



# Wausau School Foundation

2006-2007 Annual Report



# Wausau School Foundation

## New Name

### WAUSAU SCHOOL FOUNDATION

In January 2006, the Board of Directors voted in favor of a new name and logo, which signaled new growth for the school foundation as it strives to broaden the vision of support for enhanced and innovative education opportunities for students and staff in the Wausau School District.

## Web site

### [thefoundationwsd.org](http://thefoundationwsd.org)

Under construction for a new look in 2008.

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*“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”*

*- B.B. King*

# Enhancing Educational Excellence

The Wausau School Foundation (WSF) makes an important contribution for teaching and learning in the Wausau School District. WSF-funded projects encourage students and staff members to think creatively, try new ideas, and grow as lifelong learners.

The Foundation has accomplished some growing of its own.

- ★ 2006-2007 Grants totaled more than \$28,000 in support of creative program enhancements for students and professional development opportunities for educators. District programs and projects have benefited from more than \$125,000 in WSF funds since 1999.
- ★ The Wausau School Foundation recognized eleven outstanding District staff members with the Caught in the Act Award.
- ★ Results of Community and District Needs assessments identified three areas of interest that WSF has utilized to develop a fund campaign case statement. We seek to increase our charitable funds while we invest in innovations.
- ★ WSF moved into new office space at the Longfellow Administrative Building and updated computer equipment and systems. The work of the foundation has been 100% volunteer as we proceed through a very important rebuilding phase.

New strategies for giving are on the horizon that could help sustain our work and increase investments in innovations. We welcome your active participation on behalf of Wausau's children.

The Wausau School District has over 700 talented educators dedicated to preparing our young people for the future. The WSF is proud to support their efforts through grants that help them enrich classroom instruction for students and through professional development grants that help educational leaders stay on the cutting edge in their fields.

Thank you to our donor members – you make all our work possible.

Thank you to our Board of Directors, educators, community leaders, volunteers, businesses, sponsors, and other partners. We look forward to many more years of working together to enhance education opportunities for our children and our community.

*Sincerely,*

Mary Kate Riordan  
Board President

Kristine Vanden Heuvel  
Acting Executive Director

## Grants Awarded

In the past fiscal year the Wausau School Foundation awarded over \$28,000 in grants to support the following classroom projects, educator training and program enhancements not covered by the Wausau School District public tax dollars. The Judd S. Alexander Foundation has provided major support for the “Reach For the Stars” grant program.

**Franklin Elementary/Rib Mountain Elementary Schools** – carry-over funds from a Leadership in Action Challenge grant supported this business education project between the schools, NTC and Trig’s. Kindergarten students helped produce a color book that emphasized healthy choices.

**Horace Mann Middle School** – “FCCLA in the WSD” - WSF grant that supported implementation of the FCCLA Service Organization at the middle school level. Grant money allowed both middle schools to facilitate activities and service projects for students on a regular basis, beyond the classroom.

**Horace Mann Middle School** – “Healthy Eating Active Living Team 7-1 HMMS (HEALTH)” - WSF grant that enhanced the learning of health and active living choices. An entire team of middle school students were able to experience beyond the classroom the impact of choices they face everyday.



**Hablemos Español**

**Horace Mann Middle School** – “Hablemos Español” - WSF grant funding supported a program that allowed 8th grade Spanish students the opportunity to experience teaching first hand. Students at Riverview Elementary participated in learning the Spanish language and culture.

**John Muir Middle School** – “FCCLA in the WSD” - WSF grant, partnered with Horace Mann Middle School to establish an FCCLA organization. The FCCLA has been an avenue to incorporate lessons and activities on service learning and leadership, not possible in the regular school day.

**Wausau East High School** – “Interacting with Digital Natives” - WSF grant that allowed for the purchase of a new SMART Board 600 series at East High School. This grant support augmented Lauren Ebbecke’s selection for the 2006-2007 Oscar W. Neale Fellowship, which secured the purchase of four additional SMART Boards and professional staff training, open to all Wausau area educators.

**Wausau East High School –**  
“Starlight Music Masters Series” - WSF grant funds supported seven events throughout the school year, highlighting talented individuals and groups in a variety of music performances, clinics, and master classes for students of all levels.



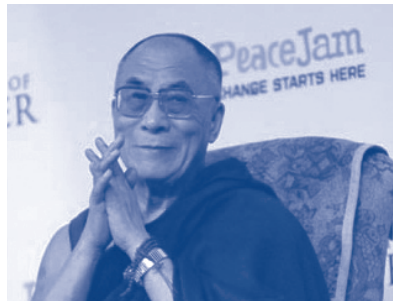
**Starlight Music Masters Series**

**Wausau East/Wausau West High Schools –** ‘Job Shadow Career Exploration’ - Leadership in Action Challenge grant funds supported the attendance of 40 junior female students to the LEAP (Learn, Earn And Prosper) Conference in Madison, WI. The opportunity for career exploration was enhanced through a local job shadow experience.

**Wausau East/Wausau West High Schools –** Health Academy - WSF grant funds provided for additional classroom resources and on site trips to local health care facilities. Preparation for health

career choices are the focus of these newly adopted courses.

**Wausau West High School –**  
“Peacejam - Future Leaders for Peace” – WSF grant supported eight students and two staff members to attend the International Peacejam Conference in Denver, Colorado. Utilizing the lessons learned, students developed action plans addressing diversity, tolerance and peace and implemented those plans throughout the community and area schools.



**The Dalai Lama at the International Peacejam**

**Wausau West High School –**  
“Wausau West Business & Community Leadership Training Program” – Partners in Innovation Leadership in Action Challenge grant funds provided for this business • education partnership grant with area businesses that addressed leadership, communication, and facilitation skills needed in today’s workforce.

*“A mind once stretched by a new idea  
never regains its original dimensions.”  
- Anonymous*

# Scholarship Grants

## SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Newly established this year was the first WSF fund providing a continuing education scholarship for graduates of Wausau East High School. The Foundation can be a vehicle for future scholarships that will support students from both Wausau East and Wausau West High Schools. For more information

contact the Wausau School Foundation office at 715-261-0554.

### **The Coach Mary Tuchscherer Varsity Tennis Scholarship –**

Provides a scholarship to an East High School graduate with special interest and ability to pursue college tennis.

*2007 Recipient:* Jacob Veldhuizen

## Applying for a Grant

### **The Wausau School Foundation favors projects that:**

- ★ Promote original, creative ideas
- ★ Demonstrate educational innovation
- ★ Are not supported through normal school operating budgets
- ★ Meets one or more WSF objectives:
  - Promotes the enrichment of student learning opportunities
  - Supports leadership and creativity among teachers and staff
  - Strengthens partnerships between community and the District
  - Supports the family as the first source of learning
- ★ Have measurable indicators of success

### **Who can submit a grant application?**

Any educator employed by the Wausau School District, or any community member in partnership with an educator is eligible to apply for a grant.

### **Who decides which projects receive funds?**

The WSF Board of Directors votes on recommendations may by the Grants Committee. Area citizens who promote and support education and represent a variety of constituencies make up this board.

### **On-Line Access**

Log on to [thefoundationwsd.org](http://thefoundationwsd.org) for information on the granting process, guidelines and application.

# Tribute Gifts

Making a donation to the Wausau School Foundation is a meaningful way to honor or remember the people who have made a difference in your life.

## MEMORIALS

*Between July 1, 2006,  
and June 30, 2007,  
the Foundation received  
gifts in memory of the  
following people:*

Al Adams  
Anna Albert  
Shirley E. Albrent  
Anna E. Anderson  
Sarah Andraski  
Sophia Austin  
Iva E. Beau  
Charles M. Bodde  
Raymond Brinkmann  
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Edna Strehlow  
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Stroik  
Irvin Thomascheske  
Roberta Thorpe  
Paul J. Tomcek  
Merle Twedt  
Eileen "Topsy" J.  
Von Rueden  
Mabel M. Vliestra  
John A. Waldron  
David D. Witter  
Howard Yakel

## HONORARIUMS

*Between July 1, 2006,  
and June 30, 2007,  
the Foundation received  
gifts in honor of the  
following people:*

Ort Enstad  
Dr. Jeffrey Lamont  
Luanne Bradford  
Judy Louis  
Ted Sperduto

# Alumni

## **The Alumni Association keeps you connected to Wausau**

The Alumni Association continues to serve as a point of contact for classmates from Yesteryear to the Class of 2007. Services are available to assist with class reunions, connect classmates, and a District web resource for reunion and class information. Whether a Lumberjack or Warrior, it is easy to reconnect or keep your contact data current for future alumni events.

Email or send a note with your name, address, telephone number, email address, high school, and year of graduation to:

**[wsdfound@wausau.k12.wi.us](mailto:wsdfound@wausau.k12.wi.us)**

*or:*

Wausau School Foundation  
415 Seymour Street  
Wausau WI 54403

## **Alumni and Friends Log Game Tailgate Party**

Over 175 Alumni participated in the Third Annual WSF Alumni & Friends Log Game Tailgate Party at Thom Field in September 2006 and the tradition will continue in October 2007 with food, prizes and a great football game! This event highlights yet another way the District's Alumni Association supports the work of the Wausau School Foundation.

## **Wausau High School Class of 1951 Gives Back**

When Mr. Ray Jahns contacted the Wausau School Foundation, little did he know it would lead to a contribution that literally would be hanging around for years to come.

The 1951 Reunion Committee wanted to give something back to the Wausau Schools and, after exploring possibilities, elected to support the Health Academy program at Wausau East High School. Appropriately dubbed "Bones 51" the class committee purchased a full-size skeletal model to be used for study by hundreds of students for years to come. The Wausau School Foundation thanks these alums for their support of our mission to invest in innovations for the staff and students of Wausau East.

If your reunion class would like to be a part of investing in innovations for the Wausau School District or a specific education program, contact the Wausau School Foundation office at 715-261-0554.



**Members of Wausau High School Class of 1951**

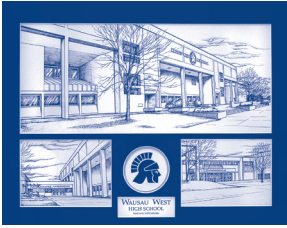
## High School Prints

Limited edition prints of your high school are available for purchase from the Wausau School Foundation. The prints were created from pen-and-ink drawings by local artist Diane Weber Osypowski, a former art educator with the Wausau School District.

*Available in three designs:*

- Wausau East High School (Pre-2004) - \$25
- Combination New/Old Wausau East - \$35
- Wausau West High School - \$45

These matted and signed prints are available for purchase by contacting the Wausau School Foundation at 715-261-0554.



Wausau West High School Print - \$45



Wausau East High School (Pre-2004) Print - \$25



Combination New/Old Wausau East Print - \$35

## Pass-Through Funds

### FIT KIDS

Grant established for the Wausau School District by the Dudley Foundation to help promote daily physical education and healthy lifestyle choices.

### WHS Class of 1951

The Wausau High School Alumni Class of 1951 established a fund to purchase a full skeletal model for the Wausau East Health Academy courses appropriately titled "Bones 51."

### Business • Education Partners In Innovation and Leadership in Action Challenge Grant Funds

Partners In Innovation (PII) was established to create opportunities for collaborative dialogue and action among Wisconsin's business, education, and community partners. Its membership consists of representatives from

The North Central WI Workforce Development Board, North Central WI School-to-Career Partnership at Northcentral Technical College, UWMC Continuing Education, Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce – Marathon Co. Partners in Education, Wausau School District and the Wausau School Foundation. The WSF has hosted three successful Business • Education Leadership Summits, and manages the pass-through fund for Partners in Innovation and the "Leadership in Action Challenge" grants.

### Bernard "Bernie" Cunningham Memorial Fund

Established by the family of Bernie Cunningham in support of the visual arts. Funds are allocated for Horace Mann Middle School art department.

# John A. Waldron

## Student Assistance Fund



Established in December 2006, in memory of John A. Waldron, WSD Director of Pupil Services and Special Education,

this fund honors John's legacy by providing support for students and families with great financial need.

John understood all too well the challenges that many families face. He was aware of the many reasons students with special needs often did not do well in school, or why some students did not even make it to school. The fund will serve our students in two ways:

- Address small, emergency financial needs for students and families that may well bridge the gap between home and school.
- Assist with school-related opportunities to participate in educational activities outside the classroom that otherwise would not be possible.

The Wausau School Foundation welcomes members of the WSD community to honor John's advocacy and support for children and families by making a tax-deductible gift to this

on-going fund.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank the following donors for their support in establishing the John A. Waldron Student Assistance Fund.

Mrs. John (Jill) Waldron and Family

Wausau School District Board of Education and Administration

Amy A. Arlen

Nell & Joel Anderson

Rick & Ann Wicklund

Allen & Mary Ellen Marnholtz

Wausau School District  
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Jim & Jann Slayton

WI Council of Administrators of  
Special Services, LTD

Alex Slappey & Staff, State  
Superintendent's Council for  
Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Jeff & Kristine Vanden Heuvel

# First Annual Fun'd' Run for Education

Nearly 250 people participated in the first annual 5K/10K Foundation Run for Education. Participants from 1 – 80 years of age walked, ran, or rode in a stroller to compete in this fun race event held in the Riverview School area. The 1K Junior Run was a highlight and exciting right down to the very last child skipping over the finish line! T-shirts, goody bags, nutritious snacks, and awards rewarded a well run race.

The event would not have been possible without the help of community members, Riverview staff, and WSD students who stepped up to organize and/or run the event. The Wausau School Foundation acknowledges the following businesses for their support:

Fiserv Health  
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Elmergreen and Associates  
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G3 Industries  
Golden Icon  
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Wausau Daily Herald  
Maple Ridge Farms



# Donor Members

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Vanden Heuvel	Patricia & Wayne	School Staff Sunshine
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Steve Wermund	Rebecca Zelent	Sunshine Club
Cathy Westberg	Kenneth Zoromski	Wausau School District
Inez Wheeler	Robert & Mary Ellen	Sunshine Club
Rick & Ann Wicklund	Zuleger	
	Class of 1951 - Wausau	

## Caught in the Act – Making the Best Better Recognition Program

The honor is designed to recognize teachers and District staff members for their efforts in reaching “above and beyond” expectations in a way that has significantly benefited students or the community. Nominations are received from peers, administration, students, parents and community members.

The Caught in the Act award consists of a monetary award, a memento from the Wausau School Foundation, and his/her name placed on a permanent school plaque.

2007 Recipients honored at an April 25, 2007 reception:

**Jackie Majewski – Grant Elementary School**

**Henry Walters – Hewitt Texas Elementary School**

**Julie Guerin – Jefferson Elementary School**

**Louise Wolf – Jefferson Elementary School**

**Rita Epp – John Marshall Elementary School**

**Jayne Rekowski – Stettin Elementary School**

**Joan Pagel – John Muir Middle School**

**Mardie Lamont – Wausau West High School/LAC**

**Tammy Radloff – Wausau West High School**

**George Hagge – Wausau East High School**

**Joel Pataconi – Wausau East High School**

# Board of Directors

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 Mary Ellen Marnholtz

### Staff Contact

Kristine Vanden Heuvel, Acting  
 Volunteer Director

# Founder's Society

These individual's, businesses and organizations contributed \$5,000 or more to endow funds within the Wausau School Foundation in 2002. The Foundation recognizes the Founder's Society as a pivotal group that contributed during the Foundation's formative development years to ensure the success of this local education foundation.

A-1 Excavating	Richard D. Dudley	River View Construction	Wausau Heart and Lung Surgeons
Dr. Philip Albert	Rick & Sue Gering	Mr. & Mrs. Marv Schuette	Wausau Mosinee Paper Foundation
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Christine Bremer Muggli	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Riiser		

# Financials

## Wausau School Foundation 2006/2007 Fiscal Year

Cash & Investment Balances, July 1, 2006 . . . . . \$ 111,910.38

### REVENUE

Contributions to the Fund . . \$ 73,368.00  
 Investment Income . . . . . \$ 14,376.80  
 Other Income . . . . . \$ 29,324.88  
 Total Revenue . . . . . 117,069.68

### EXPENDITURES

Marketing & Printing . . . . . \$ 10,350.08  
 Professional Fees . . . . . \$ 21,673.01  
 Supplies & Office Expenses . \$ 1,901.39  
 Events & Programs . . . . . \$ 43,172.98  
 Total Expenditures . . . . . (77,097.46)

Cash & Investment Balances, June 30, 2007 . . . . . \$ 151,882.60

# Committee Members

Tim Freiberg (Development, Alumni)	Rick Gering (Nominating, Development)
Amy Kraft Stack (Alumni, Grants)	Matt Mayer (Alumni)
Jennie Starkie Munson (Alumni)	Joan Jackson (Alumni)
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Ken Kluege (Alumni)	Mary Ellen Marnholtz (Communications, Campaign)
Sandy Brady (Alumni)	Jeanne Alexejun (Events)
Grace Berg (Alumni)	Kandace Elmergreen (Events)
Tim Wimmer (Alumni)	Dawn Gullickson (Events)
Barb Peterson (Alumni)	Betsy Keefe (Events)
Tammy Waraksa (Alumni)	Jann Slayton (Events)
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Mary Kate Riordan (Grants, Events, Campaign)	Joy Trollop (Campaign - Staff)
Kristine Vanden Heuvel (Grants, Campaign)	John Dudley (Campaign)
	Ben Reif (Campaign-Corporate)
	Bob Marlowe (Campaign)

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can change the world.*

*Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”*

*- Margaret Mead*



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