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**We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend, Leslie Melson, who was a Foundation Board member, Advisory Board member, and 2019 Highlander Awardee. Leslie passed away on January 24, 2021. Photo from Dignity Memorial.**

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**Are you interested in becoming part of the HPHS Alumni Association Board? Please contact Meg Boyd, Director of Alumni Relations, at Meg.Boyd@hpef.org**

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**The HPHS Alumni Board lost longtime board member Sylvia Cuellar Luedtke ’57 on July 15, 2020. Her commitment to HPISD and the passion she had for the District was shown through her gift of time and service. Photo from The Dallas Morning News.**

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After 30 years with one of the nation’s largest and leading providers of medical laboratory services, Leland McClure retired as a Director of Corporate Medical Affairs. He now continues to provide clinical and forensic advisory support for numerous national and international organizations. In Leland’s generation, boys were not allowed to play the pipes in the HPHS pipeband. However, he found a way and still continues to spread the Scots heritage today.

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Dr. James F. Smith, a Chief Economist for EconForecaster, has been working as an economic forecaster for over 30 years. Dr. Smith continues to work in various sectors of the economy including: retail, manufacturing, government, real estate associations, as well as academia. He has earned all three of his economics degrees from Southern Methodist University. In April 2017, he received his 4th consecutive Crystal Ball Award for outstanding consistency in having “Top 5” forecasts of house price changes from Pulsenomics/Zillow.

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After 29 years as an elementary school teacher, Priscilla Chalk Oliphint will retire from HPISD this May. “Mrs. O” has enjoyed working with students ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade in seven schools in four cities. Her various jobs included classroom teacher, creative arts teacher, gifted and talented teacher, and science lab teacher. She is grateful for all of the support from everyone around her throughout her career. Priscilla looks forward to traveling, tutoring, and taking it easy!

Betsy McGill Stephenson recently went through ordination to the priesthood at Grace Episcopal Church in Llano, Texas.

Gayden Beaird Breckwoldt (pictured above) and her husband Chris have enjoyed moving to Tarrytown in Austin, TX. For the past 22 years, they were busy raising their family on a boarding school campus in Westlake and are now enjoying being empty nesters. Abby is a senior on the Dean’s list at Vanderbilt University and was recently selected as a finalist for the Waddles Fellowship. Emma, a sophomore, is Magna Cum Laude and on the Deans Honor List at the University of Texas, while being a Young Life leader for a local high school. George was an all-around athlete in high school. He served as the starting QB for all 4 years, Varsity Captains for both the basketball and baseball teams, and had great success. He is now attending ACC and looks to transition to the University of Texas in the future.

Scott Sypult and his wife, Tamara, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this past year with their three children, Cole (16), Amaliya (16), and Rhett (14). Professionally, Scott’s firm celebrated its 20th year in business providing California healthcare construction and consulting services. Last March, the firm was designated as part of the UCSF Medical Center COVID-19 Emergency Response Team to include patient bed mobilization, emergency tent and triage sites, and hospital upgrades across three campuses. Additionally, they provide advisory services on the new $3B UCSF Health/New Hospital at Parnassus Heights.

John Botefuhr, a fifth-generation native Dallaitie with deep roots in the East Dallas Community, is running to represent District 9 on the Dallas City Council. (at the time of publication)

Ashley Adleta Biffle was inducted into the Arizona State University Athletics Hall of Fame in Fall 2019 as a member of the 1995 NCAA Women’s Golf Team.

Brent Harman (above) is celebrating his 25th anniversary at Sonny Bryan’s. Since 1910, Sonny Bryan’s has operated on the same philosophy of making slow cooked, delicious barbecue on site all day, every day. Brent has led the charge of innovating with new recipes, such as the Hill Country Brisket, while holding true to traditions like its famous BBQ sauce.

John Falb is an international race car driver. He is racing LMP@ in Europe and planning to race on the Asian Le Man Series, Europen Le Mans Series, and 24 hours of Le Mans.

Dana Wilcox Ayers and her husband, Brad, welcomed the adoption of their baby girl, Amelia Carter Ayers, in March 2020.
1993

Patrick McNulty won reelection as the Mayor of South Padre Island on November 4, 2020. He is excited to serve a second term as mayor and continue with keeping the island moving forward along with the help of South Padre citizens. Patrick is leading South Padre Island to be a vibrant, year-round tourist destination. He has been living in South Padre for over 20 years.

1994

Rachel Lee Neumann returned to Dallas in December 2020 after two decades in Denver and is practicing law at Holman Robertson P.C. She focuses on estate planning and business transactions for individuals, as well as probate and trust administration. She practices with John Crow Miller ’79, Ronnie Holman ’71, and Andrew Woodward ’90.

1996

Maryjane Boone Bonfield and Julie Brown Melihercik recently served in leadership roles at their respective elementary schools. Both attended Kindergarten at UP, graduated from HPHS, and then graduated from Vanderbilt University. Careers and family led them back to Dallas, where they quickly got involved. Maryjane is the 2020 Hyer PTA President, and Julie is the 2020 UP PTA President.

1997

Katy Holland has returned to her Texas roots after living in Los Angeles, California for over 20 years. She is a makeup artist and is glad to be back in the Lone Star State!

Kelli Wells Macatee is running for HPISD School Board, place 1. (at the time of publication)

1998

Chris Young (pictured below, photo from The Dallas Morning News) has joined the Texas Rangers Baseball Club executive team as the Executive Vice President and General Manager.

1999

Pictured above, Blythe Smith Koch and Vanessa Renna Ayoub are lifelong Park Cities Residents who are currently raising their children in HPISD. Blythe attended Bradfield, graduated from HPHS and Vanderbilt University. Vanessa attended Hyer, HPHS and graduated from the University of Texas. Blythe is the first PTO President at the new Boone Elementary school and Vanessa is the 2020 PTA President at Armstrong.

2000

Allison Pierce Cotton, is the Founder of the Physician Support Line. It is psychiatrists helping physicians cope with the stress of the COVID Virus. They are nationwide and do it in their “spare” time when not wearing their “spacesuits.” She carries a picture of herself around her neck so patients can see what she really looks like!

2001

Football Captains, Graham Johnson, Sayers Brown and wife, Christy Holm Brown ’03, and Robert Blount were in attendance at the 2020 HPHS Homecoming game with their families.

2003

Elisabeth Hill Jordan, is the Founder and President of The Human Impact. The Human Impact exists to befriend the homeless and bridge the relational gap to change lives. Started in 2013 on the streets of South Dallas, the team came to listen and learn that many long-term homeless people’s stories of homelessness start with the loss of their support system. Divorce or death of a spouse, child, or loved one create destabilization. The Human Impact’s unique response to this destabilization is to come alongside the chronically homeless, becoming a long-term support system in their lives.

2006

Congratulations to the World Series championship team, the Los Angeles Dodgers, and pitcher, Clayton Kershaw! Clayton helped the Dodgers secure their first World Series win since 1988 at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas.

Sarah Johnson and Andrew Chad recently combined their talents to create a music video “Red Bandana.” Sarah wrote Red Bandana in 2018 after a trip to visit her grandmother in Montana. “I actually got on Bumble that trip and met some great local guys,” she says. “When I got home I thought, ‘That would be such a great song — city girl goes to Montana and meets a mountain man.’” Johnson says filming the music video was a dream come true. She reconected with her high school friend, videographer Andrew Chad, and took filming back to the scene of the song’s inspiration in Montana.
2007

Morgan Coleman married Kyle Arnold on September 27, 2020. The fourth date was finally the charm, and Morgan and Kyle were married, surrounded by close friends and family in Dallas, Texas.

2009

Ford Braly and wife, Emily, welcomed into their family Clifford Braly V on August 24, 2020.

2011

2011 Football Captains Jake Howeth, Kyle Stouffer, Mauricio Garza, and Blake Poston with wife, Savannah Seifert Poston, attended the 2020 HPHS Homecoming game and were recognized at halftime.

2012

Allison Hall is continuing her passion of art and designed and illustrated a map of the Park Cities under the guidance of her father, John Hall ’82. She currently practices illustration full-time in Savannah, Georgia, and sells the map prints in her online shop.

2013


Brownlee Fielder Hopkins recently married Greg Hopkins on August 22, 2020. The couple met while attending SMU, which is why they chose to get married at Perkins Chapel. The Fielder-Hopkins wedding also included three HP alumni in the wedding party - Brett Nelson ’11, Haley McCollum ’13 and Molly Mannes ’13

2014

Meredith Scudder and Scottie Scheffler were married on December 4, 2020.

2020

Presley Echols received the National Player of the Year for her success as a high school soccer player.

membership matters

JOIN THE HPHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Since 1914, more than 34,000 students have graduated from Highland Park High School. Over the years, the HPHS Alumni Association has grown to be a powerful network and the best way to be connected to the place you once called home. It’s time to engage, learn, and support through membership today!

STAY ENGAGED

Membership powers the programs that strengthen HPHS, enhances the student experience, and keeps alumni connected.

STAY INFORMED

Communication is key to keeping HPHS Alumni connected. Our online database, monthly eNews, and social media are just some of the ways to learn about the past, present, and future of HPHS!

SHOW YOUR SCOTS PRIDE AND JOIN US TODAY! HPEF.ORG/ALUMNI

WELCOME TO THE NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Mary Jean Butler Miles, ’49
Don E. Bowles, Jr., ’63
Rick Brown, ’65
Ralph "Red Dog" Jones, ’66
Alan H. Meyers, ’67
Sally Thomas Hanno, ’68
Doug Garner, ’71
Philip J. Wise, ’75
Houston Hunt, ’76
Debby Moore Baker, ’79
Clay Estes, ’79
James Scott Sypult, ’86
Mark Hammer, ’87
Todd Westerburg, ’95
Meg Jones Boyd, ’96
Rhodes Hamilton, ’96
Ellen Engstrom Porter, ’96
Rob Wilhite, Ill., ’96
Anna Curnes, ’99
Ari Rastegar, ’00
Timothy Riley, ’00
Marshall Smith, ’00
Robert Blount, ’01
Lauren Baker, ’14
Ryan Baker, ’15
Cole Cherry, ’15
Emily Kane, ’16
Riley King, ’16
Ethan Cherry, ’17
Joe Kane, ’18
Ellie King, ’18
John Beecherl, ’20
Harris Gould, ’20
Patrick Krejs, ’20
Caroline Massey, ’20
Luke Philbin, ’20
Christine Schleuber, ’20
Cole Warren, ’20
Kenneth Watson, ’20
On November 9, 2000, the Highland Park Alumni Veteran Memorial Plaque was dedicated in honor of all HPHS alumni who have served in the U.S. military, thanks to the generosity of Albert D. Huddleston and his wife Mary. The plaque, which sits in beautiful display in the front lobby of Highland Park High School, is made of white Grecian Thassos marble. Large columns of Starphire glass hold the names that are listed in black, red and purple. Names in red are for those alumni who served in an American war or conflict and names in purple are for those who died in the line of duty or were Killed in Action. The motto of the plaque, “We Entered to Learn, We Went Forth to Serve,” based on the HPHS motto, “Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve,” is expressed in navy vinyl. As you step away from the plaque, you realize it reflects the image and beauty of our American flag.

Every few years, the Education Foundation updates the plaque with new names of alumni veterans who have yet to be added. All current names on the plaque can be viewed on our website at hpef.org/veterans.

If you are or know of an HPHS alumnus or alumna who is currently serving or has served in the Armed Forces, please submit the following information via email to info@hpef.org:
- Name (as you would like listed on the plaque)
- Class year
- Branch of service
- Scanned copy of DD214

Be sure to join our community of veteran alumni on Facebook in the group Highland Park High School Veterans Association!

For questions, please contact Meg Boyd at Meg.Boyd@hpef.org or 214-780-3060.
Our 2020 distinguished honorees were finally celebrated on Thursday, April 15, 2021. We were pleased to honor the incredible achievements and past service of the 2020 award winners. The postponed event turned out to be a special and intimate evening at the Dallas Country Club for the honorees and a small number of guests, combined with a custom livestream event for virtual attendees.

The Highland Park High School Alumni Association started the Alumni Awards program in 1989. Since then, we have honored over 50 Highland Park graduates with the Distinguished Alumni Award at our annual ceremony. We also honor former employees of the HPISD school district with the Service Award. In addition, we celebrate a member of the community with outstanding service to the District with the Highlander Award.

To view the 2020 honoree videos and read their bios, please visit hpef.org/alumni-awards.

**upcoming reunions in 2021**

**27TH ANNUAL GOLDEN SCOTs REUNION LUNCHEON**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL
Invitations will be mailed in August to HPHS alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago.
For more details visit hpef.org/golden-scots

**CLASS OF 1961 - 60TH**
SEPT. 25
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sclut@aol.com

**CLASS OF 1971 - 50TH**
TBD
Class Rep:
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SPRING 2022
Class Rep:
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FALL 2021
Class Rep:
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**CLASS OF 2011 - 10TH**
TBD
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Super Scot Society Member, Bill Janowski, establishes $50,000 endowment for HPISD student needs

The Super Scot Society recognizes donors who have made a planned gift to the Highland Park Education Foundation and HPHS Alumni Association. Our newest member, Bill Janowski Class of 1952, has made quite the inspirational gift.

Born in Beatrice, Nebraska in 1934, Bill grew up with his younger sister through sixth grade before the family moved to Dallas. While Bill remembers his family summers in Nebraska as the best times of his teenage years, back in Texas he graduated from Highland Park High School in 1952. As so many other alumni do, Bill attributes his success in life to the wonderful education that he received during those formative years. "I've been both blessed and lucky, and I know it," says Bill as he reflects on those pivotal four years of his life.

Bill became involved with motorcycling and, upon graduating from HPHS, he rode his motorcycle to an Iowa race where he broke his back. Consequently, he started Engineering School at Southern Methodist University in a full upper body cast in September 1952! After graduating SMU in 1957, Bill pursued a successful career in aircraft and vehicle engineering and design, but it was his passion for racing that led him to meet a fellow racing enthusiast and love of his life, Jo Smith.

He and Jo were avid Cairn terrier lovers—dogs that kept Jo company as Bill's career took him all over the world. For fun, he enjoyed recreational "Jeeping" and camping, and his most prized personal accomplishment was his hand-built race car called the Monsterati. In the 80's and 90's, he drove and beat many million-dollar Ferraris, Porsches, and other fine race cars. Bill also became a licensed private pilot at the age of 62. After Jo died of cancer in 2008 after 44 years of marriage, Bill retired from racing and sold the Monsterati for $1 to David Swig of RM Sotheby's to maintain the car's presence on the track.

Bill's gift to the Education Foundation generously established a Memorial Fund within the Tartan Endowment, which exists to support the critical needs of current HPISD students to ensure they can successfully graduate in pursuit of bigger dreams, just like Bill. Anyone can contribute to the Memorial Fund by visiting hpef.org/tartan-fund.

"IF I HAD NOT GONE TO HIGHLAND PARK, I WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN PREPARED FOR COLLEGE."

-BILL JANOWSKI, HPHS CLASS OF 1952

SUPER SCOT SOCIETY MEMBERS:
Anonymous
Janelle and Adam Hickey
William R. Janowski, ’52
Cindy and Guy Kerr, ’71 and ’71
Shirley Kochman, ’53
Nancy MacGregor O'Neil, ’54
Jenni Marks Scoggins, ’90
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Garry Weber, ’54
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MEMBERSHIP IN THE SUPER SCOT SOCIETY IS EXTENDED TO THOSE WHO:
• Include HPEF in his/her will or living trust;
• Name HPEF as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan; or
• Name HPEF as a beneficiary of a life income gift (a remainder trust or a lead trust).

To learn more about naming the Highland Park Education Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate or gift plans, please contact Lauren Holloway, Executive Director at 214-780-4062 or Lauren.Holloway@hpef.org.
meeting the needs of special education programs now and far into the future

FIRST-EVER ENDOWMENT FOR HPISD SPECIAL EDUCATION ESTABLISHED BY HICKEY FAMILY

The Highland Park Education Foundation announced in January that the first-ever endowed fund for Highland Park ISD’s Special Education Department is being established thanks to a generous $100,000 donation from Janelle and Adam Hickey. This gift, that will be invested as part of HPEF’s Programmatic Funds within the Tartan Endowment, will help meet the greatest unmet academic needs of students and teachers across all grade levels of Special Education, while always promoting the inclusion and wellbeing of Special Education students.

Janelle and Adam Hickey moved to the Park Cities with their two children in 2018 and quickly established their commitment to the HP school community when Adam served as a volunteer on HPEF’s Finance Committee and then joined the HPEF Board of Directors this 2020-2021 school year. The Hickeys have one child who receives services from HPISD’s Special Education Department.

“We feel passionate about ensuring the unmet academic needs of students, teachers, and administrators in the Special Education Department in HPISD are satisfied for the long-term.”
- JANELLE & ADAM HICKEY

Due to the District’s budget restraints, it has become increasingly dependent on private support, which is not subject to recapture by the state. Private support, such as the Janelle and Adam Hickey Fund for Special Education, is critical to maintaining and advancing HPISD’s commitment to every student, every day.

“The Hickeys set a remarkable example of commitment and passion for supporting academic excellence in HPISD, honoring the inclusion of every student in the District,” said Lauren Holloway, HPEF Executive Director. “We are so grateful for this generous gift dedicated to special education.” Currently, HPEF’s Tartan Endowment holds funds valued over $40 million. One pillar of HPEF’s strategic plan is to grow the endowment to sufficiently bridge the unfunded portion of HPISD’s budget. To learn more about the Tartan Endowment, please visit hpef.org/tartan-fund.

HPISD’s Special Education Department, led by Dr. Laurie Gagne, serves more than 680 students with disabilities from birth (only hearing- and visually impaired students are served at birth) through age 22 (only students with transition needs are served past graduation). All seven campuses in HPISD serve students with disabilities through several unique programs that enhance the quality of education and experience for HP families and students:

- SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) is committed to working in partnership with parents, the schools, and the District, meeting monthly.
- 18+ Transition Scots Café/Scottie Treats is run by young adults in the program who are 18 to 22 years old and are learning to operate a business that promotes independence while having fun.
- Sparkling Scots, in alignment with the District’s Commitment to Inclusion, is a group of special needs students who help bring school spirit to football games and other District events.
Superheroes have taken center stage ever since Robert Downey, Jr. brought Iron Man to life in 2008. Though this was far from the first superhero movie, it was the first to kick off the multi-billion-dollar future for companies like Marvel on the silver screen. Now, what does this have to do with the Highland Park Education Foundation? As much as we would like it to be the case, we are not a multi-billion-dollar industry, and we do not make full length feature films—but we serve heroes every day.

These heroes do not fly or time travel; they simply have the ability to not only maintain normalcy in a world and year that is far from normal, but they also continue to build upon our tradition of exemplary education. The Highland Park Education Foundation exists to support these heroes, and we want to share a few special stories about how your District and your teachers are guarding the good for their students every day.

Ruthie Heims (pictured above) is brand new to Highland Park and has pivoted three different times this year to answer the call of her principal and her school. Originally hired as an instructional assistant for the kindergarten team, Heims transitioned to kindergarten virtual teacher, and is now currently a third-grade virtual teacher. Boone Elementary Principal Amanda Reyes noted these were necessary changes as the District needed fewer virtual options for students, and she had full confidence in Heims.

“This was no easy task, but as Ruthie has done all year long, she faced it with positivity and confidence,” Reyes said. “As an educator, she exhibits knowledge, compassion, flexibility, and grit. To say that she has gone above and beyond this year would be an understatement, but what is most remarkable is the grace with which she has handled every transition and opportunity.”
Adaptability has been at the forefront for all staff in a year where after every grading period, extensive change could occur.

BRINGING THE LIBRARY TO STUDENTS
Jill Bellomy, Head Librarian at MIS & HPMS

At the start of the school year, the library remained closed posing a major challenge for Head Librarian, Jill Bellomy (pictured right). Thankfully, Jill and her team found a way to bring the library to students and teachers. HPMS Principal Dr. Chris Miller recalled, “Jill and her team found out what students wanted and delivered bags of books to students' advisories, ensuring they had books that they were interested in to read.” This library book delivery system was especially impressive given that there are more than 2,000 students between MIS and HPMS, each with their own interests when it comes to books. “Jill and her team continue to ensure that there is something for everyone in our library,” Dr. Miller said, “and she continues to support teachers with content area materials so they can pair them with their individual lessons and units.”

MAKING HOMEWORK FUN
Bridget Myers and Mallorie Puckett, HPMS

The creative efforts of HPMS teachers, Bridget Myers (pictured left on top) and Mallorie Puckett (pictured left on bottom), to maintain a sense of normalcy for their students did not go unnoticed. In fact, their trailblazing strategies actually brought a new level of fun to the curriculum. Parent Sarah Guthery praised Myers for the way she was able to “rock” the online format this year. “Myers created online study guides with animated bitmojis, used science escape rooms themed with popular video games, and she invited student participation through multiple online formats, including Nearpods, memory matching games, and so much more,” Guthery said.

This school year was Mallorie Puckett’s first at HPMS, and she certainly hit the ground running. In the fall, she sent out a series of videos to ensure each of her students had all the tools to begin the school year no matter where they were learning from. Beyond that, she has “gamified everything,” making even homework fun for both in-person and virtual students. Parent Sarah Guthery said about Puckett, “She has brought amazing energy and enthusiasm to middle school math—with COVID friendly prizes!”
Highland Park is filled with traditions, especially within HPISD and the Scots community. One such tradition is that of academic excellence, which thanks to educators like Betsy Bittiker (pictured left), 8th grade Algebra teacher, did not fall short of expectations. HPMS Principal Dr. Chris Miller praised Bittiker for her ability to jump in wherever needed and zeroed in on her ability to create and develop great relationships with her students whether they were physically at school or learning virtually at home. Bittiker made sure no student was left out or fell behind, especially due to the pandemic. “For those who have been quarantined at any point this year, she made videos to keep them up to speed when they were not able to be on Google Meet and be a part of class,” Dr. Miller said.

It’s impossible to talk about HP traditions without mentioning the Highland Park Belles. Shannon Phillips (pictured below), Belles Director, went above and beyond to keep this important tradition going while also maintaining a sense of normalcy when it came to extracurricular activities for high school students. Phillips had to be extremely creative in finding a way to make sure anyone who was a part of the team could participate. HPHS Principal Jeremey Gilbert praised her abilities to provide the “best experience possible” for those on the team. “Phillips has been creative in working with some outside choreographers virtually so that her Belles have the full experience, and she implemented COVID-19 protocols in her practices to keep her girls safe, allowing them to perform,” Gilbert said. This year’s team is one of the largest in Belle’s history, and thanks to Phillips, the beloved dancing tradition continues.

“Not all heroes wear capes, but they may in fact wear fringe.”

- Principal Jeremey Gilbert
Our annual Mad for Plaid campaign supports the District’s greatest need, which continues to be funding for teacher and staff salaries. Given that HPISD ranks last among our surrounding 25 North Texas school districts for starting teacher salaries, these funds are essential to the District’s bottom-line budget, ensuring we have the best and brightest in the classroom. Thanks to strong leadership from our co-chairs and campus representatives and generosity from our Leadership Society and community of supporters, the 2020–2021 campaign reached its goal of raising enough funds to grant $1.2 million to HPISD this school year!

Additionally, the Foundation was able to grant one-time stipends to teachers and staff because of the successful campaign last 2019–2020 school year—stipends the District would not have been able to provide otherwise. If we continue to rise to the challenge, we can do even more for our teachers in the future.

As the cornerstone of our campaign, this group significantly invests in the excellence of HPISD and sets an example of leadership that inspires our community of Scots to give. A special THANK YOU goes to our generous Leadership Society donors whose passion for every student, every teacher, and every school in HPISD exceeds far beyond expectations.

**2020-2021 MAD FOR PLAID LEADERSHIP SOCIETY**

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**Visionary $50,000+**
- Clements Foundation
  - Leslie & Bill Cornog
  - La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas

**Legacy $25,000-$49,999**
- Anonymous
- King Architectural Metals – Eddie King
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**Mad for Plaid Co-Chairs**
- Maryann & Michael Denton, Jr.
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- Armstrong- Bunker Curnes
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**$1.2 MILLION**

granted for faculty salaries last year!
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As a four-star Charity Navigator organization, we strive to maintain the highest standard of financial integrity and transparency. We are mindful stewards of our donors’ support, and we work to raise the critical funds necessary for continuing HPISD’s tradition of exemplary education.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**INCOME 2019-2020**

- **Contributions** $1,612,767
- **Mad for Plaid** $1,643,665
- **Net Investment Income** $5,268,216
- **Alumni Association** $78,520
- **Other Income** $214,833
- **Total Support and Revenue** $8,818,001

**EXPENSES 2019-2020**

- **Program** $3,827,047
- **Management** $146,530
- **Fundraising** $294,660
- **Total Expenses** $4,268,237

*Program expenses include $3.1M in grants directly to HPISD.

**FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

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View more details at hpef.org/financials
alumni classes give back

While HPHS Class Reunions did not take place this past year, the Foundation was fortunate to see many classes participate in the 4th annual Class Funds Mad for Plaid Challenge. The Foundation manages funds for many HPHS classes, and we’re grateful for the culture of philanthropy these groups exemplify for our Scots community.

Thanks to the Class of 1998 leading a challenge match for all classes to follow, over $8,000 was raised for teacher and staff salary support. In November, class funds from the classes of 1984, 1985, and 1996 were given to participate in the District-led Thankful Thursdays series. This series was a four-week celebration of our teachers and staff with fun and creative ways to honor them. We are beyond grateful for the various HPHS classes who contributed to Mad for Plaid and Thankful Thursdays this year.

thank you

Civic group La Fiesta de las Seis Banderas' generosity has been the catalyst for fundamental programs in HPISD for decades, partnering with the Education Foundation to provide annual Teacher Innovation Grants, Teacher of the Year Awards, and Mad for Plaid sponsorship in support of our District’s greatest needs.

“We are proud to partner with the Highland Park Education Foundation. The support they provide to the teachers and students throughout HPISD is crucial to the success of our District. We express our sincere gratitude to all the families, individuals, and corporations who so generously donate their time and resources to enable La Fiesta’s ongoing investment in our Highland Park schools.”

- Michaela Dyer and Kim Quinn, 2021 La Fiesta Co-Chairs
The new center, which was renovated as part of the District’s bond program, opened in the fall of 2019 and is located in the basement of the northwest addition of HPHS. It replaces the training center that Highland Park High School's award-winning gymnastics program used since it started in 1978. In addition to supporting the girls' and boys' gymnastics program, the gift provided by the Hegi Family Foundation will support long-term educational needs within HPISD.

“This gift recognizes our District's legacy of excellence and shows our appreciation of the teachers’ and coaches' commitment to our students and athletes,” said Peter Hegi with the Hegi Family Foundation and HPEF board. “Our motivation behind this gift is threefold: we're grateful for the outstanding education we received at Highland Park, the lifelong relationships we cultivated, and the programs, like gymnastics, that give countless HP Scots the ability to represent their school and transform into next generation leaders.”

The HPHS gymnastics program boasts an impressive record of 44 individual State Champion titles, 32 District Team Championships, and one Team State Championship. The Hegi family played a significant role in the program's winning history with Peter Hegi, Class of 1992, holding the state record to this day of 14 individual State Champion titles. Peter went on to captain the Stanford Men's Gymnastics team and win two NCAA team titles.

“This gift is a perfect fit for the Hegi Family Foundation because it combines our family's love for the Highland Park schools and community with our gratitude for the impact HPHS gymnastics had on not only our family but also on countless others over the past four decades,” said Fred Hegi.

The Hegi Family Foundation gift will be partially granted to the HPHS gymnastics program and partially invested in HPEF’s Sustaining Fund of the Tartan Endowment to support the long-term needs of HPISD. For more information about how to partner with the Highland Park Education Foundation, visit hpef.org.
Boone Elementary and newly rebuilt Hyer Elementary opened their doors in the fall of 2020! Construction was also completed on new HPHS hallways and the new Multi-Use Facility that houses the beautiful natatorium, HP history display area, and weight room. These additions continue to enhance our facilities, and we are thankful for such great spaces for our students and teachers!
The HPHS Math and Science teams took 1st in Science, 2nd in Mathematics, 4th in Calculator and 6th in Number Sense in the 5A division at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association (TMSCA) State Championship Meet March 20. Congratulations to all the students! Justin Li, Weitao Shi, Michelle Xing, Geoffrey Son, Luke Ting, Joyce Jiang, Alyssa Wang, and Parth Nandekar.

The Math Team is coached by HPHS math teacher Andy Speir, and the Science Team is coached by chemistry teacher Wenzen Chuang.

The HPHS Theater presented Shrek, The Musical, this past November. Students engaged in daily rehearsals for several months and found creative ways to safely perform the show. Patrons were able to enjoy the fantastic musical in person and via livestream!

The Blue Wave girls finished ninth overall at the state championship in San Antonio. The team, coached by Jesse Cole, included Maddy Helton, Lindsey Hosch, Alicia Bi, Katherine Huang, Taylor Copeland, Sarah Ho, Sophia Pan, and Campbell Schulz.

Junior Lindsey Hosch (above right) brought home both a gold and a silver medal and set a new state record in the breaststroke with a time of 1:01.76!

Congratulations to 13 HPHS National Merit Finalists selected from more than 1.5 million juniors across the country!

Finalists are: Clarabel Chen, Angela Cheng, Michelle Cheng, Anna Gregory, Lindsey Haag, Madeline Helton, Thomas Ibbotson, Cameron Laurie, David Lightbourn, Joshua Martin, Tabish Soleman, Eleanor Steger, Kai Tsuei.
The HPHS Academic Decathlon team won its 4th consecutive Texas State AcDec Championship in February. The team of Daniel Carrillo, Ryan Carmack, Kai Tsuei, Matthew Winters, Pike Dzurny, Karina Zaydler, Mackenna Bierschenk, Jasper Chen, and Jack Jiang earned the top spot among medium-sized schools in the state and were the highest scoring team of all the schools in the state across all divisions. The team was coached to victory by HPHS teachers Barry Preston and David Alvarado.

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Junior Juliet Allan (above right) was named 2nd chair, Alto 1 in the All-State Mixed Choir. Juliet is a member of the Lads & Lassies and Park Version choral groups.

The HP Scots tennis team won the 2020 UIL 5A State Championship after defeating San Antonio Alamo Heights 10-3 in the finals November 17. This was the Scots’ 33rd consecutive trip to the state tournament, their 5th consecutive championship, and their 21st title overall, a state record.

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Honoring the memory of alumni and retired teachers who have passed away. List as of February 2021.

1939
Amelie Allen Avery - 5.30.2020

1940
Patricia "Pat" Hawkins Palmer Hartley - 1.7.2021
Winfred "Gene" Paschall, Jr. - 5.31.2020
Jean Smith Snodgrass - 10.24.2020

1941
Mary Frances Costello Johnson - 7.31.2020

1942
Claydean Zumbrunnen Cameron - 4.28.2020
Frances Alexander Hawkins - 10.9.2020
Ted Hurl - 10.30.2019
Kathryn "Katy" Buckley Houseman - 12.14.2020
Charlotte Wiggzell Logan - 10.25.2019
Jane Manton Marshall - 5.29.2019

1943
Dorothy Lindquist Penn - 3.15.2020

1944
Earl Bateman - 4.20.2020
Jerry Betts - 6.11.2020
Leland "Buddy" Dysart, Jr. - 9.9.2020
Bill O'Connor - 10.30.2019
Mary Staley Guthrie - 10.17.2020
Tom Kindred - 6.1.2020
Gloria McElroy Pennell - 5.17.2020

1945
Jerry Ely - 12.24.2020
Phyllis Porter Jones - 9.11.2020
James Morgan - 4.26.2020
Thomas Pardee - 3.10.2020
G. Allen Penniman, Jr. - 4.1.2020
Elizabeth Hackman Vilfordi - 12.23.2020

1946
Elsalene Miller Billman - 1.12.2021
Gene Galf - 12.31.2020
Eleanor Fox Krebs - 10.21.2019
Jack Tatum - 8.12.2020
Billie Ford Thompson - 2.6.2020

1947
Bud Beecroft - 9.12.2020
Richard "Dick" Brown - 2.11.2021
Alcicia Wiggs Landry - 1.21.2021
Mary Alice Call Murski - 11.1.2021
John Pascie - 8.29.2020

1948
Harold "Hal" DeMoss, Jr. - 4.29.2020
Dorothy "Dotty" Gunstream Lisot
Maxine Weinsteinn Rose - 7.31.2020

1949
Barbara Willis Antie - 2.15.2020
Sally Stimson Dorn - 7.26.2020
Perry McPherson - 9.16.2020
William "Bill" Moses - 8.25.2020
Frances Liebenthien Newby - 10.12.2020
Dorothy Campbell Nugent - 8.21.2020

1950
Eleanor Greer Drake - 10.18.2020
Jackie Ronay McKinsey - 9.1.2020
Edward Moore - 4.25.2020
Dean Perry - 1.25.2020
Sharla Aaron Wurtheimer - 8.31.2020

1951
Charles "Pat" Patrick, Jr. - 12.24.2020
Merion Reynolds - 9.10.2018
John Roach - 2.18.2021
Carolyn Young Wooldridge - 9.7.2020

1952
Gerald Doke - 2.4.2021
Patricia Barnes Macon - 6.6.2020
Jean Gratigny White - 10.18.2020

1953
Jack Allen - 4.30.2020
Thomas Blakeley - 3.31.2020
Carol Louise Van Duywn Browning - 2001
Linda Young Farrington - 12.12.2020
Nancy Mock Swanson - 11.23.2020
Norman Zable - 9.25.2020

1954
Jordan Burkart - 1.13.2021
Allison Galt Hall - 7.31.2020
Ben Harmon - 4.26.2020
Dick Hunsinger - 1.12.2021
Marjorie Aaron Kaminsky - 8.1.2020
Robert Penland - 11.2.2020

1955
Charles "Conrad" Cherry - 1.29.2021
Katherine "Kitty" Casey Flinn - 2.3.2020
Carl Tom Haroz - 8.22.2020
Phyllis Burks Moore - 3.14.2020
Linda Henrich Stewart - 12.22.2020
Christopher "Chris" Weil - 8.7.2020

1956
Pat Deters - 2.3.2021
David Hughes - 9.29.2020
Judy Tuggey Jordan - 6.23.2020
Gordon McGowan - 1.20.2021
Lynn Rutland Rafferty - 10.3.2020

1957
A. Finis Grinke - 1.16.2019
Sylvia Cuellar Luedtke - 7.15.2020
Janis Vanleuven McRoberts - 2.2.2019
George Shulburies - 2.13.2021

1958
Beverly Tipton Dokes - 4.1.2020
Leslie "Haven" Jones - 8.7.2020
Robert Mitchell - 11.3.2021
Chester Palmer - 10.23.2019
1959  Susan Myrick Atkinson - 8.18.2020
    Ronald Cole - 11.19.2020
    Ben Griffin - 4.29.2020
    Charles Martin - 7.6.2020
    Robert "Bob" Wilbur - 2020

1960  David Howells - 1.22.2021
    Charles Meeker, III - 2.18.2021

1961  John Ferris - 2.2.2021
    William Guion - 6.16.2020
    Palmer Howard
    Sandra Westbrook Manatt - 8.5.2020
    Nancy Peeler - 2.17.2021
    Carolyn Draper Pettyjohn - 1.18.2019
    Jane Beck Robinson - 3.10.2020

1962  Susie Deck McGee - 2018
    Wallace White, Jr. - 7.13.2020

1963  Judith Carp-Niello - 12.6.2019
    Richard Reich - 2.18.2021
    Linda Goldi Stemberg - 12.25.2020

    Pamela "Pam" Garmon Helms - 1.31.2021
    Marilyn Marshall Rosena - 4.25.2015
    Michael "Mike" Tansil - 12.21.2020

1965  Deborah Bennett - 12.11.2020
    Sidney Burtnet - 1.30.2021
    John Ellis - Nov. 2017
    Diane Holmsley Grant - 8.7.2020
    Tricia Holder Knight - 10.11.2020
    Sheri Nelson Maclean - 12.24.2020
    Lauren Richardson - 10.11.2018

    Kathleen "Kathy" Devereux - 9.9.2020
    Betty Bennett Goldsberry - 4.25.2015
    John Ellis - Nov. 2017
    Diane Holmsley Grant - 8.7.2020
    Tricia Holder Knight - 10.11.2020
    Sheri Nelson Maclean - 12.24.2020
    Lauren Richardson - 10.11.2018

    Patrick Ferris - 8.1.2020
    Diane Martin - 12.3.2019
    Constance "Connie" Ryan McKee - 11.17.2020
    Mary Chester Newton - 1.8.2021

1968  Jan Mead Clark - 8.6.2020
    Rodney "Rod" Gwin - 9.25.2019
    G. Dennis Rushing - 9.9.2020

1969  Waller Collie, III - 11.19.2020
    Robert Langley - 2.27.2020
    William Shuford, Jr. - 11.15.2020

    Patsy Shelton Schultz - 3.7.2020

1971  Doug Fogleman - 3.24.2020
    Tom Hardin - 5.7.2020
    Max Harper, III - 12.27.2021
    Tom Stephens - 2.17.2021

1972  Nancy Wooley - 11.22.2020

    Clay Bright - 8.11.2020


1975  Gordon Cooper - 10.17.2020

1976  Cindy Stinebaugh - 7.29.2020

1977  Allison Beall Harper - 4.15.2020
    Robert Pike - 1.6.2020

1981  William "Bill" Doran - 3.11.2020
    Kevin Ingalls - 9.6.2013

1982  Michael Adams - 2.5.2020
    Darin Ruebel - 2.2.2021

1984  Jed Bruner - 7.18.2020

1986  Martha Notestine - 12.15.2020

1987  Chad Beeler
    Maggie Rowton Keith - 5.18.2020
    Griffith Mason - 1.1.2020

1989  Kelli Whitehead Moerschell - 5.21.2020

1996  Sarah Skiles - 2.22.2021

2000  Jason Hufts - 4.7.2020
    Michelle Kleuser - 2.10.2020

2007  Benjamin de'Far - 3.8.2020


2018  William "Will" Enzor - 5.20.2020

2019  Michael Marron - 1.23.2021

Retired Teachers
    Buddy Byrd - 1.25.2020
    Nancy Mock Swanson - 11.23.2020
words to live by

A LETTER FROM MARGARET CHAMBLESS, HPHS CLASS OF 2020 AND BLANKET AWARD WINNER

Going to school in Highland Park is something for which I will forever be grateful. I am thankful for the education I received, friends I made, teachers and coaches who pushed me to expand my knowledge, and the supportive community who I consider my family. Highland Park education not only provided me the platform I needed to discover my passions in life, but it also gave me the opportunity to pursue them. I was able to be involved in many activities and discover what made me happy and what gave my life purpose. There was always a teacher or coach right there to support me, and I cannot thank them enough for their mentorship during my years at HPISD.

I also love how unique Highland Park is in the fact that it truly is one big family. Especially having my senior year cut short, I am even more thankful for my classmates and the lifelong friends I made at HPISD. I feel like there is a special bond among the class of 2020, and we all are closer because of living and graduating during this unprecedented time.

I think HPISD and the community prepared me for the future by instilling a sense of service in me. I will have “Enter to Learn. Go Forth to Serve.” forever engraved in my heart. HPISD also prepared me for the future by teaching me how to be a servant leader, show compassion for others, and believe in myself.
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