

## Making a *Difference*

Dear Academic Foundation,

Each year we donate to organizations that influence the agency or the people in the agency. I thought of no better place than one of the places instrumental to my background and career. I hope this donation is put to good use in starting another person's career.

Eric Karlovic  
MOHS Class of '93

I am writing to send my greatest appreciation for your generous gift. Your generosity has given my students a new approach to learning and me another way to reach each student. I am very grateful for your gift to be able to have a Hover Cam in my classroom.

Lamanda Reese  
Second Grade

Thank you so much for the grant. The kids love listening to books. Classroom teachers also borrow to use them from time to time in their rooms. Mt. Olive CUSD #5 is blessed to have such wonderful people and a great foundation supporting it. Thank you for everything!

Debra Fey

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to you for providing me with the Judge William Johnson Mini-Grant this year! The funds will be utilized to supplement my Earth Science and Chemistry curriculums, and allow for me to make the Earth Science course more hands-on and laboratory based.

Without your hard work and dedication to our school district, it would be much more challenging for me to find funding for supplementary supplies. These extra materials help to endure that my students are receiving a high quality educational experience, which is something that we strive for at Mt. Olive High School.

Thank you again for all of your assistance.

Brett T. Allen



# Mount Olive Academic Foundation

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*A Commitment to Educational Excellence*



## First Grade Students Say Thanks!

A mini-grant awarded last year for \$367.93 to the First Grade Class taught by Adam Schulte provided 38 books and the beginning of a classroom library. Mr. Schulte requested and received a grant this year for \$646.72 for a student Listening Center. First Graders pictured above (L to R) are: Lili Anne Readenour, Abby Robbins, James Schwandner, Ben Atkins and Cagli Murray.

## Pearl Lawson Randall Grant

■ A Pearl Lawson Randall Grant in the amount of \$7,579 provided three Promethean Boards for the Special Education and Speech Classrooms. All classrooms in the Elementary and Junior High have a Promethean or Smart Board in the classroom.

## \$25,000 Grant for New Computers

■ The Foundation purchased 45 new Windows 8 desktop computers for each teacher in the District. This grant was funded by donations from John Oltman, Hughes-Leahy-Karlovic Company and the Pearl Lawson Randall Trust.

# Where Are They Now?

We continue our look at what former Mount Olive High School graduates are doing today. Where they are and how small town



life and Mt. Olive schools prepared them for their life's journey. Here is what Brian Duelm, a 1981 graduate, had to say.

I graduated in 1981 and attended the University of Illinois, initially in the College of Architecture. I switched to Education after my sophomore year to pursue a degree in Industrial Arts Education. The direction I took can be traced back to Clarence Anderson, our shop teacher during those years, and my father who taught in Mt. Olive for three decades. I felt and saw first-hand the impact that teaching can have on success in a young adult's professional and personal life. Their influence, and that of all my teachers, was enhanced by the small school environment.

The opportunities at Mt. Olive were different compared to the school my two boys attended in suburban Houston. The breadth of activities at a large school is enticing, but the reality is that my boys had to choose between music, sports, academics, or clubs. There was stiff competition for the limited number of slots. If you do not excel in a particular area, there is great risk of being lost. Compare that to Mt. Olive where I could play football, participate in band, join student council, enjoy my shop classes, and pursue my academic programs...all at the same time. In a small high school of just over 200 students, every teacher knew every student by name. They took a personal interest in helping those who would accept their guidance. I doubt many of us appreciated the value of a small town and small school. Some might even have felt it was intrusive. However, looking back, I would not have had it any other way.

When I graduated from the University of Illinois in 1985, there was clearly a move afoot to phase out the traditional shop curriculum. I made the decision to attend graduate school at Indiana State University with a focus on vocational education. Indiana State paved

the way for my career in corporate education. It had another life-changing impact, since I met my wife of 25 years while there. After graduating from Indiana State in 1986 I took my first job as an editor with Goodheart-Willcox, a Chicago-area textbook publisher. I spent only two years with them, but had the opportunity to implement their computerized publishing system and author several books on computer-aided drafting. Those activities paved the way for another major change.



While in Houston visiting family in 1989, I met an executive with a start-up company called Compaq Computer. The company was growing, so I met with their training group about job opportunities. My background in education, computers, and writing launched what became a 23-year career in their training organization, starting with course development and ending as a senior director. In 2012 I retired from Hewlett-Packard (which purchased Compaq in 2001) in order to start fresh in another industry. I joined McKesson Specialty Health, a company that offers high-quality community-based cancer care, where my role is to provide training to doctors and their practices.

My success has its roots in Mt. Olive, because my core values are founded in small town life. Growing up in a close-knit community where everyone knows your business leads to integrity. You learn to do the right thing when no one is watching. It's a place where people help people because there are limited resources, which also teaches the values of hard work and ingenuity. Also, there's an unspoken responsibility to contribute to the greater good. You simply cannot stand by and say "let someone else do the work." These are all values that have served me well in my career and personal life. I'm blessed that my wife was raised with similar values. We've worked hard to instill those principles in our children. They've grown to see that peers who were raised the spoils of suburbia really have very little of what's truly important.

*Brian Duelm*

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## *From the President:*

*I take great pleasure this time of the year to express our sincere thanks to our great alumni and businesses who show their support of the students through their generous donations. We, as a Foundation board, pledge ourselves to providing honest leadership and financial support to the many educational activities of the students of Mt. Olive School District No. 5. And, we can only do that with your help. Again, on behalf of the Board and the students, we thank you and look forward to your support as we help prepare the students educationally for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.*

*Respectfully,  
Roger Kratochvil, President  
Mount Olive Academic Foundation*

# Foundation Awards \$12,660 in Mini-Grants

The Mt. Olive Academic Foundation awarded a total of \$12,660.88 in mini-grants to teachers, principals and students in their classrooms. Awarding the grants were Foundation members Roger Kratochvil and Mary Kratochvil.

Mini-Grants were presented to Mrs. Meurer, Guidance Counselor, in the amount of \$145.92 for an assortment of publications for post school careers; Mrs. Garrels, in the amount of \$619, for classroom laptop and licenses; Mrs. Reese, \$529.84, for a listening center and accessories in her second grade classroom; Mr. Scoggins, \$466.78, for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade Physical Education equipment; Mrs. Fey the Elementary Resource Teacher received \$587.97 for interactive software. Mr. Gardner, Band Director received a mini-grant in the amount of \$643 for workable and useable instruments, keyboard amp, Yamaha drum and carrier; Mrs. Colley received \$528.60 for her fourth grade class. Money will be used for acquiring foldable common core books for curriculum. Mrs. Halpin, received \$656.80, for a desktop computer for the music room. Mrs. Skertich, will receive \$194.20 for her kindergarten room. Funds will be used to purchase

magaform set of magnetic geometric building shapes; Mr. Winsel received \$571.06 for a Kreg Jig Master System and assorted clamps for his Shop Class. Mr. Martin, Health and Physical Education, received \$600 for a parent involvement fitness night, speakers and equipment; Mrs. Komor, received \$310.92 to replace broken headphones for the computers for testing in her first grade class.

Mrs. Wargo and her third grade class will benefit from a \$567.58 grant to purchase common core standards classroom material and a speak recording microphone; Mrs. Swenson, High School English teacher, received a \$650 grant for a Turnitin, a plagiarism checking program; Mr. Schulte received a grant in the amount of \$646.72 for his first grade listening center; Mr. Allen, High School Science teacher, received \$406 for lab supplies including earthquake testing and activity stations; Mrs. Steiner, High School History Teacher received \$416 for an educational trip to the Holocaust Museum and Lincoln Library; Mrs. Haenel, who teaches High School English, received \$500 for a live educational theater production at SIU; Ms. Ryan High School Health Education received \$269.78 for a life

size skeleton to explain bone structure and more; Mrs. Hutchins received \$522.75 for a three year subscription to brainpiop.com for the Promethean boards; Mrs. Titsworth's third grade class received a mini-grant in the amount of \$210.55 for interactive whiteboard software for the Promethean Board; Mrs. Caveny, received \$637 for a program of educational materials to produce an interactive evening event and Mrs. Binney, in the Junior High, received \$537.67 for an assortment of publications for language arts and history.

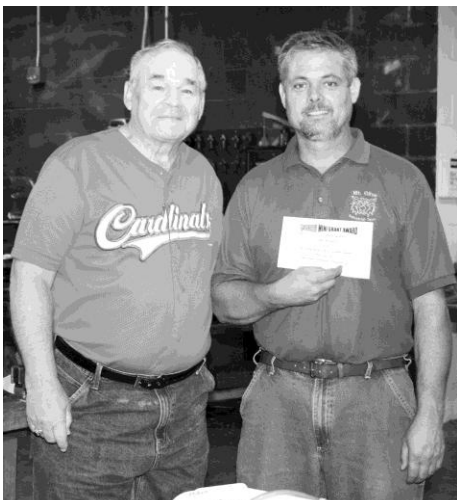


## Judge William Johnson Grant



Mrs. Mary Griffel, a Title I Reading Specialist, was the recipient of the Judge William Johnson Grant. This grant will fund a visit and in-school educational experience with noted writer and Chicago, IL author, Barbara Gregorich. After reading one of Gregorich's books there will be a "Q & A" session with Gregorich, where students will be able to discuss the book with the author and ask questions.

## Shop Class Receives Grant



Shop teacher, Mr. Winsel received a grant for \$571.06 to purchase a Kreg Jig Master System and assorted clamps.



## Band Director Receives Grant



Band Director Gary Gardner received a grant for \$643 for instruments including a keyboard amp, a Yamaha drum and carrier.



## Mount Olive Academic Foundation

is working hard to make certain that our students get the best education that we can provide, and that teachers have the resources they need to make that happen.

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. . .and build a brighter future for us all!

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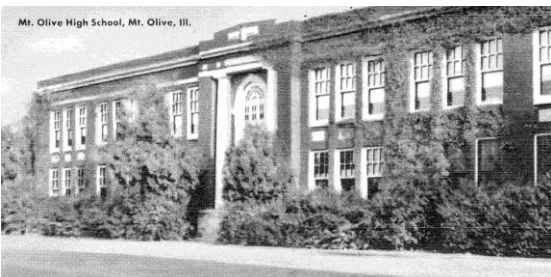
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