



The
future
begins
here.

30
Years of
IMPACT



44 Grants awarded throughout
the district



44
Grants

Values

We value education for all students.

We value our partners:

- Teachers, staff, professionals
- Parents
- Community
- Students

We value diversity:

- Grants
- Demographics
- Cultural
- Ideas
- Within our board

We value good stewardship:

- Of our financial resources.
- Through sound decision-making.
- With thoughtful grant-making.
- By promoting the work of the Foundation.
- While leveraging opportunities for community enrichment and awareness.

We value innovation.

We value increasing opportunity for leadership in
our community.

We value our partnership with the school district.

Vision

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation
envision a school district where each student
achieves his or her full potential.

Mission

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation's
mission is to partner with the Gull Lake
Community Schools to expand and enrich every
student's experience.

Greetings,

On behalf of the trustees of the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation, I am pleased to present to you our 2012-13 annual report on this, our 30th anniversary!

For the past 30 years, our organization has worked diligently to expand and enrich each student's experience at Gull Lake Community Schools. Initiated by a group of forward-thinking individuals who wanted more for Gull Lake students, the GLCS Foundation remains dedicated to its mission. Since 1983, we have provided funds to help students reach higher, delve deeper, achieve more, and stretch their learning beyond the standard curriculum. What has been accomplished through the generous support of our community is truly astounding: more than 800 grants and college scholarships totaling over \$1.3 million have been awarded to our students and staff.

The pages of this report communicate some of our accomplishments this year. I hope that you will find the stories as inspiring as I do. We provided grants that benefitted every building of our district, including Gateway Academy, the alternative education school, and the Gull Lake Partnership, our home school program. We awarded 32 scholarships, including three newly formed scholarships, to help our students meet the financial demands of college. We honored 28 high-achieving students and their chosen educators at our Distinguished Academic Scholars night. We brought *The Wall That Heals* to our community and schools to honor our veterans and teach our students.

By working together, we can continue to offer these opportunities and experiences to our students. Please join me in making a contribution to help us continue our work going forward. Visit our website at www.glcsf.org to learn more.

The future begins here. And the future begins with you.

Sincerely,



Sarah Sandell
Board of Trustees Chairperson

Dear Friends,

Please join me in celebrating 30 years of enrichment to Gull Lake Community Schools! Since 1983, the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation has provided funds to enrich and expand the educational environment at Gull Lake Community Schools.

Our schools continue to grow and thrive with new technology, progressive curriculum, and innovative methods of teaching so that our students may not only succeed, but excel. The GLCS Foundation has played a large part in our continued success by providing funds to expand the curriculum. Each and every one of our schools, including the Gateway Academy, Gull Lake Partnership, and Gull Lake Virtual School, has benefitted from GLCS Foundation programs.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the generosity of the Gull Lake Schools community. As you are likely aware, educational funding continues to be reduced, and your help and the efforts of the Foundation are becoming increasingly important in preparing our students for success. Your belief in what the GLCS Foundation has accomplished and strives to achieve is clearly demonstrated by your continued support and the accomplishments highlighted in the pages of this annual report.

Your contribution is vital for a healthy, vibrant school district and community. On behalf of the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation, thank you for your continued commitment to educational excellence and Gull Lake Community Schools.

Sincerely,



Christopher L. Rundle
Executive Director
GLCS Superintendent

**\$1,300,000 in grants
and scholarships
awarded over the
past 30 years**



\$1,300,000+

**\$57,860 Total value
of grants for students
and staff throughout
the district**



Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation 2012 – 2013 Grants

Richland Elementary

- 1st Grade Red, White, and Blue Day \$300
- Permanent American Flag Display \$280
- Spoken-Word Artist, Angela Lloyd \$3,000*
- Principal's Discretionary Grant \$300

Kellogg Elementary

- Spoken-Word Artist, Angela Lloyd \$3,000*
- Principal's Discretionary Grant \$300

Ryan Intermediate

- 5th Grade Mackinac Island Trip \$5,000
- Multi-Media Headphones \$2,290
- Testing Materials \$600
- Principal's Discretionary Grant \$300

Gull Lake Middle School

- Microscopes/Science Equipment \$9,500
- Band/Choir Sound System \$2,000
- Special Education Community Outings \$690*
- Character Education \$2,150
- Principal's Discretionary Grant \$300

Gull Lake High School

- Equestrian Team State Competition \$940
- Multi-Media Equipment \$470
- Yearbook Staff Conference \$250
- Special Education Community Outings \$690*
- Gull Lake Robotics Team \$1,500*
- Spoken-Word Artist, Angela Lloyd \$3,000*
- Principal's Discretionary Grant \$300

Gateway Academy

- Principal's Discretionary Grant \$300

Home School Partnership – Bedford

- Gull Lake Robotics Team \$1,500*
- Director's Discretionary Grant \$300

GLCS Community Education

- Director's Discretionary Grant \$500

Student Grants

- Read and Ride Therapeutic Camp, Seven Students \$360
- Gateway Academy - Salmon Project \$500

GLCS Staff Grants

- Michigan Art Educators Conference \$170
- Anita Archer Workshop \$1,100
- Great Lakes Bioenergy Institute \$800
- National Literacy Conference \$400
- *Leader In Me* Conference \$500
- Michigan Kindergarten Conference \$2,490
- Foreign Language Conference \$1,000
- School Social Workers Conference \$750

Multi-Year Innovation Grants

- Mental Health Education - Year 1 \$7,800
- Professional Development (PD 360) - Year 2 \$2,450
- Safety Training - Year 2 \$2,000
- High School Science Department Physics - Year 3 \$1,410

District-Wide Grants

- Blended Instruction Workshops \$1,170
- Walkie-Talkie Radios \$3,380

*Denotes shared awards between more than one school.
Note: All awards rounded to nearest \$10.

\$57,860

Ryan Scholarship Awarded to Jessica Beilby

Jessica Beilby is this year's recipient of the James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship. This annual \$8,000 college scholarship is renewable over a four-year period, up to a maximum of \$32,000. It is awarded to a Gull Lake Middle School eighth-grade student who has demonstrated potential for academic success in preparation for college. This scholarship was established by Dr. James R. Ryan (1936-2006), a highly respected and nationally recognized orthopedic oncology expert, who spent the last several years of his career practicing medicine in the Gull Lake area with his nephew, Dr. Thomas Ryan, at Kalamazoo Orthopedic Clinic.

This Fall, six Ryan Family Scholarship recipients are attending high school and three are attending college. The college students are Ariel Stanton, Danielle Boshers, and Courtney Mast. The GLCS Foundation extends its gratitude to the Ryan family members for their generosity and continued support of Gull Lake students.

Photo caption (top): Jessica Beilby with Dr. and Mrs. Tom Ryan accepting the James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship during eighth-grade Recognition Night in June

Photo caption (bottom): Colonel Frank J. Walker, USAF/ANG (Ret.) and Brigadier General Robert Secrist, USAF/ARNG (Ret.) during The Wall That Heals event

The Wall That Heals

In November 2012, the GLCS Foundation brought *The Wall That Heals*, the traveling Vietnam Memorial, to Richland. Over 8,000 people visited the event including students from Gull Lake and twelve other school districts. Visitors experienced first-hand how *The Wall That Heals* brings generations together to honor American veterans. Many people shared how the visit helped them gain a greater understanding of the war and its effects on those who served and also to heal the emotional scars that have persisted for over 40 years.

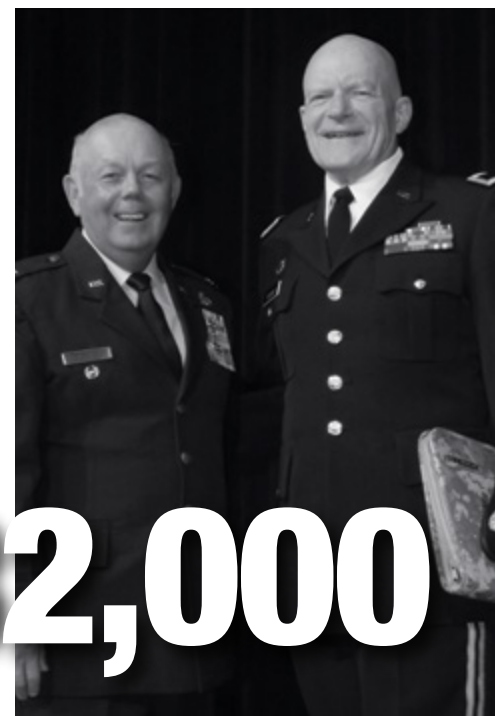
Throughout the four-day event, guests, young and old, thanked veterans for sharing their war experiences. Following the exhibit, Bob Scott, a Vietnam Veteran and event volunteer, wrote in a letter, **"I couldn't believe the attention and respect that the students. . . gave me. They were amazing."**

Veterans grieved openly and strangers extended compassion and comfort to them. As a teacher witnessed, **"A man was crying quietly in front of The Wall. Oblivious to his emotional state, two elementary students walked right up to him and said, 'Can we have a hug?' to which the man replied, 'Yes. I could use a hug right now.'"**

"I saw a news report about this exhibit, but you simply cannot grasp the great depth of its power until you have experienced its effect first hand," said Linda Engle, Event Chair. One Vietnam Veteran who was invited unexpectedly to participate in the welcome parade declared, **"I have been waiting 40 years to be welcomed home. This has done more for me than anything that has happened in the past 40 years."**

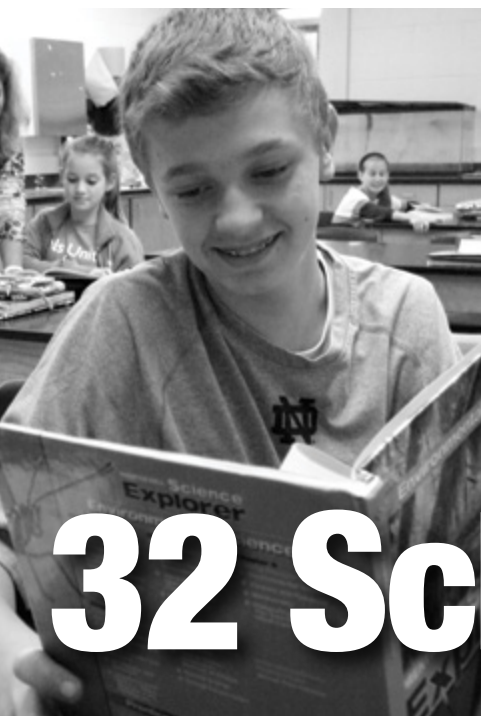
The GLCSF is proud to have brought this event to Richland, which connected a wide span of generations to foster a greater understanding of the effects of war.

**\$32,000 Value of
James R. Ryan Family
Foundation Middle
School Scholarship**



\$32,000

32 Scholarships
awarded to high
school students for
continued education



Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation 2012 – 2013 Scholarships

Gull Lake Middle School

James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship

Jessica Beilby (8th Grade), \$32,000

Gull Lake Gateway Academy

Blair Holden Memorial-Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Merit Award

Rene Mingus, \$500

Blair Holden Memorial-Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Scholarship

Erik Sullivan, \$2,000

Gull Lake High School

Michael Bailey Memorial Scholarship

Bailey Schultz (11th Grade), \$4,000

Benjamin R. Baker Memorial Scholarship

Logan Meekhof, \$1,000

Laurie Makin Cartwright Memorial Scholarship

Christina Avery, \$2,000

Coca-Cola Healthy Lifestyle Scholarship

Erin Bargo, \$1,000

Robert K. Gorning Memorial-Segur Family Scholarship

Nicolas Neighbors, \$500

Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers-Men's Group Scholarship

Michelle Vosters, \$1,000

Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers-Women's Group Scholarship

Emma Mitchell, \$2,000

Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Scholarship

Elizabeth Lane, \$1,000

Logan Wyant, \$1,000

Gull Lake Education Association Scholarship

Hadlee Hoeksema, \$500

Gull Lake Education Association Pekkarinen Scholarship

Taylor Long, \$500

Gull Lake Rising Stars Scholarship

Mikelyn Hokenmaier, \$500

Marv Hope Memorial-Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Scholarship

Lennon Fuller, \$250

Ladies of the Lake Scholarship

Cooper Quartermaine, \$2,000

Michael and Andrew Land Memorial Scholarship

Christina Avery, \$4,000

Henry Spies, \$4,000

Brian Wiegand, \$4,000

Teresa S. Nay Memorial Scholarship

Dean Kolstad, \$500

PACE Scholarship

Austin Charlton (male recipient), \$1,000

Stephanie Smith (female recipient), \$1,000

Parker Hannifin Engineering Scholarship

Peter Drogosh, \$2,000

Pelletier Scholarship

Jenna Tiller, \$1,000

Frank Quartermaine Memorial Student Athlete Scholarship

Jori Fell, \$1,000

Richland-Gull Lake Area Lions Club Scholarship

Kristin Mendles, \$500

Clare Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship

Zachary Carr, \$500

Robert W. Smith Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Melbow, \$500

Joan Split Scholarship

Mikea LaPierre, \$1,000

Warrior CPR Scholarship

Logan Meekhof, \$500

Jack Weber Memorial Scholarship

Hanna Luedecking, \$500

32 Scholarships

Distinguished Academic Scholars Recognized

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation recognized 28 GLHS Distinguished Academic Scholars and their most influential educators with a dessert reception at the Gull Lake Country Club. Sarah Sandell, Foundation Chair, and GLCS Superintendent, Chris Rundle, offered heartfelt words during the evening, and each student shared thoughts about his or her most inspiring educator. The evening proved to be very powerful and moving. Being able to thank Ms. Latham was **“very important to me. [Band] has been the most memorable and the best learning experience; [it’s where I] learned the most—life skills, responsibility and leadership,”** said scholar Peter Drogosh.



Student

Mila Abushmaies
Christina Avery
Zachary Carr
Alan Chen
Leah Coonrod
Peter Drogosh
Lennon Fuller
Mikelyn Hokenmaier
Anna Kennedy
Elizabeth Lane
Mikea LaPierre
Elijah Lawrence
Cara Marolt
Lance McCauley

Educator

Matt Hawkins
Anne Flynn
Lisa Addy
Reggie Walters
Matt Hawkins
Floy Latham
Deb Kuch
Mike Balcom
Julie Jones
Barb Monk
Robin Nott
Reggie Walters
Barb Monk
Beth Rhodes

Student

Ryan Melbow
Emma Mitchell
Autumn Pedersen
Leah Perri
Cooper Quartermaine
Carley Rice
Katie Schau
Jeremy Simon
Sam Sly
Henry Spies
Morgan Terry
Jenna Tiller
Courtney Tuinier
Jake Walbridge

Educator

Tim Hiller
Lisa Addy
Phyllis Pelletier
Deb Kilmartin
Matt Hawkins
Sally Kenyon
Eric Belz
Brad Portis
Anne Flynn
Brad Portis
Catherine Kane
Julie Jones
Brad Portis
Craig Harvey

28 Seniors graduated
with a 3.9 grade point
average or higher



GLCS Robotics Team—FIRST Robotics Competition

Gull Lake High School hosted the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition in March 2013. With the help of a GLCS Foundation grant of \$1,500, the GLCS FIRST Team, the Twisted Devils, competed against 40 other Michigan teams. The Twisted Devils team included students from Gull Lake High School, Gull Lake Virtual School, and Gull Lake Partnership. This year’s FIRST challenge was to create a robot that could climb the highest on a structure and throw Frisbees through a slot in a wall. This was the team’s second year competing in the FIRST event. The Twisted Devils placed in the semi-finals and advanced to compete in the Michigan FIRST Robotics State Championship at Eastern Michigan University. **“They did very well at EMU and came very close to making the national competition in St. Louis, MO,”** said Cindy Fadel, FIRST volunteer and coordinator. **“Governor Snyder spoke at the VIP reception and spent a lot of time with the students—it was a great experience for them. In addition, the Governor was so impressed with the robotics program that he added a line item in the state education budget for robotics.”**

Equestrian Team Participates in State Competition

Thanks to a \$935 grant from the GLCS Foundation, eleven Gull Lake Equestrian Team members were able to compete in the Michigan Equestrian State Competition. This was a four-day event involving regional competition winners from across Michigan. Being able to compete in the State Competition **“definitely gave us something to work towards,”** said Morgan Terry, a Gull Lake Equestrian Team member. **“Being in that environment really improved our confidence in our ability and helped us understand the teamwork necessary to do well and place.”**



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Scholars

**\$73,750 Total value of
scholarships provided
to Gull Lake students**

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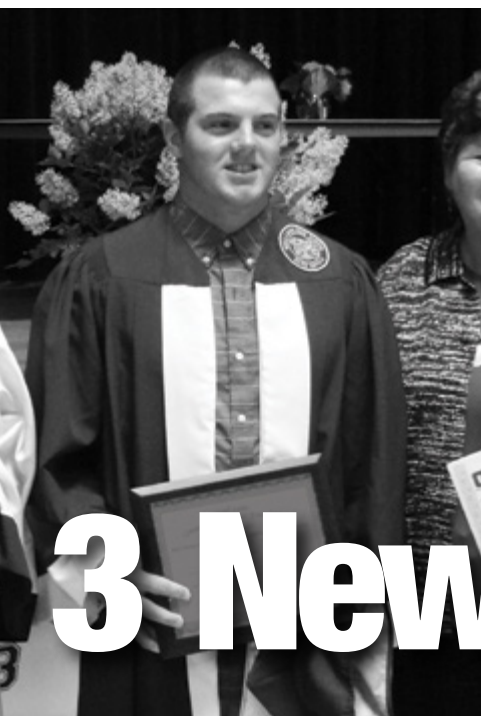
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**\$154,211 Amount
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3 New scholarships created for students in 2012–2013



Scholarship Earmarked for Environmental Science Students

When Shawn Segur's father recently passed away, she and her family honored him by funding a scholarship in his name. **"My father was an avid outdoorsman, and I have three sons who graduated from Gull Lake who also are avid outdoorsmen,"** said Segur. **"There are not many scholarships available in the field [of natural resources, wildlife or fisheries]. I really encourage youth and even adults who are trying to find a new career path to consider the outdoors."** The Robert K. Gorning Memorial-Segur Family Scholarship awarded its first \$500 scholarship to Nicolas Neighbors who will study Environmental Science at KVCC.

Gull Lake Graduates Start Scholarship to Honor Phyllis Pelletier

Gull Lake graduates John Mittelbach, Ryan Tobias, and Eric Grimm were so grateful for the positive influence AP History teacher Phyllis Pelletier had on their lives at Gull Lake and in their careers that they created a scholarship in her name. They believed the best way to convey their deep appreciation for her profound influence was to help other students achieve a higher education in her honor. The Pelletier Fund is the first GLCS Foundation scholarship founded by Gull Lake students to honor a teacher. The first \$1,000 scholarship from this fund was awarded this past Spring to Jenna Tiller who will study Environmental Science and Professional Writing at Miami University in Ohio.

New Scholarship Dedicated to Non-Traditional Students

The Gull Lake Area Rotary Club and the Holden family celebrated the memory of longtime Rotarian Blair Holden by establishing a scholarship for alternative education students. The Blair Holden Memorial-Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Scholarship provides \$500 to a Gateway Academy graduate, which can be renewed per academic term up to a total of \$1,000 per year for two years. The first scholarship was awarded this year to Erik Sullivan who will study Sports Exercise Science at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Also, this year the fund provided a one-time \$500 merit award to Gateway Academy graduate Rene Mingus who will be studying Arts and New Media at KVCC and Western Michigan University. **"Higher education is really important for ALL young people,"** said Olga Holden, Blair's widow. **"Blair and I were both first-generation college graduates and believed strongly that our education provided us much opportunity and served us very well."**

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3 New Scholarships

Consolidated Financial Statement

	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012
Unrestricted Funds		
Contributions	69,595.20	62,969.32
Investment and Other Income	12,490.35	4,100.99
Kalamazoo Community Foundation - income		3,187.63
Grants and Program Services	(48,737.81)	(55,847.97)
Transfer from Designated Funds	10,447.68	50.00
Operating Expenses	(14,065.19)	(10,985.73)
Net increase in unrestricted funds	29,730.23	3,474.24
Unrestricted funds at beginning of the year	170,040.95	164,782.60
Unrestricted funds at the end of the year	199,771.18	168,256.84
Designated Funds		
Contributions	85,649.36	112,168.80
Investment and Other Income	2,750.43	5.22
Kalamazoo Community Foundation - gain/loss	24,231.47	(4,157.79)
Grants	(82,868.57)	(77,490.38)
Transfer to Unrestricted Funds	(10,447.68)	(50.00)
Net increase in designated funds	19,315.01	30,475.85
Designated funds at beginning of the year	699,398.34	673,905.54
Designated funds at end of the year	718,713.35	704,381.39
Assets at the end of the year	\$918,484.53	\$872,638.23
Allocation Of Assets		
Unrestricted Funds	199,771.18	168,256.84
Designated Funds	115,109.86	119,067.57
Endowment - donor designated/Holley Teacher Fund	53,422.22	55,090.00
Endowment - board designated/Cross Family Fund	48,416.68	37,331.55
Endowment - Kalamazoo Community Foundation	74,427.32	64,771.37
Scholarship Funds	352,533.12	363,021.60
Scholarship Funds - Kalamazoo Community Foundation	74,804.15	65,099.30
Assets at the end of the year	\$918,484.53	\$872,638.23

Detailed financial statement available upon request.

Gateway Academy students helped create the avenue of flags to welcome more than 8,000 visitors to *The Wall That Heals*





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