

Washburn High School Foundation

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Dear Friends,

Greetings to all supporters of Washburn and the WHS Foundation! This newsletter is about YOU. Oh sure, the fall of 2017 has been filled with the typical flurry of new classes, sports events, social events and musical and theatrical productions at Washburn. With the help of our board members, WHS staff, and students, we have compiled many of the highlights in the pages to follow. But my favorite thing about the fall Legacy newsletter is the opportunity it gives us to acknowledge and thank YOU -- our very faithful and generous supporters. I'm guessing you also enjoy glancing through the many donor names to find classmates and teachers from your years at Washburn or your community connections.

My hope, as you read this letter and get caught up on the happenings at Washburn, is that the spark of Miller Pride will ignite for you as it does for me. After almost nine years of working with the WHS Foundation in support of Washburn, my wife and I were proud to welcome our oldest child to the Miller family this fall. Our daughter represents the fourth generation of our family to attend Washburn, and we couldn't be happier to continue to cheer for the Orange and Blue. Having successfully taken on the new role of "Washburn Parent," I can confirm that our students are engaged, they are challenged, they are learning, and they are having fun.

With the growth we are seeing at Washburn, there are new classrooms, new teachers and new opportunities for us to enhance the experience of students and staff. News stories reinforce the reality that public school budgets cannot meet the full need. We are so grateful that you -- our alumni, parents, and community supporters -- continue to add that extra push needed to turn the Washburn experience into something extraordinary.

On behalf of the WHSF board, the Washburn faculty and administration, and the current students and families, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Go Millers!

Mark Bachman, '91 • President, WHS Foundation



Mark ('91) and Julia ('21) Bachman

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ACADEMICS

Fall Mini-Grants: Your Gifts at Work

Thanks to you and your contributions, the Foundation granted nearly \$25,000 this fall to our WHS teachers, staff and coaches. Your gifts make a difference in the classroom, in the halls, and on the field and courts.

Please pass on our thanks to the Washburn High School Foundation for the grant it awarded the Girls' Soccer Program for books. We were able to pass them out at our year-end banquet and it added so much to the evening. I introduced the book - *Play Like a Girl - How a Soccer School in Kenya's Slums Started a Revolution* by Ellie Roscher and said the following:

We were fortunate to be able to buy all the girls in the program this book after we received a mini-grant from the Washburn High School Foundation, supplemented by a few Washburn Soccer families. This book is an opportunity to think beyond ourselves and our situations, to learn from the struggles of others and realize the difference we can make in our own lives and the lives of others around us...We have a roomful of thriving girls who will go on to do amazing things in their own lives, within their families, in their community and beyond. Girls- don't underestimate what your

strength, determination and hard work can do. We encourage you all to read your book, learn from it, share it and continue to make change.

Then three of our players stood up to talk about Ellie Roscher's story, the book itself and what "playing like a girl" means to them. It was amazing! We made bookmarks to go in each of the books with the player's name on it and the following quote from Pele: "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." Thanks for giving us this opportunity.



Cheryl Peterson, Girls Varsity Soccer Coach

MILLERBOTS WORK TOWARDS NATIONALS

Founded in 2008, the Millerbots is the FIRST robotics team at Washburn. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology) is an international organization that hosts annual competitions to inspire students to pursue science and engineering careers.



Because the team follows the motto "We learn by watching doing," the mentors and coaches teach valuable skills instead of merely demonstrating them. Students lead and execute 100% of the operations, taking roles that traditionally would be filled by teachers and parents. As a result, they learn to collaborate as one, to pass on their knowledge to younger members, and grow into great leaders.

The students showcase their robots at schools, bookstores, and state events to spread awareness of FIRST Robotics in the community. They work to show others the importance and fun of robotics and engineering.

The group has had a long-time goal to compete at Nationals, and this year their chances are higher than ever. They have raised \$12,000 so they can participate in a second regional for the first time in eight years. With around 20 dedicated students, putting in around 300 hours of participation annually, they are hopeful their hard work and passion for robotics will pay off.





Visual Arts and the Community

In the visual arts department, advanced ceramic students from Cristina Benz and Nancy Hinz's classes were able to go to the Northern Clay Center to participate in a raku firing. Studio art students are also participating in a national project called "Our Story, Your Story." This project tells the stories of immigration and migration through their own stories. Students went to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts to work on preparing their stories.

Piano keyboarding class finds a home at Washburn

This fall the piano keyboarding class moved to its own secure classroom as a result of construction at WHS. Until now, the keyboards had been stored in the hallway outside of the music rooms due to space limitations. Keyboarding courses began in 2015 at Washburn and have grown to teach 85 students this year. David Ritsema started at Washburn in 2015 and teaches piano keyboarding, guitar, and IB Music.



Fall Musical Features New Performers

The fall musical production featuring freshmen, sophomores and anyone new to Washburn High School was "Heathers The Musical." This marked the Minnesota premiere of the high school version of this dark musical comedy based on the 1980s cult film classic "Heathers." The show addresses difficult themes like bullying, suicide and toxic relationships through the eyes of Veronica, a brainy misfit who makes her way into the most powerful and ruthless clique at Westerberg High: the Heathers. The show has a Minnesota connection as the high school was named after Paul Westerberg, a musician who grew up in the Washburn community and was the front man for the Replacements.





ATHLETICS

Participation in WHS athletics continues to grow along with the school's highest student enrollment in recent history.

Cross Country - This program continues to be one of the best in the state. Both boys and girls won the conference title again. Four runners received all-state honors and competed at the state tournament. Junior Emily Covert became the first female Minneapolis Public School athlete to win the girls State Championship and broke the state record finishing time. Grace Dickel finished 13 for girls; Caleb Haugland and Joseph Minor finished 10 and 12 for the boys, respectively.

Girls Soccer - Ranked as the #2 team in the state all season. With an overall regular season record of 14-1-1, they won the conference title again with a 6-0 record before losing to Wayzata (#1 in state) in the Section Finals. The team had three All-State players: Charlotte DeVaughn (also a Ms. Soccer finalist), Lydia Ruppert, and Hannah Heinemann - all seniors.

Junior Emily Covert won the State Cross Country Meet on November 4 at St. Olaf College. Photo credit: Bruce Adelsman/skinnyski.com

Boys Soccer - Finished the season 10-3-2, the team was ranked as high as #6 in the state and finished in a three-way tie with South and Southwest for the conference title. Three players made the All-State team: Senior Cooper Wells and Sophomores Darley Florvil and Jameson Charles. With so many soccer players, the program added a fifth team.

Football - The team had a hard-working group led by its senior class who were all four-year players. With very little depth this season the team finished the regular season 2-6. They won the first round of the playoffs against St. Paul Central 22-12 to advance to the semifinals against #1 overall Mahtomedi.

Girls Tennis - The team finished the season strong finishing second in the conference. They lost a tough conference title match to rival Southwest. They had 27 girls participate this season in a program that is growing.

Girls Volleyball - Had a solid season finishing second in the conference. They lost a close three-set match to Benilde St. Margaret in the section semifinals.

Girls Swimming - Four girls qualified for the State tournament - Eleanor Dolan, Maddie Dieffenbach, Annika Roe, Anika Johnson -- in two different relays. Anika Johnson also qualified as an individual for both the 200- and 500-Yard freestyle swim.



Senior Anna Christian won her third consecutive state mountain biking championship October 29 at Mt. Kato in Mankato.



Carter Holmes: Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

Carter Holmes was inducted into the athletic hall of fame during homecoming. A 1968 graduate, he led the cross country team to a Conference Championship, was the Twin City indoor 2-mile Champion, an All-State Honorable Mention runner. He was named an All-City athlete five times in cross country, wrestling and track. While at the U of M, he lettered in both track and cross country and was part of the 1969 Big Ten Championship Cross Country team. As a career sports official, Carter officiated 11 different high school sports and eight different sports at the college, club, and amateur level.

Tom Crouch: Washburn Booster



When Tom Crouch walked to Washburn High School to begin his sophomore year in September 1960, he was following two older brothers into the school doors. Like his brothers, he played basketball and football and enjoyed a happy school social life. By the time he graduated in 1963, he had a wide group of friends, many of whom he still has today. And most importantly, he met his future wife, Paula ('64), in the halls of Washburn.

When Tom was invited to become a member of the WHS Foundation Board, he accepted the opportunity to give back to his school and community. In 1999, Tom joined a group of five other like-aged alums and helped grow the Foundation assets and diversify the

board. In his 15 years on the board, Tom has helped us explore ways to expand our impact on WHS, and has seen lots of change. For example:

- Mini-grants to teachers and staff were \$50 each in 1999 and are now \$500 each in 2017.
- The six-member board has grown to fourteen members representing a variety of parents, alums and community members.
- Washburn is again highly regarded in the community, with continued enrollment growth and recognition.

Though Tom has officially retired from the board, he has been given a well-earned title of emeritus. This is in recognition of all the work he continues to do, advising the board, making community connections, helping with events and communicating with other alums and donors. Most recently, he was a part of the committee that planned the second annual homecoming tailgate event. Thank you, Tom, for giving back to Washburn.

Ten Years of Growth at Washburn

Ten years after Washburn's fresh start - which was announced in March 2008 - the school is flourishing. Ethan Oscarson started at Washburn that fall. While he initially thought of attending South High School, he chose Washburn because it was two blocks from home and had a robotics team. "I was always interested in engineering and the fact that they had the team put it at the top of the list." He had also been running with the cross country team while still in middle school.



While at Washburn, Ethan served on student council and worked to improve student engagement. "We had about 60 kids attend the Sadie Hawkins dance," he said. His graduating class had 169 students. Now, Washburn has about 1650 students enrolled.

The robotics team has continued to grow and the cross country team has nearly 100 runners.

After graduation, Ethan attended the University of Minnesota and is now a mechanical engineer. His sister, Hannah, graduated from Washburn in 2017 and another sister, Abby, is a sophomore. "Washburn is a powerhouse," he said. "It's unbelievable to see how it's grown!"

Students Helping Students

This fall two students showed their Miller Pride by collecting school supply donations for the Washburn Cares committee. Working closely with the school social workers, Washburn Cares is a group of parents and students who work to meet the needs of students at Washburn with a focus on the homeless/highly mobile students.

Samantha Wheeler (class of 2017) collected supplies for Washburn by asking friends, family, and neighbors for donations. Senior Will Anderson committed his Eagle Scout project to collecting supplies for Washburn. He created a collection plan, sent flyers to neighbors, and used the assistance of other scouts to collect more than 60 backpacks, 276 notebooks, 2,000 pencils/pens, 300 folders, 26 binders, and more for his fellow classmates.

Thank You Donors!

The Washburn high School Foundation would like to thank the following people who made donations between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Because of you, we are able to continue our goal of making Washburn High School the top high school in Minneapolis with the best teachers, the best resources and the best-prepared students for the future. **Thank you for your continuous support and donations!**

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Locker and Weight Room Renovations

Washburn's locker rooms and weight room were renovated during the spring and early summer as part of a series of upgrades to the school. The weight room is used for both physical education classes and athletics. Additional school renovations are underway to improve the facility for teaching.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note that dates sometimes change.

To confirm dates and learn about other events visit www.washburn.mpls.k12.mn.us/calendar_of_events.

December 18-19: Winter concerts **March 1-4, 8-11:** Spring musical "Hairspray" **June 7:** Graduation

