



DISTRICT 279 FOUNDATION

Investment in Youth Celebration

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

Investment in Youth Celebration

For over 20 years, District 279 Foundation's Investment in Youth celebration has honored students, volunteers, and staff in Osseo Area Schools. District 279 Foundation is honored to recognize the award recipients for their significant investment under one of the following categories:

Their Own Learning - Demonstrating perseverance, love of learning, or pursuit of knowledge by study or experience.

Betterment of Education - Showing commitment to education by giving of their time, talents, or resources.

Helping the Community - Exhibiting involvement and dedication toward the community and its members.

Modeling for Youth - Demonstrating through words and actions an example for young people.

Overcoming Adversity - Displaying the will and courage to overcome major challenges.

Developing their Own Talents - Exhibiting unique expressions of creativity or talent.

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Investment in Youth Celebration

Sunday, May 1, 2022

4:15 PM	Check In
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 - 7:30 PM	Program and Awards Ceremony
Welcome:	Heather Ayer, Foundation President
Performance:	North View Middle IB World School 8th Grade Orchestra
Recognition:	Joseph Anton, Trustee and Event Chair
Awards Presentation:	Foundation Trustees and Volunteers

Thank you to Dave Kiser from CCX Media for filming District 279 Foundation's Investment in Youth program. This program will be replayed on CCX Media Channel 20 or Channel 859 through Comcast Cable.

Channel 859

Saturday, May 7 at 6:30 PM
Sunday, May 8 at 10:30 AM
Wednesday, May 11 at 4:00 PM

Channel 20

Sunday, May 8 at 4:00 PM
Monday, May 9 at 8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 11 at 8:00 PM
Thursday, May 12 at 12:00 PM

This dinner menu and cuisine was prepared by Osseo Area Schools Food & Nutrition Services staff. Special thanks to Jeff Ansorge, Melanie Gates, Chef Jim, and their staff for providing a celebratory meal.

District 279 Foundation is honored to celebrate the following people as this year's award recipients.

Significant Investment in Developing Their Own Talents:

Exhibiting unique expressions of creativity or talent.

Mason Wesley	Student	Birch Grove Elementary
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Significant Investment in Overcoming Adversity:

Displaying the will and courage to overcome major challenges.

Jacob Brink	Student	Cedar Island Elementary
Keiry Cardoso Hernandez	Student	279Online – Senior High
Ian Frey	Student	Early Childhood Special Education
Rory Hove Tausend	Student, Graduated in January	Osseo Area Learning Center
Staci Jones; Marta Hertle	Secretary; School Nurse	Elm Creek Elementary
Collin O'Brien	Educator	Educational Service Center
Dakeiris Sylla	Student	Fair Oaks Elementary
Lila Tjader	Student	Oak View Elementary

Significant Investment in the Betterment of Education:

Showing commitment to education by giving of their time, talents, or resources.

Kayla Badgie	Educator	279Online – Elementary School
Unis Boye-Weah	Educator	279Online – Middle School
Heather Bruun	Educator	Fernbrook Elementary
Gwen Dornfeld	Educator	Park Brook Elementary
Gale Dutton	AESP	Osseo Middle School
Celeste Enderle	Educator	Brooklyn Middle STEAM School
Linda Hoden	Educator	Early Childhood Family Education
Gail Huggins	Education Support Professional	Woodland Elementary
Pam Kelley	AESP	Fair Oaks Elementary
Taryn Kuebelbeck	Volunteer	Cedar Island Elementary
Kandi Larson	ECSE Coordinator	Early Childhood Special Education
Amy Luehman	Educator	Birch Grove Elementary
Laurie McNamara	Enrollment Center Counselor	Enrollment Center
Laurie Mikkola	Education Support Professional	Maple Grove Senior High
Tasha Moskowitz	Educator	Osseo Area Learning Center
Dawn Nelson	Educator	Oak View Elementary
Kris Nelson	Educator	Basswood Elementary
Joshua Neurer	Educator	279Online – Senior High
Becky Rose	ESP and Family Engagement Coor	Palmer Lake Elementary
Laura Thompson	Educator	Rush Creek Elementary
JT Turner	Student Management Specialist	Park Center Senior High
Joanne Wallen	Educator	Maple Grove Middle School
Russ Wilkinson	Educator	Osseo Education Center
Elizabeth Xiong	Educator	Educational Service Center

District 279 Foundation is honored to celebrate the following people as this year's award recipients.

Significant Investment in Helping the Community:

Exhibiting involvement and dedication toward the community and its members.

Heather Ayer	Secretary	Rice Lake Elementary
Gayle Chapman	Volunteer; Retired Educator	Osseo Area Retired Educators
Madeline Delcotto	Student	Maple Grove Middle School
Gail Dubester-Litt	Educator; Substitute Teacher	North View Middle School
Janet Kanneh	Student	Zanewood Community School
Cody Kryzer	Student	Maple Grove Senior High
Amy Peterson	Nurse	Edinbrook Elementary
Sue Risse	Secretary	Crestview Elementary
Grant Smith	Maple Grove Police Officer-Sergeant	Osseo Senior High
Dave Spatafore	Volunteer	Weaver Lake Elementary

Significant Investment in Their Own Learning:

Demonstrating perseverance, love of learning, or pursuit of knowledge by study or experience.

Ayodimeji Akinrujomu	Student	North View Middle School
Hadi Albatushi	Student	Garden City Elementary
Brynn Bomar	Student	Elm Creek Elementary
Boon Boualaphanh	Student	Adult Basic Education
Southalak (Kito) Chanthavong	Student	Park Brook Elementary
Nery Flores	Student	Adult Basic Education
Worlali Gadogbe	Student	Palmer Lake Elementary
Malia Geerdial	Student	Edinbrook Elementary
Destiny Holmes	Student	Community-Based Vocational Assessment and Training
DJ Johnson	Student	279Online – Elementary School
Alvin Langama	Student	Basswood Elementary
Peace Macha	Student	Park Center Senior High
Olivia Moore	Student	Fernbrook Elementary
NaZyra Oku	Student	Zanewood Community School
Samuel Olabiyi	Student	Osseo Education Center
June Vu	Student	Crest View Elementary
Edwin Waara	Student	Osseo Middle School

Significant Investment in Modeling for Youth:

Demonstrating through words and actions an example for young people.

Naomi Cooper-Grear	Student	Brooklyn Middle STEAM School
Alexa Davis	Student	Osseo Senior High
Jonisse Graham	Student	Rice Lake Elementary
Gianna Kimaiga	Student	Weaver Lake Elementary
Percy Lee	Student	279Online – Middle School
Kim Monbo	Student	Woodland Elementary
Felicia Phillips	Education Support Professional	Garden City Elementary
Madelyn Wagner	Student	Rush Creek Elementary

2021 Award Recipients could not be recognized in a formal awards ceremony. We would like to recognize these individuals for their contribution to our community.

Significant Investment in Developing Their Own Talents:

Exhibiting unique expressions of creativity or talent.

Ava Lee	Student	North View Middle School
Jacob Pearson	Student	Maple Grove Senior High

Significant Investment in Overcoming Adversity:

Displaying the will and courage to overcome major challenges.

Trent Adair	Student	Basswood Elementary
Sarah Arias-Esquivias	Student	Oak View Elementary
Rasheed Baya	Student	Weaver Lake Elementary
Jacob Bourgeois	Student	Osseo Education Center
Halaseh Cooper	Student	Park Center Senior High
Ashley Devereaux	Student	Rice Lake Elementary
Gladys Garcia	Student	Adult Basic Education
Chasen Gilbert	Student	Cedar Island Elementary
Kristy Johnson	Kidstop/Four Star Coordinator	Kidstop
Miles Korti	Student	Palmer Lake Elementary
Balkees Oladejo	Student	Crest View Elementary
Sophia Taye	Student	Woodland Elementary
Brody Tiffany	Student	Early Childhood Special Education
Diego Zavala-Varela	Student	Park Center Senior High

Significant Investment in the Betterment of Education:

Showing commitment to education by giving of their time, talents, or resources.

Lisa Coulter	Education Support Professional	Park Brook Elementary
Lolita Davis	AESP Resource Manager	Elm Creek Elementary
Gail Dubester-Litt	Substitute Teacher	Educational Service Center
Tara Gibbs	Educator	Fair Oaks Elementary
Lara Gilbert	Volunteer	Cedar Island Elementary
Emily Hable	Education Support Professional	Osseo Education Center
Deb Haeg	Education Support Professional	Early Childhood Family Education
DeAnn Hill	Kidstop Lead Instructor	Rice Lake Elementary
Anne Kolden	Educator	Oak View Elementary
Ann Kozarek	Educator	Edinbrook Elementary
Michelle Krelic	Educator	Educational Service Center
Becca McGrane	Volunteer	Early Childhood Family Education
Maura Nelson	Educator	Osseo Area Learning Center
Gayle Nieman	Volunteer	Birch Grove Elementary
Kristen Palyan	Substitute Teacher	Fernbrook Elementary
Johnathan Richmond	Educator	Maple Grove Senior High
James Ringold	Educator	Osseo Middle School
Beth Theisen	Education Support Professional	Rush Creek Elementary
Dana Trouth	Educator	Brooklyn Middle School
Josiah Tusler	Student	Osseo Senior High
Elizabeth Xiong	Educator	Educational Service Center

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Significant Investment in Helping the Community:

Exhibiting involvement and dedication toward the community and its members.

Diane Anderson	Volunteer	Osseo Area Retired Educators
Brenda Bokusky	Nutrition Services Manager	Osseo Senior High
Marisela Catarino	AESP	Enrollment Center
Mai Nhia Cha	AESP	Enrollment Center
Jill Dalton	Resource Manager	Garden City Elementary
Megan James	Student	Elm Creek Elementary
Donna Jones	Resource Manager	Weaver Lake Elementary

Significant Investment in Their Own Learning:

Demonstrating perseverance, love of learning, or pursuit of knowledge by study or experience.

Axel Assogba	Student	Zanewood Community School
Leling Chen	Student	Distance Learning Academy - Elementary School
Shaun R. Crudup, Jr.	Student	Osseo Area Learning Center
Asa Cummings	Student	Brooklyn Middle School
Bintu Donzo	Student	Zanewood Community School
Lola Dopkins	Student	Edinbrook Elementary
Daniel-Ayomide Fapohunda	Student	Distance Learning Academy - Senior High
Makenzy Farmer	Student	Palmer Lake Elementary
Christine Gbotee	Student	Park Brook Elementary
Princess Harris	Student	Fernbrook Elementary
Marilynn Krou	Student	Maple Grove Middle School
Nguyen Le	Student	Crest View Elementary
Phillip Melamud	Student	Distance Learning Academy - Middle School
Tyrezz Morris	Student	Distance Learning Academy - Middle School
Juan Muniz-Zaragoza	Student	North View Middle School
Omael Sobro	Student	Fair Oaks Elementary
Carolyn Voss	Student	Woodland Elementary
Jayden Vu	Student	Rush Creek Elementary
Keanu Xiong	Student	Distance Learning Academy - Elementary School
Connie Yang	Student	Distance Learning Academy - Senior High
Luna Yang	Student	Birch Grove Elementary

Significant Investment in Modeling for Youth:

Demonstrating through words and actions an example for young people.

Kirsten Bakken	Education Support Professional	Basswood Elementary
Sam Khwice	Educator	Maple Grove Middle School
Badou Sowe	Student	Osseo Middle School
Aubrey Stauffeneker	Student	Garden City Elementary

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Significant Investment in Developing Their Own Talents:

Exhibiting unique expressions of creativity or talent.

Kurtis Banks

Student

Osseo Senior High

Significant Investment in Overcoming Adversity:

Displaying the will and courage to overcome major challenges.

Olivia Hautala

Student

Basswood Elementary

Bai Jassy

Student

Park Center Senior High

Savannah LaCroix

Student

Cedar Island Elementary

Significant Investment in the Betterment of Education:

Showing commitment to education by giving of their time, talents, or resources.

Emily Bollinger

Educator

Osseo Area Learning Center

Deanne Carlson

Confidential Support Specialist

Educational Service Center

Kendra Grand

Volunteer

Maple Grove Middle School

Jeanne Heer

Educator

Woodland Elementary

Nola Heruth

Student

Weaver Lake Elementary

Bryan Hovde

Educator

Park Center Senior High

Laurie Johnson

Education Support Professional

Birch Grove Elementary

Bemi Joseph

Educator

Brooklyn Middle School

Kaitlyn Leininger

Educator

Crest View Elementary

Dan Miller

Custodian

Osseo Middle School

Angie Muñoz

Volunteer

Cedar Island Elementary

Bernard Nico

Student & Volunteer

Adult Basic Education

James Oelke

Educator

Fernbrook Elementary

Amy Oelkers

Volunteer

Palmer Lake Elementary

Mona Parmar

Volunteer

Arbor View Early Childhood Center

Cheryl Piotraschke

Educator

Fair Oaks Elementary

Wendy Schulte

Volunteer

Park Brook Elementary

Louise Smith

Volunteer

Elm Creek Elementary

Mary Pat Smith

Nurse

Willow Lane Early Childhood Center

Arlene Strum

Nutrition Services

North View Middle School

Amanda Teachout-Emerson

Education Support Professional

ACHIEVE

Lillie Vail

Educator

Basswood Elementary

Ben Waldhauser

Education Support Professional

Edinbrook Elementary

Sharon Young

Volunteer

Adult Basic Education

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Significant Investment in Helping the Community:

Exhibiting involvement and dedication toward the community and its members.

Kayden Simone Cochran	Student	Palmer Lake Elementary
Patricia Ellingson	Volunteer Coordinator	Oak View Elementary
Jessie Hanson	Educator	Rice Lake Elementary
Nichol McGill	Education Support Professional	Zanewood Community School
Donna Peavey	Secretary	Garden City Elementary
Sasha Ramnath	Student	Edinbrook Elementary
Betty and Don Skoglund	Educators	Osseo Area Retired Educators
Anja Smith and Mackenna Sutkowski	Students	Elm Creek Elementary
Bertie Williams	Education Support Professional	Arbor View Early Childhood Center
Savanna Yang	Student	Brooklyn Middle School
Krissy Solyst	District Homeless Liaison	Enrollment Center

Significant Investment in Their Own Learning:

Demonstrating perseverance, love of learning, or pursuit of knowledge by study or experience.

E'Mary Lee	Student	North View Middle School
Kelechukwu Nwosu	Student	Oak View Elementary
Howard Ramaley	Student	Maple Grove Senior High
Eldar Sayfullaev and Alina Sayfullaeva	Students	Fernbrook Elementary
Jo'siah Seivers	Student	Birch Grove Elementary
Txujci Thao	Student	Fair Oaks Elementary
Andrea Vaquera-Chavez	Student	Crest View Elementary
Emily Vue	Student	Park Brook Elementary
Jiasheah Vue	Student	Weaver Lake Elementary
Regina Xiong	Student	Zanewood Community School
Lynda Yeah	Student	Osseo Secondary Transition Center

Significant Investment in Modeling for Youth:

Demonstrating through words and actions an example for young people.

Ethel Cooper	Student	Garden City Elementary
Alex Herrald	Student	Osseo Middle School
Nathan Hunter	Student	Woodland Elementary
Candice Kararu	Student	Rice Lake Elementary
Ronnie King	Educator	Osseo Senior High
Darwin Kreft	Educator	Maple Grove Senior High
Gwen Krutzig	Educator	Rush Creek Elementary
Jack Kuhn	Student	Rush Creek Elementary
Adrian Sanchez	Student	Osseo Area Learning Center
Heather Sheedy	Student	Maple Grove Middle School

Chartered in 1991 as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, District 279 Foundation partners with the school district, parents, students, volunteers, city officials, civic organizations, and the business community to support and make a difference in Osseo Area Schools.

Our Mission

Our mission is to support and enhance the district's dedication to all students.

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide learning opportunities for students in Osseo Area Schools by funding programs, projects, and other opportunities that are not presently available through the district's budget.

Our Core Value

We believe that there is a moral, social, and economic imperative to support student success and equitable student achievement.

Areas of Focus

1. Support students through innovative and creative projects that enhance curriculum, experiential learning opportunities, or contribute to the community.
2. Recognize the achievements of students and staff in Osseo Area Schools. District 279 Foundation seeks to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and success stories of the students, volunteers, and staff in Osseo Area Schools at the Investment in Youth celebration. This annual celebration recognizes individuals from each site for their commitment and dedication to our community.

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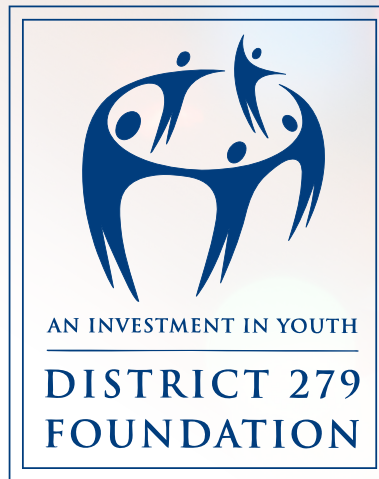
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Save the Date

Reading is Fun 5K Run/Walk

Fundraiser to benefit media centers in Osseo Area Schools

Saturday, August 6, 2022, Elm Creek Park Reserve

A Night Out Celebration

Fundraiser to benefit District 279 Foundation programs

Friday, February 3, 2023, Edinburgh Golf Course