May 2013

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 five years, the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation has fulfilled it’s 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 five grant cycles and awarded grants to aid in curricular education, educational activities, and student support services. Last summer we hosted our fourth Annual HPS Foundation Golf Tournament 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 raised more than $10,000, which will be given back through grants to enhance our educational opportunities for all students.

Our newest endeavor is a monthly alumni recognition feature distributed through Constant Contact. We would like to invite you 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. Assisting us in this task is Greg Kelso ‘65, who is responsible for the design and maintenance of this website. We hope this will be a valuable service to our many HHS graduates and we invite you to register at www.thedusters.org. All you have to do is click on the 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!

Matt Allmand
HPS Foundation Chairperson
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.

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Join the Holdrege Duster Alumni Association

The Holdrege Public Schools Foundation has diligently been working on creating and updating an alumni database. Alumni can register on-line at the www.thedusters.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 is completed.

In this age of technology, we will be 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 for news of the HPS Foundation coming to your email soon.

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.

2013 Teacher Grants Awarded

Teacher grant requests totaling nearly $7,600 were submitted for the 2013 teacher grant cycle. The Board granted a total of $6,560.42. 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:

$1,765.42—Tom Brestel—Spectrophotometer Science Lab (second phase)

$1,500.00—Casey Klein—Capture the Moment—Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment System Implementation

$1,300.00—Jeff Moore—Agricultural Education Welding Lab Update

$1,995—Terry Shield—3D Prototype Printing (Allmand Bros. will also be donating $1,000 towards this project)

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.

☑ Enthusiast—$25 or $35 per couple
☑ Fan Club—$50 or $75 per couple

☑ Cheerleader—$100 or $150 per couple
☑ Purple & Gold Pride—$250 or $350 per couple

☑ Duster Lifetime Booster—$1,500 or $2,000 per couple—one-time only payment

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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

5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
4-Person Scramble
$75 per person

Friday, June 14, 2013
11:00 a.m.
Holdrege Country Club

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