



LINDBERGH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION GRATITUDE REPORT 2021-22





thank
you

“Thankfulness is the
beginning of gratitude.
Gratitude is the
completion of
thankfulness.
Thankfulness may
consist merely of words.
Gratitude is
shown in acts.”

—
Henri Frederic Amiel

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT



STEVE YOUNG

President, Lindbergh
Schools Foundation



ERICA KEATING

Director, Lindbergh
Schools Foundation

Some groups or businesses may call this an annual report. We call it a **GRATITUDE REPORT**.

There are so many things from 2021-22 to be grateful for, but sometimes it can be hard to see the ridiculous amount of good that is surrounding you.

So, in case you can't see the forest through the trees, or you'd just love a good big dose of optimism, we've created this gratitude report for you!

*"GRATITUDE is the healthiest
of all human emotions."*

—Zig Ziglar

Because of **YOU** and your generosity, it wasn't difficult for the Lindbergh Schools Foundation to name loads of things about 2021-22 that we are grateful for -- **YOU** being at the very top of our list!

Whether you attended an alumni event, donated to our innovation grant fund, funded a scholarship, helped a family through Lindbergh Lights the Way, participated in a mini-auction, attended the Community Breakfast, or donated your time and talents **YOU** are what makes everything the Foundation does possible.

We look forward to showing you how your investments continue to touch lives in the years to come.

We hope you enjoy reading about all of the wonderful things you helped us accomplish during the 2021-22 school year. Please feel free to reach out if you need any further information.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your support.



**LINDBERGH SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION**

Erica and Steve

21-22 BY THE NUMBERS



7,576

Lindbergh Students
Directly Impacted by
2021-22 Innovation Grants



913

FIRST TIME
Lindbergh Schools
Foundation **Donors**

\$912K

AMOUNT **YOU** INVESTED IN 2021-2022



Alumni and Educators Honored
at annual
Alumni Awards Banquet

66 EDUCATORS

awarded 21-22 innovation grants



JUST ONE YOU!

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more than **100**

FAMILIES HELPED THROUGH LINDBERGH LIGHTS THE WAY PROGRAMS



50 FAMILIES FED THROUGH THE SUMMER CAFE PROGRAM

27 STUDENTS RECEIVED HELP WITH COST FOR SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

18 STUDENTS RECEIVED SUPPLIES THROUGH THE COLLEGE KICKSTART PROGRAM

47 FAMILIES RECEIVED GIFTS THROUGH THE GIVING TREE PROGRAM

21 FAMILIES HELPED WITH THEIR UTILITY BILLS



LHS seniors from the class of 2022 received a Foundation or Alumni Association scholarship

FIFTY

1,604

ACTIVE DONORS TO THE LINDBERGH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION DURING THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

INNOVATION GRANTS

A NEW WAY OF TEACHING MEANS A NEW WAY OF GRANTING

The Lindbergh Schools Foundation Innovation Grant program continued with the "rolling grants" for the 2021-22 school year. The fund continues to support grants for Lindbergh staff who propose innovative and engaging projects that take instruction and learning to the next level. Staff can apply for up to \$500 at any time during the year. The grants are reviewed weekly, and once approved, items are ordered and sent straight to classrooms. Since 2008, the Foundation has awarded more than 400 grants totaling more than \$157,000.



**Kindness Cart at Long Elementary,
Grant written by Carolyn Hopfinger and Haley Martin**

\$25,097

to Lindbergh Classrooms



**Scientific Calculators at Lindbergh High School,
Grant written by Amy Kaiser**



During the 2021-22 school year, the Lindbergh Schools Foundation continued its annual support of original, innovative teaching ideas, funding 66 grants totaling \$25,097.

**Lindbergh Schools
FOUNDATION
Innovation Grants**



**Uniforms and Supplies for LHS Shining Stars Team
Grant written by Lisa Carson**



**Art Area and Supplies at Truman
Middle School
Grant written by Mark Ridgeway**

\$96,200

FOR LHS GRADUATES



Lindbergh Schools
FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2022, 50 students received a total of \$96,200 in scholarships to help them further their education. The Foundation's original General Scholarship is awarded each year to the student who, based on his or her application essay, has overcome the most significant challenges and hardships during high school. Additional scholarships are established by or in the name of former administrators, teachers, coaches and alumni.





FOUNDATION JUNIOR BOARD

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A HEART FOR SERVICE

The Foundation Junior Board is a group of young leaders who will identify and work on mission-critical initiatives.

This past school year the Foundation Junior Board:

- Held a free hot-cocoa event for the students at LHS, to help garner interest and spread the word about the Foundation Junior Board
- Worked with local businesses to have a Bake Sale at LHS -- with all proceeds going to the Lindbergh Lights the Way Summer Cafe program. The students raised enough funds to pay for a week's worth of groceries for 27 families!
- Volunteered at Foundation events, such as the Community Breakfast
- Learned the mechanics of managing a nonprofit - created their own executive board, and ran their own meetings each month
- Created a club grant fund where LHS clubs can apply to receive funding for their club goals.
- Developed a team atmosphere, bonded, and worked together to better Lindbergh Schools.



In March of 2022, nearly 50 students applied to be a part of the 2022-23 Foundation Junior Board. The board expanded and accepted 31 students. These newest board members attended a retreat in July and have created their calendar for the upcoming school year.

Junior Board Members

Pictured above:

Back Row: Chinmay Kumar, Matthew Hood, Vernon Lin, Alex Hessler, Megan Manaj, Sydney Thurmond, Anthony Hesse; Middle Row: Dani Perry, Kate Davidson, Reese Reinhardt, Grace Herzog, Sydney Lucas, Lily Nieman, Alyssa Carroll, Aiva Rudolph, Jess Wheatley, Stella Tinnin; Front Row: Alex Keating, Zach Broom, Grace Colombo, Lucy Colombo, Cami Thomas, Kat Schultz

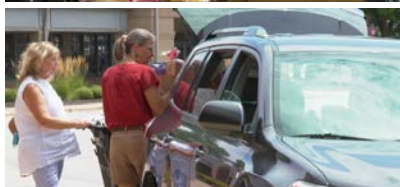
Not Pictured:

Grace Fee, Carrie Maschmann, Brooke McKenney, Wolf Nielsen, Maria Opari, Morgan Ribble, Olivia Sulkin, Jacob Unzicker;

Advisors:

Tim Deposki, Barb Gregston, Erica Keating, Leigh Nieman

Lindbergh Lights the Way



SUMMER CAFE PROGRAM:

There are more than 700 Lindbergh students who depend on free school lunches during the school year. Sometimes these lunches are the ONLY meal they get during the day. What happens over the summer? Lindbergh Lights the Way delivers meals to more than 100 Lindbergh students once per week throughout the entire summer. PICTURED CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Summer Cafe groceries packed by Concord Schnucks; Volunteer driver Sarah Keck-Bakai loads groceries into her car; Flyerettes come to help load cars and present a check for Summer Cafe; Volunteer drivers Sammie LaRose and Leslie Weiss load groceries



COLLEGE KICKSTART:

The College KickStart Program helped 18 LHS seniors this year by gifting them each with \$3,000 in supplies and gift cards. This program provides essential school supplies, personal care items, and dorm supplies to qualified Lindbergh graduating seniors who are continuing their education in the fall, and who otherwise would not be able to provide these items for themselves. PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Just a few of the items received for our college-bound seniors; College KickStart chairperson, Leigh Nieman and LHS Social Worker Laura Brunman, organize the many donations.



HOLIDAY SEASON:

Funds raised through the Holiday Utility Campaign are utilized throughout the entire year for Lindbergh families who find themselves in a critical situation. Donations to our Giving Tree Campaign provide clothing, toys, games, gifts, personal care items, gift cards for gifts, groceries, and gas to Lindbergh families. Any remaining funds are used to support families who need immediate help with utilities.

PICTURED TOP LEFT AND TOP RIGHT: Just a small amount of the items collected through the Giving Tree Program. STUDENTS PICTURED: These Lindbergh students sang holiday carols door-to-door in their neighborhood and collected monetary donations to benefit the Lindbergh Lights the Way Holiday programs!

STUDENT ACTIVITY SUPPORT:

Each year, Lindbergh Lights the Way works with school counselors, social workers, coaches, and teachers to assist students with costs associated with district activities.

This year we were able to help with costs for many things, such as:

- Football fees
- Cheerleading fees
- Instrument fees
- Enrichment Class fees

And much more!

We are so thankful for your year-round support of all our programs!



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:

The \$500 Lindbergh Lights the Way scholarship is awarded to graduating Lindbergh students who have demonstrated their commitment to serve others, are continuing their education and training in a philanthropic field of study or work, and are in need of financial assistance. PICTURED ABOVE: This year's scholarship winner, Ida Fan, with Lindbergh Light the Way Chairperson Dr. Jill Lawson.

LINDBERGH LIGHTS THE WAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Dr. Jill Lawson, Chairperson
 Leigh Nieman, Secretary
 Laura Brunsman

Jennifer Abercrombie, Vice Chairperson
 Chuck Triplett, Finance
 Carol Stelmach

Michelle Studer

LINDBERGH
HIGH SCHOOL



ALUMNI

A S S O C I A T I O N

\$14,000

- IN SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO 11 SENIORS -

During the 2021-22 school year, our partner program, the LHS Alumni Association, continued their good work of celebrating our alumni, supporting our future graduates, and honoring teachers!

WHAT WE DO

Scholarships for Lindbergh High School Seniors are our priority! All funds raised go to senior scholarships. Since the Alumni Association's inception in 1988, we have given \$147,725 in scholarships to 217 LHS Seniors!



HOW WE DO IT

Every Spring the LHSAA hosts a trivia night. Alumni and friends of all classes and ages come together for a night of trivia, camaraderie, food, and fun, all while raising funds for LHS Seniors. Be sure to save the date for next year's trivia night. It will be on Saturday, March 4, 2023, and we plan to be back in person for this event!





The Alumni Association held a banquet to celebrate honored guests during the 2021 Homecoming week. The 2021 Honorees were: Lindbergh Hall of Fame: Corey Boemer '10, Jim Mercurio '74, Michael Slyman '12; Distinguished Educator Honorees: Nancy Benson, Jan Carle, Larry Kraft, Jean Skarda; Distinguished Alumni Honorees: Kim Jocelyn Dickson '74, Dr. Candice Junge '94, Dr. Jason Kesselring '95, Stephanie Zoller Mueller '94, Kurt Mungenast '87, Bob Rothkopf '63. Honorees were celebrated at the banquet, rode in the Homecoming Parade, and were honored during halftime at the Homecoming game.

SAVE THE DATE TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND EDUCATORS THIS FALL!

2022 LHSAA Distinguished Awards

- **Lindbergh Hall of Fame Honorees:**
Bob Williams '68, Miranda (Junge) Gelven '97, Jason Muehlheausler '06, Jeff Streibig '05, Bill Thoele
- **Distinguished Educator Honorees:**
John Weiss, Carole Meyers
- **Distinguished Alumni Honorees:**
Bob Hawkins '76, Dr. Megan McBride '93, Tom Daniels '83, David Sindelar '75



Tickets for the September 14 Awards Banquet can be purchased at:
<https://bit.ly/22LHSAlumniAwards>

LHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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|---|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Connie Frigerio '84, Chairperson | Josh Baker '01 | Jean (Trask) Madrid '94 |
| Suzi (Schloss) Seeker '89, Vice Chairperson | Don Bee '61, Chair | Gloria (Messmer) McBride '66 |
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| | Stephanie Hill '97 | Susan (Ashwell) Schraut '87 |
| | Dr. Vic Lenz '60 | Gary Ujka '76 |



LINDBERGH SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION

Community Breakfast



FOUNDATION HOSTS SECOND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

“Empowering Each Student to Become Their Best Self.”

The Lindbergh Schools Foundation held its second Community Breakfast on Friday, Nov. 12, 2021. More than 225 community members, volunteers, local businesses, Lindbergh Schools staff and students were in attendance to help raise more than \$28,000 for programs including the Alumni Association,

Lindbergh Lights the Way, grants and LHS scholarships. The breakfast included presentations from teachers, alumni, student musicians and Superintendent Dr. Tony Lake. St. Louis Cardinals In-Game Emcee Todd Thomas, also known as “That One Guy,” was the Master of Ceremonies for the breakfast.

The third annual breakfast will be held on Friday, October 14 at Sunset Country Club. Please join us!

To purchase your ticket, please visit:
bit.ly/CommunityBreakfast22



FlyerFamily FUND



LINDBERGH STAFF SUPPORTS THE LINDBERGH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION THROUGH THE FLYER FAMILY FUND PAYROLL DEDUCTION PROGRAM

Each year, during open enrollment time, Lindbergh staff is reminded that they can give a small amount automatically through their paycheck to the Lindbergh Schools Foundation.

These funds are used to support our scholarships, Innovation Grants, Student Leadership Fund, Field Trip Fund, and more.

For the past three years, the school with the highest percentage of participation wins a breakfast served to them by the Foundation Board Members, Board of Education, Dr. Lake and his cabinet members.

Sperreng Middle School has won this special breakfast all three years! In 2021, 46.88% of their staff participated in the Flyer Family Fund.

This coming year, the challenge will change, and the winning building will be the one with the biggest percentage improvement!

\$11,400

RAISED THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Year after year, we hear **“How could my one dollar per pay period possibly make a difference?”** And we tell our donors that it’s making a big difference! And we are so very grateful! If each employee donated just one dollar per pay period, we could raise more than \$20,000 for programs that benefit students and staff!



LITTLE BY LITTLE
a little becomes
A LOT





OCTOBER 8, 2021

Flyer Family Fund Breakfast ABOVE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Foundation Board Members Barb Gregston and Gloria McBride serve breakfast to the staff at Sperrung; Teachers grab a delicious breakfast served by Dr. Vic Lenz and Dr. Tony Lake; Dr. Clint Walker and Dr. Tony Lake celebrate Sperrung's win.



MAY 10-11, 2022

Junior Board Bake Sale

The Foundation Junior Board sold donated baked goods and ice cream (donated from Culver's, Suzi's Sweets, Pretzel Boy's, and Fitz's). All funds raised were given to the Lindbergh Lights the Way Summer Cafe Program.



OCT '21-MAY '22

Grant Item Celebrations





SEPT 22-24, 2021
Homecoming Week

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Distinguished Alumni Honoree Kim Jocelyn Dickson rides in the LHS Homecoming parade; Sarah (Zoller) Romanowski, Carole Myers, and Distinguished Alumni Honoree Stephanie (Zoller) Mueller celebrates at the Alumni Awards Banquet; Distinguished Alumni Honoree Candice (Junge) Bruce poses with her family at the Alumni Awards Banquet; Distinguished Honorees are celebrated on the football field during halftime of the LHS Homecoming football game.



JULY '21 - MAY '22

More Foundation Fun

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Foundation Board Members Don Bee, Chuck Triplett, Steve Young, and Larry McIntosh enjoy a lunch break during the Foundation Board Summer Retreat; Class of 2022 seniors take a Foundation funded field trip to visit their elementary schools; Teacher of the Year Kristina Kohl receives a \$500 Innovation Grant; Foundation volunteers deliver hundreds of Valentine popcorns to staff throughout the district.



OUR MISSION

Endow and administer funds that **award scholarships** to Lindbergh High School students.

Support programs and projects in Lindbergh Schools that **enhance the educational experience** for students.

Strengthen the bond between Lindbergh Schools, their alumni and the Lindbergh community.



**LINDBERGH SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION**

LINDBERGH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION BOARD AND STAFF

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Help us continue to provide these experiences and opportunities by donating at bit.ly/LSFDonate

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Volunteers make the Lindbergh Schools Foundation possible. Find out how to get involved by visiting lindberghfoundationstl.com/volunteer

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