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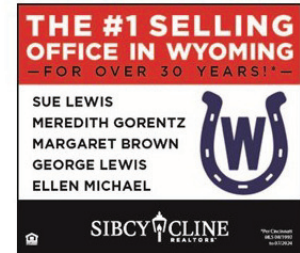
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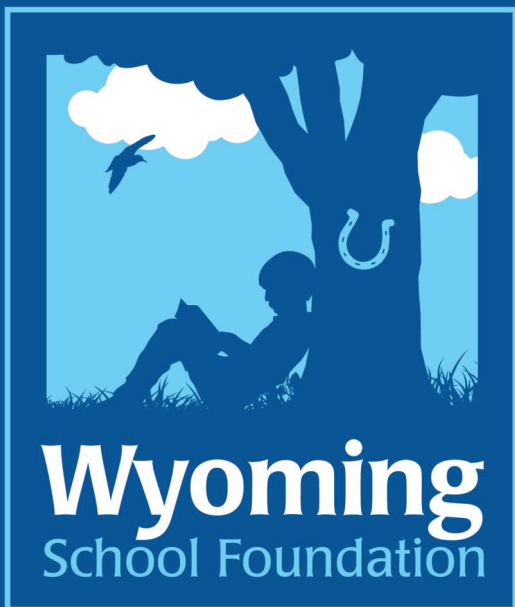
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**Your
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**Better
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**Honoring
Alumni**

**WHS
Student
Perspectives**

**In
Partnership**

YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE

FROM THE WSF CO-PRESIDENTS

This fall marks the 20th high school reunion for one of us, bringing with it a wave of memories that remind us why Wyoming is such a special place. From elementary field trips to Camp Kern and the Rumpke dump, to 8th grade adventures in Chicago and Quebec, and Friday nights spent marching with the WHS band, our experiences in Wyoming were formative, joyful, and deeply rooted in community.

One of us even returned years later as Band Director, proudly leading the Marching Cowboys down Main Street in Disney once again. Springtime brought musicals, tennis matches, Spring Olympics, and those final moments on the Ohio River cruise, a fitting send-off to a rich high school journey.

For the other, Wyoming's legacy spans decades. A proud member of the Class of 1979 and parent to four WHS graduates, the thread of excellence has remained strong from classrooms to stages to athletic fields. Wyoming has consistently risen to the moment, preparing generations of students to lead, create, and thrive.

Together, as Co-Presidents of the Wyoming School Foundation, we are honored to give back to the place that shaped us and continues to shape future generations. It is our gratitude that drives us to serve. We believe in the power of public education and in the generosity of those who value it. Whether in academics, the arts, or athletics, your support helps Wyoming meet the needs of today while preserving the traditions we all treasure. Thank you for being part of this journey with us.



Carrie Short-Lippert '79



Chris Lippert '05



FROM THE WCS SUPERINTENDENT



In Wyoming City Schools, we know that the success of our students is built on the strength of the partnerships we share with our community and alumni. Our collaboration with the Wyoming School Foundation is a shining example of this. Together, we are building what matters: a system of support that elevates our district's focus on creating meaningful and lasting impacts for students, staff, families, and our school community.

Our schools are more than places of learning; they are vibrant hubs where educators, students, and community members come together to achieve remarkable things. The resources provided by the Wyoming School Foundation play an essential role in equipping our district, staff, and students with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive, today and for years to come.

We are proud of our partnership with the Wyoming School Foundation in securing grants and scholarships that directly respond to the unique needs of our students and staff. These opportunities help us expand innovative programs, support professional growth, and provide critical assistance where it's needed most. This collaboration reflects the power of a community united around a shared purpose.

Your support of the Wyoming School Foundation touches every student in our district. By investing in the Foundation, you are helping us continue building what matters most for our schools and shaping a brighter future for all. Thank you for your dedication to our students and our shared vision for a thriving Wyoming community.



Tim Weber, Wyoming City Schools Superintendent



Wyoming School Foundation Awards

Carol Beeson Memorial Education

Mckayla Strong

Fred S. Dewey, Jr '32

Joel Hancock

Katherine Rutherford

Richard M. Glover

Charlee Kanyon

Kaia Grant '05 Memorial

Logan Fourie

Virginia B. Gridley Education

Lorelei Blakley

Lynn Y.S. Lin Family Education

TJ Bajema

Storm Coughlin

Jordan Green

Jake Janavicius

Dorothy Mantel Education

Maddie Frank

Mia Marty

Lily Parker '18 Go The Distance

Ava Geiger

Evan Robinson

Wyoming Legends of Golf

Finley Bartlett

Mia Marty

Jack Webb (not pictured)

Bernie '70 and Jim '72 Barre Spirit of Wyoming

Henry Yocum

Deena Deardurff '75 Character

Billy Lyons

Lt. John R. Fox '34

Peace Mbabazi (not pictured)

Alex Guest '87 Leadership

Will Spera

Michael Alan Kahn '72

Mac Steininger

Judge Rob Lyons '73 Academic Merit

Sarah Worley

Chris Payne '72 Aspiring Artist

Addison Miller

Ken Roberts '73 Fellowship thru Athletics

Charlie Steed

Scott Stegeman '72

Vris Hossain

**\$54,500
AWARDED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS**



The Andrew Howe Scholarship Foundation

Jon B. Boss '54

Daniel Kleinman (not pictured)

Ed Pipes and Dennis Bell '69

Alyn Jones

Dorothy Schierenbeck '40

Maggie Galvin

Sherry Sheffield '63

Tabitha Lind



WHS Alumni Association Awards

At the Wyoming School Foundation, we believe the efforts we make today help preserve and strengthen tomorrow's legacy of excellence. In partnership with the WHS Alumni Association, the Foundation is dedicated solely to raising funds in support of the Wyoming City School District. We are honored to serve as the steward of scholarships.

GRANTS

ART DISPLAY BOARDS



The *Foundation Fund* purchased five new display boards for the annual K-8 Art Show.

DECA UNIFORMS

The *Foundation Fund* purchased 9 new blazers for the WHS Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) to proudly wear to competitions and annual conferences.



**\$101,173
AWARDED
IN GRANTS!**

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DIPLOMACY

The *Master Educator Legacy Endowment*, acknowledging the *Ferol Betz Program for Guest Lecturers*, welcomed Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann of the **American Academy of Diplomacy**, to speak with WHS juniors and seniors about U.S. diplomacy and foreign policy. His talk provided invaluable insight into global affairs, enhancing students' understanding of critical U.S. national interests.



EMOTIONAL & SOCIAL WELL-BEING

The Wyoming School Foundation, through the *Foundation Fund* and *Caring Cowboys Fund*, funded essential support toward the **WPS Emotional and Social Well-Being** efforts for all primary students. With strategies to address behaviors in classroom learning and teach emotional regulation, these programs strengthen the support of Ohio's K-12 Social and Emotional Learning.



WMS SEWING AND QUILTING CLUB

Thanks to the *Judy Hand Memorial Fund* and the *Foundation Fund*, WMS launched a new **WMS Sewing and Quilting Club**. The club, which will provide students with

hands-on experience in sewing and quilting, has been equipped with necessary tools like sewing machines, irons, and scissors.



PARKING LOT BANNERS



The *Jack and Joanne Brown Girls Athletic Fund* purchased the **Wyoming Cowboys Banners** for the WHS parking lot. These vibrant banners enhance

school spirit and promote community pride as visitors enter the athletic complex.

RELENTLESS LEADERSHIP

Funded by The *Master Educator Legacy Endowment*, acknowledging the *B.S. Bradbury Scholar-In-Residence Program for Professional Development*, WCS administrators attended a **Relentless Leadership retreat**. The training highlighted and helped shape the district's new Culture Blueprint, which focuses on building trust through character, competence, connection, and support.

WYOMING CITY SCHOOLS CULTURE BLUEPRINT		
BELIEF	BEHAVIOR	OUTCOME
Own It	- Do the right thing even when it's hard - Be accountable and act with purpose - Seek solutions, not excuses	We deliver our best
We, not me	- Value each voice - Listen to learn - Care • Communicate • Connect	We are stronger together
Always Learning	- Be curious and courageous - Seize opportunities - Reflect and grow	We persist and thrive

GRANTS

WHS ESPORTS PROGRAM

The **WHS Esports Program** is leveling up thanks to a generous *Anonymous*

donation. The gift is helping create a professional, collaborative space for team practices, training, and scrimmages, along with upgraded equipment so students can compete in league games with top-tier resources.



CHOIR EQUIPMENT

WCS Choir Department was gifted a new piano and two piano dollies, thanks to the generosity of the *IHO Ed Roman* and *Albert B. & Dorothy Lang Family Endowment for the Performing Arts Funds*. This donation ensures the choir students continue to have high-quality instruments to support their musical endeavors.



ART & DRAMA SUPPLIES

WMS Drama Department received funds through the *Bernstein Theater Legacy Fund* to purchase materials for the set of *Beauty and the Beast*. Funds were used for lumber, paint, and other supplies to ensure the students could create a stunning production.



ACES CULTURAL CLUB

With support from the *Foundation Fund*, the **ACES Cultural Club** advanced its mission of promoting cultural equality and success by hosting an afternoon of soul food tasting during Black History Month. This event offered Wyoming students and staff a unique opportunity to celebrate Black culture, fostering cultural understanding and community spirit through food and shared experiences.



TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

Thanks to generous support from the *Foundation Fund*, the *IMO Marie King Johnson Fund*, and the *Judy Hand Memorial Fund*, the **WHS Dan Jones Center for Research and Innovation** has received a new 3D printer. This exciting addition expands opportunities for all high school students to engage in hands-on learning, design, and innovation. In addition, the *General Endowment* funded **Kids Discover Online**, an interactive, nonfiction library resource that covers many topics relevant to WMS students. Features include videos, infographics, all designed to spark curiosity and excitement about reading and learning.

ATHLETIC UNIFORMS

The *Andrew Howe Family Fund* provided new **WHS wrestling singlets** to the team. The sharp colors and cowboy design were showcased at the league tournament.



WMS SPEAKER SYSTEM

At the Blue, White & Brackets 2025 event, 80 participants, with the help of two



generous *WHS anonymous alumni*, stepped forward to cover the \$18,000 needed to purchase the complete

Fund A Need **WMS Sound Speaker System**. What an incredible community, outstanding alumni, and truly heartwarming gesture!

SUMMER BIG READ



WHS English Department received a generous gift from the *English Department Fund* and *Foundation General Endowment Fund* to support the "Summer Big Read" initiative. This funding allowed the department to purchase books for students, with a focus on authenticity, which aligns with the 2024-25 thematic focus.

STRENGTHS

STRONG LIBRARIES

In October 2024, Wyoming School Foundation received the OELMA's Literacy Leader Award for continuing to support WCS school libraries and librarians with book purchases, author visits, and book club support. The Foundation's financial support brings cutting edge resources and great enrichment opportunities to our students. Amanda Bimonte said, "I always really appreciated your support of my various endeavors over my time at WMS and WHS. This is a well deserved award for the Wyoming School Foundation."



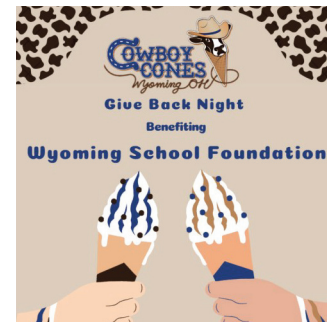
A shout out to all of our amazing librarians and for continuing to partner with the foundation in support of all students!

STRONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



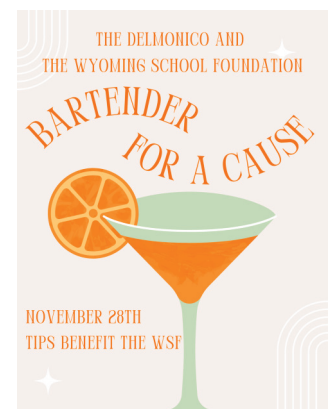
The Acres welcomed the Wyoming community for a magical night under the lights, donating 20% of ticket sales to WSF. Families wandered a glowing LED forest filled with unique art installations.

Cowboy Cones and WSF partnered for an end of summer Give Back Night. 15% of the proceeds went back to the Wyoming School Foundation!



Gilligan's Brewery "kicked off the summer" with the Wyoming School Foundation by giving back 10% of all proceeds!

The brand new **Delmonico** (previously the W Lounge) will be hosting our annual Bartender for a Cause event. Tips to the bar go to the Foundation. A fun night with community, alumni, and friends the day after Thanksgiving!



Tom Jacobsen of **Jacobsen Sealing** donated 25 trays of Halloween cookies, and all proceeds were donated back to WSF. They were scary good!

Tela Bar + Kitchen hosted their annual Homecoming Parade Watch Party and donated table proceeds back to the Foundation!



2024 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI MYRA “MIKI” TURNER ‘76

The Foundation was proud to honor our 2024 Distinguished Alumnus, Myra “Miki” Turner, WHS Class of 1976, during this year’s Foundation Day at Wyoming High School.



We kicked off the celebration with a special **Distinguished Alumni Reception** at Meritage Restaurant, where Miki was warmly welcomed by family, friends, and fellow classmates from the Classes of 1975 and 1976.

Miki truly exemplifies her motto “let your life do the singing.” Her journey from journalist to author to professor at the University of Southern California highlights the power of connection, the importance of adaptability, and the courage to step outside of one’s comfort zone.

We were proud to recognize Miki’s outstanding achievements, both in her career and in life. More than 80 guests joined us for the Sunday reception, a true testament to how deeply she is admired and respected by those who know her.

“Be Better.
Be Benevolent.
Be Bold.
On Wyoming!”

The celebration continued on Monday at Wyoming High School as Miki addressed the student body during **Foundation Day**. She inspired over 600 students during an all-school assembly and engaged with more than 50 students in a small-group setting. Her message encouraged students to embrace the opportunities at WHS and reminded them that their current learning is the foundation for their future.



STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

WALKING THE SAME HALLS, CARRYING NEW DREAMS By Mia Marty, WHS 2025

Growing up in Wyoming, a small, close-knit community of just 8,000 people, has shaped who I am in many ways. In a place where everyone truly knows everyone, I've always felt surrounded by a strong support system. My large family, most of whom have graduated from Wyoming High School just as I have, has played a prominent role in that. There's something special about walking through the same halls your grandparents, parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins once did. That history adds a unique connection and sentiment to every school event, sports game, and tradition.

One of the greatest parts of my experience in Wyoming City Schools has been the deep sense of community, both within my family and across the city. From elementary school to now, I've always known that my peers, teachers, coaches, and neighbors want the best for me. The faculty and staff at Wyoming City Schools go above and beyond not only to educate us, but to prepare us for life beyond high school. Whether it's participating in educational experiences, going on class trips, or engaging in service projects, our schools give us the tools and opportunities to grow into well-rounded individuals.

Serving as the student liaison for the Wyoming School Foundation has given me a unique perspective on how much effort goes into making our schools what they are. Behind the scenes, countless people work to ensure students have the resources, experiences, and support they need. It's made me even more grateful for this community and helped me understand the importance of giving back and staying connected.

As I look ahead to the next chapter of my life, I know I will carry everything Wyoming has given and taught me. The lessons I've learned here, about community, hard work, and support, will continue to guide me every day. Wyoming has not only been an amazing place to grow up, but one that shaped me into who I am and prepared me to face the future with confidence.



Mia is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at the University of Kentucky.



As I reflect on my time at Vermont Elementary School, I felt supported, but I longed for understanding. I didn't realize the power of representation until I transitioned to Wyoming Middle School and met Mr. Anderson. Under his guidance, he created a space for me as a Black female student and advocated on my behalf to help strengthen teacher-student relationships.

With the love and support of counselors, staff, and teachers, I have grown into someone determined to lead with kindness, grace, and a few laughs. I feel uplifted when Mrs. Bunton sends me summer programs to apply for, accomplished when Mr. Holthaus sends positive progress notes to my family, and seen when Profe simply asks, "How are you doing? Anything I can help with?" I felt empowered when Mr. Stallings said he was proud of my progress and reminded me to focus on my future and not let drama define me.

Their guidance has inspired me to strive for excellence. They created a safe space to be vulnerable and unjudged, and allowed me to make mistakes while offering solutions. Because of their mentorship, advice, and empathy. I've built resilience and have been empowered to be my most authentic, unapologetic self. When you begin to choose yourself and your future, others notice. I'm grateful to the teachers and staff who selected me to attend the HighAIMS Leadership Conference. There, I connected with like-minded peers, participated in purposeful discussions, and developed leadership skills to create positive change as a junior liaison. This experience reinforced the importance of a diverse team and the power of using my voice.

Finding that voice empowered me to advocate for myself and others, and mentor the next generation, leading to my selection in the Colts and Cowboys Mentorship Program. I'm honored to serve as the Junior/Senior High School Liaison. Because of the many opportunities our district offers, I'm involved in ACES, Debate Club, and the Environmental Club. As a Wyoming School Foundation liaison, I co-created a quarterly high school newsletter for the members to uplift under represented students and engage in meaningful dialogue to create change in our school community.

I've learned many life lessons over the years. My motto: "It's not how you start, it's how you finish." Don't get wrapped up in what society expects—define your own path. My future is my motivation. I've developed a deeper appreciation for diversity, strong relationships, and character. In recent years, I finally found my community, one that supports and affirms my sense of belonging.



I strive for others to find that same connection. I let them know you are not alone.

BLUE, WHITE & BRACKETS 2025

WHAT. A. NIGHT! We wrapped up the numbers, and thanks to ticket sales, silent auction bids, insta-buys, heads or tails fun, donations and our ever-popular Fund-A-Need, we crushed our fundraising goal and raised **\$65,932.**



THE ANDREW '75 & KATHY HOWE FAMILY FOUNDATION

In February 2025, The Wyoming School Foundation received a generous \$100,000 donation from The Andrew Howe Family Foundation. This transformative gift is instrumental in advancing the Foundation's mission to enhance educational opportunities for students and strengthen the local school community.

The donation is allocated to support larger school needs, providing resources for essential projects that will benefit students and educators alike. In addition, part of the donation will assist in funding future developments, including larger-scale school and athletic projects that will help elevate the district's facilities and programs for years to come.

The Andrew Howe Family Foundation has a long history of supporting education, community development, and youth initiatives. Their commitment to strengthening the Wyoming community through this significant donation will help ensure that the school district remains a place where students can thrive academically, socially, and athletically. In addition, The Andrew Howe Scholarship Fund provides 11 annual \$1,000 scholarships to our seniors as they begin their next journey. All scholarships have been named after a WHS classmate, or friend, who has made a significant contribution to the lives of others.

"We are proud to invest in the future of Wyoming's students," said Andy Howe, WHS Class of 1975. "The Wyoming School Foundation's commitment to excellence in education aligns with our values, and we're excited to be part of the positive change."

THE DAN JONES '56 NEWSBANK INC. IN-KIND GIFT

NewsBank Inc. generously donated an in-kind gift to Wyoming City Schools—a 25-year subscription to a suite of valuable research and educational resources. This includes full access to subscription-based products such as Access World News Research Collection 2024, America's Historical Newspapers, Black Life in America, Hispanic Life in America, Asian Life in America, and Research Rocket. This long-term gift will significantly enhance learning and research opportunities for all students and staff across the district.

This donation marks a pivotal moment in the ongoing effort to provide Wyoming students with the best resources and opportunities available. With this support, the future of Wyoming School District has never looked brighter.

For more information on how you can contribute to the Foundation or learn more about the upcoming initiatives, please visit www.wyomingschoolfoundation.org.

CONNECTIONS

CLASS REUNIONS



WHS Class of 2004 - 20th Reunion



“There’s no place like home...”

Our alumni support remains active, strong and thriving! Our class reunions offer a space to reconnect with classmates and visit old “stomping” grounds, from the renovated Wyoming Middle School, to new parks, to vibrant restaurants, as well as a stop at The Wyoming Pastry Shop for a “smiley face” cookie. If you are planning a reunion, please contact us at info@wyomingschoolfoundation.org. We are happy to help.



WHS Class of 1974
50th Reunion



WHS Class of 1984 - 40th Reunion



10,000 ALUMNI WORLD-WIDE

1,900 STUDENTS, **1100** FAMILIES, **150** TEACHERS

1 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN, **2** NEWSLETTERS

4,810 FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS

39 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

7 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

6 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

26 BOARD MEMBERS

\$155,673 AWARDED IN GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2 STAFF MEMBERS, **5** PART-TIME VOLUNTEER INTERNS

4,239 GRADUATION WALKWAY PLANTED BRICKS

Alumni Tailgate & Cowboy Comeback

WHS Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion Weekend

WHS Class of 1990 - 35th Reunion Weekend

WHS Class of 1995 - 30th Reunion Weekend

WHS Class of 1985 - 40th Reunion Weekend

Distinguished Alumni Reception

DA Foundation Day @ WHS

WHS Class of 2005 - 20th Reunion

Bartender For a Cause @ Delmonico

WHS Class of 2020 - 5th Reunion

Blue, White & Brackets Event & Silent Auction

Cowboy Round Up

September 19th-20th, 2025

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October 3rd-4th, 2025

November 9th, 2025

November 10th, 2025

November 26th, 2025

November 28th, 2025

November 28th, 2025

April 4th, 2026

May 29th, 2026

