



The Learning and Liberty Foundation
of the
Fremont City Schools

Annual Report
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About the Foundation:

The Learning & Liberty Foundation is a foundation governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of school officials and members of the community. The purpose of the foundation is to enrich and enhance the educational opportunities which are provided by Fremont City Schools Board of Education. The articles of incorporation and bylaws serve as guides for the operation of the foundation.

Mission Statement:

It is the mission of The Learning and Liberty Foundation of the Fremont City Schools to enhance the learning process, increase educational opportunities and encourage instructional innovation and creativity by generating and distributing financial and other resources. The objectives of The Learning and Liberty Foundation are:

- I. To enhance educational programs and classroom instruction in the Fremont City Schools. Grant proposals will be reviewed by the foundation's board of trustees within the stated purposes of the foundation.
- II. To provide opportunities for organizations, businesses, foundations and individuals to contribute time, energy, expertise, money and other resources to The Learning and Liberty Foundation of the Fremont City Schools.
- III. To invest and manage a permanent fund (for use of interest only) which will be of increasing value to the Fremont City Schools. This fund will provide enduring resources for the proposed programs, ideas and school projects designed to benefit the Fremont City Schools.

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I. Financial Report:

Please see the attached annual report. A financial audit was completed for the year ending June 30, 2020 and all records and activities were found to be aligned to the foundation's purpose.

II. Meetings:

During the 2019-2020 academic year, The Learning and Liberty Foundation held scheduled meetings on September 19, 2019, November 14, 2019, January 16, 2020. The March 19, 2020 and May 14, 2020 meetings were cancelled due to the Covid19 Pandemic. Additionally, the Fundraiser, Scholarship, Gold Medal Banquet and Student of the Month Committees held meetings throughout the year. Meeting minutes are available on the Foundation web page located on the Fremont City Schools web site at www.fremontschools.net.

Summary of Work Completed: Along with the work of the foundation committees in the area of student recognition (Academic Olympics, Students of the Month and Scholarships), the fundraising committee held an American Presidents Film and Literacy Festival with the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museum at Spiegel Grove. The event was held October 04 - October 06, 2019.

A. Students of the Month

The Learning & Liberty Foundation and Old Fort Banking Company sponsored the "Students of the Month" program again during the 2019-2020 school year. Students in grades 1-8 are selected by classroom teachers and recognized during FCS Board of Education Meetings throughout the academic year. The following students were selected as Students of the Month for 2019-2020:

November: Adrienne Albrecht, Maxwell Barth, Preksa Dinesh Kanji, Jeremiah Finley, Isaiah Garza, Austin Gray, Meleah Spencer

December: Alyssa Dolweck, Reece Flores, Rey Meza, Juliet Parks, Jacob Pickard, Layla Scherer, Camera Turnow

January: Logan Coonrod, Bailey Beckley, Javion Johnson, Teddy Ross, Elizabeth Tommer, Kelsey Schwochow, Mackenzie Vela

February: Casey Fisher, Lilianna Hatfield, Emilio Madrid-Valois, Piper Niese, Shelby Pollard, Jaxon Rush, Brittany Zacarias Lopez

March: John Boedecker, Jordyn Carter, Ava Cover-Liggins, Cloie Hotz, Lyzelle Humberg, Makayla Ortmann, Savanna Witmer

B. Ross High School Scholarships

The Learning & Liberty Foundation awarded six scholarships to the following seniors in spring 2020:

- Aaron Chavez - Ross High Scholarship
- Kourtini Joseph - Ross High Scholarship
- Aaron Chavez - David B. Brickner Scholarship
- Bridget Thomas – David B. Brickner Scholarship
- McKela Elder - Ross High School Positive Attitude Scholarship
- Benjamin Gedeon – Ross High School Positive Attitude Scholarship

C. Academic Olympics

Each year students in grades 6-12 are recognized by The Learning & Liberty Foundation for academic excellence. Students are recognized based upon grade point averages during awards programs and receive academic pins/charms, certificates and bronze, silver and gold medals. The Gold Medal Banquet is held on an annual basis in order to recognize high school students with a cumulative 4.0 grade point average over the two semesters of the school year. The foundation extends its appreciation to Croghan Colonial Bank for co-sponsoring our Academic Olympics. Unfortunately, due to the COVID19 Pandemic the Gold Medal Banquet was cancelled. Our Gold Medal Recipients are as follows:

Cameran Alspach, Mattie Billow, Brock Boskovich, Travis Bowlus, Lydia Braun, Andrew Burroughs, Ayden Carter, Carson Clark, Kian Collins, Sarah Cooper, Kody Culbert, Maxim Diaz, Ethan Druckenmiller, Christopher Dyson, Sabrina Flores, Brianna Fraley, Conner Frost, Hannah Fry, Micah Garcia, Drew Garza, Kayla Glotzbecker, Thomas Gluth, Makenna Gonya, Emma Gross, Rachel Haitonic, Madeleine Holland, Victoria Humberger, Rayin Jordan, Kortinin Joseph, Aryn Kauble, Arieanna Keckler, Marcus Kupka, Olivia Lagrou-Godfrey, Shelby Level, Macy Merrill, Brinneth Michael, Isaac Minor, Abigail Nagy, Alyssa Nagy, Kylah Olds, Breeze Ollom, Daniella Ortiz, Marcela Perez, Matthew Perry, Joshua Rhea, Haleigh Rios Logan Ruffing, Jayden Ruiz, Camryn Schornak, Weston Schroeder, Morgan Shetzer, Ava Smith, Isaac Smith, Kendra Smith, Evan Starkweather, Allison Taylor, Kirsten Twiss, Adriana Vasquez, Sara Wadsworth, Leah Wagner, Maya Walker, Chloe Weiker, Abby Wennberg, Zachary Whipple, Hannah Widman, Sarah Widman, Mylah Williams, Faith Zimmerman.

D. Crystal Apple Award

Each year, The Learning and Liberty Foundation awards the Crystal Apple Award to members of the district's teaching staff for their enthusiasm, love of teaching, caring for children, cooperation with fellow staff members and doing the "little extras" to provide quality educational experiences for students. Recipients of the Crystal Apple Award for 2019-2020 are as follows: June Fleming, Alysah Nye and Laura Ward

E. Instructional Grants

The Learning & Liberty Foundation awards instructional grants to teachers for a maximum of \$500.00. Grants are intended to enhance the learning opportunities in the classroom by providing resources for the creative teachers for a long-term project or special learning activities. The 2019-2020 grant recipients:

Teacher/Staff Member	Building	Subject
Rod Jarrett	Lutz	Language Arts
Melinda Hensel	Lutz	Language Arts
Cynthia Durell	Lutz	Language Arts

Teacher Grant	Building
Jeff Straka	Lutz/Stamm

F. Donations

The Learning and Liberty Foundation extends appreciation to our 2019-2020 donors:

The Family of David Brickner, Croghan Colonial Bank, Crown Battery, Mosser Construction, Old Fort Banking Company, Jennifer Abdo, Christina French, Richard LaFountain, Randall Macko, Tamara Martin, Lori Nossaman, Anne Robert and Anne Overmyer, Erin Parker, Regina Reed, Rhonda Schmidt, Denise Sloma, Bridget Smith, Christine Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woleslagel.