

**Warren/Alvarado/Oslo  
Public School  
Education Foundation**

**2022 Annual Report**

**WAO High School  
Multi-Purpose Room**

**March 29, 2023  
5:30 PM**

**Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Public School  
Education Foundation  
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**Mission Statement**

**The WAO Education Foundation Promotes the highest quality education in our communities through the enhancement of public school education programs, projects and activities; the establishment and awarding of post-secondary scholarships; and the creation of private support opportunities for public elementary and secondary education.**

**Vision Statement**

**The Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Public School Education Foundation envisions community commitment to education which:**

- \*Unites the district, providing the highest quality educational program and opportunities**
- \* Enhances the learning experience of our youth**
- \*Recognizes and rewards the initiative of educators**
- \* Encourages the post-secondary educational aspiration of young people**

**Annual Meeting Agenda  
WAO Education Foundation  
March 29, 2023**

<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Melanie Nelson, Vice Chair</b>
<b>Notice of the Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Darren Carlson, Secretary</b>
<b>2022 Financial Reports</b>	<b>Katie Holte, Phil Thompson &amp; Assoc.</b>
<b>2022 Scholarship Recipients</b>	<b>Carol Bowman, Treasurer</b>
<b>2022 Classroom Purchases</b>	<b>Carol Bowman, Treasurer</b>
<b>Chairman's Report</b>	
<b>Committee Reports:</b>	<b>Carol Bowman, Treasurer</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	
<b>Alumni</b>	
<b>Grants</b>	
<b>New Scholarships</b>	
<b>Motion to Adjourn</b>	<b>Melanie Nelson, Vice Chair</b>
<b>Presentation by Staff:</b>	<b>Jane Strand, Drone Demonstration</b>

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Education Foundation  
Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, March 29th, 5:30 pm  
Multi-Purpose Room*

**WARREN/ALVARADO/OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING**  
**March 16, 2022**

The annual meeting of the WAO Public School Education Foundation was held at the WAO High School Multipurpose Room on March 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. Members present included Melanie Nelson, Carol Bowman, Duane Swanson, Russell Miller, and Pamela Jubie. Jordan Johnson, school board liaison.

Melanie extended a welcome and read the Mission Statement.

**Notice of Annual Meeting:** Pam read the annual meeting notice.

**2021 Financial Reports:** Katie Holte, Phil Thompson & Associates, reviewed the 2021 year-end statements with comparison to 2020. Any questions were addressed.

**2021 Scholarship Recipients:** Scholarship night, 46 scholarships valued at \$99,300 (including renewable funds) were presented. In January 2022, \$85,200 was paid out (approximately 86%).

**2021 Classroom Purchases:** Purchases totaling \$49,051.30 were approved by the Foundation.

**Chairman's Report:** Available for review in booklet. Carol A. reiterated how appreciative the Foundation is of the great support from the WAO community, alumni, and local businesses with donations. She again thanked the board members and volunteers for all their hard work over the year.

**Committee Reports:** See Exhibit A of Annual Report for details.

**Fundraising:** Total raised in 2021 was \$35,692.47.

**Alumni:** Total membership 1394.

**Grants:** None reported.

**New Scholarships:** Three scholarships were presented for the first time in 2021 – the Betty Melgard Scholarship, the Stefan Johnson Memorial Scholarship, and the Bob Mattson and Dave Schroeder Scholarship. The Stuart Hurst Angel Award was also established and presented for the first time.

**Call for Adjournment:** Pam made a motion to adjourn the annual meeting and Russ seconded. Motion carried.

**Staff Presentations:** WAO Elementary Kindergarten teachers – Cindy Franks, Sadie Gornowicz, and Lana Maruska – shared their classroom experiences with the 3 sets of kitchen sets which were purchased through the Foundation. The sets allow for dramatic play with the children role-playing which builds social skills and aids in language/vocabulary development. They shared giant thank-you letters from the classes and pictures.

WAO Special Education teacher, Mary Stanislawski, spoke of the Kindness Cart which was funded through the Foundation. The Kindness Cart was manned by special education students who would bring treats to teaching staff of both schools. The kids loved it and teachers greatly appreciated the gesture.

# WARREN / ALVARADO / OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

A Non-Profit Corporation  
Statement of Profit and Loss  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2021 and 2022

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Donations	22,542.75	15,885.30	6,657.45
Designated Funds	35,787.00	35,995.00	(208.00)
<u>Fund Raiser Income:</u>			
Golf Tournament	33,984.00	30,081.00	3,903.00
Misc Fundraisers	12,263.00	13,677.00	(1,414.00)
<u>Dividend/Interest Income:</u>			
Bremer Checking	123.03	13.64	109.39
General Fund (Frandsen)	19,089.71	16,760.92	2,328.79
Haugen Scholarship (Schwab)	24,243.50	21,720.35	2,523.15
Capital Gains/Loss Realized	1,062.90	16,180.89	(15,117.99)
Memberships	3,100.00	2,850.00	250.00
Memorials	14,958.00	19,250.00	(4,292.00)
Scholarships	72,120.00	110,305.30	(38,185.30)
Tribute	1,450.00	320.00	1,130.00
<b>Total REVENUE</b>	<b>240,723.89</b>	<b>283,039.40</b>	<b>(42,315.51)</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Advertising	4,632.28	1,592.04	3,040.24
Board Meeting Expense	220.43	-	220.43
Designated Funds Expense	8,211.20	8,787.53	(576.33)
Donation Expense	-	-	-
Donor Wall	556.57	966.85	(410.28)
Investment Fees	7,307.05	7,460.46	(153.41)
<u>Fund Raiser Expense:</u>			
Golf Tournament	5,859.83	3,787.99	2,071.84
Misc Fundraisers	5,000.00	5,100.00	(100.00)
Needs Survey Expense	44,875.34	42,893.77	1,981.57
Miscellaneous Expense	35.78	117.70	(81.92)
Insurance	837.00	819.00	18.00
Office Expense	3,235.82	3,793.61	(557.79)
Postage	651.46	705.10	(53.64)
Printing	10,642.00	10,150.00	492.00
Scholarship Expense	87,950.00	51,800.00	36,150.00
Professional Fees	3,074.00	2,700.00	374.00
Director Fee Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Office Wages/Payroll Tax	4,430.66	3,875.40	555.26
<b>Total EXPENSES</b>	<b>188,719.42</b>	<b>145,749.45</b>	<b>42,969.97</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>52,004.47</b>	<b>137,289.95</b>	<b>(85,285.48)</b>
Capital Gains/Loss Unrealized	(291,571.90)	253,850.87	(545,422.77)

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**BALANCE SHEETS**  
December 31, 2021 and 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Difference between 2021 and 2022</u>
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
Checking - Bremer	166,591.83	165,973.59	618.24
Checking - American Federal	1,159.18	1,007.76	151.42
Total Current Assets	167,751.01	166,981.35	769.66
<b><u>RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS</u></b>			
Charles Schwab Greg Haugen	1,144,206.20	1,189,470.87	(45,264.67)
Frandsen Bank & Trust (Scholarships)	841,000.54	1,036,073.71	(195,073.17)
Total Restricted Asssets	1,985,206.74	2,225,544.58	(240,337.84)
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b>2,152,957.75</b>	<b>2,392,525.93</b>	<b>(239,568.18)</b>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>			
Unrestricted	167,751.01	166,981.35	769.66
Temporarily Restricted	-	-	-
Permanently Restricted	1,985,206.74	2,225,544.58	(240,337.84)
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</u></b>	<b>2,152,957.75</b>	<b>2,392,525.93</b>	<b>(239,568.18)</b>

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**NET INCOME COMPOSITION**  
December 31, 2021 and 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Checking Account - Bremer	\$ 618.24	\$ 29,707.94
Checking Account - American Federal	\$ 151.42	\$ 187.86
Frandsen Bank & Trust	\$ (195,073.17)	\$ 111,075.74
Greg M. Haugen Fund - Schwab	\$ (45,264.67)	\$ 250,196.83





# Scholarships Awarded in 2022

**Albert R. Chruszch Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Elizabeth Parker, Patrick Maruska*

**Alvarado Lions Club Scholarship \$500:** *Noah Rodriguez, Camden Parkhurst*

**Bob Mattson & Dave Schroeder Scholarship \$500:** *Elise Oberg*

**Chris Riopelle Memorial Scholarship \$300:** *Conner Mercil*

**Clifford & Richard Adrian Memorial Scholarship \$500:** *Thomas Bienek*

**Curt & Fay Kuznia Family Endowment Scholarship \$500:** *Gracie Anderson*

**David Joseph Haugen Memorial Scholarship \$500:** *Patrick Maruksa*

**David Judovsky Family Farm Scholarship \$1000:** *Paige Jadeke*

**Dennis & Louise Brekke and Family Endowment \$1000:** *Elise Oberg*

**Don & Shirley Mager STEM Scholarship \$1000:** *Thomas Bienek, Gavin Gillikson*

**Edwin C Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Hunter Steer*

**Elizabeth A Porter Honorary Scholarship \$500:** *Derek Bodek*

**Fern Gilbert Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Paige Jadeke*

**Gary Schuler Endowment Scholarship \$1000:** *Gavin Gullikson, Elise Oberg*

**Greg M Haugen Memorial Scholarship \$1000 (renewable):** *Thomas Bienek, Elise Oberg,  
Hunter Steer, Elizabeth Parker, Paige Jadeke*

**Jeanne E Kotrba Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Patrick Maruska, Conner Mercil*

**Jeanne E Kotrba Memorial Scholarship \$2000:** *Hunter Steer, Lily Bayne, Gracie Anderson,  
Paige Jadeke, Elizabeth Johnson*

**Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship \$500:** *Patrick Maruska*

**Jumpstart Scholarship \$500:** *Noely Rodriguez*

**Justin "Huggie" Haugtvedt Memorial Scholarship \$500:** *Conner Mercil, Hunter Steer*

**Louie & Gertrude Kuznia Memorial Scholarship \$500:** *Lily Bayne*

# Scholarships Awarded in 2022

**Lowell B Goplin Scholarship (formerly Class of 1960) \$1000:** *Lily Bayne*

**Lyle H Engelstad Scholarship \$1000:** *Gavin Gullikson, Conner Mercil, Elise Oberg*

**Lyle H Engelstad Scholarship \$2000:** *Thomas Bienek*

**Merrill & Mildred Stroble Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Lindsey Bring, Paige Jadeke*

**Morris & Ivy Maruska Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Lindsey Bring*

**Muriel Maruska / Roley Scholarship \$500:** *Noely Rodriguez*

**Myron & Margaret Carlson Scholarship \$950:** *Paige Jadeke*

**O.J. Peyton Memorial Scholarship \$250:** *Gavin Gullikson*

**Oslo Alumni Association Scholarship \$675:** *Noah Rodriguez, Lily Bayne*

**Paula Laudal Memorial Scholarship \$500:** *Alyssa Loeslie, Camden Parkhurst*

**Percy Gilbert Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Elizabeth Parker*

**Richard P Nelson Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Elise Oberg*

**Robert L Strandberg Memorial Scholarship \$1000 (renewable):** *Thomas Bienek, Gracie Anderson*

**Scott E Forbes Memorial Scholarship \$400:** *Gavin Gullikson*

**Stefan Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$500:** *Elizabeth Johnson, Elise Oberg*

**Stuart Hurst Angel Award \$500:** *Alex Scheie*

**Tracy Chruszch Memorial Scholarship \$1000:** *Hunter Steer, Noely Rodriguez*

**Vivian Olson Scholarship \$500:** *Hunter Steer*

**Warren Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Scholarship \$1000:** *Noely Rodriguez*

**WAO Ed Foundation Scholarships \$500:** *Camden Parkhurst*

**WAO Ed Foundation Scholarships \$1000:** *Elizabeth Parker, Noah Rodriguez, Lily Bayne,  
Veronica Kaiser*

**WAO Ed Foundation Scholarships \$2000:** *Lindsey Bring, Gavin Gullikson*

# Scholarships Awarded in 2022

**WHS Class of 1953 Scholarship \$1000:** *Maylie Solberg*

**WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship \$1000:** *Maylie Solberg*

**WHS Class of 1959 / Lyle Anderson Football Challenge Scholarship \$500:** *Camden Parkhurst*

**WHS Class of 1969 Scholarship \$1000:** *Lindsey Bring*

**William G Porter Memorial Scholarship \$500:** *Gracie Anderson*

**\$68,250 Awarded in 2022**

**\$61,325 Paid out in January 2023 (approx 90%)**

*\$6,925 not paid (not in school / no info received and \$1250 not paid out until 2<sup>nd</sup> year)*

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**\$15,000 Haugen renewable from previous years – paid \$11,000 (approx 73%)**  
*(5 students not in school but 1 student paid from 2018 that went back to school)*

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**\$6,000 Strandberg renewable from previous years – paid \$4,000 (approx 67%)**  
*(2 students were done with school – not in 4 year programs)*

## 2022 Approved Need Requests

Elementary	Teacher	Generation Genius	\$125.00
Elementary	2nd Grade	Non-fiction / science books	\$219.09
Elementary	2nd Grade	Classroom Books	\$340.00
Elementary	Library	Junior Library Guild	\$945.12
High School	Library	Junior Library Guild	\$1,324.88
Elementary	5th Grade	Brain Pop App	\$460.00
Elementary	Preschool	Wooden Playhouse	\$134.88
Elementary	ECSE/Preschool	3 Year Old Preschool Program	\$199.99
Elementary	Music	Star-Spangled Students	\$204.60
Elem/HS	Social Workers	Adaptive Seating	\$900.00
High School	FCCLA	Star Events Materials	\$636.86
High School	Choir	Choir Folders	\$403.50
High School	SpEd	Sensory/Calm Down Area Update	\$606.46
High School	SpEd	Pins/Magnets for High School	\$614.95
High School	Principal	Making WAO Better / Student of the Qtr	\$2,250.00
Elementary	Preschool	Pumpkin Patch	\$400.00
Elementary	Kindergarten	Jumpstart Read for the Record	\$150.00
Elementary	2nd Grade	Teaching Every Reader Training	\$3,237.00
High School	Band	Music	\$974.41
High School	Choir	Intro to Piano - Music Elective	\$2,329.98
Elementary	Principal	Safety Backpacks	\$1,375.00
High School	FACS	Pasta Unit	\$305.55
Elementary	3rd Grade	Games and Legos	\$303.61
Elementary	3rd Grade	Field Trip to Zoo	\$241.00
Elementary	1st Grade	Field Trip to Zoo	\$328.75
Elementary	2nd Grade	Field Triip to Headwaters Science Center	\$334.00
High School	Art	Stained Glass Tools	\$987.07
Elementary	2nd Grade	Plant Life Unit	\$295.68
Elem/HS	Speech	Speech Language	\$654.06
High School	SpEd	Game Day Fridays	\$108.11
High School	Art	Mosaic Art Supplies	\$376.00
Elementary	5th Grade	Ice Fishing Trip	\$1,520.00
High School	Band	Percussion Equipment	\$2,669.98

***\$43,919.54 paid out for classroom needs in 2022 (may include previous years requests)***

***\$36,923.34 from Needs Request forms and \$6996.20 from designated funds requests***

*Many 2022 requests came out of several generous donations designated for classroom needs*

### Other 2022 Funds Paid

Anderson Endowment (Scholastic Books)	\$6138.00	Water & Snacks for Testing Day	\$500.00
New Teachers	\$1200.00	Spelling Bee	\$114.00

# Exhibit A

## Committee Reports for 2022 Annual Meeting

### **Fundraisers**

Golf Scramble – \$26,837.48 (net after expenses)

Yearbook Sales - \$43

Cookbooks - \$320

Amazon Smile - \$151.42

Cash Raffle - \$6,900 (net after payout & permit)

### **New Scholarships awarded in 2022**

Oslo Alumni Association Scholarship (one year only)

### **Monthly Staff Payroll Deductions (Donations)**

18 members of WAO Staff - \$2,599.00 to general fund

1 member of WAO School Board - \$3,360.33 to general fund

1 member of WAO Staff - \$180.00 designated to Riopelle Scholarship

### **Annual Donations**

One member - \$180/year (\$15/month) designated to Jeff Evin Scholarship

One member - \$120/year (\$10/month) designated to Carol Anderson Fund for Education

One member - \$300/year (\$25/month) designated to Band

One member - \$1750/year (\$250/month) designated to Brekke Scholarship (7 months in 2022)

### **Alumni Membership Levels**

Educator (\$100 level): 782 (*up 23 from 2021*)

Mentor (\$500 level): 229 (*up 10 from 2021*)

Scholar (\$1,000 level): 250 (*up 20 from 2021*)

Benefactor (\$5,000 level): 74 (*up 2 from 2021*)

**2022 General Membership:** 124 (\$25 each totaling \$3,100)

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Another year is in the history books for the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Public School Education Foundation. We continue to be more visible in the communities that we serve through our programs and actions. Through our visibility, we strive to provide for the district via members of the communities, alumni/staff of the former Warren, Alvarado, Oslo, and Valley North Districts in addition to the combined WAO District and Staff. These folks have helped us carry out our motto "We Can't Succeed Without You!"**

**July brought many alumni and friends "home" for class reunions, the Marshall County Fair, and our annual golf scramble. Year after year, our board, along with many volunteers, put in many hours to make this event run smoothly. We certainly couldn't do this project without our wonderful volunteers that give so freely of their time. We are also very indebted and grateful to our sponsors/donors, golfers and to everyone that helped in any way. We cleared over \$26,000. The Saturday open house at the school buildings brought many alumni, families and friends to walk down their memory lane. Year after year, we hear the comment about the cleanliness and great upkeep of the buildings.**

**We had two raffle drawings during the fair. One was a 50/50 drawing that brought in over \$1,600. The other was a \$100**

**ticket raffle with only a limited number sold. It brought in almost \$7,000.**

**The Class of 2022 had 45 scholarships totaling \$68,250 presented to them this past year. Many of these scholarships are facilitated by the Foundation, but we also presented seven of our own. Many of the scholarships have more than one recipient. In addition, some second, third, and fourth year students each receive \$1,000 from the Greg M. Haugen Memorial Scholarship and the Robert L. Strandberg Memorial Scholarship to continue their education.**

**The Oslo Reunion Committee had money in a fund that they designated for scholarships. This enabled 2 scholarships that were a one-time award in the amount of \$675 each.**

**Many “things” are continued from year to year. New certified teaching staff are given \$200 to use for their classroom/department and a \$50 gift certificate from the WAO Warehouse to purchase Pony items. We also continue to fund water and snacks for all students during state testing. In addition, we continue to fund the annual spelling bee that is held each January. The winner of the local contest advances to the regional contest.**

**The WAO Staff is most appreciative of items that they have received in the fall or spring needs for their classroom/department. The mission statement of the**

**Foundation is the main guide in approving requests. The mission statement is: “The WAO Education Foundation promotes the highest quality education in our communities though the enhancement of public school education programs, projects, and activities, the establishment and awarding of post secondary scholarships; and the creation of private support opportunities for public elementary and secondary education.” Thanks to the generosity of donors and alumni, it enabled the Foundation to approve \$25,955.53 of needs during 2022.**

**We also continue to send condolence letters to the families of deceased alumni staff, and “friends” of the Foundation. In 2022, 53 letters were mailed along with one of our brochures.**

**We have shown our appreciation to the WAO Staff, Personnel, and Board of Education for all of the things that they do for the students and school. During American Education Week, each employee was given a \$10.00 gift certificate from one of the three convenience stores in Warren. Also, for National Teacher Day in May, each member of the teaching staff was given a certificate that they could turn in for a free dilly bar at the Warren Dairy Queen. We are grateful to all employees for their dedication to the district.**

**People move frequently and we are most appreciative of those that take the time to email us, leave a voice message, or in some form provide us with their new address. Updates**



may be sent to us at [edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us](mailto:edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us), 218-745-4646 ext. 1317, or P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762.

Board member Pam Jubie, who had served as secretary, left the board in March. Jessica Syverson joined our board at that time. Russell Miller, who had served on the board many years, left the board at the end of December. Thank you, Pam and Russell, for your service to our board

The volunteer alumni who started the AZ and FL Gatherings are still at it! Each year more friends and alumni of the area gather in February for a time of fellowship and reunions.

It takes many cogs to keep the Foundation gears turning smoothly. We are most fortunate to have the following people as a cog: Heidi Thorstenson, the district technology coordinator, that keeps the Foundation link of the WAO website up-to-date. Tamara (Johnson) Oberg keeps our Facebook page going. Office Manager Carol Bowman does all of the computer receipts and keeps our database up-to-date. She along with Katie (Lund) Holte of Phil Thompson & Associates, keep all of our bookkeeping accurate. Administrators Kirk Thorstenson, Ben Miska, and Kelsey Johnson have been very supportive of the Foundation.

All of the things that we've accomplished during 2022 are because of our **STRONG, WORKING, COMMITTEED, DEPENDABLE WAO EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS** who have given so freely of their time and talents.

**They are Vice Chairman Melanie (Fulks) Nelson, Secretary Darren Carlson, Carol Bowman, Russell Miller, Ed Rosendahl, Carol Sedgeman, Jessica Syverson, Duane (Dewey) Swanson and our school board liaisons Jordan Johnson and Sally Roller. They are the strongest cogs of the gears!**

**Thank you for believing and partnering with us. We have had lots of exciting happenings in 2022 and we look forward to more expansion and involvement in 2023!**

**“WE CAN’T SUCCEED WITHOUT YOU!”**

**Carol J Anderson**