Twisted Devils Robotics

OUR MISSION

Expand and enhance every student's education through a partnership with Gull Lake Community Schools to provide enrichment opportunities for students, educators, and staff.

OUR VISION

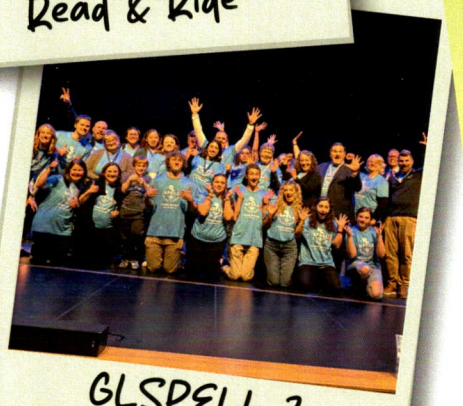
We envision a school district where all students achieve their full potential.

Read & Ride

OUR VALUES

- Education
- Innovation
- Partnering with the school district, teachers, students, and the community
- Good and thoughtful stewardship of financial resources
- Diversity
- Integrity

Middle School Podcasts



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GLCS FOUNDATION

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Garside Family Scholarships

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The future begins here.

GLCSF Founders Recognition

GLCS FOUNDATION

The Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation is a powerful force that enriches the educational experience for students and staff across our district. Their dedication to expanding opportunities for students, educators, and staff is evident through the many impactful programs they support. Initiatives such as One Community, One Book, Leader in Me, Twisted Devil Robotics, Read & Ride, and student scholarships are examples of how the Foundation fosters growth and success at Gull Lake Community Schools.

One of the most meaningful ways the Foundation enhances education is through student and staff grants. These grants allow students to pursue their passions by attending conferences, competitions, and camps that extend their learning beyond the classroom. For our dedicated educators, staff grants offer additional resources to elevate instruction and go the extra mile in our classrooms and learning spaces.

The Foundation's unwavering support of our school community has a profound and lasting impact on students and staff. Your donations are essential in empowering our school community to excel academically and prepare for a bright future. Every contribution creates new possibilities and opens doors for success. Together, we can help ensure that each student and staff reach their fullest potential.

DREW BORDNER
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instructional Technology

GLCS Foundation Grants have:

- Provided teacher training.
- Purchased critical supplies.
- Brought innovative programs to K-12 classrooms.
- Enabled technology upgrades to prepare students for the growing demands of our world.
- Maintained programs in danger of budget cuts.

... and so much more!

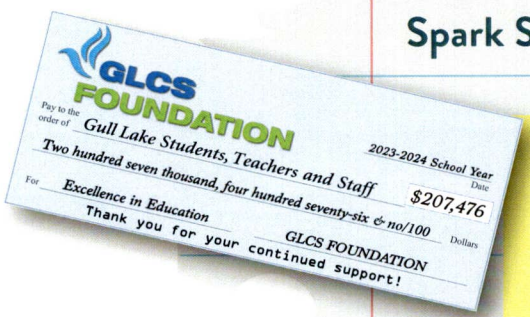
GLCSF Impact 2023-2024

Grants: 42 Awarded - Totaling **$99,995**
Benefitted students, teachers, and staff in every building, including Gateway Academy and Gull Lake Virtual Partnership.

Scholarships: 46 Awarded - Totaling **$76,250**

Distinguished Academic Scholars: 44 Students - Totaling **$6,720**
Earned a **3.9 GPA** or higher during their High School Career.

Spark Series: One District One Book - Totaling **$24,511**



TOTAL ASSETS
$1,251,363

TOTAL DONATIONS
$143,387

TOTAL AWARDED ALL PROGRAMS
$207,476

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SPARK SERIES

As part of our Spark Series, the GLCS Foundation partnered with Gull Lake Community Schools to successfully launch "One Community, One Book" (OCOB) during the 2023-2024 school year.

OCOB is a unique literacy building program that brings home and school together by providing every student with their very own book to keep and read with their classmates and families. This program encourages family engagement, fosters a positive school environment, and forges community relationships.

Through the OCOB program, students between young-fives and 5th grade read *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold, and students between 6th and 12th grade read *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling.

These books encourage students to build empathy through global themes of inclusion, disability awareness, understanding, and resilience. The OCOB program also fosters community within the schools through district-wide activities, including a reading calendar, read-ins, dress-up days, guest readers, writing contests, author visits, and more!

The cost of purchasing books for over 3,200 students was supported by a generous grant from the ENNA Foundation, many donations from local parties, and 2 GLSPELL fundraisers.

GLCS Foundation donations enhance education for EVERY Gull Lake Student

Annual presentation of "Big Check" totaling $207,476 at Gull Lake Homecoming

In total, the foundation raised close to $25,000 to support the district's mission of creating a culture of literacy to build better readers.

This thrilling Sparks Series program would not have been possible without the support of our many collaborators and funding partners including Gull Lake Community Schools staff and administration, ENNA Foundation, Gull Lake Area Rotary Club, Richland District Library, Advia Credit Union, TruVista Wealth Advisors, Kellogg Community Credit Union, Koopers Marine, Green Goddess Farms, and many, many volunteers.

Thank you one and all!

Who are your family? Your relatives certainly, but also your friends—all the people who support and love you. They are your community. In a similar sense, the Gull Lake community is a kind of family, with an abundance of caring people who love and support one another and the local institutions that help bind them.

The GLCS Foundation is one such institution.

Since 1983, the GLCS Foundation has received love letters, in the form of monetary contributions, from the community—our donor family. These generous gifts make possible the mission that the Foundation has carried out for over four decades now: Help every Gull Lake (GL) student achieve their full potential.

Your annual donations are used to fund grants, scholarships, and other enrichment programs that benefit GL students. They have helped thousands of our deserving community sons and daughters achieve their educational goals. This year, we are asking you to consider another kind of family love letter to Gull Lake Community Schools. Planned Giving.

Planned Giving is a way to support our community by including the GLCS Foundation in your estate plan, often in a tax advantageous way—helping guarantee future generations of GL students will have access to the programs and resources that elevate their education and make the opportunities they need a reality. While the types of enrichment programs the GLCS Foundation funds will evolve over time, the need to invest in our community, our children, and our educators will remain constant. A Planned Gift is a love letter to your community, one that will stand the test of time by supporting GL students across generations.

If you like the idea of a Planned Gift but aren't sure where to start or need help pushing past the writer's block, we have resources to help. Please contact us at foundationglcs@gmail.com or 269-548-3579.

In the meantime, whether you're able to contribute or not, please think of this annual report as the GLCS Foundation's love letter to you, the members of our community family, to show our deepest appreciation for your support, both now and in the future.

Thank you, Gull Lake!

The volunteers of the GLCS Foundation truly love you!

44 DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC SCHOLARS CELEBRATED!

"Distinguished Academic Scholars is truly a celebration of all that makes our community special. Relationships and expectations matter." Chris Rundle, GLCS Superintendent and GLCS Foundation Executive Director. The GLCS Foundation celebrated the Class of 2024's 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. Your donations help support the recognition of these Scholars and their honored staff members.

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Front Row: Riley McCarney, Ashley Vert, Kendall Wank, Breanna Eklund, Kara Nelson, Ava Quinn, Alyssa Blackburn, Ambirlyn Heighton, Avery Smith, Grace Wolf, Abigail Carr, Macey Caro, Izabel Bennett.

Second Row: Olivia Martin, Brenna Temple, Regan McQueen, Abigail Weber, Zoe Gobble, Mollie Murdock, Tru Muday, Addelyn Plugge, Matthew Hall, Ethan Carr, Charles Waldorf, Joseph Hannon, Sophia Hanna, Addison Hribar.

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Not pictured: Ava Coffinger, Esther Hedin, Katie Sulka.

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