

Holdrege Public Schools

Empowering Students For Success

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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".

Holdrege Public Schools Foundation continues to fulfill 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 nine grant cycles and awarded grants to aid in curricular education, educational activities, and student support services. Last summer we hosted our eighth 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 funding source for giving back through grants to enhance educational opportunities for all students.

Our highly successful alumni recognition features are distributed through Constant Contact and are accessible at www.holdregeusters.org on the HPS Foundation tab. 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.

We encourage you to support the mission of the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation. 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!

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“Giving Back to Education”

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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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HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

9TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

4-Person Scramble \$75 per person

Saturday, June 17, 2017

8:30am Check-In

9:00am Shotgun Start

Holdrege Country Club

ENTRY DEADLINE
FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2017
ALL TEAMS MUST BE
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ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE AT:

HPS CENTRAL OFFICE
(308) 995-8663

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GIVING BACK TO EDUCATION

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 us in our mission!

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 maintain 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.

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.

Whether you are a Holdrege Alum, patron, or Duster fan, join us in our mission to enhance educational programs and give back to the students of HPS by playing in the golf tourney or sponsoring a hole or flag prize. Another major fundraising event for the HPS Foundation, Give2Grow, is hosted annually by the Phelps County Community Foundation. 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.

All-Class Reunion Holdrege High School 2017

Swedish Days information and a complete event schedule can be found on the [Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce](http://www.holdregearea.commerce.com) website at or call the Chamber at (308)995-4444.



2017 Teacher Grants Awarded

Teacher grant requests totaling more than \$6,000 were submitted for the 2017 teacher grant cycle. Due to the previous year's unfavorable economic climate, there were no earnings available, therefore, the Board accessed the expendable balance to award grants totaling \$4,918.92. 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:

\$332.03—Amber Kellen—Sensory/Behavior Room Items—HES

\$933.66—Casey Klein—Kore Wobble Chairs in Kindergarten—HES

\$324.11—Allisha Melroy—Cricut Machine & Supplies for Speech Class and Team—HHS

\$1,500.00—Jeff Moore—CASE Curriculum Materials—HHS

\$993.15—Mary Schneider—Stability Balls & Standing Desks for Middle School Classroom—HMS

\$835.97—Jill Stoelting—Weather Station for the Elementary—HES

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 front page.



Swedish Days ~ HHS All-Class Reunion



The annual Swedish Days celebration, held the weekend of June 16-17, will also feature the new Central Plains RibFest. The nationally sanctioned BBQ contest will bring teams from across the Midwest.

Ribfest activities begin on Friday, June 16, at 5:30^{pm} with an event similar to past Swedish Days RibFest events. Families and the public are invited to purchase and taste ribs and pork loin prepared by local cooks and some of the professional BBQ contestants. The public will vote for their favorite ribs and pork loin along with "celebrity" judges. Local cooks are also invited to participate in the Holdrege Market Place Steak Fry to vie for top honors in cooking steaks.

Friday night's event also includes a beer garden and a street dance featuring The James Lee Band, a country western group from Greeley, Neb. The *Holdrege High School All-Class Reunion* will also be part of Friday night's RibFest activities.

Tickets for the event are \$5 in advance/\$10 at the gate for the family-friendly tasting event from 5:30-8^{pm} or \$10 in advance/\$15 at the gate for the tasting event, beer garden, and street dance from 5:30^{pm}-midnight.

Advance tickets are available through June 15 at several local merchants and at the Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce.

RibFest will take place in downtown Holdrege near the city auditorium with the main gate at 5th and West avenues and additional gates at 6th and Grant streets and 5th and Tilden streets.