



## **St. Paul Central High School Foundation 2020 Annual Report**

### **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 ensure 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.

### **2020 St. Paul Central High School Foundation Board of Directors:**

Trevor Throntveit, Co-President – class of 2001  
Alexandria Reyes, Co-President – class of 2002  
Melinda Donaway, Vice President – class of 2001  
Alex Cook, Treasurer – class of 1999  
Nada Filipovich, Assistant Treasurer – parent 2010, 2013, 2018  
Jessica Hartnett, Secretary – class of 2002  
Abby Heuckendorf – class of 2001  
Lisa Heyman – parent 2010, 2014, 2018

Sabah Husain – class of 2010  
Judy Mahle Lutter – class of 1957  
Mitchell McDonald – class of 1983

*Honorary Members*

Dick Magraw, class of 1936  
Betsy Guthmann, class of 1946  
Kathy Wellington, parent 1999, 2001  
Mary Mackbee, Ex-officio

**Accomplishments in 2020**

In 2020, the Foundation adjusted to working virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In this new normal, we continued to build on successes with scholarships, fundraising, board development and operations. Notable achievements and developments this past year include:

- **Scholarships**

Twenty-four (24) scholarships were awarded for a total of over \$100,000. The scholarships were announced virtually, via Central's Virtual Senior Honors Night on its YouTube channel. The Senior Honors Night was a glimmer of light in an otherwise challenging time in our communities, given the recent murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The scholarships that were awarded are as follows:

- Twelve Foundation Scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,500
- One Class of 1970 Greg Janisch Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500
- One Class of 1999 Heart and Soul Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500
- One Fischer Anderson Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500 (*first annual*)
- Three Heiruspecs Scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,500
- One Mary Mackbee Legacy Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000
- One Nancy Berkley Scholarship in Honor of Eva Malmen, in the amount of \$1,500
- One Nora Longley 1999 Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500
- One Philando Castile Scholarship, in the amount \$5,000
- One Terrill Family Fund "Catching Dreams" Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000

- One Thomas E. Rohricht Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$60,000 (*external committee; over 4 years*)

The Board sent cards and gift cards (from Golden Thyme) to scholars in lieu of the usual breakfast.

Additionally, the Board finalized criteria surrounding scholarship tiers for future named scholarships to streamline the process for creating new funds also while encouraging the perpetuation of the general foundation fund.

#### - **Fundraising & Finance**

Financial contributions exceeded \$315,000 in 2020.

We graciously accepted generous contributions from JoAnne Rohricht for the Rohricht Scholarship, and also from Lois Quam.

The Board also continues to send out newsletters apprising our Central community of the ongoings of the Foundation and of the school.

#### - **Board Development**

The Board elected or re-elected the following members of the Executive Committee:

- o Co-President, Trevor Throntveit
- o Co-President, Alexandria Reyes
- o Vice President, Melinda Donaway
- o Secretary, Jessica Hartnett
- o Co-Treasurers, Alex Cook and Nada Filipovich

For 2020 the committee chairs were as follows:

- o Board Development, Melinda Donaway
- o Finance, Alex Cook and Nada Filipovich
- o Scholarship Committee, Jessica Hartnett and Mitchell McDonald
- o Named Scholarships and Large Donor Development, Jessica Hartnett (incumbent)
- o Fundraising and Communications, Lisa Heyman
- o Website and Technology, Abby Heuckendorf and Sabah Husain

#### - **Operations**

The Board secured Directors and Officers Insurance from Chubb.

The Board also continued discussions around an endowment to sustainably support the Foundation Scholarships and Mary Mackbee Legacy Scholarship, in preparation for setting measurable goals to reach that milestone.

We also supported the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Honors Philando Event, which took place virtually on August 23, 2020. From that event, and in working with the Central Honors Philando committee, the endowment for the Philando Castile Memorial Scholarship (administered by the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundations) continues to grow.

Report prepared by Alexandria Reyes, Co-President

The St. Paul Central High School is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.