

# \$223,295 Awarded

## Enhancing education for EVERY Gull Lake student



# ANNUAL REPORT 2024 / 2025

## THE FUTURE BEGINS HERE

**31 GRANTS \$119,490**

**31 SCHOLARSHIPS \$95,000**

**43 DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC SCHOLARS \$8,805**

*Support the Foundation that supports your schools*



Dear Community Member,

Thank you for supporting the GLCS Foundation!

Because you believe in our mission to **enhance and expand education at Gull Lake Community Schools**, we've been able to fund a wide variety of programs that make a real difference. Your support, along with the dedication of our outstanding educators, staff, and administration, has been essential to our success.

In just the past year alone, we awarded **\$223,295** to help create an exceptional learning environment for our students. That's a direct result of a community that values education and believes in giving students every opportunity to reach their full potential.

We invite you to take a look at our long list of generous donors — a testament to the strength and unity of our Gull Lake community.

This year, we're thrilled to introduce a new way to invest in the future of Gull Lake students:

**The Endowment for the Advancement of Gull Lake Education (EAGLE)**. This fund will provide long-term, sustainable support for both general grants and special programs, ensuring we can continue our work for generations to come.

As we celebrate 43 years of partnership and progress, we're filled with pride and hope. Together, we've built something remarkable, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for Gull Lake students with your continued support.

With sincere gratitude,

*Jeanne Comar*

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## WHO WE ARE

A private, 501(c)(3) non-profit school foundation established solely for the benefit of Gull Lake Community Schools, the GLCS Foundation provides opportunities through four focus areas:

- GRANTS
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- SPARK SERIES
- DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC SCHOLARS

Since its inception in 1983, the GLCS Foundation has awarded over \$3.8 million to improve education at Gull Lake Community Schools. These funds have benefitted every student's and educator's experience, including Gull Lake Virtual School, Gull Lake Partnership and Gateway Academy.



# WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS

We are committed to using your gift for the **greatest educational impact** possible. Every dollar we receive goes to raising the quality of education at Gull Lake Community Schools and preparing our children to meet the growing demands of our world.

Regular Annual Donation	 <b>EAGLE</b> Donation	Donate in honor or memory of someone special		Create a Scholarship	Gifts of Securities	Planned or Legacy gifts	Volunteer with Us
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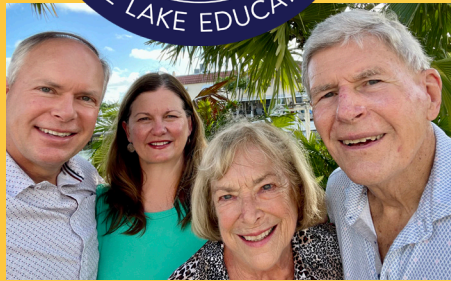
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## A NEW way to help – introducing the EAGLE Endowment Fund!

In June 2025, the Endowment for the Advancement of Gull Lake Education (EAGLE) was born. A community-built sustaining investment in Gull Lake students, this initiative was conceived by the Eldridge family: Bonnie, Loyal, Becky, and Trey. When asked why they started this endowment, they said,

***“We believe that strong public schools build strong communities. Through the EAGLE Endowment, we proudly invest in the potential of every student, every teacher, and every classroom at Gull Lake Community Schools for today and for generations to come.”***



Trey, Becky, Bonnie and Loyal Eldridge

The Eldridge’s made the first EAGLE donation - a matching challenge contribution of \$50,000. Thanks to the generosity of the community, the matching challenge was quickly met, and with subsequent donations, the endowment has grown to over \$229,000 (at the time of printing). This is over halfway to our 1st goal of \$500,000. With the help of the community, we aim to grow the EAGLE endowment over time, well beyond this initial fundraising goal, to maximize its impact on the education of Gull Lake students.

Here are some frequently asked questions about EAGLE:

### What is the vision for EAGLE?

To provide a lasting legacy of financial support for Gull Lake Community Schools, fostering a future where learning and opportunity thrive for all students.

### What is an endowment?

An endowment is a pool of donations that provides long-term financial support for a non-profit organization. In the case of the EAGLE endowment, 5% of the annual balance will be disbursed to the GLSCF each year and will help fund grants and programs that help advance education at Gull Lake schools.

### How will EAGLE Endowment be used?

Funds disbursed annually from the endowment will go to our general fund and used for GLSC Foundation grants, special programs, and to help sustain the foundation’s efforts.

### How can you help build the EAGLE fund?

#### Donating to EAGLE is simple.

The EAGLE Endowment Fund is a new option to support GLCSF and Gull Lake students. See “Ways to support our efforts”, above, or go to [glsf.org](http://glsf.org)

### What is the EAGLE Donor Wall?

To recognize donors to this historic initiative, EAGLE donations \$2500 and above will be commemorated on the new EAGLE Donor Wall. There are 4 giving levels – Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Donors can also donate in honor or in memory of a loved one. The donor wall design is still being finalized. Below is a rough concept for the wall. The final design is still in the works. Installation in the GL Fine Arts Center is planned for the Winter of 2026.



### EAGLE Endowment Donor Wall Giving Opportunities:

- \* PLATINUM: \$25,000 +
- \* GOLD: \$11,000 - \$24,999
- SILVER: \$5,000 - \$10,999
- BRONZE: \$2,500 - \$4,999

# 43 DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC SCHOLARS CELEBRATED!



On Tuesday, May 6, 2025 the GLCS Foundation celebrated 43 Distinguished Academic Scholars and their selected honored staff members with a reception at the Gull Lake Country Club. Distinguished Academic Scholars are Gull Lake Seniors who have earned a 3.9 grade point average or higher during their high school career.

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