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This program is a partnership with various nonprofit organizations throughout the Dubuque community who help the needs of our students in numerous ways.

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Q&A with Zach and Lauren

ZACH HODGE

Executive Vice President, Material Handling & Logistics, Hodge
Joined the FDPS Board, January 2018; President Term, January 2021 – December 2022

LAUREN CZESHINSKI

Non-Medical Marketer, Cottingham & Butler
Joined the FDPS Board, January 2019; President Term, January 2023 – December 2024

LAUREN: Why do you feel strongly about FDPS?

ZACH: After my first few months on the board, it became very clear that the FDPS is a necessity in our school system. The number of projects that this foundation is able to fund that would be underfunded or otherwise go unfunded all together is staggering.

The students that this foundation impacts every single year is why I give my time and energy to this board. Seeing the students smile because they got to go on a field trip or because they got a new backpack for the first time is so satisfying.

LAUREN: We've had so many accomplishments to talk about this year, but what was your highlight of 2022 for the FDPS?

ZACH: Our annual event. It was awesome to see the students showing off their projects before the event – the robotics team was a huge hit! There was so much spirit in the room, colors from every school, letter jackets and sweaters, and a lot of comradery amongst alumni. Just the event and connection with everyone was amazing, and then you add in the fact that we raised over \$75,000 for our projects and programs to put the cherry on top.

ZACH: I know how busy you are and all the activities outside of work that you participate in. So, what is it about the FDPS that motivates you to give your time and lead this foundation?

LAUREN: I owe a lot of my development and success as a young professional to the support, mentorship, and experience I had growing up in the Dubuque Community School District. I am committed to seeing every student in our district be successful. Our board is focused on eliminating barriers that keep our students from thriving and providing opportunities for them to strive in and outside of the classroom. The work the foundation does to cultivate growth and raise funds, allows our educators, coaches, and administrators to focus on ensuring every student has the resources necessary to become successful during the most influential years of their lives.

ZACH: As you look forward to next year, what is something you think our foundation should continue to grow and focus on?

LAUREN: During my tenure with the board, we have explored and introduced many different projects and initiatives throughout the district in partnership with various local organizations, companies, and individual donors. I look forward to continuing to allocate funds in a meaningful way, support students and staff with brain health needs, and increase awareness of our mission in the community to have an even larger impact on our staff and students.

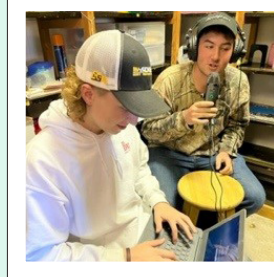
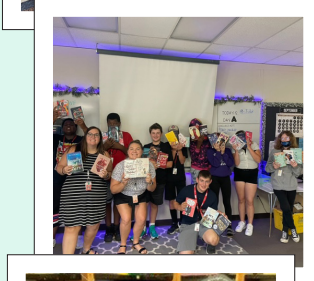
We are grateful for our donors, volunteers, board of directors, teachers, and community for helping us support dynamic learning throughout all our schools. They are an essential part of the foundation and its investment in the education and future of our students and community and we can't wait to see all of the things we can accomplish in 2023!

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Judi Chandlee Tribute to Teachers Grants



This year, the FDPS was able to open two grant cycles for teacher grants, received a record number of applications and awarded many grants throughout the district. These grants were created in memory of Judi Chandlee by her family and friends as a way to give back to our hard-working teachers. Chad Chandlee, Judi's son, spoke at the Dubuque Community School District kickoff event thanking the staff for everything they do and the positive impact they have daily. Here are a few of the comments that staff shared after being awarded a Judi Chandlee Tribute to Teacher grant:

"Our new Brain Health space is up and running! So many students have shared that the new space is so warm and welcoming. They are so thankful to have the option to take care of themselves and regulate their emotions in a healthy way so that they can be more successful learners. Thank you to the Judi Chandlee Tribute to Teachers grant and the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools for helping us provide this asset to our students!"

- Sara Dowell, Washington Middle School

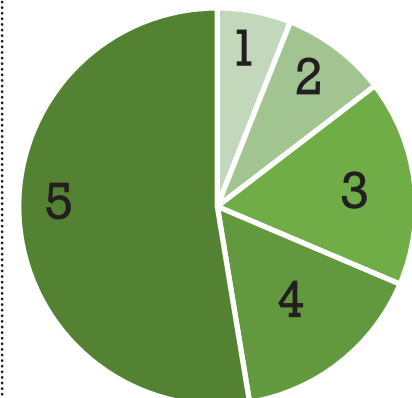
"I have had so many students looking at my bookshelves and checking out books now. I love it!"

- Amanda Marks, Jefferson Middle School

"Pictured above are students at Dubuque Senior High School working on various podcast projects with equipment purchased through a Judi Chandlee grant. Students were able to write, plan, and record their ideas and thoughts. Then they listened to each other's projects and gave feedback. This experience builds their confidence and gave them new skills for future endeavors. The collaboration was fun to watch!"

-Sarah Crom, Dubuque Senior High School

2022 FDPS Investment in Public Schools



In 2022, the FDPS has granted more than \$250,000 to the Dubuque Community School District in the following areas:

1. Scholarships - \$15,000 – 6%
2. Field Trips - \$21,500 – 9%
3. Teacher/Staff Training - \$42,000 – 17%
4. Building and Teacher Grants - \$40,000 – 16%
5. Projects and Programs - \$131,500 – 52%

Our reach was great and impacted many students. Some of the areas we supported were basic essential needs for students, STEM activities across the district, Brain Health Retreat Rooms, family engagement activities, and many more.

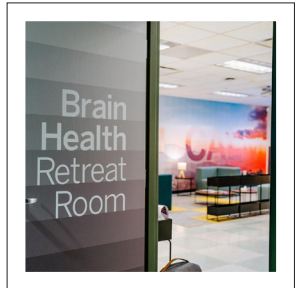
Total 2022 FDPS investment in Dubuque Schools = \$250,000+

Brain Health Retreat Rooms

Students at Dubuque Senior and Hempstead High Schools have access to new Brain Health Retreat Rooms. These new rooms provide space to process emotions and stress during the school day and return to class ready to learn.

The Brain Health Retreat Rooms are made possible thanks to the vision and funding from Debi and Andy Butler, as well as collaboration with local businesses and nonprofits, including the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools.

In 2023, a third Brain Health Retreat Room will open at the Alta Vista Campus.



**Brain Health Retreat Rooms
Data & Student Impact
February 1 to October 31, 2022**

GRADE	TOTAL STUDENTS	# VISITS
9	644	1,859
10	546	1,445
11	335	805
12	220	485
	1,745	4,594



A French Club trip to Chicago benefitted students enrolled in French at both Dubuque Senior and Hempstead High Schools. Students visited the Art Institute of Chicago and viewed French exhibits, took part in a four-course French meal, and stopped by a French market to learn more about the French culture. Approximately 50 students were impacted and it was quite the experience for all.

Field Trips

Building Grants

Thanks to generous donors and a fund the need event at the FDPS Annual Event in April 2022. The Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools was able to grant \$25,230 to enhance the education of students in nine Dubuque Community School District buildings. Building administrators were invited to submit grant applications up to \$5,000 to the Foundation for Dubuque Public Schools. Requests were reviewed and funding determined by the FDPS Board of Directors.

February 13 – Hometown Alumni Nominations Due
April 20 – Dine Out for Public Schools Event
April 27 – FDPS Annual Event at the Diamond Jo

Upcoming Dates

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