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VISION STATEMENT - We will be a premier school foundation serving as a driving force by investing for a significant impact to help distinguish the Vicksburg Community Schools' educational experience.

Mission Statement - The Foundation helps financially energize the Vicksburg Community Schools to achieve its objectives and needs beyond traditional educational funding.

2020 Bardeen Teacher Incentive Grant Recipients

This Teacher Incentive Grant Program, named in honor of the late Max Bardeen, has been supporting special teacher training, high tech equipment and unique innovative programs at Vicksburg Community Schools since 1986. The Vicksburg Foundation donates \$10,000 each year to the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation to support this special program.

From classroom alternative seating, QBall Throw-able microphones, to a heart monitoring system for P.E. class, the VCSF awarded \$15,528.61 earlier this spring for Bardeen Teacher Grants.

The following Bardeen Grants were awarded in April 2020

Lorrie Jancarz (VHS) – Received thirty Texas Instruments 36X Engineering/Scientific calculators for the Computerized Manufacturing and Mechatronics' classes.

Denny Roehm (VHS) – Requested a grant for a field trip to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum Planetarium for his high school Astronomy class. Students will better grasp the concept of gravity, theory of relativity and the immense mass changing universe.

Tim Callahan et al (VHS) – Social Studies department awarded a subscription to Grammarly. Grammarly is an on-line proofreader, which can scan for proper grammatical rules, spelling, word usage and punctuation.

Kurt Phelps (VHS) – Granted funds to attend the National Strength and Condition Conference in Las Vegas.

Margo Stuanton and Teri Negri (All buildings) – Follett Destiny library management system was granted to upgrade all school libraries. The new system will allow librarians and administrators a thorough, real-time track of a library's inventory and media assets, as well as giving students a fun means for discovery and reading. Destiny can be accessed anywhere, 24/7,

Patty Heintzelman (Sunset/Tobey/Indian) – First Steps in Music and Conversational Solfege Training.

Tony Lindeman (VHS) - Two refurbished MAC computers for his Art/Photography classes. The iMacs will enhance the educational technology for his high school students.

Kelly Christiansen (OEC) – Binoculars, magnifying glasses, bird seed and water testing kits were just a few items granted for visiting classrooms to evaluate bugs, birds, plants and water at the Outdoor Education Center.

Amy Dunn and Breanna Welling – Michigan Association of School Psychology Conference Amy Dunn and Matt VanDussen attended the Solution Tree Workshop this fall. The workshop expounded on the Middle Schools initiation of a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), an academic intervention tool to identify students with learning and behavior needs,

Kelly MacDonell (Tobey) – Tobey PBIS requested fidget/movement tools such as: stress balls, chair bands and hand putty. Movement tools reduce stress and increase focus. All Tobey teachers will be able to access these items on a "check-out" system basis.

Kristina Newhouse (Sunset Lake) - A classroom set of National Geographic Kids books for her 1st grade students. From biographies to unusual sea creatures, her young readers can discover interesting facts about animals, cars and famous heroes, at their reading level.

Liz Ratashak (VHS) – Field trip to Michigan Adventure

Laura Wilson (VMS) - Collaborative workstations and stand-up desks as alternative seating choices for her classroom.

Rachel Bernhardt/Tiffany Sadowski (Sunset Lake) – Five R's grant, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rot was awarded to assist Rachel, Tiffany and the "RRRRR" Student Leadership team with their Sunset Lake school improvement initiative. Original request included recycling bins for each classroom, as well as three large recycling containers to move recycled matter to the outside recycling container. Free recycling bins became available over the summer, therefore checking off the "Reuse" R!

2019-2020 Scholarship Recipients



Jennifer Converse
Vicksburg Foundation
Scholarship
\$2,500



Kathryn Wells-Schmidt
Mason Heikes Memorial
Scholarship
\$500



Kelsey Cook
Louise Reed
Memorial Scholarship
\$2,000



Kevin Munn
Louise W. Maher
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,500



Michael Tultz
David Reisterer
Memorial Scholarship
\$2,750



Michelle Smith
Peter Tindall
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000



Mikayla Sands
Brennan Hamilton
Memorial Scholarship
\$2,000



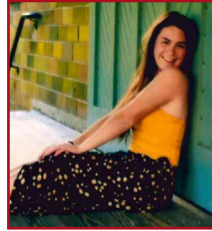
Remi O'Neill
David Reisterer
Memorial Scholarship
\$2,750



Kinsey Riddle
Vicksburg Community Schools
Foundation Scholarship
\$1,000



Riley-Ann Bierema
Stanley Weinberg
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,250



Abigail Laughery
Louise W. Maher
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,500



Brett Manski
Jeremy Smith
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000



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\$500



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The Oswalt Family Farm Scholarship
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Garrett Kirchner
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Grace Cornett
Ana Reseguie-Barnes
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Hailey Klimek
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Megan Miller
Oswalt Family Music
Scholarship
\$500



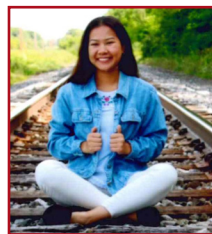
Jacob Baird
Lloyd (Todd) Cantwell
Memorial Scholarship
\$500



Sophie Bradley
Peter Tindall
Memorial Scholarship
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Meegan Heerlyn
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Jenna Beach
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Scholarship
\$2,500



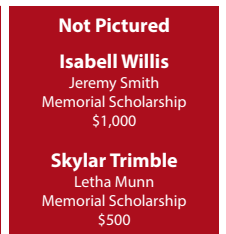
Lindsey Fleck
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Scholarship
\$2,500



Mason Randall
Patrick & Lynn Vallier
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\$500



Sydney Finos
The Appell Family
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\$2,500



Not Pictured

Isabell Willis
Jeremy Smith
Memorial Scholarship
\$1,000

Skylar Trimble
Letha Munn
Memorial Scholarship
\$500

2019 - 2020 Curiosity Grants

In 1993, the Vicksburg Community Schools. Foundation Trustees developed a program that would allow students from any grade level, to apply for a special grant that would support innovation. Grants are generally approved for up to \$250; however the committee does consider and has funded grants in larger amounts.

With support from the Vicksburg Foundation, the following grants were awarded this year:

Matt Peter, Caiden Caswell, Oliver Hammond, Ian Triemstra, Isaac Sondelin and Adler Hammond/Star Readers 2.0 - \$250.00 to partially fund an Author Visit. Michael Spradlin, author of one of the Battle of the Books, Into the Killing Seas, visited all three elementary buildings to share his passion for writing. Adult mentor: Mrs. Brenda Peter

Haley Town - Awarded \$75.00 to attend the spring 2020 HOSA Conference in Traverse City.

Cara Brink - Request for \$250 to start a LEGO Club at Sunset Lake Elementary.

Mrs. Barton - Creation of a space in the intervention room to cool down. This would include comfortable seating, calming jars and stress relievers.

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Operating Grants & Contributions:

Annual fund drive. \$14,050
 Student Curiosity Grant \$3,000
 Bardeen Teacher Incentive Grant . . . \$10,000
 Fundraisers-net \$3,487
 Other Grants & Contributions. \$17,981
 Scholarship contributions \$6,000
Total. \$54,518

Grants Awarded:

Bardeen teacher incentive grants. \$700
 Student scholarships. \$43,500
 Other grants \$21,460
Total. \$65,660

Total Operating Expenses: . . . \$4,510**General Endowment Funds:**

Vicksburg Community Schools Endowment
 VCSF Legacy Fund

Ellen & Joseph Cashion Memorial Fund
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Designated Purpose Funds:

Bardeen Teacher Incentive Fund
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 Patricia Reeves Exemplars of Service Fund

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Endowment Balance

July 1, 2019 \$2,490,616

Contributions Received \$4,686

Grant Distributions (-\$64,739)

Investment Return -\$46,262

Endowment Balance

June 30, 2020 \$2,384,301

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 Community Foundation**

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