

## St. Paul Central High School Foundation Annual Report for 2017

### Introduction

Incorporated in 1986, the St. Paul Central High School Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to directly helping St. Paul Central High School students by financially supporting academic and co-curricular activities associated with the school.

The Foundation was established to address the following four goals:

1. To be a constructive influence at Central High School without being intrusive or without replacing normal school funding
2. To stimulate innovative programs designed to help assure that all Central High School students graduate
3. To incorporate community involvement to benefit both students and staff, and
4. To provide alumni, parents and friends the opportunity to give financial assistance to graduating seniors who have been accepted to a post-secondary institution.

To date, the Foundation has focused its efforts primarily on the fourth goal, each year awarding post-secondary scholarships to deserving graduating Central High School seniors at Senior Awards Night in late May.

### Accomplishments in 2017

In 2017 the Foundation continued to build on recent success with scholarships, fundraising, board development and operations. Notable achievements or developments this past year include:

- Scholarships
  - Twenty two (22) scholarships were awarded for a total of \$182,000:
    - twelve Foundation Scholarships, each for \$1,000;
    - one \$3,000 Mary Mackbee Legacy Scholarship;
    - three Heiruspecs Scholarships, each for \$1,000
    - two \$1,000 Janisch Scholarships;
    - one \$1,000 Nora Longley Scholarship;
    - one Rohricht Scholarship for \$60,000
    - one Reister Scholarship for \$96,000
    - one Castile Scholarship for \$5,000
  - The Board continued the Scholar's Breakfast tradition
- Fundraising
  - Financial contributions reached a stunning \$281,930, a more than 35% increase over the sizable contributions of \$207,637 received in 2016. The majority of these funds were in support of the Castile & Reister Scholarships
  - 100% of the Board made a financial contribution to the Foundation

- Board Development
  - The Board thanked Zack Steven for his 9 years of service on the board!
  - The Board regretfully accepted resignations from Liz Flinn and Jackie Cooper
  - The Board welcomed two new members:
    - Dana Abrams ('83) Ombudsperson for SPPS
    - Nada Filipovich, elected to Assistant Treasurer
  - For 2017 the committee chairs were as follows:
    - Scholarship Committee - Wendy Lutter
    - Board Development - Jean Peterson
    - Fundraising - Jean O'Connell
- Operations
  - Increased Foundation visibility through an updated website and News Feed
  - Established the Finance Committee to improve money management & accounting systems; began transition to Quickbooks Online
  - The Foundation database continues to grow through online signups and paypal donation information.

**2017 St. Paul Central High School Foundation Board of Directors**

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Wendy Lutter, President '85	Trevor Throntveit, Secretary, '01
Jean Peterson, Vice President, p'96 p'00 p'12	Jean O'Connell, Treasurer, '70

Dana Abrams '83	Alex Cook '99, Assistant Treasurer
Jackie Cooper '69	Melinda Donaway (Coffee) '01
Nada Filipovich p'13 p'18 Assistant Treasurer	Liz Flinn
Lisa Heyman p'10 p'14 p'18	Sabah Husain '10
Merone Melekin '10	Oulia Yang

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 Dick Magraw, '36  
 Howard Guthmann, '40  
 Betsy Guthmann '46  
 Kathy Wellington, p '99 p'01  
 Mary Mackbee, Ex-officio

*Report prepared by Trevor Throntveit, President, 1/24/2018*

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