

Holdrege Public Schools

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May 2015

Dear HHS Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation!

In order to keep you informed about the Foundation's accomplishments and goals we are sending you the attached newsletter. The HPS Foundation Committee has dedicated countless hours to fundraisers, marketing and public awareness efforts, and alumni database updates to carry out our mission to "give back to education".

For the past six years, the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation has fulfilled its mission to 'give back to education' by making grant opportunities available to teachers who desire to strengthen and enhance educational opportunities for students.

The work we have completed has been rewarding. We have had seven grant cycles and awarded grants to aid in curricular education, educational activities, and student support services. Last summer we hosted our sixth Annual HPS Foundation Golf Tournament during Swedish Days in an effort to raise funds and inform alumni that they can use the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation as a meaningful giving vehicle. This event is a major fund source for giving back through grants to enhance educational opportunities for all students.

Our highly successful monthly alumni recognition features are distributed through Constant Contact and are accessible at www.holdregeusters.org on the HPS Foundation tab. We would like to invite you to be an annual member of the **Holdrege Duster Alumni Association**. The Foundation has continued to maintain a viable alumni database that will make reunions and communication much easier. We hope this will be a valuable service to our many HHS graduates and we invite you to register at www.holdregeusters.org. All you have to do is click on the Duster Alumni tab to find out about your classmates and other alumni.

Enclosed is **your** invitation to support the mission of the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation by becoming a member of the Alumni Association. Your tax-deductible gift will enhance educational opportunities for students through our grant program and will help support our ongoing database efforts.

We invite you to get connected and stay informed about the Holdrege Public Schools system! Go Dusters!

Teresa Kroll

HPS Foundation Chairman

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Holdrege Public Schools Foundation Newsletter

www.holdregedusters.org

“Giving Back to Education”

May 2015

Who Are We and What Do We Do?

Education foundations nationwide were created in the late 1970's as public school budgets across the country were significantly reduced. To offset the serious financial crisis in our schools, and to bridge the financial gap between what was needed for our students and state and federal funding, the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation was formed in 1988 with a \$30,000 grant from the Phelps County Community Foundation for the purpose of establishing an endowment. For the past twenty years our community has responded to the district's needs with tremendous support, recognizing that in today's world, private funding is crucial for public education. Our HPS Foundation Committee is comprised of three school board members, two staff members, and five community members who meet monthly and work on various projects throughout the year.

HPS Foundation Committee

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2015 HHS Graduates Join Duster Alumni Association



Superintendent Todd Hilyard presents a flash drive to graduate Joseph Anderson.

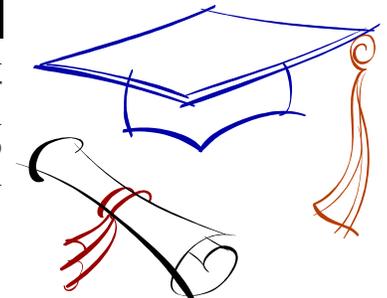
The Foundation will stay in touch with graduates, and at the end of the five-year period, we hope that these graduates will choose to continue their membership and support the Foundation's mission in giving back to education.

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!



The members of the Class of 2015 have not only recently earned the distinction as HHS Alumni, they also have gained status as the newest members of the Duster Alumni Association.

The HPS Foundation Committee presented each of the graduates with a five-year membership in the Duster Alumni Association and a 4GB flash drive with information about the HPS Foundation.



Are You Planning a Reunion?

If so, please contact the school at (308) 995-8663. The Foundation has informative materials for you to share with your classmates about what's going on at Holdrege High!

Join us In Our Effort to “Give Back to Education.”

If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of loved ones, please contact the school or send a check to the Phelps County Community Foundation, HPS Foundation Fund. (See address listed below.)

The Mission of the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation is to support and enhance the educational efforts of students and teachers by providing funding for innovative and challenging programs, learning experiences, and activities.

Join the Holdrege Duster Alumni Association

The Holdrege Public Schools Foundation has created and continually updates an alumni database. Alumni can register on-line at the www.holdregedusters.org. The Foundation’s goal is to have a viable database that will help Holdrege High School Alumni keep connected and will be a valuable tool for organizing reunions and for communicating with classmates.

The most exciting thing to come out of this database is the formation of an Alumni Association. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. Our goal is to continue reaching out to all alumni as the database grows.

We have been using Constant Contact to send newsletters through email and keep alumni abreast of the growth, development, and success of the Holdrege Public Schools system. Watch your email for news, events, and alumni recognition features.

If you are a Holdrege Alum, join us in our mission to enhance educational programs and give back to the students of HPS. Your investment is guaranteed dividends in any economic time. If you have questions or would like to be added to the e-mail list, please register from the Alumni tab at www.holdregedusters.org or call the HPS Central Office at (308) 995-8663.

HHS Alum Volunteers Hours to Database Effort



Greg Kelso, Class of ‘65 graduate, has been working in conjunction with the HPS Foundation over the past four years. He has contributed countless hours updating alumni class lists and information. Prior to this task he took over the alumni page on thedusters.org website, where students can fill out personal information and write their own biography. The updated database and alumni page is a crucial link to former students. Thanks, Greg, for “giving back” to Holdrege Schools. Please visit www.holdregedusters.org and fill out your updated information on the Holdrege alumni page.

2015 Teacher Grants Awarded

Teacher grant requests totaling more than \$18,500 were submitted for the 2015 teacher grant cycle. The Board awarded all requests and granted a total of \$18,540.12. Thanks to the HPS Foundation Committee for all their work to evaluate the grant applications, and to all those who support the HPS Foundation to make these funds available for our teachers and classroom projects. Your generosity helps us to empower all students for success. You will hear more details about the implementation of these grants in the fall newsletter. The following grants were awarded:

- \$2,790—B. J. Blase—iPads for Learning—2nd Grade
- \$2,850—Betty Bricker—High School Library Transformation—Lounge Furniture
- \$357.32—Brandy Edgren—ELMO Visual Presenter for Middle School Art Classroom
- \$1,100—Sandra Grimm—Use of Stability Balls in a Regular Classroom
- \$1,064.86—Shane Haley—Visual Documentation of Student Progress—Digital Camera & Accessories
- \$3,364.99—Jeremy Ham—12” Jet Jointer/Planer Machine
- \$1,700—Jeff Moore—High School Agricultural Education Room Remodel—Casework
- \$1,564.95—Kris Olson—Wireless Communication for Play Production
- \$998—Leslie Wagner—iPad Minis for High School Special Education Classes
- \$2,750—Canda Wells—Improving English Lanugage Acquisition & Supporting Academic Achievement—iPads

One of the major fundraising activities for teacher grants is the **HPS Foundation Annual Golf Tournament**—you’ll find information about this year’s event on the last page.



Duster Alumni Association—Join Today!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP—billed annually (couple rate—if both are HHS Alumni)
Please check appropriate category and submit with payment as directed below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiast—\$25 or \$35 per couple | <input type="checkbox"/> Fan Club—\$50 or \$75 per couple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleader—\$100 or \$150 per couple | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple & Gold Pride—\$250 or \$350 per couple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duster Lifetime Booster—\$1,500 or \$2,000 per couple—one-time only payment | |

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ADDRESS

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YOUR GIFT IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **HPS Foundation**

SEND TO: **Phelps County Community Foundation, 504 4th Avenue, Holdrege, NE 68949**

HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

4-Person Scramble \$75 per person

Saturday, June 20, 2015

11:00am Check-In

11:30am Shotgun Start

Holdrege Country Club

**ENTRY DEADLINE
FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015
ALL TEAMS MUST BE
PREREGISTERED AND PREPAID**

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT:

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