

WARREN/ALVARADO/OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

May 13, 2026

A meeting of the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo (WAO) Public School Education Foundation was held at the WAO HS Library on May 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Members present included Ed Rosendahl, Lisa Almquist, Carol Anderson, Melanie Nelson, Jessica Syverson, Rodger Haugtvedt, Bob Conely, and Dewey Swanson. Also present were Sally Roller and Ashley Reinier, school board liaisons, Superintendent Bryan Hackbarth and Office Manager, Lydia Ranstrom were also in attendance.

Some highlights from the meeting are:

- FCCLA Advisor Jessinda Dahlin and some of the FCCLA students shared about their projects that they presented at state. Twelve off the WAO students qualified at state and will move on to nationals in Washington DC in July. A motion was made and seconded to give each girl \$100 towards the trip to DC.
- The 2027 budget was approved.
- Warren Dairy Queen dilly bar gift certificates were given to the teaching staff for National Teacher Day on May 5th
- Plans were finalized for Scholarship Night on May 20th. Melanie Nelson and Sally Roller will present. Other board members will help with pictures following the program.
- The spring issue of the "Connections" will go to print in early June.
- An additional \$50 was approved for Ashley Vongroven, math interventionalist, for rewards for the students that have reached their goals for this school year.
- Jessica Syverson will be in charge of our involvement in the Marshall County Fair Parade on July 22nd.
- Nick Engfer, WAO Art Teacher, designed and made a key chain for us to use as a gift to the graduating seniors.
- School supplies for the elementary students for the next school year will be all purchased locally with funds coming from the CJ Anderson Endowment. Lisa Almquist will be in charge of coordinating this project.
- Raffle tickets for the \$100 raffle and 50/50 tickets were distributed. The drawings will be at our 21st Annual Golf Scramble on July 24th.
- The school buildings will be open on July 25th for people to visit and see the building/remodel project. Specific details of times etc. will be announced later.
- Donations and memorials were accepted and approved.

The next meeting will be on June 10th at 5:30 at the WAO Multi-Purpose Room.

- The business meeting closed and the guests left as the board made decisions on the scholarship selections.
- Following is a list of the 2026 recipients.

2026 WAO Education Foundation Scholarships

- Albert R. Chruszch Memorial Scholarship \$2,500
- Blair Potucek
- Noah Dvorak

- Alvarado Lions Scholarship \$1,000
- 2 year - Ava Wittman
- 4 year - Carissa Monroe

- Beverly & David Duckstad Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Ava Maruska

- Bob Mattson/Dave Schroeder Scholarship \$500
- Rylan Fredrickson

- Chris Riopelle Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Cooper Deschene

- Clifford & Richard Adrian Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Noah Dvorak

- Curt & Fay Kuznia Family Endowment Scholarship \$500
- Markelle Pederson

- David Judovsky Family Farm Scholarship \$1000
- Blair Potucek

- Dennis & Louise Brekke & Family Endowment \$1,000
- Chase Kalt

- Don & Shirley Mager STEM Scholarship \$1,000
- Carissa Monroe
- Cooper Deschene

- Edwin C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
- Cooper Deschene

- Elizabeth A. Porter Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Carissa Monroe

- Eric Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Elliott Clark

- Fern Gilbert Memorial Scholarship \$1,500
- Ava Maruska

- Gary Schuler Endowment Scholarship \$2,500
- Markelle Pederson

- Kyden Kotrba
- Greg M. Haugen Memorial Scholarships \$2,000 (renewable)
- Kyden Kotrba
- Dalton Nelson
- *Jorie Miska
- Annie Peterson
- Noah Sedlacek
- Janice (Jan) Johnston Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
- Jorie Miska
- Jeanne E. Kotrba Memorial Scholarships \$2,000
- Michael Elseth
- Tucker Franks
- Matthew Johnson
- Kainen Koponen
- Markelle Pederson
- Ava Wittman
- JeM Evin Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Rylan Fredrickson
- Jim & Joyce Boardson Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 (renewable)
- Savannah Corbin
- Noah Dvorak
- Madeline Hamrick
- Chase Kalt
- Ella Otterstetter
- Jim Johnston Football Scholarship \$1,000
- Chase Kalt
- John & LaVerne (Storbakken) Messelt Education Scholarship \$1500
- Ava Maruska
- Justin “Huggie” Haugtvedt Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Cooper Deschene
- Tucker Franks
- Louie & Gertie Kuznia Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Ethan Ellerbusch
- Lowell B. Goplin Scholarship \$1,000
- Matthew Johnson

- Lyle H. Engelstad Scholarships \$2,500
- Savannah Corbin
- Madeline Hamrick

- Merrill & Mildred Stroble Memorial Scholarships \$2,000
- Ava Maruska
- Mikailah Brekke

- Morris & Ivy Maruska Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
- Ava Maruska

- Myron & Margaret Carlson Scholarship \$1,000
- Ava Maruska
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- Noble & Dorothy Storbakken Memorial Education Scholarship
- \$1500
- Ava Maruska

- OJ Peyton Memorial Scholarship \$250
- Chase Kalt

- Paula Laudal Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Mikailah Brekke
- Kainen Koponen

- Percy & Fern Gilbert Scholarship \$750
- Tucker Franks

- Percy Gilbert Memorial Scholarship \$1,500
- Michael Elseth

- Rachel Peterson Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
- Ella Otterstetter
- Richard P. Nelson Memorial Scholarship \$1000
- Markelle Pederson
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- Robert L. Strandberg Memorial Scholarships \$1,000 (renewable)
- Elliott Clark
- Sebastian Johnson

- Ron & Eleanor Wallenberg Memorial Scholarship \$500
- * Matthew Johnson

- Scott E. Forbes Memorial Scholarship \$400
- Chase Kalt

- Stefan Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Matthew Johnson

- Tracy Chruszch Memorial Scholarships \$2,500
- Carissa Monroe
- Rachel Wimpfheimer

- Vivian Olson Scholarship \$500
- Markelle Pederson

- WAO Education Foundation Scholarships \$2,000
- Ethan Ellerbusch
- Matthew Johnson
- Markelle Pederson

- WAO Education Foundation Scholarships \$1500
- Eli Solvik

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- Aiden Fitzgerald
- Carissa Monroe
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- Cooper Deschene
- Tucker Franks
- Rachel Wimpfheimer
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- WHS Class of 1953 Scholarship \$1,000
- Aiden Fitzgerald

- WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship \$1,000
- Aiden Fitzgerald

- WHS Class of 1959 Scholarship \$500
- Eli Solvik
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- WHS Class of 1969 Scholarships \$1,000
- Rylan Fredrickson
- Noah Sedlacek

- Warren Volunteer Ambulance Corps Scholarship \$1,000

- Kainen Koponen

- Wayne Wrolson Memorial Scholarship \$2000
- Ryan Fredrickson
- Matthew Johnson
- Ella Otterstetter
- Markelle Pederson
- Annie Peterson
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- William Porter Memorial Scholarship \$500
- Michael Elseth

NOT SELECTED by the FOUNDATION, but PRESENTED BY THE FOUNDATION

- Stuart Hurst Angel Award \$1,000
- Kenny Przybyla