

# Governor News

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## Pierre Educational Foundation Awards Grants

You can help be part of the effort to support academic excellence by visiting the Pierre Educational Foundation's website at [www.pefgovs.org](http://www.pefgovs.org) or contacting the Foundation at 605-224-9016 to make a donation.

The Pierre Educational Foundation recently announced the Foundation's Fall 2015 Mini-Grant Program recipients. The goal of the Mini-Grant Program is to encourage teachers to focus beyond standard curriculum; sharpen instructional ideas and techniques that can be adapted by other teachers and schools; raise the educational performance of students of all ages; and offer solutions for urgent educational challenges.

While each of these grant awards is under \$1,500, the impact of the grant dollars based on the proposals submitted by the teachers receiving the funding is significant. According to Jennifer Stalley, Executive Director of the Pierre Educational Foundation, "This is an excellent opportunity for the Foundation to support innovation and enrichment in our classrooms. The funded projects provide great new ways to help our teachers teach and our students learn."

The funding awards from the Foundation for Fall 2015 and a brief description of the projects are as follows:

### Lights, Camera, Science

**Jessica Carr | Georgia Morse Middle School | \$442.18**

This award provides support for the purchase of video cameras to be used in the science classroom.

### Word Work Makes Us "Boogie"

**Jennifer Nedrebo | Jefferson Elementary | \$239.44**

This award provides support for the purchase of eight Boogie Board Writing Tablets to be used to help students practice and understand math concepts.



*Boogie Board Writing Tablets purchased with mini-grant funds are used to help Jefferson Elementary students practice and understand math concepts.*

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## Leave A Legacy of Education

Through estate planning you can make a difference well into the future. As you review or draft your will, consider including a gift to the Pierre Educational Foundation. You can direct that your gift is restricted to a specific fund, scholarship or purpose through a letter of intent to make sure your support is directed in the way you want. Your attorney or financial planner can help you make this gift in the way that is most beneficial to you.

If you have left a gift to the Foundation as part of your estate planning, please let the Foundation know so we can honor your gift. If you need more information on leaving a gift, please contact the Foundation office at 605-224-9016.

### Our Mission

*The Pierre Educational Foundation promotes the further educational development of the Pierre Public School District students, staff and graduates through the delivery of quality educational opportunities and resources.*



Pierre Educational Foundation

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*The Foundation was established in 1995 with a gift from the Cora London Estate. Cora London was a successful clothier business owner and operator for many years in Pierre. Her generosity will encourage additional grants, gifts and endowments for educational purposes.*

*The Pierre Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, community based organization committed to academic excellence in the Pierre Public School District.*

*The activities of the foundation are directed by a Board of Trustees representing business, education and the community.*

*The funds of the Pierre Educational foundation are currently being managed and held by the community-based Oahe Foundation.*

# From the President

Deanne Booth



The end of the year is a natural time to reflect on accomplishments of the past year and solidify hopes for the year to come. We have

much to be proud of and look forward to as the year comes to a close.

The Pierre Educational Foundation has enjoyed a wonderful 20th anniversary year. It is hard to believe it has been 20 years since the generous gift of Cora London, a successful clothier business owner and operator in Pierre, and the vision of our community leaders came together to begin the Foundation. That gift and vision have allowed alumni and community members to support excellence in the Pierre School District over the past two decades. Your response to supporting this mission with special gifts in the 20th anniversary year is truly appreciated.

Looking ahead to next year and the next two decades, it is important for the Foundation to remain focused on supporting the teachers, students and administrators in the school district to continue the high standards of success in our district. We all have a role to play in this goal.

As you go through your year-end checklist, consider a gift to the Foundation before the end of the year to reduce your income taxes. You can make a general gift to the Foundation, direct your gift to one of the eight established funds of the Foundation, or restrict your gift to a specific purpose within the Foundation's mission. Or, if you are doing a year-end check of your estate plan, consider adding a legacy gift in your will to support the Foundation. Your support now or on the future will

help continue the tradition of excellence in education in the Pierre School District for years to come.

Spread the word about the Foundation and its work to your classmates. While the Foundation works very hard to maintain an up to date contact information for alumni and supporters, we can use your help to make sure all of your classmates are receiving our newsletter and our mailings. Our contact lists are helpful for contacting classmates for your reunions. "Like" the Foundation's Facebook page to see timely updates about the Foundation and the good things happening in the school district. We love to share the good things happening and bet you will like to see all that is taking place.

Opt in to electronic communications. If you prefer to receive the Foundation's newsletter and updates on Foundation events, make sure your e-mail address is up to date. This simple selection will save the Foundation costs and allow you to access the latest Foundation news electronically. You can submit any changes to your contact information by completing the form on page 5.

Volunteer your time. In 2016, the Foundation is planning to host an event to celebrate the academic excellence of the school district. This event will take time and talents from local volunteers to help us truly celebrate the successes of our students and teachers. You can volunteer to serve on one of our grant or scholarship committee, too. We'd love to have you help.

I look forward to serving as the President of the Foundation as we begin our next decade. We have much to be proud of and so much to be excited about for the future of the Foundation.

# The Next 20 Years

This year has been a great opportunity to look back at all the accomplishments of the Pierre Educational Foundation. The vision set in motion 20 years ago is a reality and helping support teachers and students in the school district. The Foundation is thankful to have been able to make the impact it has in its first two decades.

Looking ahead, there are many new and exciting ways the Foundation plans to make a difference through its support of teachers and students. You can help make all of these opportunities realities with your support of the Foundation.

The Foundation is planning for an annual student recognition event. This event will celebrate the academic achievements of the district and provide a way for alumni and key benefactors to be recognized. In addition to recognizing the academic accomplishments of students, the event will also showcase the talents of our fine art students in areas such as chorus, band and orchestra. The Foundation needs financial support to sponsor the students and families who are invited to the event. We also need your time to help organize the event, but most importantly to attend the event, if you can, to see firsthand the incredible work of our students.

The Foundation continues to look for ways to effectively support our teaching staff. In addition to the mini grants currently provided, the Foundation continues to seek support for our New Teacher Welcome Program. The New Teacher Welcome Program supports new teachers in the school district with a small donation for classroom supplies to begin their career in Pierre. A small donation to this program goes a long way to making the new teacher feel welcome and to supporting the teacher's work in the classroom.

The Foundation is fortunate to have a number of established funds and scholarship through generous donations. These funds and scholarships help support a number of students as they move forward in their post-high school education. The Foundation would like to increase the number of funds and scholarships to not only help support post-high school education, but to also support enhanced educational opportunities for students in the district.

By adding financial support for STEM education – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – the Foundation can support teachers and students in these areas in new ways.

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## Pierre Educational Foundation Awards Grants (from page 1)

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### Cross-Curricular STEM

**Hope Armstrong | Georgia Morse Middle School | \$986.00**

This award provides support for the purchase of a set of hardbound novels that help students connect science education with language arts.

### Slated for Success

**Andrew Dempewolf | Kennedy Elementary | \$413.00**

This award provides support for the purchase of a Promethean ActivSlate and Promethean ActivHub to enhance the classroom's Promethean board capabilities.

### Recycling

**Lisa Bahe | T.F. Riggs High School | \$500.00**

This award provides support for the purchase of 100 recycling bins to promote a more sustainable environment throughout the school.



*Fifth graders in Terri Mehlhaff's Jefferson Elementary classroom read biographies purchased with support from a Spring 2015 Pierre Educational Foundation mini-grant. The texts provide non-fiction reading materials to help teach and practice Common Core Reading and Writing Standards and support Social Studies lessons.*



## Alumni News

The Pierre Educational Foundation would like to hear about marriages, births, and remembrances of alumni who have passed away. We will also be printing information about upcoming class reunions, so please keep us informed so we can help keep your classmates informed.

Please send your news to our offices at PO Box 94 Pierre, SD 57501, or via e-mail to [jennifer@pefgovs.org](mailto:jennifer@pefgovs.org).

## Class Reunions/Gatherings

### Class of 1976

June 24-26, 2016

The Class plans to meet the first Sunday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Pierre Legion Cabin to plan the reunion. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Contact Doug Rounds with any questions at [douglasrounds@gmail.com](mailto:douglasrounds@gmail.com) or 605-222-6225.

## Reunion coming up?

Do you need help with ideas or who to connect with for your reunion?

Contact the Foundation office at 605-224-9016 or [jennifer@pefgovs.org](mailto:jennifer@pefgovs.org) for information about possible reunion locations, class lists and other information to help begin your reunion planning.

# \$20 FOR 20<sup>th</sup> | *There is still time!*

In conjunction with the celebration of its 20th anniversary in 2016, the Pierre Educational Foundation is challenging all Pierre School District alumni to donate \$20. An anonymous donor has agreed to provide \$500 to the Class that contributes the most to the Foundation through the \$20 for 20th Campaign during our anniversary year. Make your donations before December 31, 2015 to help your Class win \$500 for your next reunion. Donations may be made online at [pefgovs.org](http://pefgovs.org) or by using the mail-in form on page 5.

Make your donation by the end of the year to help your class win the prize. The race is tight so your donation may make the difference!

### Current Top 10 (subject to change based on donations received daily)

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| 1. Class of 1953 | 6. Class of 1971  |
| 2. Class of 1984 | 7. Class of 1973  |
| 3. Class of 1963 | 8. Class of 1974  |
| 4. Class of 1958 | 9. Class of 1977  |
| 5. Class of 1967 | 10. Class of 1980 |

## Hyde Stadium Renovation

A major renovation is taking place at Hyde Stadium, which is home to Post 8 Baseball, Pierre high school baseball and other community events. To cover project costs, a fundraising goal of \$775,000 has been established. The renovation will result in a safer, more accessible facility with the capacity to host larger tournaments and special events. You can help by making a contribution by mail or online. Mail contributions to Post 8 Baseball, PO Box 431, Pierre, SD 57501. Contribute online at [www.post8baseball.com](http://www.post8baseball.com) (click the link to the Hyde Pledge Page).

## The Next 20 Years (from page 3)

Your donation to help build a STEM education fund will help the Foundation provide additional support in these critical areas of learning and help to better prepare our students for careers in these areas. Consider a gift to the Foundation to help build this fund in the coming years.

Your support for our current established funds or scholarships is also important. Your donation can be designated to any of these funds or scholarships to continue supporting our students and teachers.

The next 20 years are full of opportunities for the Foundation. Please consider a gift to the Foundation to make these opportunities realities.



# Thank You

The following is a list of donors to the Pierre Educational Foundation from January - November 2015. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy of the donor list. If your name was omitted or misspelled, please accept our apologies and contact the Foundation with corrections at 605-224-9016 or via e-mail at [jennifer@pefgovs.org](mailto:jennifer@pefgovs.org).

Randy & Alice Wright	Foundation Fund	Nina Maxfield	in honor of the class of 1963
Lynn Bixler	In Memory of Cal & Joan Pottratz	Steve Tusa	in memory of Myril Arch '50 and Bill Peterson '50
Gaylord Norman	Feeney Scholarship Fund	Gratia Griffith	in honor of the class of 1941
Paul & Sandy Douglas	Emde Scholarship Fund	Lorene Fromm	in honor of the class of 1971
Jerilyn Roberts	Foundation Fund	Mary Mattern	in honor of the class of 1967
Martha Nelson	In Memory of Nels Nelson	Roxanne Rice	in honor of the class of 1983
Matt Brakke	Brakke Family Fund	Don & Rosemary Rounds	Foundation Fund
Karen Hasek	Foundation Fund	Julie Denton	in honor of the class of 1974
Mikki Matheson	In Honor of the Class of 1960	Tanya Noble	in honor of the class of 1984
Jo Gilbert	In Memory of R.E. Rawlins	Dennis & Shirley Eisnach	in honor of the classes of 1980, 1982, and 1986
Sandra Griffin	In Memory of J. Frederick Forney	Thomas Evans	in memory of Barbara (King) Job, Class of 1958
Verne Brakke	Brakke Family Fund	Clark Stone	in memory of Beth Thomas, Class of 1975
Matthew Brakke	Brakke Family Fund	Steve Tusa	in memory of Lue (Tusa) Canode, Class of 1951
Nadine Amy	New Teacher Welcome Program	Martha Ackerman	in memory of LeeAnne Ackerman
Pierre Elks Lodge 1953	Drug Awareness	Mary Gillette	in memory of John T. Murphy, class of 1950
Jill & John Wellhouse	in memory of Kieron Murphy	Sandra Omodt	in honor of the class of 1981
Jill & John Wellhouse	in memory of Kathy Valnes	Jonette Herman	in honor of John Wellhouse
Ann & Jay Schwartz	in honor of the Class of 2015	Lindsey Riter-Rapp	Foundation Fund
Ann & Jay Schwartz	in honor of Michelle Merrill	Curt Mortenson	Foundation Fund
Jeannette Beemer	in honor of Shirley Eisnach	Sandra Polster	Foundation Fund
Marla Fuller	in honor of the class of 1973	Jill & John Wellhouse	in memory of Christine Colleran, Mike Howe, and Jerry Schlekeway
Karen Michels	in honor of the class of 1977	J.R. Morrissey	in honor of the class of 1953
John Burke	in memory of Wallace Dick, Class of 1972	Wayne Wise	in honor of the class of 1958
Brenda Lewis	in honor of the class of 1978		
Ruth & Dwayne Beck	in honor of the teachers of classes of 2009, 2011, and 2014		

## Pierre Educational Foundation Contact/Donation Form

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Riggs Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Riggs Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

News or Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is in:  memory of  honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Designated toward:  General Donation  New Teacher Welcome Program

Scholarship/Enrichment Fund (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 for 20th Riggs Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to Pierre Educational Foundation. Thank you!**  
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