



DISTRICT 279 FOUNDATION CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS IN ISD 279

District 279 Foundation provides enrichment opportunities for students which builds a stronger foundation for our community’s future. Each year, District 279 Foundation hosts An Investment in Youth to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and success stories of the students, volunteers, and staff of Independent School District #279. District 279 Foundation is honored to celebrate the following dedicated people as this year’s award recipients in the following categories.

Significant Investment in Developing Their Own Talents: Exhibiting unique expressions of creativity or talent.

Gianna Vecellio	Student	Park Brook Elementary
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Significant Investment in Overcoming Adversity: Displaying the will and courage to overcome major challenges.

Mosopefoluwa (Rachel) Akinruli	Student	Crest View Elementary
Emily Hendrickson	Student	Rice Lake Elementary
Nyalaam Jok	Student	Maple Grove Middle School
Perla Espino Martinez	Student	Zanewood Community School
Ahmad Mitchell	Student	North View Middle School
Amanda Mortimer	Student	Park Center IB World School
Juquiel Ramsey	Student	ACHIEVE Program/Brooklyn Middle School
Valerie Yarbrough	Student	Maple Grove Senior High

Significant Investment in the Betterment of Education: Showing commitment to education by giving of their time, talents or resources.

Christine Derner	Education Support Professional	Adult Basic Education
Jean Gerjets	Educator	Edinbrook Elementary
Deborah Guse	Volunteer	Weaver Lake Elementary
Sally Hansen	Volunteer	Rush Creek Elementary
Bob Haun	Educator	Osseo Middle School
Deb Hughes	Resource Manager	Zanewood Community School
Lewonda Jones	Student	Adult Basic Education
Jill Knutson	Assistant Principal	Park Center IB World School
Rose Ann Kopp	Education Support Professional	Brooklyn Middle School
Caleb Larson	Student	Palmer Lake Elementary
Ann Little	Volunteer	Palmer Lake Elementary
Lori McCarthy	Facilities Operations Specialist	Educational Services Center
Robert and Stephanie Moreno	PTO Leaders	Birch Grove Elementary
Stacey Nelson	Educator	Crest View Elementary
Don Pascoe	Educator	Educational Service Center
Becky Paurus	Educator	Basswood Elementary
John Rieser	Educator	Osseo Senior High School
Amy Rintamaki	Volunteer	Cedar Island Elementary
Carolyn Sayers	Volunteer	Park Brook Elementary
Dorothy Schmidt	Support Specialist III	Maple Grove Senior High
Patricia VanLiew	Education Support Professional	Woodland Elementary
Barbara Weist	Educator	Oak View Elementary

Significant Investment in Helping the Community: Exhibiting involvement and dedication toward the community and its members.

Courtney Bellefeuille	Goodwill Manager	Osseo Education Center
Idil Hashi	Student	Osseo Senior High School
Cindy Hochhalter	Educator	Early Childhood Family Education
Brian and Katie Kallhof	Student	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
Pat Kasperson	OARE Volunteer/Retiree	Osseo Area Retired Educators
Briggs Lieser	Student	Basswood Elementary
Jonathon Marsyla	Student	Brooklyn Middle School STEAM
Gary Wieser	Educator	Garden City Elementary

Significant Investment in Their Own Learning: Demonstrating perseverance, love of learning or pursuit of knowledge by study or experience.

Aniya Hollie	Student	Birch Grove Elementary
Alexis Christie	Student	Fernbrook Elementary
Diamond Connley	Student	North View Middle School
Elijah Hoff	Student	Weaver Lake Elementary
Yasmine Hussein	Student	Osseo Middle School
Jessica Inarumen	Student	Oak View Elementary
Quadedric Johnson	Student	Osseo Area Learning Center
Mawata Kamara	Student	Garden City Elementary
Jocelyn Sanchez	Student	Fair Oaks Elementary
Ethan Smith	Student	Rush Creek Elementary
Keren Solis Roman	Student	Fair Oaks Elementary
Onyinyechukwl Udemezue	Student	Cedar Island Elementary School
Stella Zelenak	Student	Elm Creek Elementary

Significant Investment in Modeling for Youth: Demonstrating through words and actions an example for young people.

Christopher Baker	Student	Garden City Elementary
Shelby Brinkman	Educator	Osseo Middle School
Jeremey Carel	Educator	Elm Creek Elementary
Soraya Ekoue	Student	Edinbrook Elementary
Isabella Flores	Student	Woodland Elementary
Cara Frank	Education Support Professional	Osseo Area Learning Center
Stephanie Gray	Volunteer	Fernbrook Elementary
Laurie Pittman	Resource Manager	Rice Lake Elementary
Ron Sonnek	Volunteer	Maple Grove Middle School

About District 279 Foundation

District 279 Foundation provides students and teachers with resources for innovative and creative projects which enhance the curriculum of Osseo Area Schools (ISD 279). Chartered in 1991 as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, District 279 Foundation has donated more than \$2.4 million to fund educational programs and activities in schools across Independent School District 279 (ISD 279). Serving the fifth-largest school district in the state of Minnesota, District 279 Foundation provides enriching opportunities for students which builds a stronger foundation for our community's future.