Elizabeth Yacobi

Scholarships Established Through the Danville Public School Foundation Awarded for 2023

Through the years the Danville Public School Foundation has been fortunate to have a variety of scholarships established for graduating Danville High School seniors.

These tax-deductible gifts are provided to the Foundation, and they are then forwarded to and managed by the Danville School District's Business Office where an individual account is established for each scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded based on the donor's criteria and are distributed to the recipient's college.

Due to the generosity of many, the following scholarships were awarded in 2023:

- Class of 1966 Science & Math Scholarship:
Cecilia Brown & Mirabella Biage
- Helen Conover Scholarship
Lexi Ellis
- Mark Denman Scholarship
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- Dick Van Dyke Scholarship:
TerRyan White
- Wayne & Majorie Denman Scholarship:
Ayanna Abbott
- Julius W. Hegeler II Scholarship:
Simone Atkinson
- Arthur & Virginia Mathisen Principal's Scholarship:
Ava Towne
- John Stevenson Scholarship:
Ava Towne
- Larry Voorhees Memorial Scholarship:
Quentin Shelato (no photo)
- Walls Legacy Scholarship:
Simone Atkinson, Lillian Brown (no photo) & **Chase Clark**

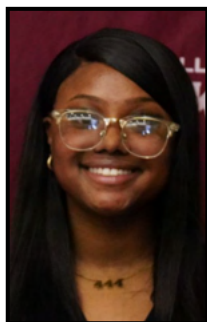
Our congratulations to all of these students.

Our thanks to all who have established these scholarships.

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, please contact the Foundation at 217-444-1044 or richardb@danville118.org.



Ayanna Abbott



Simone Atkinson



Mirabella Biage



Cecilia Brown



Chase Clark



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Scenes From the 365 Club Breakfast



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Wade & Mary Adams	Mark Denman	Daniel & Ruby Walls
Balloons Over Vermilion	John A. Stevenson Jr.	Torre Walls

Brick by Brick - Walk of Honor

Lexi Ellis
2023 DHS Graduate
by Curt & Rhonda Ellis

Alice Payne
Danville Public School Foundation
Board Member 2012-2023
by Danville Public School Foundation

DHS 1968 Class Reunion - September 23, 2023

The DHS Class of 1968 reunion will be on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Danville Boat Club just off Denmark Road and across from the Danville Country Club. The gathering will be casual in nature starting at 6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided, and your only expense will be your drinks.

On Friday September 22, 2023, for those that would like to start our reunion celebration earlier, there will be a gathering at Turtle Run's Snappers Bar and Grill at 6:00 p.m. For those that would like to take in a Danville High Football Game, the Danville Vikings will be taking on Champaign Centennial at 7:00 p.m. this same Friday evening.

For those interested in playing golf on Friday, there will be that availability at Danville Country Club. For more specifics, you can contact Terry Hill at 217-260-2216. There will also be a tour of Danville High School on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. hosted by retired superintendent Mark Denman.

If you have not already indicated your plans to attend our 55th Reunion on September 23, 2023, please contact Rod Brickey at rodbrickey@outlook.com or mobile 248-915-4437 as soon as you know you will be attending .

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