

A photograph of three young girls smiling and posing together outdoors. The girl on the left is wearing a white t-shirt with a blue collar and a blue headband with a large blue flower. The girl in the middle is wearing a white t-shirt. The girl on the right is wearing a pink t-shirt. They are standing in front of a chain-link fence with green foliage in the background. The text "the future begins here" is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font.

the future begins here





42 Grants awarded throughout the district.



42
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 envisions a school district where each student achieves their 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,

I am pleased to share with you our 2011-12 Annual Report on behalf of the trustees of the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation. The pages of this report tell the stories of what is made possible by an engaged and committed community of generous donors like you. As public school funding becomes more uncertain, the work of our Foundation allows the Gull Lake Community Schools to continue educating with the highest of standards—helping each child reach his or her full potential.

With your help, we have spent the last year working toward the goal of expanding and enriching every student's experience. From advanced scientific equipment to remedial reading assistance, we have awarded grants in every building of our district affecting every grade level. We provided numerous scholarships, not only to our graduating seniors, but also to our middle school and even preschool students. We recognized the Gull Lake High School Distinguished Academic Scholars and the Gull Lake educators who most impacted them along the way at a celebration of academic excellence.

To increase our impact, we also forged partnerships and relationships with local organizations, including the Kalamazoo Nature Center, the Kellogg Biological Station, and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. Many more stories of this past year's successes are included in this report, as well as a glimmer of upcoming opportunities to make a difference.

Let us continue to work together to secure a bright and vibrant future for our students and our community. Please join me in making a valuable contribution to ensure that the important work of your school Foundation continues. The future begins here.

Sincerely,

Sarah Sandell
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation, thank you for your continued generosity and support to our school district and community. This is an exciting time for Gull Lake as we launched the first phase of our 21st Century Technology initiative. We have improved access to technology, for all our students and staff. We are continuing to expand and grow – with Gateway Academy, our Homeschool Partnership and our online program, Gull Lake Virtual School. Your support allows us to enhance excellence in education within Gull Lake Community Schools.

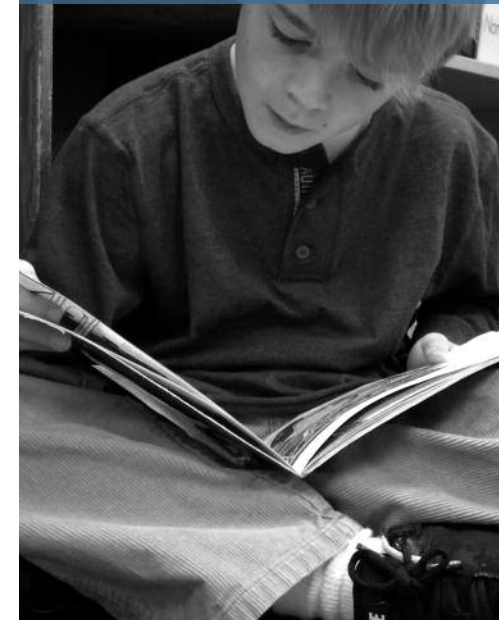
We know we need to prepare our children to be 21st century learners, that the future really does begin here. The Foundation is an important link between students, our schools and our community. With your support, the Foundation has been able to recognize and reward outstanding academic and community performance, provide college scholarships to graduating seniors, incentive grants for inspired teaching and support for a wide variety of programming.

We could not accomplish so much without you, the staff, and the students. The wonderful collaborative spirit of this community is outlined in the actions of the Foundation and reflected in the pages of this annual report. Thank you again for your on-going commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Rundle
Executive Director

\$133,338 Amount the
Foundation contributed
to our Gull Lake students
and staff.



\$133,338

\$60,582 Total value of grants for students and staff throughout the district.



\$60,582

Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation 2011 – 2012 Awards

Richland Elementary

*Movement in Schools	\$4,000
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

Kellogg Elementary

*Movement in Schools	\$4,000
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

Ryan Intermediate

*Movement in Schools	\$4,000
Covey Leader In Me Program	\$4,950
5th Grade Mackinac Island Trip	\$7,000
4th Grade Gilmore Car Museum Program/Trip	\$1,350
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

Gull Lake Middle School

7th Grade Accelerated Language Arts Field Experience	\$950
GLMS Character Education Fund - Sherman Lake YMCA	\$1,300
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

Gull Lake High School

*Gull Lake Robotics Team	\$1,500
DECA District 3 Conference	\$1,250
MI Interscholastic Press Conference	\$500
Principal's Discretionary Grant	\$300

Gateway Academy

Academy Logo T-Shirts	\$210
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GLCS Community Education

LEGO Robotics Kits	\$510
Director's Discretionary Grant	\$500

Home School Partnership – Bedford

*Gull Lake Robotics Team	\$1,500
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District Wide Grants

Odyssey of the Mind Program	\$2,000
Warrior Fund - CPR and AED	\$790

Making Connections Preschool

Brain Blossoms Partnership	\$580
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GLCS Staff Grants

Ryan Intermediate Student Art Frames	\$160
Michigan Association for Media Education Conference	\$900
Field Experience Support – GLHS	\$760
Visual Arts PLC Conference	\$1,020
Michigan Alternative Educators National Conference	\$560
Parents As Teachers National Conference	\$190
PD 360 National Conference	\$3,000
Media Center/Instructional Technology Equipment	\$400

GLCS Student Grants

Gull Lake Preschool Scholarship	\$470
GLHS Student – Project Abroad	\$1,000
Elementary Student – KIA Camp	\$140
GLMS Student – Scholastic Art & Writing Awards	\$690
GLMS Student – Special Needs YMCA Camp	\$300
GLMS Students – Cheff Center Camp	\$900
GLHS Students – Pretty Lake Camp	\$4,500
GLHS Student – Health Occupations Conference	\$300
GLHS Student – Women in Engineering Camp	\$200
Ryan - Odyssey of the Mind Team – World Competition	\$1,000

Multi Year Innovation Grants

PD360 – Year 1	\$4,980
Safety Training – Year 1	\$4,400
GLHS Science Department Physics - Year 2	\$1,300
Read and Ride – Year 3	\$4,020

*Denotes shared awards between more than one school.

** All awards rounded to the nearest ten.

Lily Soule Receives Ryan Scholarship

The James R. Ryan Family Foundation selected Lily Soule to receive its annual scholarship for middle school students. “This scholarship is a huge blessing to me and my family and greatly eases the financial burden of obtaining a college education,” commented Soule. Miss Soule plans to study engineering.

The James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship is offered to a Gull Lake Middle School eighth grader who has demonstrated potential for academic success in preparation for college. This annual \$8,000 scholarship is renewable over a four-year period, up to a maximum of \$32,000. At this time, there are three James R. Ryan Family Foundation Scholarship recipients attending college, and five additional recipients in high school.

Dr. James R. Ryan (1936–2006), a highly respected and nationally recognized orthopedic oncology expert, 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. Dr. James Ryan demonstrated a dedication to education throughout his entire life, and his generous gift will assist future students in their effort to realize their academic potential.

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation is pleased to administer this wonderful scholarship. Thank you to the Ryan family for their generosity and continued support of Gull Lake students.

Photo caption (top): Lily Soule, with Dr. and Mrs. Tom Ryan after being announced as the 2012 recipient of the James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship during the eighth-grade Recognition Night in June.

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



\$32,000

Katie Elms Wins National Award

When creative writer Katie Elms needed a challenge, her teacher, Ashley Copp, suggested she investigate and enter a writing contest. Katie then submitted a short story to the prestigious Alliance for Young Writers and Artists.

The result? Not only did Katie win a gold medal at the regional level, but she also won a Gold Key at the national level. Katie was invited to Carnegie Hall in New York City for the awards ceremony, which featured Meryl Streep as the key note speaker. Mrs. Copp submitted a grant request to GLCSF that enabled Katie to attend the ceremony.

“It was so important for her to see artistic expression celebrated at that level,” said Jody Elms, Katie’s mother. “Being able to go to New York opened up a whole new world beyond Hickory Corners and really broadened her artistic vision.”

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers identifies teenagers with exceptional creative talent and brings their remarkable work to a national audience through The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Other notable artists and writers who received the Award include: Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates, John Lithgow, Andy Warhol, Ken Burns, John Baldessari, Truman Capote, and Sylvia Plath.

Congratulations Katie!

Photo caption (bottom): Katie Elms after receiving the National Gold Key Award at the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers awards ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

GLCSF Scholarships 2011 – 2012

Michael Bailey Memorial Scholarship Samantha Smith (Junior), \$4,000	Michael and Andrew Land Memorial Scholarship Nathan Murray, \$4,000
Benjamin R. Baker Memorial Scholarship Ashley Willis, \$1,000	Michael and Andrew Land Memorial Scholarship Sarah Thoman, \$4,000
Laurie Makin Cartwright Memorial Scholarship Madeline Davis, \$1,000	Michael and Andrew Land Memorial Scholarship Logan Connell, \$4,000
Melanie Noel Chojnowski Scholarship Kayleigh Thompson, \$250	Teresa S. Nay Memorial Scholarship Emily DeWaters, \$500
Coca Cola Healthy Lifestyle Scholarship Patrick Dunham, \$1,000	PACE Scholarship Ashley Merica, \$1,000
Jim Field Memorial Scholarship Michael Schau, \$900	PACE Scholarship Logan Connell, \$1,000
Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers-Men’s Group Alison Butler, \$1,000	Parker Hannifin Engineering Scholarship Emily Gruss, \$1,000
Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers-Men’s Group Steven Tobias, \$1,000	Frank Quartermaine Memorial Student Athlete Scholarship Ben Kellam, \$1,000
Gull Lake Area Community Volunteers-Women’s Group Casie Phillips, \$1,000	Richland-Gull Lake Area Lions Club Scholarship Tegan Stiemsma, \$500
Gull Lake Area Rotary Club Scholarship Joshua Throop, \$500	James R. Ryan Family Foundation Middle School Scholarship Lily Soule (8th grade), \$32,000
Gull Lake Education Association Scholarship Kimberly Peavler, \$500	Clare Shoemaker Memorial Scholarship Carson Miller, \$500
Gull Lake Education Association Pekkarinen Scholarship Nathan Murray, \$500	Robert W. Smith Memorial Scholarship Jared Bishop, \$500
Gull Lake Rising Stars Scholarship Kelsey Adamski, \$500	Joan Split Scholarship Elizabeth Crandell, \$1,000
Marv Hope Memorial - Gull Lake Area Rotary Scholarship Shelbey Senkewitz, \$500	Warrior CPR Scholarship Logan Connell, \$500
Ladies of the Lake Scholarship Madeline Davis, \$2,000	Jack Weber Memorial Scholarship Kimberly Peavler, \$500

Distinguished Academic Scholars

In May, the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation honored the district’s 28 top students as part of the organization’s Distinguished Academic Scholars program. This program recognizes seniors who have earned a 3.9 or higher grade point average throughout their high school careers.

A special evening was held in their honor at Gull Lake Country Club. During the evening, students were recognized, as well as their parents and one teacher of each student’s choice. This year, the students and teachers honored included:

Student	Teacher	Student	Teacher
Kelsey Adamski	Laurie Klok	Katie Langworthy	Scott Minehart
Eric Beatty	Jodee Stanton	Nathan Murray	Phyllis Pelletier
Jared Bishop	Kurt Janssen	Alyssa Olsen	Kate Smith
Alison Butler	Brad Portis	Erika Olsen	Sally Kenyon
Caitlin Crenshaw	Steve Frank	Alex Orbeck	Tim Hiller
Jeffrey Christensen	Reggie Walters	Casie Phillips	Karen Koets
Ryan Curtis	Deb Kuch	Lauren Poll	Julie Jones
Mackenzie Deater	Becky Stubbs	Mike Schau	Phyllis Pelletier
Olivia Fenwick	Reggie Walters	Shelbey Senkewitz	Julie Jones
Emily Gruss	Robin Nott	Kyle Sunden	Robin Nott
Lucas Hamelink	Bill Blakely	Sarah Thoman	Michelle Chabitch
Jamie Heywood	Robin Nott	Robert VanderMolen	Pat Pearson
David Howson	Matt Hawkins	Ethan Way	Laurie Klok
Lam To	Catherine Kane	Brian Whaley	Brad Portis

Our Water Our World, Distinguished Speaker Series

In October, 2011, more than 3,000 Gull Lake students listened intently to marine explorer and environmental activist Jean-Michel Cousteau, who has dedicated his life to preserving our world. Through his stewardship of the sea, he recognizes the interdependence we all have with the world’s oceans and teaches how we can protect it. Over 700 community members also came together to enjoy Cousteau’s film work and hear his thoughts, stories and observations. GLCSF partnered with the Kalamazoo Nature Center to bring Mr. Cousteau and his message to Richland.

Read and Ride Summer Camp, A Multi-Year Innovation Grant

Thanks to the Read and Ride Camp, over the past three summers more than 45 at-risk readers have improved their self-esteem, gained confidence in their abilities, and increased their reading fluency scores. The first GLCSF Multi-Year Innovation Grant, this program uses therapeutic horseback riding to help campers gain confidence in their own abilities—developing the whole child which translates into improved oral fluency scores. “To realize they can, and to discover success, and that they have the power to overcome their obstacles... they then push themselves to try harder,” said Karen Koets, program creator. The camp was so successful, that plans are in the works to expand to a six-week camp during the school year.

3,000 Students heard Jean-Michel Cousteau’s message of ocean environmentalism.



30 Scholarships awarded to high school students for continued education.



30 Scholarships

3,000 Students

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28 Teachers honored by top scholars as mentors.

\$67,560 Teachers

6 New scholarships were created for students in 2011–2012.

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- We accept:
- Pledges over time
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We also accept online donations. The GLCSF uses one of the most trusted providers to collect donations online. Visit our website, www.glcsf.org and while you're there, please consider making a contribution today.

6 New Scholarships

28 Distinguished Academic Scholars earned a grade point average of 3.9 or higher.

Consolidated Financial Statement

	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2011
Unrestricted Funds		
Contributions	62,969.32	71,840.25
Investment And Other Income	4,100.99	1,604.21
Kalamazoo Community Foundation - income/gain transferred in	3,187.63	1,840.11
Grants And Program Services - Current year	(46,596.47)	(48,898.08)
Grants And Program Services - Prior year	(9,251.50)	(8,067.45)
Transfer From Designated Funds	50.00	6,458.37
Operating Expenses	(10,985.73)	(8,588.93)
Net increase in unrestricted funds	3,474.24	16,188.48
Unrestricted funds at beginning of the year	164,782.60	148,594.12
Unrestricted funds at the end of the year	\$168,256.84	\$164,782.60
Designated Funds		
Contributions	112,168.80	130,425.00
Investment And Other Income	5.22	14.74
Kalamazoo Community Foundation - income/gain transferred in and investment gains (losses)	(4,157.79)	16,349.96
Grants	(77,490.38)	(45,838.07)
Transfer To Unrestricted Funds	(50.00)	(6,458.37)
Net increase in designated funds	30,475.85	94,493.26
Designated funds at beginning of the year	673,905.54	579,412.28
Designated funds at end of the year	704,381.39	673,905.54
Assets At The End Of The Period	\$872,638.23	\$838,688.14
Allocation Of Assets		
Unrestricted funds	168,256.84	164,782.60
Designated funds	119,067.57	143,094.15
Endowment - donor designated	5,090.00	5,090.00
Endowment - board designated	37,331.55	37,331.55
Endowment - teacher endowment	50,000.00	0.00
Endowment - Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF	64,771.37	68,165.31
Scholarship funds	363,021.60	351,254.24
Scholarship funds - Kalamazoo Community Foundation fbo GLCSF	65,099.30	68,970.29
Assets At The End Of The Period	\$872,638.23	\$838,688.14

Detailed financial statement available upon request.

28 Scholars

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