

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

2023 Annual Report

**Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Public School
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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**

WARREN / ALVARADO / OSLO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

A Non-Profit Corporation
Statement of Profit and Loss
For the Years Ended December 31, 2022 and 2023

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Donations	277,286.14	22,542.75	254,743.39
Designated Funds	30,010.00	35,787.00	(5,777.00)
<u>Fund Raiser Income:</u>			
Golf Tournament	35,977.00	33,984.00	1,993.00
Misc Fundraisers	12,084.00	12,263.00	(179.00)
<u>Dividend/Interest Income:</u>			
Bremer Checking	336.74	123.03	213.71
General Fund (Frandsen)	23,392.43	19,089.71	4,302.72
Haugen Scholarship (Schwab)	27,358.84	24,243.50	3,115.34
Capital Gains/Loss Realized	(28,429.24)	1,062.90	(29,492.14)
Memberships	2,850.00	3,100.00	(250.00)
Memorials	15,987.83	14,958.00	1,029.83
Scholarships	87,790.30	72,120.00	15,670.30
Tribute	570.00	1,450.00	(880.00)
Total REVENUE	485,214.04	240,723.89	244,490.15
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Advertising	4,694.56	4,632.28	62.28
Board Meeting Expense	169.94	220.43	(50.49)
Designated Funds Expense	8,894.06	8,211.20	682.86
Donor Wall	195.71	556.57	(360.86)
Investment Fees	6,924.48	7,307.05	(382.57)
<u>Fund Raiser Expense:</u>			
Golf Tournament	4,322.87	5,859.83	(1,536.96)
Misc Fundraisers	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Needs Survey Expense	23,560.35	44,875.34	(21,314.99)
Miscellaneous Expense	159.99	35.78	124.21
Insurance	837.00	837.00	-
Office Expense	4,146.00	3,235.82	910.18
Postage	321.40	651.46	(330.06)
Printing	10,804.00	10,642.00	162.00
Scholarship Expense	76,375.00	87,950.00	(11,575.00)
Professional Fees	4,155.00	3,074.00	1,081.00
Director Fee Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Office Wages/Payroll Tax	4,503.53	4,430.66	72.87
Total EXPENSES	156,263.89	188,719.42	(32,455.53)
NET INCOME	328,950.15	52,004.47	276,945.68
Capital Gains/Loss Unrealized	340,494.95	(291,571.90)	632,066.85

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BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2022 and 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Difference between 2022 and 2023</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Checking - Bremer	163,078.70	166,591.83	(3,513.13)
Checking - American Federal	1,313.86	1,159.18	154.68
Total Current Assets	164,392.56	167,751.01	(3,358.45)
<u>RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS</u>			
Ameriprise Financial	261,859.75	-	261,859.75
Charles Schwab Greg Haugen	1,413,800.10	1,144,206.20	269,593.90
Frandsen Bank & Trust (Scholarships)	982,335.14	841,000.54	141,334.60
Total Restricted Asssets	2,657,994.99	1,985,206.74	672,788.25
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	2,822,387.55	2,152,957.75	669,429.80
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Unrestricted	164,392.56	167,751.01	(3,358.45)
Temporarily Restricted	-	-	-
Permanently Restricted	2,657,994.99	1,985,206.74	672,788.25
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL</u>	2,822,387.55	2,152,957.75	669,429.80

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NET INCOME COMPOSITION
December 31, 2022 and 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Checking Account - Bremer	\$ (3,513.13)	\$ 618.24
Checking Account - American Federal	\$ 154.68	\$ 151.42
Ameriprise Financial	\$ 261,859.75	\$ -
Frandsen Bank & Trust	\$ 141,334.60	\$ (195,073.17)
Greg M. Haugen Fund - Schwab	\$ 269,593.90	\$ (45,264.67)

Scholarships Awarded in 2023

Albert R. Chruszch Memorial Scholarship \$1000: *Jennifer Buck, Annika Magnusson*

Alvarado Lions Club Scholarship \$500: *Isabella Johnson, Hannah Osborne*

Bob Mattson & Dave Schroeder Scholarship \$500: *Tyson Mortimer*

Chris Riopelle Memorial Scholarship \$300: *Tyson Mortimer*

Clifford & Richard Adrian Memorial Scholarship \$500: *Austin Wittman*

Curt & Fay Kuznia Family Endowment Scholarship \$500: *Evan Monogue*

David Judovsky Family Farm Scholarship \$1000: *Annika Magnusson*

Dennis & Louise Brekke and Family Endowment \$1000: *Jackson Woinarowicz*

Don & Shirley Mager STEM Scholarship \$1000: *Savannah Bishop, Nathan Sedlacek*

Edwin C Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$1000: *Cami Magnusson*

Elizabeth A Porter Honorary Scholarship \$500: *MaKenna Swanson*

Fern Gilbert Memorial Scholarship \$1500: *Kylie Nelson*

Gary Schuler Endowment Scholarship \$1000: *Jackson Woinarowicz, Tyson Mortimer*

Greg M Haugen Memorial Scholarship \$1000 (renewable): *Paige Michalski, Natalie Peterson, Nathan Sedlacek, Austin Wittman, Jackson Woinarowicz*

Jeanne E Kotrba Memorial Scholarship \$1000: *Austin Wittman, Tyson Mortimer*

Jeanne E Kotrba Memorial Scholarship \$2000: *Aaliyah Johnson, Cami Magnusson, Natalie Peterson, Nathan Sedlacek, Rosamarie Vela*

Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship \$500: *Breanna Kittleson*

Jumpstart Scholarship \$500: *Johnny Ortiz*

Justin "Huggie" Haugtvedt Memorial Scholarship \$500: *Dallas Erdahl, Johnny Ortiz*

Louie & Gertrude Kuznia Memorial Scholarship \$500: *Dallas Erdahl*

Scholarships Awarded in 2023

Lowell B Goplin Scholarship \$1000: *Aaliyah Johnson*

Lyle H Engelstad Scholarship \$1000: *Evan Monogue, Natalie Peterson, Jackson Woinarowctz, Tyson Mortimer*

Lyle H Engelstad Scholarship \$2000: *Paige Michalski*

Merrill & Mildred Stroble Memorial Scholarship \$1000: *Kylie Nelson, Mason Woinarowicz*

Morris & Ivy Maruska Memorial Scholarship \$1000: *Annika Magnusson*

Muriel Maruska / Roley Scholarship \$500: *MaKenna Swanson*

Myron & Margaret Carlson Scholarship \$1000: *Kenneth O Johnson*

O.J. Peyton Memorial Scholarship \$250: *Savannah Bishop*

Paula Laudal Memorial Scholarship \$500: *Breanna Kittleson, Zoe Slusar*

Percy & Fern Gilbert Scholarship \$750: *Dallas Erdahl*

Percy Gilbert Memorial Scholarship \$1500: *Savannah Bishop*

Richard P Nelson Memorial Scholarship \$1000: *Tyson Mortimer*

Robert L Strandberg Memorial Scholarship \$1000 (renewable): *Annika Magnusson, Cami Magnusson*

Scott E Forbes Memorial Scholarship \$400: *Jennifer Buck*

Stefan Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$500: *Spearit Washington, Mason Woinarowicz*

Stuart Hurst Angel Award \$500: *Kenny Andrew Johnson*

Tracy Chruszch Memorial Scholarship \$1000: *Savannah Bishop, MaKenna Swanson*

Vivian Olson Scholarship \$500: *MaKenna Swanson*

Warren Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Scholarship \$1000: *MaKenna Swanson*

WAO Ed Foundation Scholarships \$500: *Hunter Bergh, Dallas Erdahl, Gabriel Field, Kenny Andrew Johnson, Isabella Johnson, Lawrence Mata, Hunter Mitchell, Hannah Osborne, Francisco Pruneda, Braylee Schroeder, Zoe Slusar, Spearit Washington*

WAO Ed Foundation Scholarships \$1000: *Kenneth O Johnson, Kylie Nelson, Jacob Rodriguez*

Scholarships Awarded in 2023

WHS Class of 1953 Scholarship \$1000: *Rosamarie Vela*

WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship \$1000: *Braylee Schroeder*

WHS Class of 1959 / Lyle Anderson Football Challenge Scholarship \$500: *Hunter Bergh*

WHS Class of 1969 Scholarship \$1000: *Austin Wittman*

William G Porter Memorial Scholarship \$500: *Tyson Mortimer*

\$69,700 Awarded in 2023

\$57,950 Paid out in January 2024 (approx 83%)

\$10,500 not paid (not in school / no info received and \$1,250 not paid out until 2nd year)

\$15,000 Haugen renewable from previous years – paid \$12,000 (approx 80%)
(4 students not in school but 1 student paid from 2019 that went back to school)

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

2023 Approved Need Requests

High School	Library	Junior Library Guild	\$1,457.38
High School	Special Ed	Crafting & Calming Sensory Activities	\$287.57
High School	Art	OMTech Laser Engraver/Cutter	\$8,697.36
High School	FACS	FCS Foods Lab Materials	\$694.04
Elementary	4th Grade	Mentor Texts	\$1,800.00
Elementary	Yearbook/Library	Yearbook Camera	\$199.95
Elementary	4th Grade	Generation Genius - Science	\$225.00
Elementary	2nd Grade	Flexible Seating	\$415.00
Elementary	2nd Grade	Flexible Seating	\$219.97
Elementary	Kindergarten	Kindergarten Decodables	\$4,752.00
High School	Principal	Student of the Qtr/Making it Better	\$1,950.00
Elementary	Principal	Treats at the WAO Front Loop	\$100.00
Elementary	Library	Junior Library Guild	\$1,039.54
Elementary	3rd Grade	Classroom Rug	\$413.37
Elementary	Pre-K	Pumpkin Patch Field Trip	\$168.00
Elem/HS	Speech	TPT & Bjorem Publications	\$213.05
Elementary	3rd Grade	Field Trip - Zoo	\$647.25
Elementary	Preschool	Rockers	\$40.00
Elementary	2nd Grade	Field Trip - Bemidji Science	\$275.00
Elementary	2nd Grade	Decodable Books	\$1,398.60
Elementary	4th Grade	Knitting Needles	\$100.00
High School	Math	Graphing Calculators	\$3,154.00
High School	Band	Updating Music Library	\$552.99
High School	AgEd	Precision Technology-Drone	\$2,008.00
Elementary	1st Grade	Zoo Field Trip	\$433.75
Elementary	5th Grade	Ice Fishing Trip	\$1,200.00

\$23,605.20 paid out for classroom needs in 2023 (may include previous years requests)

\$18,762.72 from Needs Request forms and \$4,842.48 from designated funds requests

Many 2023 requests came out of several generous donations designated for classroom needs

Other 2023 Funds Paid

FCCLA Nationals	\$1500.00	Water & Snacks for Testing Day	\$420.83
New Teachers	\$1470.32	Spelling Bee	\$374.50

Exhibit A

Committee Reports for 2023 Annual Meeting

Fundraisers

Golf Scramble – \$30,875.63 (net after expenses)

Yearbook Sales - \$24

Cookbooks - \$160

Amazon Smile - \$154.68

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

New Scholarships awarded in 2023

Percy & Fern Gilbert Scholarship

Monthly Staff Payroll Deductions (Donations)

18 members of WAO Staff - \$2,531.00 to general fund

1 member of WAO School Board - \$2,563.01 to general fund

1 member of WAO Staff - \$170.00 designated to Riopelle Scholarship

Annual Donations

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

One member - \$150/year (\$10/6 months, \$15/6 months) designated to Carol Anderson Endowment

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

One member - \$50/year (\$10/month for 5 months) designated to Chris Riopelle Scholarship

Alumni Membership Levels

Educator (\$100 level): 787 (*up 5 from 2022*)

Mentor (\$500 level): 240 (*up 11 from 2022*)

Scholar (\$1,000 level): 267 (*up 17 from 2022*)

Benefactor (\$5,000 level): 77 (*up 3 from 2022*)

2023 General Membership: 114 (\$25 each totaling \$2,850)

Chairman's Report

The year 2023 is in the history books! This was another exciting year for the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Public School Education Foundation. We are most thankful for the belief and support of the communities, alumni/staff of the former Warren, Alvarado, Oslo, and Valley North Districts in addition to the combined WAO District and the WAO Staff that make us function as we serve our district.

The Marshall County Fair weekend is one of the highlights of the summer for many, but especially for the Foundation with our 19th annual golf scramble, class reunions, and an open house at the schools. We were in awe of the forty-nine major sponsors, twelve tournament sponsors, and twenty-six hole sponsors along with 182 golfers who contributed to our scramble. We netted over \$30,000! Many class reunions were during fair weekend in addition to others that were held throughout the summer. Some classes gathered at the school on Saturday for a tour of the school and to reminisce about their school days.

We have grown so much over the years that we need more assistance with our activities. Our volunteers are our lifelines to our successes as they freely give of their time and talents. We could not begin to do the golf scramble without our volunteers, which is an understatement. In addition to the scramble we held two raffles. One was a 50/50 and the other was a raffle where 120 tickets were sold at \$100 each. Four winners were drawn. One was for \$3,000, another for \$1,000 and 2 winners at \$500 each.

You will find a list of the recipients of the 43 different scholarships that were presented to the Class of 2023 in this booklet. Many of these scholarships have multiple recipients. The Stuart Hurst Angel Award is not selected by the Foundation, but rather by a high school committee. The Foundation is the keeper of the money for this scholarship. This scholarship reached the \$10,000 amount in November, so it is now receiving the interest from that money. Prior to the \$10,000 amount of any scholarship, the interest money goes to the Foundation. The Percy & Fern Gilbert Scholarship and the Romelle Vanek '59 Scholarship in Memory of Adelaide Vanek '32 were added in 2023. The Vanek Scholarship was not presented this year as no graduates were attending Minnesota State University Moorhead. In the fall of 2023 two new scholarships were established that will be presented for the first time in 2024. They are the John & LaVerne

(Storbakken) Messelt Education Scholarship and the Noble & Dorothy Storbakken Memorial Educational Scholarship.

We continue to send condolence letters of the families of deceased alumni, staff and “friends” of the Foundation. This year 72 letters were mailed which included one of our brochures. We also continue to send a letter to family members of an alumni or “friend” when memorials have been given to the Foundation. No amounts are listed, but we list the names that have donated and if the total is over \$100 we include information stating that their name will be displayed on the monitor on our donor wall in memory of that person.

We are most grateful for the e-mails, phone messages, and any updates that alumni and friends send us. We strive to keep our database as current as possible. If you have both a winter and summer address, please send them to us to add to the data base. It’s nice if you indicate what months you are using a winter address so the mailings can be sent to the correct address. Postage rates keep going up and up!

We continue to sponsor and fund the annual WAO Spelling Bee. 2023 had the first WAO recipient and one of four recipients to move on from the district spelling bee to the regional meet in Bemidji. Congratulations Nick Bergman!

Throughout this year we gave over \$ 18,000 to the district for “needs” requests. In addition, \$4842 was paid out for designated funds. The staff is very appreciative of the items that they have been permitted to purchase because of donations from the Foundation. We also continue to provide \$500 each spring for bottled water and snacks during state testing days throughout the year. All of these payouts were possible because of you, the donors. You help immensely to make WAO a great place to study, explore, and learn! Thank you!

Please keep in mind that any donation/memorial that is made to the Foundation can be designated to any scholarship, activity, grade or department by writing it on the memo line of your check or by attaching a note. All undesignated funds go into the general fund.

It takes the work of many people to keep everything with the Foundation running smoothly. Heidi Thorstenson, WAO Tech Coordinator, keeps our pages on the

school website up to date under the link to the WAO Education Foundation. We can only include the information that we have, so we are asking you to keep us updated. We appreciate the many alumni and friends that send us the news of a death or an obituary. All deaths of alumni, former staff, and “friends” are listed on the webpage entitled *Recently Deceased Family and Friends*. Our office manager, Carol Bowman, is an awesome computer whiz that does all of the computer work, handles receipts, and keeps our database and donor wall up to date. She along with Katie (Lind) Holte of Phil Thompson & Associates keep all of our bookkeeping accurate. Tamara (Johnson) Oberg has done our Facebook page for many years but retired at the end of the year.

All of the things that we’ve worked on, accomplished, and succeeded with are because of the TIRELESS, ENERGETIC, DYNAMIC, DILIGENT WAO Education Foundation board members who give freely of their time and talents. They are vice chairman Melanie (Fulks) Nelson, Secretary Darren Carlson, Treasurer Carol Bowman, Directors, Rodger Haugtvedt, Ed Rosendahl, Carol Sedgeman, Jessica Syverson, Dewey Swanson and school board liaisons Jordan Johnson and Sally Roller.

“Our motto “WE CAN’T SUCCEED WITHOUT YOU!” is exemplified by you as you have believed and partnered with us. We have had many exciting happenings in 2023 and we look forward to the year ahead.