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The mission of the Arrow Education Foundation is to provide resources to genuinely enhance educational opportunities for students in the Watertown School District.

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#### WHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER





Thank you to all who joined us for pizza, chips, pop, and cookies during Pizza Bash on Tuesday, January 17th. A special thank you to First Premier Bank/Premier Bankcard for their sponsorship! Over \$1,600 was raised!



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The Alumni and Friends Newsletter contains an annual update of the work of the Foundation, grants awarded, funds established in 2022, and donations from November 2022 through March 2023. As such, this publication is also the Foundation Annual Report. The Foundation's tax return is available for viewing at the Foundation office. The Arrow Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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#### **Arrow Education Foundation News**

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#### From the President's Desk

by Brian Buisker, AEF Board President

Happy Spring! I feel like we've had one of the longest winters this year. Once the snow melts, I hope you take time to drive by the new football field and track. The updated field and track are located just North of the Watertown High School. The new field turf has been installed. It looks amazing! Once we get a couple weeks of warmer weather the track will be completed as well. The Arrow Education Foundation is fundraising (Arrow Donation Nation) to help with completion of Phase 2 of the project, which will include grandstands, restrooms, and concessions. I would encourage you to check out the project and consider a contribution to the Arrow



Brian Buisker

Donation Nation, to help complete Phase 2. To donate, please contact Cris in our AEF office. We are excited to soon have state of the art facilities for our Arrows and many fans!

Cris has been busy in the AEF office handling scholarships and setting up class reunions. She has done a fantastic job streamlining some of these processes. It's been fun to see her excel in her position over the past year she's been with AEF. Thank you for all you do for AEF, Cris! There are currently four class reunions scheduled this summer. For those of you coming back to Watertown this summer, please take time to tour around the community and see all the positive changes happening.

The Annual Harvest event is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th at the Watertown Event Center. This is our largest fundraiser held each year. If you would like to donate or volunteer your time for this fantastic event, please reach out to Cris. Your support of this event helps advance our AEF Mission of providing resources to enhance educational opportunities for students in the Watertown School District.

In closing, I would like to thank our many AEF Supporters, AEF Board Members, School District Administration, and AEF Staff for making a difference in the lives of our teachers and students. I am honored to be part of an organization that makes innovative learning and education a priority.

Go Arrows! Brian Buisker, Board President Arrow Education Foundation

### A note from the Director of Fund Development

Thank you to the families and WHS alumni who have partnered with Arrow Education Foundation in the start of five new scholarships. I cannot express enough gratitude to our scholarship partners and the difference that these scholarships will make for the WHS Seniors! I know you have many choices when it comes to donating, I am grateful that you chose AEF. More information on the new scholarships can be found on pages 12 & 13.

Our first Tuesdays4Teachers campaign raised \$1,500.00! Thank you to all the restaurants that supported this fundraiser and to all of you that enjoyed a meal at the supporting restaurants. We hope to keep expanding our innovative grant program to help our educators with the extra tools needed to enhance the classroom experience. Plans for the 2023 Tuesdays4Teachers campaign are in the works!



Cris Ortmeier

AEF is proud of our teachers, coaches, and administrators who have received awards for their excellence – keep up the great work!!

Congratulations to the WHS Class of 2023 - YOU DID IT!It's a great time for a new beginning!

HARVEST 2023 is set for October 14th. If you own a business, vacation home, have tickets to major events – this is your opportunity to partner with AEF to raise money for teacher grants and scholarship programs. If you have some time to volunteer, I will welcome your help!

If you would like to do something special for AEF, please give me a call at (605) 882-5321 or send me an email to cris.ortmeier@k12.sd.us. I hope that you will consider supporting the foundation now or in the future.

For your convenience we are able to accept donations online at arroweducationfoundation.org or you can mail them to P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201.

If you believe what you do matters, IT matters! Cris Ortmeier, Director of Fund Development Arrow Education Foundation

### Watertown School District News

"Enabling all students to succeed in an ever-changing world."

Dr. Jeff Danielsen

#### **Updates from the Watertown School District**

by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, Superintendent

Hello once again from the Watertown School District. It's an exciting time of year as the snow melts and Spring is upon us. It's also Arrow Education grant time of year. A big thank you to our supporters and donors for helping us give Watertown staff an opportunity to submit grant requests for classroom project. Over the years, we have had many teachers take advantage of this program, and it is a very successful connection from the classroom to the public.

The remodel of Watertown High School did creep into a third school year. We plan to have an open house prior to the start of the 2023-24 school year that will be announced once finalized. I think you will find the updates to look great and wish you were still at WHS to take advantage of the new look.

Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 28th at 2:00 PM. We are excited to welcome all who wish to attend and congratulate the WHS Class of 2023.

Finally, I would like to thank those people who have already contributed to the Arrow Donation Nation. This project seeks to raise funds to help with a second phase of construction on a new stadium. Phase 2 includes new home grandstands, concessions and restrooms. Arrow Education has committed to raise funds to assist with the second phase, so please consider a gift to help raise the Arrow Education pledge. We are hoping to get started on Phase 2 in the summer of 2023.

Please don't be afraid to check in with Cris if you feel you have time, talent, or dollars to offer. The Arrow Education Foundation is a success because of all that others have offered the school district over the years. Your willingness to be a part of the success is greatly appreciated.

Dr. Jeff Danielsen, Superintendent Watertown School District 14-4

### Arrow Donation Nation

AEF Friends, Alumni, and Supporters! The Arrow Education Foundation has been asked to fundraise \$250,000 for phase 2 of the renovations and upgrades to the Allen Mitchell Field, Phase 1 has been completed with the installation of turf and replacing the track. Phase 2 will include home grandstands, concessions, restrooms, and the fieldhouse. The new state of the art facilities will be an impressive addition to Watertown and will be enjoyed by athletes and fans for years to come. I encourage you to fill out the donation form, scan the QR code, or donate online to the Arrow Donation Nation project. Your donation is tax deductible.



	Purple	Gold	Captain	Coach	Champion
Donation Benefits	\$1-\$299	\$300- \$499	\$500- \$999	\$1,000- \$4,999	\$5,000- \$15,000
Tax deductible					
Recognition in AEF newsletter					
Embroidered key chain					
Recogition in sports program 2023-2024 season					
Family season pass for all sports 2023-2024 season					
\$50 gift card for Arrow spirit wear					



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#### **Watertown High School Student Gets Perfect ACT Score**

The ACT college entrance exam is taken by about 1.34 million students each year, and only about one-quarter of 1 percent of them achieve a perfect score.

Jeremy Stout, a senior at Watertown High School, is one of only 3,376 students to earn the top score of 36 in the ACT.

The test consists of four parts: English, math, reading and science. Each part is scored on a scale of 1 to 36. A student's composite is the average of the four scores.

Earning a top score is a "remarkable achievement," according to ACT CEO Janet Godwin. "A student's exceptional score of 36 will provide any college of university with ample evidence of their readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead."

Stout is the son of Jeff and Gisele Stout.

Source: Roger Whittle, KXLG Radio

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** - Watertown School District Assistant Superintendent, Derek Barrios (right), receives a South Dakota High School Activities Association Distinguished Service Award from SDHSAA Executive Director, Dan Swartos (left), during the 2023 State Class A High School Girls Basketball Tournament held at the Watertown Civic Arena on March 9-11th.

> Source: Roger Merriam, Watertown Public Opinion Photo: South Dakota Public Broadcasting









**SHAPE SD AWARD** - The Society for Health and Physical Education of South Dakota, known as SHAPE SD, has honored Chad Rohde from the Watertown Middle School as this year's physical education teacher of the year. Source: Kerry Kulkarni, Watertown Public Opinion

Photo: Chad Rohde

**Golden Age Memorial** 

Green, Roby & Oviatt LLP

**Harlene Werner Mitchum** 

Harry & Florence Johnson

James W. Messer Memorial

**Jerald Eggen Memorial** 

Jerry "Mac" McElroy

Athlete of the Year

Chase Christianson

John Eric Bohle Memorial

**Larry Rohde Memorial** 

**Marty Kranz Memorial** 

**Messer Family Achievement** 

**Michael Rukstad Forensic** 

Jaxson Fiechtner

Chase Christianson

Abigail Himmerich

Harry P. Sigelman

Mark Mahowald

Riley Zebroski

Javlie Mooney

Jaida Young

Jim Marking

Madison Cyrus

Jaydon Steele

Madysen Rohde

Izack Redfield

Ke Taecker

Cadin Blais

Masume Krol

Family

**Darwin & Fern Williams** 

**Donus D. Roberts Forensics** 

Dr. Robert H. Cockle Memorial

**Drake Titze Memorial Track** 

**Dwight D. & Agnes Miller** 

**Edward T. Dayton Memorial** 

**Doug & Donna Carpenter** 

**World War II Memorial** 

Laini Greenfield

Drew Denzer

Noelle Dunn

Memorial

Kate Luken

Samantha Keup

Elizabeth Lake

Memorial

Kaden Zink

Trev Allard

Hope Orr

Drew Denzer

**Briley Martin** 

Alyson Maag

G.W. Case

Tyler Dingsor

Emma Brist

Tanner Waege

Katelyn Hanson

**Eric Tennis Memorial** 

**Ernie & LuAnn Edwards** 

Florence Bruhn Art

Dalton Baumberger

Katelyn Hanson

**Gesley Great Person** 

#### **Aarstad All American**

Kaden Zink

Seeton Erickson

Elizabeth Lake

#### **Bill & Sharon Herman**

Kolby Lacher Katelyn Hanson

### Ke Taecker

**Chelsea Ann Vilhaur Memorial** Jack Heesch

#### Class of 1951

Camara Raap

Class of 1981 Ledgend

Zachary Manley Piper Grear

**Dan Sherrill Memorial** 

**Hanten Memorial** 

Madyson Steen































**Mike Engels Wrestling** 

Napoleon "Nate" J. Davis

Nick & Florence Kranz

Randall & Joyce McCune

**Roger Rector Science &** 

**Roger O. Pederson Memorial** 

Stanley & Levern Graves GPA

Stuart C. Stein Arrow Golf

**Tim Lightfield Memorial** 

**USS Gustafson Memorial** 

**Watertown Wrestling Booster** 

**Wyatt J. Niemann Memorial** 

Hope Orr

Masume Krol

Memorial

Memorial

Tyler Dingsor

Jeremy Stout

Drey Givens

Seeton Erickson

Mark Mahowald

Riley Zebroski

Cheri Kietland

Andrew Dalke

Kate Luken

Voegele Family

**Carter Remmers** 

Jackson Maag

Kate Luken

Mark Mahowald

Wildlife Memorial







Congratulations to the Class of 2023 scholarship recipients!

# Scholarship Recipients

#### Graduates of the Class of 2023 received the following scholarships through the Arrow Education Foundation:

Cheri Kjetland

#### Al Reese Math

#### **Arrow Booster Club**

Kolby Lacher Izack Redfield Madysen Rohde

#### **Bob & Joyce Hegstrom**

#### Class of 1961

Madysen Rohde

#### Class of 1965 Charles **Langenfeld Memorial**

Zachary Manley

#### **Dan & Sandy Albertsen** Jaida Young

Parker Remmers

#### **Daniel Hanten & Kristen**

Jacksyn Wirkus



































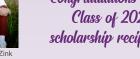












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# Staff of the Year

#### High School



Danielle Harms Natalie Arendsee Certified



Classified



Certified

Becky Zebroski Classified



Kiara Borkhuis Certified



Classified

#### Jefferson



Laura Asmussen Abby Godfrey Certified

Mellette



Classified



Jessie Fjeldheim Erika Schilken Certified



Classified



Emily Hatton Certified



**Becky Catlette** Classified

Roosevelt

Lincoln



Amanda Milev Elizabeth Vanderzee Certified Classified



Francine Johnson Certified



Katie Talsma Classified

Garfield



Certified



Holly Grimsrud Kelsey Hansen Classified

# **Congratulations** Watertown School District Staff!



2023-2024 CERTIFIED STAFF OF THE YEAR, Becky Zebroski, Watertown Middle School and 2023-2024 CLASSIFIED STAFF OF THE YEAR, Becky Catlette, McKinley School

# TUESDAYS 4TEACHERS

\$1,500 was raised for our first TUESDAYS 4 TEACHERS campaign in 2022!

#### THANK YOU TO THESE BUSINESSES



















More information to come on our TUESDAYS 4 TEACHERS 2023 campaign!

If you would like to donate, we have provided a QR code for your convenience, you can donate to our Tuesdays 4 Teachers campaign online or by mail all year long!

# WSD Retirees

Congratulations and best wishes to the Watertown School District's retirees. Thank you for your dedication to education!



Anita Bach WHS 16 years



Shelley Gauer WHS 27 years





Janet Workman WMS 39 years



Connie Forbush **WMS** 5 years



JoAnn Butts **WMS** 16 years



**Duane Mever** WIS 27 years



Elisa Beutler Jefferson 18 years



Denise LaBore Jefferson 24 years



Julie Denzer Lincoln 28 years



Connie Korf McKinley 15.5 years



Laura Morrow 14 years

# Innovative Education Grants

Learning through Play Grant (\$5,000) for Reverse Inclusive Pre-school at Garfield Education Center. These play tools will meet the social-emotional and play based learning opportunities for our pre-school students.



L to R: Kami Dilworth, Holly Grimsrud, Kari Paulson, Cris Ortmeier, and Board Member Jill Makepeace.

Math Stackers Grant (\$1,245) will help meet kids where they are with their current math knowledge and move them to a new realm of understanding and discovery.



L to R: Cris Ortmeier, Board Member Jill Makepeace, Becky Zebroski, and her math students.

McKinley 2nd grade teacher, Emily Hatton, and 3rd grade teacher, Amber Thomas, accept the Magic Slate of Today Grant (\$2,000) in which the Boogie Boards will help develop fine motor skills, communication, and creative play!



L to R: Board Members: Jeff Danielsen, SaLena Engels, and Jackie Lake; Cris Ortmeier, Emily Hatton, Amber Thomas, and Board Member Jill Makepeace.

4th grade teachers, Mallory VanWell and Wendy Kluver, accept the STEM Bins Grant (\$600). STEM bins help foster creativity, team building, ingenuity, and perseverance both in and out of the classroom.



L to R: Jackie Lake, Cris Ortmeier, Mallory VanWell, Wendy Kluver, SaLena Engels, and Jill Makepeace.

McKinley teacher, Amanda Larson, accepts her Sensory & Behavior Grant (\$4,000) which will help students regulate their sensory and emotional needs enough to attend, focus, and participate in their general education classrooms.



L to R: Jill Makepeace, Jackie Lake, Cris Ortmeier, SaLena Engels, Amanda Larson, and Jeff Danielsen.

WHS High School English teacher, Danielle Harms, accepts the Hamlet on Stage Grant (\$4,500). Eighty students will get a once in a lifetime experience to see one of Shakespeare's greatest plays. As part of the AP English Literature curriculum, all students read Shakespeare's Hamlet.



Pictured: Danielle Harms (holding check), Principal Patty McClemans (behind Harms). Front L to R: Jeff Danielsen, Cris Ortmeier, Jill Makepeace, and Jackie Lake.

Tiffany Eidie from Roosevelt Elementary Occupational Therapy Department accepts the Sensory Room Monkey Bars Grant (\$2,368.08). All students at Roosevelt have access to the sensory room and these monkey bars will help students achieve a 'just right' learning zone and help balance a child's proprioceptive input to assist their body in feeling centered and be better able to focus on learning and assigned work.



L to R: SaLena Engels, Jill Makepeace, Tiffany Eidie, Cris Ortmeier, Jackie Lake, and Jeff Danielsen.

Roosevelt teachers, Cindy Wientjes and Chelsea Griffith, accept the Room Transformations Grant (\$500) in which the students will be moving around the classroom to solve their challenges by utilizing multiple forms of engagement, including active learning, collaboration, and teacher feedback.



L to R: Jill Makepeace, SaLena Engels, Cindy Wientjes, Chelsea Griffith, Cris Ortmeier, Jackie Lake, and Jeff Danielsen.

Joanna Dallmann accepts the Community Outing Grant (\$194). The grant will allow the students to experience some independence when they navigate a menu, order their own food and to use money in real life situations which is highly motivating. They will also learn intrinsic social skills like table manners, how to talk with the restaurant staff, and using the proper voice tone and level in a community setting.



L to R: Jill Makepeace, Jackie Lake, Jeff Danielsen, Joanna Dallmann, SaLena Engels, Cris Ortmeier, and students.

Intermediate School teachers, Kiara Borkhuis, Amanda Spaniol, and Jamie Soucy, pose with their students and AEF board members to receive their Soothing Sensory Room Grant (\$4,000). The sensory rooms will provide special education teachers with a safe and viable option for students to alleviate energy in an appropriate way and help the students to experience enhanced well-being and academic success.



Middle School English teachers accept the Historical Fiction Book Clubs Grant (\$5,000). Combining the subjects of Language Arts and Reading to form one English class has created a need to join the two subjects in a seamless manner by showing how authors use history in fiction and how researchable material is everywhere - even within a fictional story. It will also help students understand how research skills can be used in our daily lives to answer questions.



L to R: Erin Johnson, Dawn Berner, Keelie Weber, Jennie Olson, Jill Makepeace, and Cris Ortmeier.

Kristi Koll accepts the Sensory Kits for Peace Corner Grant (\$1,500). Sensory kits in the class room will allow for the strategies taught to be applied right in the classrooms and for teachers to help practice the coping skills they have learned.



L to R: Jill Makepeace, Cris Ortmeier, Mellette Principal Laura Morrow, School Counselor Kristi Koll, and students.

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#### **Arrow Speech & Debate Team Headed to Nationals**

In February, the Arrow Speech and Debate team qualified four students for National Speech and Debate Tournament in Phoenix, AZ, in June.

- Matti McDonnell and Noelle Dunn qualified in Duo Interp, finishing first at the qualifier.
- Landon Whittle was a finalist in Humorous Interp and an alternate to the National Tournament.
- Lucy Walker qualified in Congressional Debate finishing first in the final congress session.
- Ayden Calvert also qualified in Congressional debate finishing 5th in the final session.
- Hailey Syhre is also an alternate to the National Tournament in congressional debate.

On the first weekend of March, the Arrow Debate team competed at the South Dakota State Speech and Debate Tournament in Mitchell, SD.

- Landon Whittle finish 5th as a guarter-finalist in Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- Lucy Walker and Josee Compton finished 3rd as semi-finalists in Public Forum Debate.

The Team's next event will be the National Tournament in Phoenix June 11-16.



Matti McDonnell, Noelle Dunn, and Landon Whittle



Lucy Walker & Ayden Calvert



Josee Compton & Lucy Walker

The Arrow Education Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) type 1 supporting organization, committed to serving the Watertown School District 14-4. The activities of the foundation are directed by a volunteer Board of Trustees representing education, business, and the community.

The funds of the Arrow Education Foundation are managed and held by the Watertown Community Foundation.

### JOIN THE CLUB

The 144 Club was derived from Watertown School District 14-4 and serves as an affordable way for WHS alumni and friends to participate in the Arrow Education Foundation's mission of "genuinely enhancing educational opportunities for students." Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Join the 144 Club campaign to help raise dollars for scholarships, innovative grants to teachers, reunion/alumni resources, bi-annual newsletters, and our mission. We will recognize you in our newsletter for a donation of \$144 or more as a member of the yearly 144 Club.

Join The Arrow Club for one time or annual donations of \$500 or more. Individuals or businesses will be recognized in our newsletter as:

Academic \$500-\$999 Honors \$1,000-\$4,999 Scholar \$5,000-\$9,999 Valedictorian \$10,000 and over

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# Watertown First Grade Teacher Surprised with \$25,000 Milken Educator Award

#### McKinley Elementary's Abby Turbak marks first recipient for the district, among up to 40 educators nationwide honored for excellence in education

Watertown, S.D., (December 2, 2022) - One first grade teacher received the surprise of a lifetime today when she was awarded the first-ever Milken Educator Award for the Watertown School District at a schoolwide assembly of cheering students, colleagues, local and state dignitaries, and the media. Abby Turbak of McKinley Elementary School received the recognition by the Milken Family Foundation, which comes with a \$25,000 cash prize that Turbak can use however she chooses.

Milken Family Foundation Senior Program Director Greg Gallagher and South Dakota Secretary of Education Tiffany Sanderson presented the Award. Turbak joins the Milken Educator Network of more than 2,900 outstanding educators and leaders from across the country dedicated to strengthening K-12 education.

"I am thrilled to welcome Abby Turbak to this vast and talented group of Milken Educators that spans the country," said Gallagher. "Today we honor Abby and celebrate her unwavering dedication to excellence in education, which is evident through her innovative teaching methods, devotion to her students' needs and demonstrated leadership in her school and district."

Hailed as the "Oscars of Teaching," Milken Educator Awards inspire and uplift with the unique stories of educators making a profound difference for students, colleagues and communities. The specific states and schools on this year's winners' list remain a closely guarded secret until each Award is announced.

Over the past 35 years, more than \$140 million in funding, including more than \$73 million in individual Awards, has been devoted to the overall Milken Awards initiative, which includes powerful professional development opportunities throughout recipients' careers.

"South Dakota's teachers make a tremendous impact on the lives of our young people. Abby Turbak has proven that when we focus on student growth and challenge them to succeed, they will rise to the occasion," said Secretary Sanderson. "Students thanked Abby today with cheers and excitement - and that illustrates the power strong teaching has on student learning, motivation and confidence. Congratulations to Abby, and thank you to our teachers throughout the state." Source: SD Department of Education (doe.sd.gov)







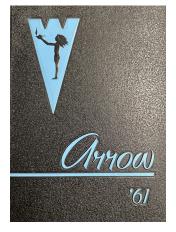
Young learners are thriving in Watertown, South Dakota, thanks to Abby Turbak. The first grade teacher at McKinley Elementary holds high expectations for her students and promotes a growth mindset. Children progress at high levels under her care. Turbak differentiates instruction in all subject areas, breaking students up into small groups for math, reading, writing and phonics and by creating Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) to identify goals and measure growth. She understands that every class is different and researches and develops the most effective teaching practices to help students excel.

The building's resident expert on integrating technology into curriculum, Turbak implemented a ViewSonic board in her classroom, then trained McKinley's and the district's instructional coaches on best practices for using the boards in elementary classrooms. When the pandemic closed the building, she helped colleagues create their Google Classrooms to make sure students had high-quality instruction while learning at home.

Turbak has served on the district's progress and curriculum committees, as well as McKinley's Response to Intervention team. In the school's first year using MAP assessments, she shared strategies for using data to support student growth with colleagues. When the district adopted new math curriculum, Turbak helped develop materials aligned with district and state standards. She represents McKinley staff in the PTO and leads summer professional development sessions for district teachers on math grouping strategies, classroom management, technology, parent communication and time management. Turbak develops lasting relationships with the student teachers she mentors and opens her classroom to teachers from across the state for observation. Always looking for ways to improve her practice, Turbak attended the Aspiring School Leaders Retreat hosted by the Midwest Alliance for Professional Learning and Leadership (MAPLE), as well as technology conferences in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Turbak is a graduate of the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, earning a bachelor's in elementary education in 2010 and a master's in elementary and early childhood education in 2011.

# New Scholarships



#### **Class of 1961 Scholarship**

WHS Class of 1961 has started both a scholarship and a teacher grant with Arrow Education Foundation! If you are going into the teaching profession with a desire to return to the Watertown School District to start your teaching career, you will be thankful for this scholarship opportunity!

If you would like to donate to this scholarship, log on to www.arroweducationfoundation.org and click on "I want to donate to a scholarship" then select the Class of 1961 Scholarship - don't worry if you want to give to the teacher grant, you can indicate that in the 'notes' section. You can also mail donations to: P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201

Thank you WHS Class of 1961!

The purpose of this fund is to aid WHS students that have a desire to become teachers and return to the Watertown School District to teach. The scholarship is set up in memory of the fine Watertown High School teachers who taught the WHS Class of 1961 and were wonderful role models. Students applying for this scholarship will need to attend a South Dakota College to earn their South Dakota Teaching License. While there is no minimum GPA required, certainly a strong GPA helps ensure a student's ability to complete requirement for a SD teaching certificate.

#### **Class of 1971 Scholarship**

WHS Class of 1971 has started a scholarship with Arrow Education Foundation, the scholarship will be awarded through AEF starting in the spring of 2024. If you are a member of the WHS Class of 1971 and would like to donate \$71.00 for '71 please log on to www. arroweducationfoundation.org and click on "I want to donate to a scholarship" then select the Class of 1971 Scholarship. You can also mail donations to: P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201 and choose "I want to donate to a scholarship" and then select Class of 1971!

Students applying for this scholarship will have a minimum 2.5 GPA and be involved in extracurricular activities.

Thank you WHS Class of 1971 for supporting Arrow Education Foundation and the graduating seniors of WHS - GO ARROWS!!





### Michael & Susan Engelhart Scholarship

Michael & Susan Engelhart scholarship was established in 2023. The first scholarship will be awarded in the spring of 2024 in the amount of \$1,000.

The scholarship is to give back in a small way for the invaluable educational experience at WHS. The Engelhart's are providing this scholarship so young people can continue their educational journey of being a life long learner.

"The outstanding education I received in Watertown provided me with the foundational tools and capabilities that I continued to successfully apply throughout my business career. I still remember several of the talented teachers that made a lasting impression on me and to whom I owe so much. Of course playing on the football, basketball, and golf teams for the Arrows evokes pleasant memories."

Mike is a 1963 WHS grad and a 1967 University of South Dakota graduate. As a Certified Public Accountant he retired as a senior partner from Deloitte Consulting. He was in charge of the Deloitte and Touche Healthcare practice and held several other national roles. Mike volunteered his time as a board of director on several not for profit organizations. He and his wife, Susan, are now enjoying their retirement in splitting their time between Tucson and Chicago.

Read more about this scholarship on our website at www.arroweducationfoundation.org and if you would like to donate click on the "I want to donate to a scholarship" and then choose the Michael & Susan Engelhart Scholarship. Donations to this scholarship can also be mailed to: P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201



#### **Randall & Joyce McCune Memorial Scholarship**

The Randall and Joyce McCune Intellectual Excellence Award is intended to encourage, recognize, and reward demonstrated intellectual excellence during the recipient's secondary school years.

Randall was the principal at Watertown High School for over 20 years and was actively devoted to education in Watertown. Randall was fond of reminding students and parents that he viewed the core of his vocational calling as someone who was "a peddler of possibilities and a provider of opportunities." Joyce was a college graduate with a Masters degree. Thankfully, her intellectual curiosity and love of learning and reading was undiminished and powerful up until the time of her passing.

Thank you to the McCune family for allowing Arrow Education Foundation to honor your parents' memory with this scholarship

Read more about this scholarship on our website at www.arroweducationfoundation. org and if you would like to donate click on the "I want to donate to a scholarship" and then choose the Randall & Joyce McCune Memorial Scholarship. Donations to this scholarship can also be mailed to: P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201

### **Larry Turbak Memorial Scholarship**

Larry was a 1953 Grad of WHS and a strong advocate of Watertown Athletics and was proud to have earned the nickname "Crazy Legs" by his football teammates. In his later years, "Grandpa Larry" could be found cheering on the Arrows at all sporting events and attending American Legion baseball games every summer. Anyone that knew Larry could count on his teasing banter and giggle to put a smile on their face.

As a loyal supporter of the Purple and Gold, Larry would be so happy to know he is supporting student athletes. The strongest attributes that Larry possessed and would like to support for an individual attending any post secondary school, is a strong team attitude and admirable character. The recipient will be a WHS senior who has participated in athletics (school or non-school sponsored) and maintained a 3.0 GPA.

Thank you to the Turbak family for allowing Arrow Education Foundation to honor your fathers' memory with this scholarship.

Read more about this scholarship on our website at www.arroweducationfoundation.org an if you would like to donate click on the "I want to donate to a scholarship" and then choose the Larry Turbak Memorial Scholarship. Donations to this scholarship can also be mailed to: P.O. Box 730. Watertown, SD 57201



All Scholarship information can be found online at: www.arroweducationfoundation.org

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# 2017 Watertown High School graduate among 10 pro hopefuls on display for NFL scouts.

# Congratulations! Waege signed with the 49ers!



"Not everyone gets these opportunities or wants these opportunities, I realize how fortunate I am to be a part of this process, this is something I have always wanted to do - Play in the NFL!"





North Dakota State University defensive end and 2017 Watertown High School graduate, Spencer Waege, performs for National Football League scouts during NDSU's NFL Pro Day on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in the Nodak Insurance Football Performance Complex at Fargo, N.D. Pictured with Waege are his father Lynn, agent Chase Callagan, and mother Lana.

Source: Roger Merriam, Watertown Public Opinion

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#### THANK YOU YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE!!

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### **UPCOMING WHS REUNIONS**



Attention Class of 2014, 2004, 1994, 1984, 1974, 1964, 1959, 1954 - If you are planning a reunion for 2024 please email us with the details and contact us for a class list! #ArrowPride

#### Class of 1958

#### 65th Class Reunion - September 15-16, 2023

Friday, September 15th

5pm Informal get together at the Prop

Saturday, September 16th

11am Class picture at the Codington County

Museum steps

4:30pm Social starts at the Elks

6pm Buffet starts

#### Class of 1968

#### 55th Class Reunion - August 18-19, 2023

Friday, August 18th

4pm Get together at the Prop

Saturday, August 19th

5pm Social starts at the Elks

6pm Buffet starts

Check your mail or contact Sue Pearson at Pearsonhvd@aol.com for more information.

#### **Class of 1973**

#### 50th Class Reunion - June 29-July 1, 2023

Thursday, June 29th

4-6pm Registration at the Goss Opera House

6-9pm Thursday Night Live

Friday, June 30th

10am Golf

4pm Class Photo

5-10pm Main Event at the Kranz Barn

Saturday, July 1st

1 hour boat ride on Lake Kampeska "Princess of

the Point"

Social at McKinley Park (aka Riverside Park)

The SandBar (Old Club 20 location)

Please join the Facebook page Watertown.South Dakota Class of 1973

#### **Class of 1983**

#### 40th Reunion - September 8-9, 2023

Friday, September 8th

Informal get together at Prairie Winds Golf Course Saturday, September 9th

Golfing followed by social and evening buffet at

Contact Terry Thue at terrythue5@gmail.com for more information

Please join the Facebook page Watertown SD Class of 83

#### Class of 2003

#### 20th Class Reunion - August 5, 2003

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Evening meal and social will be at Dempsey's

Contact Kelsey Raml at kelseyraml@hotmail.com for more information

Join the Facebook page for more information. WHS Class of 2003-Arrows

Planning a reunion?
Please email us with the details and contact us for a class list!

To ensure you receive reunion information, all alumni are encouraged to update contact information at: www.arroweducationfoundation.org (See "UPDATE CONTACT" link at bottom of home page)

EMAIL YOUR GROUP REUNION PHOTOS TO BE FEATURED IN OUR NEWSLETTER!

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#### **Donus and Lovila Roberts Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament**

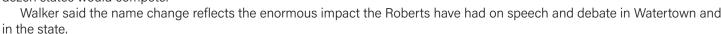
The Watertown Speech Fiesta has a long and prestigious history as one of the top high school speech and debate tournaments in the country.

Starting next year, the annual event will be known as the Donus and Lovila Roberts Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament, honoring one of the best-known debate coaching teams in the country.

Donus Roberts, who coached speech and debate at WHS from 1960 until his retirement in 1999, told KXLG News that a name change was probably due for the tournament.

"Doing it bigger" means adding the Roberts' name to the title. Current Watertown High School debate coach Scott Walker approached Donus Roberts with the proposed change.

The iconic tournament began in 1948 as the Watertown Invitational and two years later took on the Speech Fiesta name. It grew steadily over the years and peaked in popularity in the 1980s when nearly 70 schools from a dozen states would compete.



"They been involved in the activity for over 60 years and contributed to the educations of thousands of students along the way," he said. "I was lucky enough to have them both as teachers and coaches. I also had the benefit of having them both as mentors when I started my teaching career."

Roberts built Watertown High School into one of the largest and most successful speech and debate programs in the United States. During his 39 years of coaching at WHS, his varsity teams won 72 percent of their debates. In state debate competition, Roberts' teams' record was 220-92 with 14 state championships and 11 second places.

He served two terms as president of the South Dakota Speech Communication Association. In 1987, he was elected to the National Forensic League's Hall of Fame. Roberts has also been inducted into the South Dakota Debate Coaches Hall of Fame.

In 1997 he was given the South Dakota High School Activity Associations Distinguished Service Award. In 2005, Roberts became only the second debate coach ever elected to the National Federation's High School Hall of Fame.

In 2011, he was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame and in 2017 into the Watertown Hall of Fame.

Donus has also been very involved with the Arrow Education Foundation over the years, serving on the board and also offering a \$1,000.00 forensics scholarship to a graduating senior

Donus and Lovila Roberts now own and operate ddr books in downtown Watertown.

Source: KXLG Radio

We are very excited to send two Watertown teams to compete at Global Finals in May. The students on these teams have proven that they are among the most innovative problem solvers in the state of South Dakota. These voung people are truly impressive and show a wide range of talents, Global Finals will be held May 20-23 in Kansas City. Our students will have the opportunity to compete against teams from all over the U.S. and the world.



Jennifer Brist Watertown **Destination Imagination** Coordinator

#### Watertown DI **Global Finals Team**

#### Middle Level Technical Challenge **Greek Geeks**

Team Members: Lennon McIntosh, Emery Broek, Kat Rolla, Raina Schaeffer, and Marley Greenfield

Team Managers: Ken McIntosh and Amanda Schaeffer

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#### Senior Level Service Project Challenge We Lost Our Last Straw

Team Members: Hayden Zebroski, Miley Bruning, Katelyn Beauchamp, and Aliah Johnson Team Manager: Jennifer Brist

# Foundation Plaza

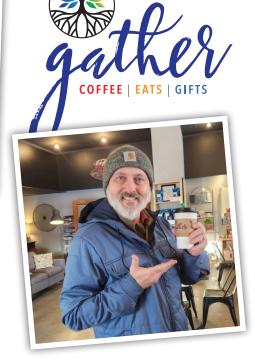


The Foundation Plaza was initiated by the Arrow Education Foundation. With the upgrades and additions to the front of the High School, the Plaza has been relocated to a more prominent location next to the west entrance of the Watertown High School and Civic Arena. This prominent landmark holds two beautiful monuments, the Founder's Wall and the Arrow Wall. The Founder's Wall honors those whose gracious commitment made the plaza a reality. The adjacent Arrow Wall is a permanent monument made up of 540 personalized engraved bricks that a donor may designate to commemorate his or her school years, honor a graduate, or recognize a teacher. Each engraved brick is personalized to bear the name of an honoree and is available through a gift of \$300 per brick. What a great way to honor a loved one and help build the future for students and staff at Watertown Schools at the same time! The funds raised from this lasting tribute support the Arrow Education Foundation's activities such as educational grants, scholarships, and alumni events. As the Foundation's endowment grows, your gift will continue to help students for years to come. Make a donation and be part of the enduring legacy of the Watertown Schools. Act now! Less than 20 bricks remain to be personalized. (To request your brick, see the Donation Form on page 14 or purchase online at www.arroweducationfoundation.org.)

> With only 20 bricks remaining this is your chance to literally write your name in stone!







SPREADING KINDNESS - Gather is coffee and gift shop located in uptown Watertown, owned and operated by Angie Reppe WHS Class of 1989 and her husband John. Recently Gather teamed up with McKinley elementary 3rd and 4th graders during random act of kindness week, the students decorated 125 coffee sleeves to brighten the day of Gather's customers!

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Thank you for informing us of the passing of alumni.

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# Save the Date - Saturday, October 14, 2023 Watertown Event Center

Raffle Tickets • Silent and Live Auction Everyone Welcome • Reserved Tables Available

Auction Gifts and Underwriters Welcome!

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Alumni and business owners, whether you are local or out of town, YOU can make a difference!

If you own or manage a business, have an in home business such as Tupperware, Pampered Chef, Norwex, specialize in a craft, own a vacation home, have tickets to a major athletic events, theatre or culture events - this is your opportunity to partner with Arrow Educaton Foundation to support the teachers and students in the Watertown School District and gain some new customers and exposure. For more information on how to donate to HARVEST 2023, please contact our office at (605) 882-5321 or email cris.ortmeier@k12.sd.us - make sure the subject line says HARVEST 2023.

Alumni and friends from near and far, if you are unable to attend the HARVEST event you will be able to view and bid on the silent auction items a week before HARVEST and up to the closing bid time on the evening of October 14, 2023. Register by Mobile Device: TEXT <a href="mailto:aefhrvst23">aefhrvst23</a> to <a href="mailto:76728">76728</a>. Register by Computer: VISIT <a href="mailto:aefhrvst23.givesmart.com">aefhrvst23.givesmart.com</a>.

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