



DISTRICT 279 FOUNDATION

Investment in Youth Celebration

Recognizing the many achievements and success stories of the students, staff and volunteers in Osseo Area Schools.

Sunday, May 5, 2024

6 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Park Center Senior High School

Awards Ceremony Sponsored by



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Investment in Youth Celebration

For 26 years, District 279 Foundation's Investment in Youth celebration has honored scholars, 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 5, 2024

5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony
Welcome:	Tom Pellegrino, Trustee and Event Chair
Performance:	Maple Grove Senior High School Sideline 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 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Monday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 16 at 10:00 p.m.

Channel 20

Saturday, May 11 at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 15 at 8:00 p.m.

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

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.

Alhassan Bah	Student	279Online – Elementary School
Julian Harris	Student	Park Center Senior High
Michael James	Student	Osseo Senior High

Significant Investment in Overcoming Adversity:

Displaying the will and courage to overcome major challenges.

Sarah Arias-Esquivas	Student	Maple Grove Middle School
David Tapia-Manzanares	Student	Fair Oaks Elementary School
Isaac Woahloe	Student	Early Childhood Special Education

Significant Investment in the Betterment of Education:

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

Re'son Adkins	Student	279Online – Senior High
Charlie Brisbane	Student	Osseo Middle School
Kris Campea	Educator	Osseo Middle School
Stephanie Halverson	Support Staff	Oak View Elementary School
Michael Harvey	Educator	Edinbrook Elementary School
Jim Johnson	Support Staff	Woodland Elementary School
Nicole Kanz	Educator	Weaver Lake: A Science, Math & Technology School
Andrew Klaers	Educator	Osseo Senior High
Alissa Kono	Resource Manager	Park Brook Elementary School
Catherine Korti	Support Staff	Palmer Lake Elementary School
Christina Manancero Villagrán	Business Manager	279Online – Middle School
Paulette McIntyre	Support Staff	Cedar Island Elementary School
Jennifer Mitchell	Educator	279Online – Elementary School
David Moredock	Support Staff	Education Service Center
Doris Moylan	Support Staff	279Online – Senior High
Alison Murphy	Educator	Fair Oaks Elementary School
Sally Nault-Maurer	Program Coordinator	Early Childhood & Family Education
Diane Perusse	Administrative Assistant	Osseo Education Center
Leanne Peterson	Educator	Rush Creek Elementary School
Jody Ransom-Daun	Support Staff	Crest View Elementary School
Sharon Sarell	Support Staff	Birch Grove School for the Arts
Hannah Schmiesing	Educator	Osseo Area Learning Center
Kimberly Schroeder	Support Staff	Brooklyn Middle STEAM School
Lisa Schutte	Educator	Basswood Elementary School
Marva Sullivan	Volunteer	Adult Basic Education

Significant Investment in Helping the Community:

Exhibiting involvement and dedication toward the community and its members.

Keira Berdahl	Student	Maple Grove Senior High
Cheryl Berge	Support Staff	Educational Service Center
Excellent Egbele	Student	Crest View Elementary School
Kathy Hoeke	School Resource Officer	Maple Grove Middle School
Elm Creek Elementary's PTO Board	Volunteer	Elm Creek Elementary School
Duayne and Dianne Malewicki	Educator; Volunteer	Osseo Area Retired Educators
Debbie Palmer	Administrative Assistant	Enrollment Center
Robin Thorsen	Support Staff	Park Center Senior High
Nora Walz-Laidlaw	Educator	Early Childhood Special Education

Significant Investment in Their Own Learning:

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

Joshua-Roman Bautista-Villagran	Student	Park Brook Elementary School
Samantha Bell	Student	Community-Based Vocational Assessment and Training
Amy Bosire	Student	Weaver Lake: A Science, Math & Technology School
Josiah Brown	Student	Garden City Elementary School
Elijah Bukal	Student	Elm Creek Elementary School
Maria de los Angeles Camey Castillo	Student	Edinbrook Elementary School
Massacko Diawara	Student	North View Middle School
Allison Gomez Rodriguez	Student	279Online – Middle School
Xander Saul Hernandez	Student	Rice Lake Elementary School
Alice Lee	Student	Palmer Lake Elementary School
Dean Lee	Student	Community-Based Vocational Assessment and Training
Nicholas McClenon	Student	Adult Basic Education
Daniela Morales Ramirez	Student	Brooklyn Middle STEAM School
Claire Murphy	Student	Osseo Education Center
Nathan Odam	Student	Basswood Elementary School
Nathan Palmer	Student	Fernbrook Elementary School
Emily Patrick	Student	Woodland Elementary School
Briana Pham	Student	Zanewood Community: A STEAM School
Doris Sam-Viko	Student	Garden City Elementary School
Pallavi Sarin	Volunteer	Early Childhood & Family Education
Jayden Vu	Student	North View Middle School

Significant Investment in Modeling for Youth:

Demonstrating through words and actions an example for young people.

Isabella Andor	Student	Osseo Area Learning Center
Nicole Bravo Cachu	Student	Oak View Elementary School
Amelia Gamez	Student	Cedar Island Elementary School
Kari Hanson	Behavior Intervention ESP	Rice Lake Elementary
Evelyn Nagy	Student	Rush Creek Elementary School
La'Marquis Peggs	Student	Zanewood Community: A STEAM School
Omael Sobro	Student	Birch Grove School for the Arts
Mike Stock	Support Staff	Maple Grove Senior High
Tom Weckman	Support Staff	Fernbrook Elementary 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, provide experiential learning opportunities or contribute to the community.
2. 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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Save the Date

Reading is Fun 5K

Fundraiser to benefit media centers in Osseo Area Schools.

Saturday, September 21, 2024, Elm Creek Park Reserve

A Night Out

Fundraiser to benefit District 279 Foundation grants program.

Friday, February 7, 2025, Edinburgh Golf Course