

# ANNUAL MEETING

## Arvada West High School Foundation



September 10, 2025



# CALL TO ORDER

*Lynn Moore - Foundation Board President*



# OUR MISSION



*The mission of the Arvada West High School Foundation is to support the students, staff, and community by providing scholarships for a secondary education to outstanding students, by partnering with the community on shared philanthropic endeavors, and by recognizing and honoring alumni and staff for their achievements and contributions to society.*



# PURPOSE & AGENDA



*6:00 – 6:50 PM*

*West Woods Police Community Room*

## PURPOSE & INTENT

### AGENDA

- 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes Review / Approval
- 2025 Financial Reports Review
- Committee Reports & Other 2024-25 Board Actions
- 2025 Board of Directors Election
- Announcements & Acknowledgements
- Adjournment





# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

- **2024 Annual Meeting Minutes**  
September 11, 2024
- **2025 Financial Summary**



# 2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

## Arvada West High School Foundation Annual Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024 6:00pm

**IN PERSON:** West Woods Police Station Community Room  
**VIRTUAL:** call-in access link provided by Microsoft Teams

Lynn Moore, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Board members present: Dale Anderson, Gary Barngrover, Mike Campbell, Kendra Cheese, Derek Everett, Lynn Moore, and Tammy Yonkie.

Board members absent: Katie Groke, Dan Morris, and Cindi Robeck.

Members present: Ann Butcher.

Quorum determination: 62 total Foundation members. Quorum met with 9 members present.

### 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

- Tammy Yonkie, Secretary, read the 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Dale to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

### Board Reports

#### Financial

- Balance sheet August 31, 2022, through August 31, 2023, shows a 28.5% growth in assets. Financial history from September 2012 through September 2024 shared. September 2024 account balance \$. Motion by Gary to approve the annual financial report. Seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Our Investment Fund, supported with donations from AW alumni, continues to benefit are the AW students.

### Committee Reports

#### Scholarship

- Overview of the selection process presented.
- Since 2012, the Foundation has awarded scholarships totaling \$246,000. Fourteen graduates from the Class of 2024 received \$54,000 in scholarships.
- The Foundation's Legacy Scholarship is in its third year. It is a renewable scholarship at \$5,000/year for four years.
- A Trade & Technology Scholarship category was added in 2022.

#### Communications

- Website updated to be more user friendly and interactive.
- Communications sent via Mission Suite, our management system.
- Enhance communications is a top goal for the upcoming year.

#### Membership

- We continue to work with Mission Suite to enhance our communication with members.

#### Hall of Fame

- Review of honorees since 2013.
- Update for 2024.

#### Other Foundation Board Actions

##### Strategic Plan

- Goal #1: Scholarships
  - Sustainable and financially secure
- Goal #2: Increase and enhance membership program
  - Add a multi-tier membership option
- Goal #3: Maintain and strengthen financial stability
  - Maintain a reserve fund
  - Increase donations

##### Mission Fulfillment

- 2024 Accomplishments
  - HOF, AWHS Faculty/Staff workday breakfast, listed on Colorado Gives Day, support of NTHS Leadership conference, Chamber of Commerce member, work towards building relationship with feeder schools

##### Annual Board Elections

- Elected Board members for the 2023 - 2025 term include:
  - Dale Anderson
  - Mike Campbell
  - Derek Everett
  - Katie Groke
  - Tammy Yonkie
- They join our current Directors serving out the remainder of the 2022 - 2024 term:
  - Gary Barngrover
  - Calleen Blatter
  - Kendra Cheese
  - Lynn Moore
  - Dan Morris
  - Cindi Robeck

#### Acknowledgements & Announcements

The Board President thanked the voluntary Board members and the officers for their dedication to the Foundation and its mission.

#### Board Meetings

- Third Wednesday of the Month
- Election of officers for one year term at October meeting
- Meetings are in person with virtual option
  - All members are welcome to attend

Adjourn at 6:33pm

Read by Tammy Yonkie - Board Vice President/Secretary

Copy available upon request



AWHS Foundation Annual Meeting 2025 - Honoring the past...building the future

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY: August 2025 Treasurer's Report



## AWHS FOUNDATION Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of August 31, 2025

	Aug 31, 25	Aug 31, 24
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1ST BANK 325-575-2191	9,370.32	48,830.73
CD NORTHPOINTE	0.00	1,014.99
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>9,370.32</b>	<b>49,845.72</b>
Other Current Assets		
HI YIELD MM	40,923.99	0.00
<b>INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO</b>		
CD--ONGOING	40,000.00	51,000.00
STOCKS	175,565.65	141,586.14
<b>Total INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO</b>	<b>215,565.65</b>	<b>192,586.14</b>
Undeposited Funds	0.00	570.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>256,489.64</b>	<b>193,156.14</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>265,859.96</b>	<b>243,001.86</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>265,859.96</b>	<b>243,001.86</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Long Term Liabilities		
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>		
ASHTON	8,342.39	10,274.48
MIKKLESON	94,762.66	69,361.20
RESTRICTED FUNDS - Other	4,425.85	50,352.00
<b>Total RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>107,530.90</b>	<b>129,987.68</b>
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>107,530.90</b>	<b>129,987.68</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>107,530.90</b>	<b>129,987.68</b>
Equity		
Unrestricted Net Assets	137,146.50	143,742.15
Net Income	21,182.56	-30,727.97
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>158,329.06</b>	<b>113,014.18</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>265,859.96</b>	<b>243,001.86</b>



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY: Budget Summary/History



Date	Income & Assets	Expenses & Liabilities	End Balance
September 2012	\$1,135	\$527.21	\$2,742.79
September 2013	\$3,115.19	\$3,539.29	\$6,792.22
September 2014	\$2,756	\$1,463	\$8,879.39
September 2015	\$1,210	\$298.43	\$11,315.61
September 2016	\$1,490	\$481.90	\$9,762.97
September 2017	\$995	\$99	\$24,633
September 2018	\$5,343.05	\$1,668.80	\$34,121.56
September 2019	\$21,842.72	\$19,602.20	\$52,621.94
September 2020	\$20,012.80	\$18,465.35	\$50,483.09
September 2021	\$27,591.13	\$26,761.04	\$56,561.33
September 2022	\$109,244.90	\$42,453.88	\$148,192.61
September 2023	\$190,888.78	\$301.65	\$191,190.43
September 2024	\$261,914.85	\$39,398.30	\$222,516.55
<b>September--2025</b> <i>(as of 8.31.25)</i>	<b>\$333,308.75</b>	<b>\$73,205.32</b>	<b>\$260,103.44</b>





## Enhanced financial growth of the Foundation in 2024-25

- Primary beneficiary is the Foundation's scholarship program supporting AWHHS students
- Investment fund for scholarship endowment is supported by significant donations from alumnus and other friends of the Foundation

*The Arvada West High School Foundation appreciates our many generous donors who make it possible for us to achieve our mission and support AW students in their educational pursuits.*

*THANK YOU*



# BOARD REPORTS



- **Scholarships**
- **Membership**
- **Communications**
- **Other Board Actions**
  - 2024-26 Strategic Plan & Goals
  - Hall of Fame
- **Mission Fulfillment**





# SCHOLARSHIPS



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Beginning with the graduating class of 2013 and as part of our mission, the Arvada West High School Foundation has awarded scholarships to many outstanding Wildcat graduates.

- *Applicants complete a detailed scholarship application*
- *The Foundation Scholarship Committee reviews the applications and selects qualified recipients*

**Since our founding in 2012,  
the Arvada West High School Foundation  
has awarded \$314,100 in scholarships  
to 111 Wildcat graduates**



# SCHOLARSHIPS



*\$68,000 Awarded in Scholarships in 2025*

AWHS Foundation Class of 2025 Recipients – 17 students





## AWHS Foundation Legacy Scholarship

- *AWHS Alumni sponsored beginning in 2022 – 4th Year*
- *Renewable for four years @ \$5,000 per year*
- *Annually awarded to one graduating senior*
- *Top-tier applicants are interviewed for selection as the annual **Legacy Scholarship** recipient*



## AWHS Foundation LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP Recipients:

**Lorena Borenstein** is the 2025 recipient of the Foundation's Legacy Scholarship and is awarded \$5,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a renewable scholarship. Lorena will be attending Montana State University.



**Ian Moe** - 2024 recipient of the Foundation's Legacy Scholarship.  
Awarded \$5,000 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 4-year renewable scholarship.

**Sophia Jaskolka-Brown** - 2023 recipient of the Foundation's Legacy Scholarship.  
Awarded \$5,000 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 4-year renewable scholarship.

**Veronica Vessa** - 2022 recipient of the Foundation's Legacy Scholarship.  
Awarded \$5,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> year of a 4-year renewable scholarship.

## **Class of 2025 AWHF Foundation Scholarships:** (awarded \$68,000 in scholarships)

- **Madison Best** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Colorado Christian University.
- **John Biachi** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Red Rocks Community College.  
*John is the recipient of a Wildcat Trade & Technology Scholarship.*
- **Lorena Borenstein** - the 2025 recipient of the Foundation's Legacy Scholarship.  
*Awarded \$5,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a renewable scholarship.  
Lorena will be attending Montana State University.*
- **Shea Brogan** – awarded \$3,000 & will be attending the University of Northern Colorado.  
*Shea is the recipient of a Wildcat Trade & Technology Scholarship.*
- **Asenath Cordova** – awarded \$3,000 & will be attending the Red Rocks Community College. *Agnetha is the recipient of a Wildcat Trade & Technology Scholarship.*
- **Charles Geisz** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending University of Colorado Boulder.
- **Joslyn Harrison** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Colorado State University.
- **Maksym Marek** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Colorado School of Mines.
- **Elizabeth McDonald** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending University of South Carolina.
- **Lydia Meakins** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Western State University.
- **Kaliea Nicholas** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending the University of Colorado Denver.
- **Isabella Quimby** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Colorado State University.
- **Magdalena Wasinger** – awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Colorado State University.  
*Magdalena is the recipient of the Bill Ashton Chemistry & Physics Scholarship.*
- **Chloe Rios** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Colorado State University.
- **Taylor Sanders** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending Lindenwood University.
- **Sarah Vaughan** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending University of Colorado Boulder.
- **Landon Wertz** - awarded \$3,000 & will be attending University of Kansas.

# SCHOLARSHIPS – PAST RECIPIENTS



## Class of 2024 AWHF Foundation Scholarships:

- **Morgan Bleich** - attended Colorado Mountain College as a Trade & Technology Scholar.
- **James Hadzik** - attended Metropolitan State University as a Trade & Technology Scholar.
- **Spencer Blosser** - attended Western Colorado University.
- **Katherine Cantwell** - attended Carnegie Mellon University.
- **Gwenna Council** - attended Colorado State University.
- **Iris Crick** - attended Oregon State University.
- **Kelsie Johnson** - attended Auburn University.
- **Landyn Lessley** - attended Colorado State University.
- **Madeline Lyon** - attended University of Colorado Boulder.
- **Ian Moe** - attended Colorado School of Mines as the Legacy Scholar.
- **Madison Morgan** - attended Colorado State University.
- **Cassidy Rice** – attended the University of Colorado Boulder as the Bill Ashton Chemistry & Physics Scholar.
- **Kalli Ross** - attended the University of Kansas.
- **Oriah Rumley** - attended the Colorado School of Mines.

## Class of 2023 AWHF Foundation Scholarships:

- **Sophia Jaskolka-Brown** – attended Colo. State University as the Foundation’s Legacy Scholar
- **Aubrey Pixler** - attended Notre Dame as the Bill Ashton Chemistry/Physics Scholar
- **Abigail Strait** – attended Colorado School of Mines as the Trade & Technology Scholar
- **Angela Benallo** - attended Grand Canyon University
- **Cooper Best** - attended Colorado State University
- **Sierra Gallup** - attended Colorado State University
- **Mackenzie Johnson** - attended Auburn University
- **Caitlyn Kneisl** - attended University of Colorado Boulder
- **Alexander McDonald** - attended Colorado School of Mines
- **Madison McJunkin** - attended University of Colorado Boulder
- **Cormac McShane** - attended the Chapman University
- **Corey Niessner** - attended Cal Poly University (California)
- **Shae Roozing** - attended University of Colorado Boulder
- **Josh Vander Laan** – attended Colorado State University



# SCHOLARSHIPS – PAST RECIPIENTS



## Class of 2022 Recipients: awarded \$36,000 in scholarships

- **Veronica Vessa**—attended Regis University as the Foundation's Legacy Scholar
- **Micah Quinn**—attended Colorado School of Mines
- **Selma Hadzielimovic**—attended Metro State University
- **Samuel LaSelle**—attended Metro State University
- **Anna Nuhfer**—attended Cal Poly University (California)
- **Addison Page**—attended the University of Colorado Boulder
- **Dylan Richards**—attended Colorado School of Mines
- **Jolee Rios**—attended Franciscan University (Ohio)
- **Sydney Trinder**—attended Metropolitan State University
- **Madison Voit-Chromy**—attended the University of Denver
- **Brandon Simpson**—attended Metro State University
- **Justin Wimberly**—attended Red Rocks Community College

## Class of 2021 Recipients: awarded \$20,000 in scholarships

- **Haley Barnhart**—attended Colorado State University
- **Brandon Benedict**—attended University of Colorado
- **Jennifer Brown**—attended University of Colorado
- **Noah Brunk**—attended Doane University (Nebraska)
- **Addison Cardon**—attended Brigham Young University
- **Madison Major**—attended Luther College (Iowa) (recipient of the Ashton scholarship)
- **Chris Marvel**—attended Metro State University
- **Delaney Schiffbauer**—attended University of Massachusetts Amherst
- **Haley Wagner**—attended Brigham Young University
- **Bradlee Wallen**—attended Colorado State University

## Class of 2020 Recipients: awarded \$17,000 in scholarships

- **Kaylee Delgado**—attended UCLA
- **Clare Edmundson**— attended Benedictine College (Kansas)
- **Jocelyn Gotfred**— attended Portland State University
- **Max Link**— attended Cornell University
- **Zach Marcolina**— attended Colorado State University
- **Jaydn Sabell**— attended Colorado State University
- **Caleb Simpson**— attended Red Rocks Community College
- **Katlyn Thiede**— attended University of New England (Maine)
- **Blake Maly**— attended Univ. of Colorado (Boulder)



# SCHOLARSHIPS – PAST RECIPIENTS



## **Class of 2019 Recipients: awarded \$17,000 in scholarships**

- **Baudi Asuev**—attended University of Southern California
- **Midori Coyle**—attended University of Colorado (Boulder)
- **Samantha Meakins**—attended Colorado Mesa University
- **Madi Pixler**—attended Notre Dame University
- **James Wallen**—attended Colorado State University
- **Brianna Khatiyavong**—attended Colorado School of Mines

## **Class of 2018 Recipients: awarded \$10,000 in scholarships**

- **Ayame Castro**—attended Metropolitan State University
- **Leon Giron Echeverri**—attended Colorado School of Mines
- **Bethaney Hansen**—attended Texas A & M University.

## **Class of 2017 Recipients: awarded \$11,100 in scholarships**

- **Aysha Auseva**—attended Northwestern University
- **Kaitlin Kennedy**—attended Colorado State University
- **Brianna Lawrence**—attended Regis University
- **Erin Looney**—attended Oklahoma State University
- **Elise Majeski**—attended University of Denver
- **Racquel Zisumbo**—attended Colorado State University

## **Class of 2016 Recipients: awarded \$9,000 in scholarships**

- **Allyssa Chinda**—attended University of Colorado (Boulder)
- **Jeni Clifford**—attended Colorado State University
- **Cheyenne Howell**—attended University of Northern Colorado
- **Brett Liekhus**—attended University of Colorado (Boulder)
- **Paris Smouse**—attended Colorado State University
- **Stefan Young**—attended California Institute of Polytechnic

## **Class of 2015 Recipients: awarded \$9,000 in scholarships**

- **Julia Braselton**—attended University of Colorado (Boulder)
- **Jamie Hall**—attended Colorado Mesa University
- **Theron Mekelburg**—attended Colorado State University
- **Weston Shinn**—attended Colorado State University
- **Victoria Valaski**—attended Colorado State University
- **Angelita Vasquez**—attended Metropolitan State University

## **Class of 2014 Recipients: awarded \$6,000 in scholarships**

- **Andrew DePree**—attended University of Colorado (Boulder)
- **Brittney Graves**—attended Metropolitan State University
- **Elise Hill**—attended University of Northern Colorado
- **Erin Kopel**—attended Colorado State University
- **Kayla White**—attended Colorado School of Mines

## **Class of 2013 Recipients: awarded \$3,000 in scholarships**

- **Jacob Creamer**—attended University of Colorado (Boulder)
- **Natasha Hoskins**—attended Colorado Film School
- **Rachel Schauer**—attended University of Colorado (Boulder)



# MEMBERSHIP



The Foundation is healthiest when we have a diverse pool of members. We are always seeking new members.

New website & membership management platform recently implemented to better meet the Foundation's current and future communication and management needs.

Intent to increase communication with members and reach out to non-members through new platform.

***Membership growth and activity are continued areas of focus for the upcoming year.***



# COMMUNICATIONS

The Foundation utilizes various communication methods and platforms to share information and communicate with members, others:



- Automated membership management platform utilized for member communications was updated in 2025
- New website provides information about the Foundation, our mission and activities
- Social media platforms used for timely communication with larger audience (AW alumni, community members)

***Greater awareness of the AWHHS Foundation and enhanced communications across all platforms are primary areas of focus for the upcoming year.***





# HALL OF FAME



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**Arvada West High School has had many exceptional graduates and staff in its sixty-two-year history and as a key part of our Mission, the Foundation recognizes those individuals through our Hall of Fame program.**

A Hall of Fame Honoree is a person who has demonstrated leadership, character and service, and is recognized by his or her peers for a high level of achievement in his or her field, and who has made significant contributions to that field at the community, state, national or international level.



# HALL OF FAME – PAST HONOREES



## 2024 Honorees

**David Dodson** (Class of 1978) – Firefighter/Rescue EMT; Instructor/Training Safety Officer; 1997 International Society of Fire Science Instructor of the Year; Lifetime Achievement Award 2017; author, owner/lead instructor Response Solutions

**Jon Donaldson** (Class of 1966) – Educator, administrator, Principal: Arvada West, Standley Lake, and Ralston Valley High Schools; Jeffco Review Team; Jefferson County Administrators Association Hall of Fame 2020

**Casey Malone** (class of 1995) – Four year All-American; qualifier for NCAA Championship discus at Colorado State University; discus national title 2009, 2010; discus Olympian 2004, 2008; coach at University of Colorado

## 2022 Honorees

**Mike Campbell** (class of 1966) - retired educator, administrator, community court appointed advocate, founding member of AWHS Foundation (President 2014-2020)

**Kylie Harrison (McCulloch)** (class of 2003) - All-state softball, dietitian, former Director/Manager of Community Nutrition Jeffco Public Health, advocate for at risk children and women, rare disease advocate, board member for Cure GM1 Foundation

**Dan Morris** (class of 1965) - Peace Corp, educator, President Colorado Education Association 1988-1994, consultant/trainer, Executive Director Colorado Digital Learning Solutions



# HALL OF FAME – PAST HONOREES



## 2021 Honorees

**Mary Kvamme** (retired staff) coach and teacher 1966-1995, coach of the year 1974, 1977, Colorado Coaches of Girls Sports Hall of Fame 1988

**Jason Lucas** (class of 1998) Football All-Conference/All- State, Gold Helmet Award; Rhodes Scholar, Founding Partner CEO Deutsche Finance America

**David Soucie** (class of 1977) Internationally renowned speaker, author, aviation safety inspector for FAA, CNN safety analyst and contributor

## 2020 Honoree

**Arvada Community** - During a time of dramatic economic and social upheaval due to the pandemic, the Foundation Board of Directors recognized the ENTIRE Arvada Community for exceptional contributions to the health and welfare of its inhabitants.



# HALL OF FAME – PAST HONOREES



## 2019 Honorees

**Gary Creager** (Class of 1978) - law enforcement and Chief of Police, Broomfield  
**Brian McGregor** (retired staff) - long-time educator and coach  
**Monte Otto** (retired staff—deceased) - long-time educator and vocal music director  
**Dr. Piya Sorcar** (Class of 1996) - research scientist and educator at Stanford University  
**Scott Staley** (Class of 1964) - activist for Arvada historical education & preservation  
**Dr. Stuart Winter** (Class of 1975) - long-time owner of Winter Family Dentistry

## 2018 Honorees

**Martha Wright Grant** (Class of 1965) - educator and missionary  
**Harold (Larry) Hoyt** (Class of 1969) - lawyer and advocate for gender equality  
**Julie Richardson** (Class of 1990) - businesswomen, singer, and advocate for special needs  
**Elaine Zenger** (Class of 1968) - educator, elementary principal, community activist

## 2017 Honorees

**Rob Binford** (retired staff) - former coach and Athletic Director/Assistant Principal  
**Wendy Brae Davies** (Class of 1993) - former All-State athlete, current educator and coach  
**Jim Gibson** (Class of 1976) - former All-State athlete, long-time owner of Arvada Villa & A-West supporter  
**Mike Piper** (Class of 1987) - Assistant Fire Chief, Arvada Fire Dept. & trainer in fire safety  
**Jim Pierson** (retired staff) - long-time social studies teacher & extensive supporter of student  
**Paul Sullivan** (Class of 1999) - renowned artist and creative director of film



# HALL OF FAME – PAST HONOREES



## 2016 Honorees

**Crisanta Duran** (Class of 1998) - Colorado House Minority (2015-2018)

**Larry Green** (Class of 1967) - long-time television personality/weatherman in Denver

**Kelly Kirchmar-Heger** (Class of 1985) - Speech-Language Pathologist and special needs advocate, long-time Special Olympics Coach, advocate for canine cancer research and prevention at Colorado State University

**Bob Loveridge** (Class of 1974) - long-time civic leader & President of Arvada Fire Department Board

**Cheryl (Ross) Annett** (Class of 1966) - long-time educator, watercolor artist, & founding member of AWHF Foundation

**Ron Rossi** (Class of 1967) - long-time educator & coach; leads youth program for Gold Crown Foundation

**Steve Taylor** (Class of 1974) - nationally recognized vocalist and educator at Colorado Christian University

## 2015 Honorees

**Dale Anderson** (Class of 1965) - retired educator and past Principal at Arvada West

**Ralph (Bill) Ashton** (retired staff) - Chemistry teacher, long-time civic leader & founding member of AWHF Foundation

**Kendra Ball Fleishman** (Class of 1982) - artist & sculptor and educator

**Barbara Dorrough Gablehouse** (Class of 1969) - pediatrician specializing in serving children of all economic levels and insurance status

**Jayne Gibson McHugh** (Class of 1978) - All-State, All-American athlete & member of 1988 Olympic volleyball team and community activist in cancer care

**Gary Ramstetter** (Class of 1974) - educator at Alamosa H.S. for 31 years & nationally recognized coach



# HALL OF FAME – PAST HONOREES



## 2014 Honorees

- Luke Heesacker** (Class of 1965) - owner of Arvada Rent-Alls, Arvada Chamber Man of the Year (2012) & community supporter
- Michael Klug** (Class of 1985) - former MIT research scientist in holographic visualization technology
- Angie Gustafson Parker** (Class of 1967) - national expert in distant and online education
- Janet Pease** (retired staff) - distinguished A-West teacher for forty years (1968-2008)
- Dr. Kathleen Sawada** (Class of 1970) - retired former Naval medical officer now a practicing physician in Denver
- Jon Sinclair** (Class of 1975) - nationally and internationally recognized long distance runner

## 2013 Honorees

- Kim Christiansen** (Class of 1979) - television anchor at KUSA (Denver) & breast cancer prevention activist
- Bob Dyer** (Class of 1967) - former City Councilman, local business owner, and community supporter
- Connie Ellisor** (Class of 1971) - nationally & internationally recognized musician & composer
- Cynthia Hessin** (Class of 1969) - Executive Producer & journalist at Colorado Public Broadcasting
- Dr. David Keefer** (Class of 1966) - senior scientist for U.S. Geological Survey
- Jim Mikkelson** (Class of 1966) - national renowned technology expert & leader in development of microchip
- Dr. Arthur O'Hanian** (retired staff) - first Principal of Arvada West & former Superintendent of Jeffco Schools
- Dr. Peter Van Arsdale** (Class of 1965) - internationally renowned cultural anthropologist





# OTHER FOUNDATION BOARD ACTIONS



# MISSION FULFILLMENT



In addition to our robust post-secondary Scholarship and Hall of Fame programs, the Foundation supports AW students, staff, and the AWHS community as we work to meet our Mission.





## **Mission Fulfillment 2025 (as of September 1, 2025):**

- **Support AW activities (Student Capstone Project Review, National Honor Society Leadership Conference...)**
- **Listed as a Charitable Organization for Colorado Gives Day**
- **Active Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce**
- **Relationships with AWHS Feeder Schools & Post-secondary Institutions**
- **Solicitation of candidates for AWHS Foundation's 2026 Hall of Fame**

## **Mission Fulfillment 2024:**

- **Selection of three alumni/staff as AWHSF Hall of Fame honorees for induction in October 2024**
- **AWHS Faculty & Staff Workday Breakfast**
- **Listed as a Charitable Organization for Colorado Gives Day**
- **Support AW National Honor Society Leadership Conference**
- **Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce**
- **Relationships with AWHS Feeder Schools & Post-secondary Institutions**

## **Mission Fulfillment 2023:**

- **Recognition of six alumni/staff as AWHSF Hall of Fame inductees (2021 & 2022)**
- **Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce**
- **Support AW National Honor Society Leadership Conference**
- **Relationships with AWHS Feeder Schools & Post-secondary Institutions**

# MISSION FULFILLMENT - HISTORY



## Mission Fulfillment 2022:

- Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- Support AW National Honor Society Leadership Conference
- Relationships with AWHs Feeder Schools & Post-secondary Institutions

## Mission Fulfillment 2021:

- Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- Donation to Drake Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Program
- Relationships with AWHs Feeder Schools & Post-secondary Institutions

## Mission Fulfillment 2020:

- Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- Support AW National Honor Society Leadership Conference
  - Foundation Board Speaker

## Mission Fulfillment 2019:

- Member of the Arvada Historical Society
- Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- Donation to the Arvada West H.S. After Prom
- Support AW National Honor Society Leadership Conference
- A-West Trick or Treat Street

## Mission Fulfillment 2018:

- Member of the Arvada Historical Society
- Family Support during Holiday Season
- Support AW National Honor Society Leadership Conference
- Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- Donation to the Arvada West H.S. After Prom
- A-West Trick or Treat Street

## Mission Fulfillment 2017:

- Family Support during Holiday Season
- Member of the Arvada Historical Society
- Support AW National Honor Society Leadership Conference
- Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- Donation to the Arvada West H.S. After Prom
- A-West Trick or Treat Street

## Mission Fulfillment 2016:

- Member of the Arvada Historical Society
- Member of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- Donation to the Arvada West H.S. After Prom



# FOUNDATION STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2024-2026 Strategic Plan:

### Developed & Adopted in late 2024

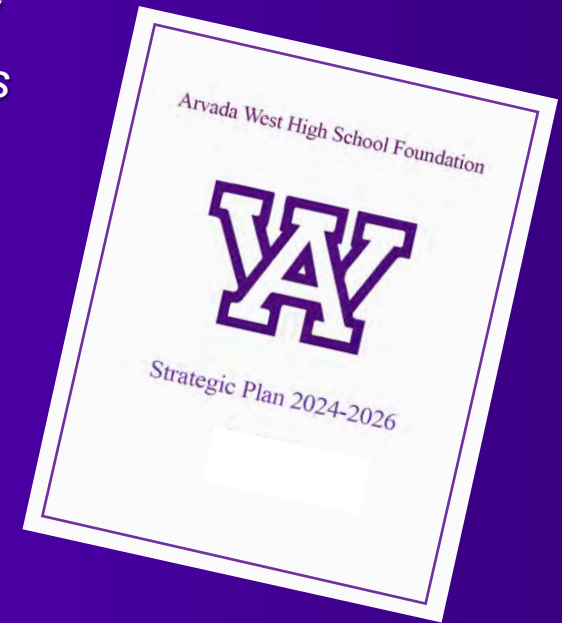
- Serves as the Foundation's operational guideline for the years 2024, 2025, 2026

### AWHSF Vision

- *The AWHS Foundation will be a resource to help AW students become productive and impactful individuals and citizens by providing scholarships for secondary education and other training to graduating seniors.*

### AWHSF Values

- *A well-educated society*
- *Integrity*
- *Transparency*
- *Inclusiveness*
- *Relevance*
- *Honor*



# FOUNDATION STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2025-26 Strategic Goals:

### **Goal 1 - A Sustainable & Financially Secure Scholarship Program**

- Scholarships that support academic and alternative educations
- Increase awareness of scholarship availability

### **Goal 2 – Increase & Enhance Membership Program**

- Employ a multi-level approach to increase active membership
- Leverage capacity of membership management program
- Enhance member education and experience
- Add a multi-tier membership option for non-individual participation

### **Goal 3 - Maintain & Strengthen the Foundation's Financial Stability**

- Diversify funding sources
- Increase donations to the Foundation
- Maintain a reserve funding mechanism





# 2025 BOARD ELECTION



# BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION



## 2025 Election Results:

**Directors elected to the AWHF Foundation Board for a two-year term (2025-2027) include:**

- **Gary Barngrover (1966)**
- **Calleen Blatter (1981)**
- **Kendra Cheese (1966)**
- **Lynn Moore (1973)**
- **Dan Morris (1965)**
- **Cindi Robeck (1966)**

**Additional AWHF Foundation Board Directors include:**

- Dale Anderson (1965)
- Mike Campbell (1966)
- Derek Everett (1998)
- Katie Groke (1999)
- Tammy Yonkie (1978)





# ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



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## **AWS Foundation Board Meetings:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Officer elections for one-year terms occur at October meeting
- Meetings are in-person and virtual - all members are welcome to attend

## **2026 Hall of Fame**

- Nominations are being taken for Hall of Fame honorees
- Nomination information & forms are available on our website
- Questions? Send inquiry to:  
[arvadawesthighschoolfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:arvadawesthighschoolfoundation@gmail.com)



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



## All-Volunteer Board of Directors

### 2024-2025 AWHS Foundation Officers:

Lynn Moore – President

Tammy Yonkie - Vice President/Secretary

Cindi Robeck - Treasurer

**2025 Arvada West High School Liaison to the AWHS Foundation:** Terry Gardner



# AWHS FOUNDATION INFORMATION



***PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH!***



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# ADJOURNMENT



## THE ARVADA WEST HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION 2012 – 2025

*Celebrating our 14<sup>th</sup> year as a supporter of AWHHS students, staff and members of the Arvada community!*

