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Who We Are

The Kettering Education Foundation Advisory Board is an all-volunteer group, comprised of community leaders, former educators, and business associates. Additional input and advice is provided by a liaison with The Dayton Foundation (TDF), ex-officio members, and emeritus trustees. The Kettering Education Foundation (KEF) is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation.

We sponsor a competitive grant program through which Kettering classroom teachers are able to initiate creative projects to enhance learning for their students. On behalf of donors, KEF also manages scholarship funds that award several thousand dollars annually to graduating Kettering Fairmont High School seniors.

What We've Been Up To

Twenty-one teachers have been chosen to receive a classroom grant of up to \$1,000 each. These projects, described on the next page, will be implemented during the 2020-2021 school year.

In May, KEF presented scholarships to 14 outstanding Fairmont graduating seniors, 1 Alter senior, and 1 Oakwood senior. Information about the scholarships and this year's recipients appears on Page 3 of this report.

Since its inception, the Kettering Education Foundation has raised more than \$400,000 and has awarded more than 400 grants. Funds raised have helped the Kettering Education Foundation achieve its vision: to provide support for the Kettering School District's efforts to be an innovative leader in K-12 education throughout the Miami Valley.

How to Donate

The Kettering Education Foundation supports programs that have a positive impact on our schools and community. A donation is not simply a charitable gift, but an investment in the future. If you wish to contribute to the Kettering Education Foundation, fill out the enclosed donation card, include your gift, and mail it using the envelope provided.

You may also go to the Kettering Education Foundation website at www.ketteringeducationfoundation.org. Click on "donate" at the top of the page for instructions on how to donate, including how to make a gift online.

Finally ... Your gifts enable us to provide the educators in the Kettering School District with funding for innovative programs that have truly made a difference to the students in their classrooms. We are deeply indebted to you for your support and your encouragement. Thank you for helping in our efforts to achieve "Excellence in Education through Philanthropy."

New to the Board

We are always looking for new board members and we have been able to grow our board by three members:

ASHLEY MILLER "My name is Ashley (Merces) Miller, and I am a graduate of both Fairmont High School and the University of Dayton. I studied entrepreneurship and marketing in college and work as an event planner for STI-Technologies. I have been a servant for my community my entire life, whether at school or here in Kettering. I am excited to be a new member of this Board and be able to give back to the members of this community."

EMMA KANE "I am a 2019 graduate of Fairmont High School, where I served as United Student Body President, Birds Nest Manager and member of the National Honor Society. I am currently a student at Miami University where I study Public Administration and Spanish. I also serve as the only first year student on The Charter Day Ball Executive Committee. This summer I was a branch manager for Student Painters, where I sold and produced \$75,000 in exterior painting and managed a crew of 6 painters. I look forward to learning more about KEF and participating on the Board."

ANDY KREMER Andy grew up in Kettering and graduated from Fairmont in 2014. He then moved to Boston, where he studied Government at Harvard University and worked at a shelter for young adults experiencing homelessness. Andy moved back home to the Dayton area in 2019 and has happily lived here since. In his free time, Andy enjoys reading, watching NBA basketball, and eating peanut butter chocolate chip muffins from Big Sky Bakery.

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2020-2021 GRANTS

The Kettering Education Foundation awarded teacher grants to 21 Kettering teachers for the 2020-2021 school year: 18 new grants and 3 renewals. KEF is pleased to sponsor these teachers for their innovative classroom ideas.

Living Murals: Land of Liberty

Indian Riffle—Kristin Mitchell

This cross-curricular collaboration combines content from art, music, and physical education for students in third grade. Students will create large-scale mural paintings of famous art works. These murals will be the backdrops for performances including music and choreography, matching the mood, style, and theme of the paintings.

Project Lit Book Club

Fairmont—Jessica Dennison

Students participating in this project will have their own copies of books and will gather to discuss themes through a reading community. The project allows for discussion in an atmosphere that supports library guidelines and English Language standards, helping to improve reading skills.

Escape Room Fun!

Kettering Middle School—Melanie Byers

Sixth graders will use problem-solving skills to work together to complete the breakout. This project will help students review and understand different topics related to science and social studies and will provide valuable 21st century skills needed for the work force and for future success.

A-mazing Reflections

J F Kennedy—Becky Brandenburg

Lazer Maze Games will solidify the understanding of the concept of reflection and transmission of light, reinforcing the physical science standards. These fifth-grade students will use collaboration, critical thinking, and engineering skills.

The Art of Glass Fusing

Fairmont—Elizabeth Hann

This renewal grant will help provide materials for students to make pendants and earrings of fused glass, learning about glass and its properties in Materials Science, helping to meet the standards of science and visual arts.

History for All Learners

Kettering Middle School—Trisha Himes

This project will provide books to help ELL (English Language Learner) students learn standards for eighth grade social studies but at a reading level that meets their needs.

IXL Intervention

Ascension—Amanda Lymburner

The IXL online program, tied to the Common Core standards, has skills available in both math and language arts. This program, a renewal grant, helps students close skill gaps, moving them on to the next instructional level.

Reading and Writing for Peace

Fairmont—Darren McGarvey

This new course will explore the efforts of peace throughout the world through writers and their works. Using the catalog of books and authors related to the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, students will explore the writers, their works, and their missions. Students will also work together on local peace projects and initiatives.

Fusing Art and Science through Glass

Kettering Middle School—Lindsay Gustafson

Students will learn about the science of glass and when different types of glass melt. They will also learn how to cut glass and temporarily glue glass in place for the fusing process using multiple Ohio art standards.

STEMming Interest in First Graders!

Oakview—Carly Bach

This renewal grant will help provide materials for students to solve problems while working collaboratively. Projects are tied to the science standards.

Advanced Literary Reflections

Fairmont—Tricia Taylor

This grant provides high-interest, challenging reading materials to meet the rigor demanded by 21st century skills, state standards, and AP standards. Students will benefit through increased reading levels, which will help improve their communication and writing skills.

Family Dinner Book Club

Beavertown—Jessica Hanchak

This project will help increase literacy and improve the home-to-school connection by putting more books into the students' homes, building connections with students and their families while increasing fluency, reading comprehension, and collaboration skills.

Trauma Recovery Unit

Fairmont—Robert Fogg

This grant will help fund a Microgreen project for students in the Kettering Alternative Program, teaching students the science of growing, harvesting, and preparing Microgreens.

Spectacular Specdrums

J F Kennedy—Sarah Smith

Through the technology integration of Specdrums, students will create and make music. This tool allows students who have inner aural decoding delays to hear music note by note at their own pace and will help all students meet multiple Ohio Music Education standards.

Hydroponic Indoor Farm

Indian Riffle—Kimberly Roeser

Students on the autism spectrum benefit from a visual and hands-on approach to learning. The opportunity to set up and grow their own food will provide meaningful context for what they will learn in life science over the next several years.

Reading Is Power!

J F Kennedy—Michele Massa

Decodable texts are important for beginning readers. Ohio's English Language Arts standards call for the students to know and apply grade-level phonic word analysis skills in decoding words. These Power Readers will help students master required concepts.

Breakout EDU Boxes and Subscription

Fairmont—Susan Frey

Puzzle-solving activities for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students will help them with communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity across the curriculum. Projects incorporate multiple learning methods and cognitive abilities in one activity.

Little Robot, Big Teacher

Indian Riffle—Beth Frederick

Fifth graders will move from consuming technology to creating it with OzoBots as they code to practice math skills, measure speed in science, and create story maps and graphic organizers in language arts and social studies. The project will also be used to teach coding to a group of second and third grade girls in an after-school club to increase interest and inspire self-confidence in STEM.

A Return to Kindergarten

Fairmont—Meghan Dillon

This project will help increase student engagement with three-dimensional objects in a largely digital, two-dimensional world. Students in art classes will work through a series of guided building prompts to explore three-dimensional form and space.

Enhancing Musicality with Recorders for All

Prass—Colleen Badenhop

Students will learn to read, improvise, and compose melodies on these recorders, supporting the Ohio Fine Arts standards for music. This longer and more frequent exposure to the recorder will result in higher student success in improvisation, composition, and music reading.

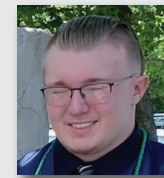
Coding Our Standards

Indian Riffle—Deborah Everett

Using technology in the classroom will motivate students and directly support math and science instruction by updating the devices used to code the Sphero Robots used in the physical science unit. This technology will also be used for students in the GEMS club (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science).

KETTERING EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS (8-11-20 edit)

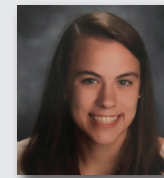
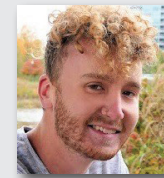
The Kettering Education Foundation (KEF), a component fund of The Dayton Foundation (TDF), offers numerous scholarships on a yearly basis. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was no ceremony in May 2020 to honor Kettering Fairmont students who were recipients of the scholarship awards. The scholarship recipients were contacted by phone during the week of May 4 and informed of their scholarship award. Scholarship awards were given to 14 outstanding graduating Kettering Fairmont seniors. A summary of all scholarship awards and the 2020 recipients follows:



Kettering Jaycees Scholarship

The Kettering Jaycees Scholarship was established by the Kettering Jaycees Foundation to assist Kettering Fairmont seniors who are graduating from the Automotive Trades Program. The award is a one-year scholarship. The award is given to a student or students who are active in the community and school and who are recommended by their teachers for this scholarship award.

2020 RECIPIENTS: **Michael Dell – Sinclair Community College** and **Cameron Dunaway – Sinclair Community College**



John Pitstick Memorial Scholarship

The John Pitstick Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the spirit and memory of Fairmont West graduate John Pitstick, a varsity football player and student who enjoyed high school and made lifelong friends at Fairmont. The scholarship goes to a Kettering Fairmont student athlete who plans to major in education.

2020 RECIPIENT: **Jacqueline Sherick – University of Dayton**



Cheryl Abraham Memorial Scholarship

Cheryl Abraham was a school counselor at Fairmont High School from 2002-2014. Cheryl loved high school students and dedicated her life to helping them navigate their way, however divergent the path, to choices that would positively shape their futures. She offered students her mindful presence and total acceptance. Cheryl worked hard to create opportunities for students to succeed and was a tireless advocate for those whose life path was not always straight or clear.

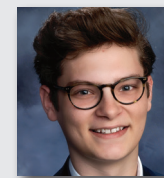
2020 RECIPIENT: **Felicity Vidal – University of Dayton**



Chase Hale Scholarship

The Chase Hale Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of T. Chase Hale. Chase was a 2002 graduate of Kettering Fairmont High School, captain of both his swimming and tennis teams. Chase died in an automobile accident in 2007. The scholarship is awarded to a member of the swimming team nominated by the coaches.

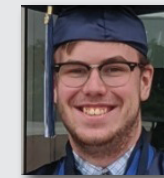
2020 RECIPIENT: **Eric Franklin – Ohio State University**



Sally Roush Brown Scholarship

The Sally Roush Brown Scholarship was established to pay tribute to former teacher and Kettering Board of Education member Sally Roush Brown. The Brown family developed this scholarship for a graduating senior at Fairmont who has exhibited outstanding leadership qualities.

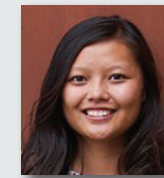
2020 RECIPIENT: **Christian Knopp – Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University**



Kesling Family Scholarship

The Kesling Family Scholarship was established by Kettering Fairmont graduate and former Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano Diane Kesling to honor her parents Betty Kesling Smith and Devon Kesling. Both Betty and Devon were Kettering graduates and active participants in the music program. Betty was also a music teacher in Kettering for many years. Devon was drum major at Fairmont and went on to become drum major at The Ohio State University. Diane was a member of Fairmont orchestra and choir before going on to sing in the Metropolitan Opera for many years.

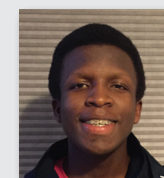
2020 RECIPIENT: **Jacob Slomko – University of Dayton**



Catherine D. Riordon Scholarship

The Catherine D. Riordon Memorial Scholarship honors Catherine D. Riordon ("Kay"), who graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College and was a teacher in the Kettering City Schools from 1954 until her retirement in 1983. "Kay" taught music at Oakview Elementary in Kettering. Following retirement, she was a faithful volunteer for the City of Kettering for many years. The Catherine D. Riordon scholarship is awarded to a graduating Kettering Fairmont senior involved in community service and volunteer activities.

2020 RECIPIENT: **Meigan Karolak – University of Dayton**



Ray Albrecht Scholarship

The Ray Albrecht Scholarship was established by the family of Ray Albrecht as a memorial tribute to the hard work and dedication that he showed in all aspects of his life and for his commitment to sending 11 children and 6 grandchildren through the Kettering City School District.

2020 RECIPIENT: **Fabrice Uwihirwe - University of Notre Dame**



Gail Latham Scholarship

The Gail Latham Scholarship was established by Melanie Kolden-Ramsey to honor Gail's exemplary love of the written word and her extraordinary kindness. She was always looking out for the well being of those around her. Many in the Fairmont community will remember Gail as a proud Firebird parent and band volunteer. Professionally, Gail was a newspaper journalist of the highest caliber. She fought for excellence in print journalism as a copy editor and manager at the Dayton Daily News and Cox Media Group. Gail cared very much about accuracy and clearly written, grammatically correct copy. She was a stickler who would not stand for sloppy copy.

2020 RECIPIENT: **Francesca (Talia) Doninger – University of Arizona**



Class of 1950 Scholarship

The Class of 1950 was comprised of 72 boys and 72 girls who formed close-knit friendships. The surviving members of the Class are proud to be the first graduation class of Fairmont to offer a scholarship.

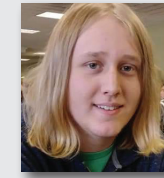
2020 RECIPIENT: **Grace Willhelm - Ohio State University**



Robert J. Kritzer and Frances C. Eden Scholarship

The Robert J. Kritzer and Frances C. Eden Scholarship recognizes and honors Bob Kritzer and Fran Eden for their lifelong commitment to student athletes and their standards of excellence regarding athletics, academics, and leadership.

2020 RECIPIENT: **Jacob Feltner – Wilmington College**



"Cookie" Weeks Scholarship

Kettering teacher Elizabeth "Cookie" Weeks established the "Cookie" Weeks Scholarship for a graduating Kettering Fairmont senior who was also a graduate of Ms. Weeks Beavertown Elementary class. The award is given to a student who has a high GPA and who demonstrates involvement in school and community activities.

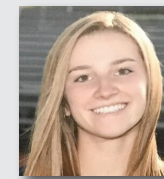
2020 RECIPIENT: **Bradley Pranaitis – Geneva College**



Patricia Dudick Scholarship

The Patricia Dudick Scholarship was established by former Kettering teacher Patricia Dudick to honor her former students. The applicant must have been a student in Mrs. Dudick's 1st or 3rd grade class at Moraine Meadows or JFK Elementary. The applicant must have also maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5.

2020 RECIPIENT: **Aidan Sullivan – Ohio State University**



Chief's Scholarship

Alter graduate **Lilia Eifert (Ohio State University)** and Oakwood graduate **Millicent (Miley) Azbill (University of Dayton)** are the 2020 recipients of the Chief's Scholarship. The Chief's Scholarship was founded to continue the bonds between fathers and their daughters/sons while participating in the Indian (Adventure) Guide and Princess Programs. These programs are sponsored by the Kettering South Community YMCA.

