



DISTRICT 279 FOUNDATION

Investment in Youth Celebration

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

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Investment in Youth Celebration

For 30 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 7, 2023

5:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 - 7:30 PM	Program and Awards Ceremony
Welcome:	Joseph Anton, Trustee and Event Chair
Performance:	Park Center Competition Cheer Team
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

Sunday, May 14 at 9:30 PM

Monday, May 15 at 1:30 PM

Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 PM

Channel 20

Friday, May 12 at 8:30 PM

Saturday, May 20 at 4:00 PM

Sunday, May 21 at 8:00 AM

This dinner menu and cuisine was prepared by Osseo Area Schools Food & Nutrition Services staff. Special thanks to Jeff Ansorge, Melanie Gates, Chef Jim Quast, 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.

Jovani Kabamba	Student	Cedar Island Elementary
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Significant Investment in Overcoming Adversity:

Displaying the will and courage to overcome major challenges.

Temiloluwa Afolabi	Student	Park Center Senior High
Amy Arias-Esquivias	Student	Osseo Senior High
Sadaf Behsudi	Student	Rice Lake Elementary
Jaleah Ferrill	Student	279Online - Elementary School
Sky Lee	Student	Park Brook Elementary
Kashia Lor	Student	Edinbrook Elementary
Garriston Pete	Student	Osseo Area Learning Center
Mya Rausch	Student	Fernbrook Elementary
Famahlyn Roberts	Student	Early Childhood Special Education
Dartania Willis	Student	Community-Based Vocational Assessment and Training

Significant Investment in the Betterment of Education:

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

Jacquie Bair	Education Support Professional	Maple Grove Senior High
Katie Borcharding	Educator	Osseo Middle School
Susann DeTienne	Educator	Early Childhood Special Education
Katharine Dwyer	Educator	Zanewood Community School
Sandra Eide	Educator	Rush Creek Elementary
Kelly Funfar & Nicole Robertson	Education Support Professional	Elm Creek Elementary
Kelly Jechorek	Educator	Weaver Lake Elementary
Renee Kalberg	Administrative Assistant	Early Childhood Family Education
Hope Lehan	Educator	Fair Oaks Elementary
Denise Morrisette	Educator	Park Brook Elementary
Jennifer Paulson	Educator	Woodland Elementary
Teresa Sarkela	Education Support Professional Crest	View Elementary
Shawn Shaddrick	Custodian	Rice Lake Elementary
Shelly Wasti	Educator	Brooklyn Middle School
Linda Weber	Education Support Professional	Oak View Elementary
Kelli Wever	Secretary	Fernbrook Elementary
Royce Winford	Educator	Osseo Senior High
Kenyari Wright	Educator	Osseo Area Learning Center

Significant Investment in Helping the Community:

Exhibiting involvement and dedication toward the community and its members.

Mark Bourbeau	Volunteer	Cedar Island Elementary
Mary and Bob Bursaw	Retired Educators	Osseo Area Retired Educators
Abdulahi Dahir	Student	Brooklyn Middle School
Diane Haug	Secretary	Edinbrook Elementary
Amelia Holthus	Student	Elm Creek Elementary
Sarah Ly	Student	Garden City Elementary
Abby Merlis	Educator	279Online - Middle School
Mason Reitmeier	Student	Maple Grove Senior High
Kate Rosbacka	Admin Asst	279Online - Elementary School
Josie Schuette	Volunteer	Birch Grove Elementary
Amelia Yang	Secretary	Enrollment Center

Significant Investment in Their Own Learning:

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

Suhayb Aljabari	Student	279Online - Middle School
Madyson Bartsch	Student	Osseo Education Center
Cora Bauer	Student	Oak View Elementary
Roxie Bishop	Student	Fair Oaks Elementary
Van Dang	Student	Adult Basic Education
Samuel Eriksen	Student	Park Center Senior High
Ricardo Gomez Zepeda	Student	Palmer Lake Elementary
Jay Kansara	Student	Maple Grove Middle School
Jessica Le	Student	Weaver Lake Elementary
Andrew Lindsay	Tech ESP	Educational Service Center
Priya Lorntson	Student	Basswood Elementary
Hazel McConville	Student	Osseo Middle School
Tonma and Mie Ofo-Odo	Students	Adult Basic Education
Phoebe Oghumah	Student	Woodland Elementary
Sydney Piner	Student	Birch Grove Elementary
Maria Salgado Cazales	Student	279Online - Senior High
Kyle Sananikone	Student	North View Middle School
Jessica Stewart	Educator	279Online - Senior High
Amariana Washington	Student	North View Middle School
Leo Xiong	Student	Garden City Elementary
Gaose Yang	Student	Palmer Lake Elementary

Significant Investment in Modeling for Youth:

Demonstrating through words and actions an example for young people.

Michael Ahrendt	Custodian	Basswood Elementary
Dominion Anako	Student	Community-Based Vocational Assessment and Training
Michelle Bauermeister	Custodian	Osseo Education Center
Annika Brooks	Student	Early Childhood Family Education
Mackenzie Brown	Student	Rush Creek Elementary
Gabriel Dagban	Student	Crest View Elementary
Nathaniel Davies	Educator	Maple Grove Middle School
Carl Parker	Student	Zanewood Community School
Lori Shopp	Kidstop Lead Instructor	Educational Service Center

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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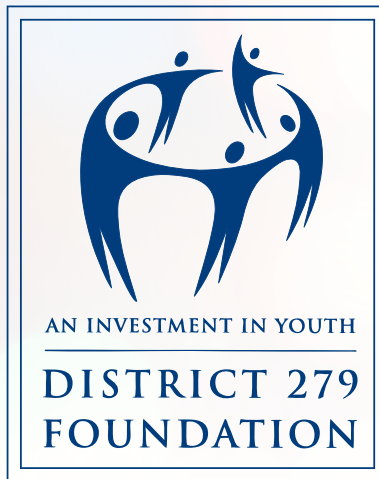
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Save the Date

Reading is Fun 5K

Fundraiser to benefit media centers in Osseo Area Schools
Saturday, October 7, 2023, Elm Creek Park Reserve

A Night Out

Fundraiser to benefit District 279 Foundation programs
Friday, February 2, 2024, Edinburgh Golf Course