

Danville Public School Foundation NEWS



Banner Photo by DHS Student Liliana Dowers/ story on page 4

June 2024

365 Club Breakfast Highlights Classroom Endowments

Our Donors Get A Glimpse Of What They Make Possible!



DHS Student,
Curtis D. Beasley IV,
speaking about the Digital
Signage Project.

Generous donors, great food, and tremendous presentations made the 2024 **365 Club Breakfast** a total success!

The Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation was once again our title sponsor, Iroquois Federal Foundation our breakfast sponsor and Envirox was our program sponsor.



L to R: Gary & Doris Resh, Kathy Richard, Lois Wise, Mary and Ron Norenberg and Curt Ellis enjoying the 365 Club Program.

This fiscal year, the Danville Public School Foundation provided **\$108,462.00** to fund seven projects in support of our mission or providing enhanced educational opportunities for the children attending Danville Public Schools. Three of those projects were highlighted at the breakfast.

Mrs. Amy Toler, kindergarten teacher at Southwest Elementary School, spoke about the grade appropriate STEM carts for K-4 grades made possible by a \$14,214.00 classroom endowment from the Foundation. These carts will reinforce the curriculum in science, technology, engineering and math.

Next, Danville High School teacher Kara Hile, along with Assistant Principal Elizabeth Cosat and students, Curtis Beasley IV, Lili Dowers, Anna Houpt,

Tristan Poplous, Aleeya Rudy, Reese Rundle and Jack Zionic explained the Digital Signage Project for Danville High School.

Continued: Page 6



Students at Meade Park Elementary School using a LU System.

THE GREAT NORTH AMERICAN ECLIPSE VIEWED BY THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS AND STAFF



Students at Northeast Magnet School use eclipse glasses to view the Great North American Eclipse.



Edison Elementary School students present a special thank you to Foundation staff members Bob Richard and Stephanie Yates.

On April 8, 2024, students and staff at all Danville public schools were given the opportunity to view the Great North American Eclipse. The Danville Public School Foundation provided 6,500 eclipse viewing glasses at a cost of \$6,500 so the entire district could participate in this rare celestial event.

Students had been provided instruction about the eclipse prior to the event, and when the time came students, teachers and staff assembled outside of their schools to witness it firsthand.

Students and staff at Edison Elementary School created a special thank you card resembling the eclipse with the sun's corona including the names of all students and presented it to the staff of the Danville Public School Foundation.

The Foundation in turn, thanks all our donors who make projects such as the Eclipse Viewing possible!

365 Club Members Received After 02/01/24

Nathan Henderson Longview Bank Judd & Mary Peck
Matt & Jamie Skovran Vibrant Credit Union

Scholarships, Memorial, General & Restricted Gifts

Sybil Mervis/Lou Mervis Memorial Scholarship Estate Gift of Mildred Schaefer
John Stevenson Scholarship Tori Walls/Walls Legacy Scholarship

Brick by Brick - Walk of Honor

Board of Education honoring the following retiring District 118 staff with at least 30 years of Service

Valerie Kegeris (Teacher 34 yrs) **Christine Jaruseski** (Teacher 34 yrs) **Carolyn Marshall** (Secretary 36 yrs)





Dr. David L. Fields Excellence in Teaching Awards

The Danville Public School Foundation is proud to sponsor the **Dr. David L. Fields Excellence in Teaching Awards**. These awards were established in 2001 and named in honor of former District 118 Superintendent Dr. David L. Fields.

The Excellence in Teaching Awards are bestowed annually for the outstanding teacher 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 profession and to their students. The 2024 award recipients are:



Kara Hile

Mrs. Kara Hile has worked at Danville High School since August 2011. She has taught many courses within the Career and Technical Education department. She currently instructs Photography and Multimedia Broadcasting. Students thrive in Mrs. Hile's classroom, learning important technical and computer-based skills in scenarios that are of interest to them. Mrs. Hile gives ownership of her classroom to the students and engages them in learning projects that improve and promote the school. Mrs. Hile regularly collaborates with staff around the district. She has worked with the superintendent's office, human resources, administration from various schools, and DHS colleagues to promote and celebrate the district's staff, students, and initiatives. Her deep knowledge and skill in multimedia has proven to be an essential commodity and in high demand.



Chelsea Mickna

Mrs. Chelsea Mickna has worked at District 118 for seven years. While pursuing her degree in education at the University of Illinois, she was able to student teach at Southwest Elementary. This was a positive experience that ensured that District 118 is where she wanted to begin her career. After graduation, she taught 2nd grade at Mark Denman Elementary then transferred to 2nd grade at Southwest Elementary. At the conclusion of her second year, she completed her LBS1 endorsement and became a special education teacher. She has served as the K-4 resource teacher at Southwest for the last five years. Seeing the growth and development of students has been the most rewarding experience in teaching. In addition to being the resource teacher, she serves the school as Unit Leader, AVID Site Coordinator, Mentor, and support PBIS within the building.



Jessica Marble

Mrs. Jessica Marble has worked for District 118 since 2017. She is presently the 6th grade resource teacher at South View Upper Elementary while also serving as Unit Leader since 2018. A Danville native, Jessica feels a sense of family at District 118. She is energized by forming positive relationships with students and providing them with a trustworthy, caring adult with clear expectations. She finds it so rewarding to watch a student understand a concept and feel a sense of accomplishment. She feels that her teaching peers provide a supportive environment that keeps her feeling positive and encouraging for her students.

Excellence Continued on Page 4



Dr. David L. Fields
Excellence in Teaching Awards

Excellence Continued from Page 3

On May 22, Mrs. Hile, Mrs. Mickna and Mrs. Marble were recognized for their achievement at a District 118 Board of Education meeting. Each received a \$500 supply stipend for use in their classroom provided by District 118, a certificate of recognition from the Board of Education, a trophy from the Danville Education Association and a \$500 cash award from the Danville Public School Foundation.

Congratulations to these outstanding teachers!



Mrs. Mickna, Mrs. Marble and Mrs. Hile with their Excellence in Teaching Awards.



Provide students with a swimming pool, some cardboard and duct tape and you have the makings of some very interesting boat races. That is exactly what happened at Danville High School on May 21 when the Honors Geometry classes of DHS teacher, Mitch Thomas, used their math skills to construct boats from cardboard sheeting held together with duct tape. Once completed the students headed to the DHS pool to see how sea worthy their creations were. Each team picked a captain to row their boat the length of the pool. Most boats successfully completed their mission to reach the other side but a few encountered some significant challenges. No matter the outcome, everyone had a great time.

The experience was not only educational, but an opportunity for students to be creative, think outside-the-box and have fun. The Danville Public School Foundation provided the funds for the building materials. This project was interesting in that it was the lowest cost endowment funded by the Foundation this year at under \$350, but certainly one of the most memorable.

The Foundation is always open to ideas that blend educational opportunities with creative experiences for the students. Thank you to Mr. Thomas for allowing the Foundation to be part of the fun!



Photo by DHS Student Liliana Dowers

With the second fastest time is Karlyn Young. Team members were Sam Brown, Keiper Engel, Brynlee Ferguson and Kahjeemah Williams.



Winner! Bailee Easton! Her teammates were Anna York, Lizzie Skovran and Hannah Mullis.



Photo by DHS Student Liliana Dowers

Not everyone could make it to the end. Logan Davis, struggles to keep afloat. Team members were Grady Devors, Noah Ramirez and Kamaree Foster.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

THE SATTERWHITES

classroom, went to lunch the next 20 minutes, and then reconvened in a different typing classroom for the last 20 minutes.

Marilyn taught one year at DHS plus two night classes for Danville Junior College where she caught the attention of Dean Miss Mary Miller who approached her about joining the DJC faculty at the new campus on East Main Street. Marilyn became a full-time business instructor and Business Department Chairperson at what is now Danville Area Community College. She went on to complete her master's degree and 60 hours of post-graduate work. She has written several business communications textbooks and has spoken at conferences across the country. She served as President of the Illinois Business Education Association. She taught at the community college until her retirement after 37 years.

Marilyn married Bill Satterwhite, who was born and raised in Danville. Bill is a Danville High School graduate as well as many others in his family. Bill was involved in Boy Scouts and held leadership roles on the Scout Council. He served four years in the military and then began working at TeePak, Inc as a Chemical Engineer where he was employed for 17 years. He then spent 31 years

in financial planning and insurance brokerage before retiring. Bill is still involved in the noon Rotary, Danville Public Library Board, and the Vermilion County Museum Board.

"The 365 Club (where members donate a dollar a day) is an easy way to provide funds for things teachers need to enhance the learning experience for students."

- Marilyn Satterwhite

Both of their children (Marcy and David) attended Danville public schools. As members of the 365 Club, Marilyn feels that they can help students become productive citizens. It is a way of being part of the solution. Teaching is not an easy job, she speaks from experience, and she feels that we need to do whatever we can to support and encourage teachers by ensuring that they have the resources they need.

To the Satterwhites, Danville is home, a friendly town, where people help each other—often anonymously and Marilyn is able to experience pride in crossing paths and catching up with former students.

The Foundation is grateful for the Satterwhites and their belief in our mission. We thank them for being loyal donors since 2007.

MRS. SATTERWHITE'S AWARDS & COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION:

Distinguished Alumnus Award from EIU

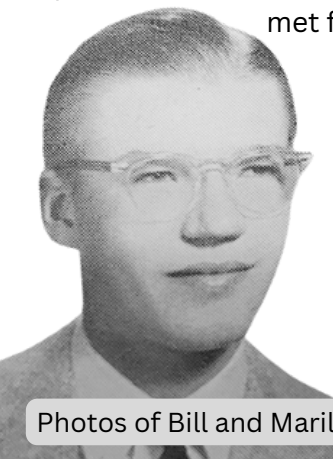
Post Secondary Teacher of the Year -

National Business Education Assn.

Distinguished Service Award from Illinois Business Education Assn.

DACC Faculty of the Year.

Honored as a DACC Founder



Photos of Bill and Marilyn from the 1960's



Danville Public School Foundation's
Board of Directors & Staff:

Officers:

President Curt Ellis
Vice President Mark Lindvahl
Secretary Lisa Campbell
Treasurer: Mark J. Denman

Directors:

Adam Brown
Jim Christison
Mark Denman
Dr. David Fields
Emma Forrest
Trinidad Hernandez
Debi Hosch
Todd Lichtenberger
Judy Myers
Lester Potts
Patti Rull

Ex-Officio Members:

Superintendent Dr. Alicia Geddis
School Board Rep. Shannon Schroeder
DEA Representative Julie Legg

Staff:

Executive Director Bob Richard
Development Director Stephanie Yates



Playground Communication Boards - \$2,200

All Elementary School Playgrounds &
South View Upper Elementary
and North Ridge Middle School Playgrounds

Digital Signage Project - \$12,795.30
Danville High School

Rise Up PE Measurement Equipment - \$5,571.20
Danville High School

Lu Interactive Playground - \$66,830
Liberty Elementary School
Southwest Elementary School

Stem Carts and Supplies - \$14,215.84
Southwest Elementary School

Eclipse Viewing Glasses - \$6,500
All students. All staff. All schools!

DHS Cardboard Boat Races - \$350
DHS Honors Geometry Students

Continued from Page 1

The Digital Signage Project involves placing eighteen, 55 inch televisions throughout Danville High. Using a specific software, student announcements and other important information will be broadcast throughout the school day keeping students informed. This is especially important since the traditional homeroom is being eliminated starting in the fall of 2024. The Foundation provided \$12,795 for this project.

The last presentation was by Meade Park Elementary School Principal Tanner DeLaurier, PE teacher Samuel Mink and students MiKylan Alexander, Ra Niya Grimes, and Mia Trimble who presented about the LU Interactive Playground System. Mr. Delaurier submitted an endowment request to the Foundation for this \$30,000 system, but the District was able to use ESSER (covid) Funds to make the purchase. "The LU System transforms any space into an active and immersive educational environment where kids are engaged physically, intellectually and socially-emotionally."

The LU System was so successful at Meade Park, the Foundation is providing \$64,000 to fund the LU System at Liberty Elementary School and Southwest Elementary School. It is hoped that funding can be provided to have the LU system at all District elementary schools.

Our thanks to all of the outstanding students and teachers who presented at this year's breakfast.

Our donors truly make a difference, and it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the successes they made possible.