

Danville Public School Foundation NEWS



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Thank You Dorothy J. Kelley

DHS Graduate, Trail Blazer, Philanthropist



A Legacy of Learning

This is a photograph of Dorothy J. Kelley as a senior in the 1943 Danville High School Medley. After graduation, Dorothy went to the University of Illinois and obtained her law degree. She became a corporate attorney for the Olin Corporation, and until her retirement in 1992, she served as Counsel for Labor and Employment Law, handling all labor and employment matters for the entire continental United States. With regret, we were informed that Dorothy passed away in November of 2022.

Foundation Executive Director Bob Richard stated, through the years, Dorothy was a strong supporter of the Foundation and she was always interested to hear about the Foundation's accomplishments. Dorothy gave a final gift upon her passing leaving an estate gift of almost \$300,000! Thank you Dorothy, your gift will make a difference for years to come.

LEGACY OF LEARNING

The **Legacy of Learning** is the Foundation's planned giving program. When you include the Foundation in your estate plan, your legacy gift will play an important part in ensuring the long-term stability of the Foundation. Legacy gifts come in all sizes. Each gift, regardless of the amount or value, plays a vital role in supporting the Foundation's mission. Legacy gifts may include a bequest in your Will or Living Trust consisting of a gift of cash, real estate, farmland, or stocks. It may also include life insurance where the Foundation has been designated as beneficiary.

It is recommended that you speak with an attorney or financial advisor when planning your estate gift. Once your plan is complete, please notify the Foundation of your wishes to support the Danville Public School Foundation in your estate plan. Your generosity will be recognized through presentation of a Legacy Circle Award.



ESSER

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS

ESSER stands for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, a federal program administered by the Department of Education in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program provides emergency financial assistance to public school districts across the country. K-12 institutions may use ESSER funding to address pandemic learning loss and invest in infrastructure and programs to open and operate safely. ESSER funds became available in March 2020. ESSER funds received by Danville School District 118 must be spent by the end of the current fiscal year, June 30, 2024.



So how does that effect the Danville Public School Foundation?

The Foundation provides funds to enhance the educational experience for students attending Danville Public Schools. We do this by providing Classroom Grants to create inspiring and fun learning opportunities and by sponsoring School-wide assemblies utilizing speakers from across the country who can reach students on topics that are relevant and timely. We also partner with Danville School District 118 on projects that are larger in scope, such as the recent sound and light project for the Danville High School auditorium.

Historically, the Foundation funded projects or speakers that were not budgeted by the District through our grant application process. During the past two years the Foundation has been acting as **Idea Facilitators**. The Foundation encouraged teachers and administrators to submit their ideas to the Foundation using the Classroom Grant process. The Foundation then directed these requests to the District and the projects were approved using ESSER funding. In the past two years the Foundation has received over **\$133,000** in requests which were ultimately funded with ESSER.

The District has assured us that after June 30, 2024, the Foundation will be able to return to its traditional role of funding Classroom Grants and School-wide Assemblies. Because of our donors' continued generosity, **we will be ready!**

2024 365 Club Members

We already have our first three donors for the 2024 365 Club.

Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation (Title Sponsor)
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Danville's Lion's Club

Our 2024 **365 Club** campaign begins November 1.
We thank you in advance for your continued support.



Scholarships, Memorial, General & Restricted Gifts

Mark Denman
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Tessa Hile
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2019-2023

Brick by Brick Walk of Honor

Carol A. Dixon
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Meet Stephanie Yates

The Foundation's New Director of Development

September was an exciting month at the Foundation as Stephanie Yates started her new position as the Foundation's Development Director. In this part-time position, Stephanie will play an integral role in advancing the Foundation's mission of providing enhanced educational opportunities for students

attending Danville public schools. She will be leading the Foundation's fundraising efforts, beginning with the 2024 **365 Club**

"Funding should never be a deterrent for teachers who want to be innovative in the classroom", said Stephanie. "I am so excited to be part of a Foundation that supports teachers and students in this capacity."

campaign scheduled to begin in November. Stephanie is excited to share that the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation will be returning as the Title Sponsor for the **365 Club Breakfast**. Foundation Executive Director Bob Richard stated that Stephanie's vast experience as the former Executive Director of Corporate Training at Danville Area Community College and Director of Marketing for Greenwood Inc. will be a tremendous asset in her new role.

She is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with specialization in Advertising. She was also a member of Vermilion Advantage's Leadership Tomorrow Class 27. Stephanie is a life-long resident of Vermilion County. She and her husband Chris make their home in Danville. They have four boys all of whom have or will be attending Danville public schools. Please join us in welcoming Stephanie to the Danville Public School Foundation's team.

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The Danville Public School Foundation will begin its annual **365 Club** campaign in November. This is the Foundation's signature fundraising event of the year and helps to support our mission of providing enhanced educational opportunities for the children attending Danville public schools. For more information on the **365 Club** please visit the donor opportunity page on our website [here](http://www.dpsf.org).

Donations may be made by mail or online [here](http://www.dpsf.org).

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DPSF Board Room News

Curt Ellis, President of the Danville Public School Foundation, recently announced changes to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Alice Payne, who served on the Foundation Board from 2012-2023, resigned from the the Board earlier this year after being elected to the Danville District 118 Board of Education. Curt stated that Alice served admirably as Chairman of the Foundation's Grants and Allocations Committee. In appreciation for her service, a brick was placed in the Walk of Honor at Danville High School honoring her service.



Alice Payne



Tessa Hile

Tessa Hile, who has served as Treasurer since 2019, is resigning from the Board as she recently relocated to the Champaign area. She will be leaving the Board after assisting with the new treasurers' orientation. Curt stated that Tessa's service to the Foundation has been exemplary. She, too, will be honored with a brick in the Walk of Honor.



Mark J. Denman

The new Treasurer will be Mark Denman. Mark is a CPA and a Senior at CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen). He has a Master of Science in Accounting from Illinois State

University and is a graduate of Danville High School. Curt stated that Mark will be an excellent addition to the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Members of the Foundation's Board of Directors serve in a voluntary capacity. We thank Alice, Tessa, Mark and our entire Board for their service.

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If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's,
we rob them of tomorrow. -

JOHN DEWEY

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