



A look back at 25 years of educational enrichment

"When we set this Foundation up, we had no idea how unique the concept was," said Julianne Sawyer, a founding member of the Education Foundation of Pendleton, as she recently reflected on the 25th anniversary of the organization.

In 1984, Ms. Sawyer and Susan Woodward, members of the Task Force for Excellence in Education for Pendleton School District 16-R, recognized a need for a public non-profit educational foundation to support educational goals for Pendleton students.

"Over the years, it appears that we were way ahead of our time," Julianne said. The Salem Foundation, the first educational foundation in Oregon, advised the new group. Eugene was organizing at the same time. Lake Oswego, Portland and Beaverton did not begin their educational foundations until three to five years later.

In January 1985, Ms. Sawyer recruited Jack Whiteman, formerly of Pendleton, to donate monies to establish an endowment for such a foundation. Monthly meetings were called to decide the purpose and goals and write the incorporation and bylaws. Former members of the Pendleton Schools Task Force and newly recruited members worked together to form the organization.

A. Dale Brandt, M.D., served as the first president of the Foundation with Ms. Sawyer as vice-president and Ms. Woodward as secretary. Other early board members included David Nelson and Frank Cupp, who joined other representatives from all parts of the community.

The stated purpose of the EFP is to enhance the curriculum of Pendleton School District above and beyond the tax-supported programs. "Hopefully, the Foundation monies will continue to enrich our school district, teacher, students and parents," Ms. Sawyer said.

Through the years, special contributions have been made in memory of a Pendleton resident or as a result of an estate bequest. These contributions have honored and/or come from the estates of Betty Feves, Elsa Hagen, Judith Irish Anderson, and John Struve.

25 YEARS AND COUNTING!

In 1984, an idea "sparked" a discussion, which, in turn, led to the formation of the Education Foundation of Pendleton (EFP). President A. Dale Brandt, a local physician, called the first meeting to order on Oct. 24, 1985. It was established at that first meeting that the priority would be for teacher training in the creative arts, and for cultural and educational opportunities for students that are not funded by the ordinary 16R School District budget. Donations were to be used "to touch every student in the school system."

The EFP awarded its first grant of \$50 in 1987 in support of a teacher "Workshop For the Creative Arts." Other early grants included supporting a Discipline Based Arts Curriculum pilot program at Washington School; a Summer Arts Program for teachers; bringing Portland poet David Greenberg to West Hills; a Clay Workshop for elementary teachers; leadership training for 100 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students; a Portland workshop for Junior High teacher Pat Elliott; the Know Your Author Project; the Arts in Education Program and the OMSI Outreach Program.

EFP grants have allowed students to enjoy local landmarks such as the Heritage Station Museum, the Pendleton Underground, and the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute. Trips to the Portland Art Museum, OMSI, High Desert Museum in Bend, the University of Oregon Foreign Language Conference, and the Portland State University and Eastern Oregon University Oregon Writing Festivals are just a few of the trips supported by EFP grants. Biology classes from Pendleton High School have studied marine biology at the Oregon Coast since 1996 thanks, in part, to the support of the EFP. California Theatre Center performers were brought by Foundation funds to Pendleton where they performed plays and directed our students in plays. Pendleton students have built mousetrap cars, planted a flower garden, visited with a NASA astronaut, and participated in a Lego League competition as part of EFP's ongoing support.

The EFP is an independent public education foundation that works with school district personnel to promote quality education and provide a wide variety of educational experiences for Pendleton students. Twenty-five years of community involvement and support has allowed the Education Foundation of Pendleton to award nearly \$150,000 in grants! 2010 Spring Grants

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Education Foundation of Pendleton is to encourage and support curriculum enrichment, supplemental learning experiences, and other projects which may be deemed necessary and timely for the benefit of students in the Pendleton School District 16R. Through its work, the Foundation promotes public awareness and seeks to broaden the support of the community for its public schools. Funds for professional development are not a priority but may be considered.

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2010 Spring Grants *Supporting our Pendleton students and teachers,* *the Education Foundation of Pendleton awarded \$4,140.00 for the following spring grants*

- McKay Creek elementary 5th grade students traveled to Bend for an overnight science field trip. The trip included stops at the High Desert Museum, Lava River Caves and the Lava Lands National Monument. (\$300)
- Honors Biology II students from PHS were able to see, smell and touch most of the animals and plants they studied in the classroom on their spring trip to the Oregon Coast. They netted shrimp and crabs, collected plankton, and explored sandy beaches, rocky tide pools and sea caves. They visited two outstanding aquariums and rode on the Marine Discovery boat. (\$450)
- PHS junior and senior ProStart students traveled to Seattle for the 2010 Northwest Foodservice Show, toured the Art Institute of Seattle and experienced Pike's Place Market. (\$750)
- Literacy coach, Chris Ferguson traveled with middle and high school students to attend the Oregon Writing Festival at Portland State University. (\$600)
- 32 Foreign Language Club students from PHS attended the Foreign Language & International Studies Day in Eugene at the University of Oregon. The students had a great time & learned a lot about different foreign languages and cultures. (\$440)
- Approximately 300 District 4th graders spent time at the Heritage Station Museum learning about early life in the West. (\$600)
- PHS library assistant D-Ann Pahl, coordinated the Northwest Young Reader's Choice Award. (\$400)
- Counselor Barbara Larson at Sunridge engaged boys in the B.A.M. (Boys Advocacy and Mentoring) program throughout the school year. (\$300)
- Sally Sundin at Sunridge was awarded a grant for the Art Party Crashers event. (\$300)

EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF PENDLETON *Financial Summary*

The Education Foundation of Pendleton (EFP) has granted more than \$165,000 to the Pendleton School District since its inception in 1985. The Foundation has granted an average of \$6,600 per year. Historically, EFP has awarded grants fairly evenly among Pendleton's elementary, middle, and high schools, depending upon the grant requests for the year. Grant requests are submitted by teachers during two cycles: one in the fall and the other in spring of each academic year.

The EFP is funded by tax-deductible donations, some of which have come from someone who has named the EFP in his or her will. The largest donation to EFP was made in 2000 by Elsa Hagen, a longtime Pendleton educator. In her will, Elsa left the EFP \$99,000. Ms. Hagen's generous donation enabled the Foundation to rise to an asset level that could be actively managed and diversified to maximize returns. Ms. Hagen left no specific directions for how the funds were to be used, so the funds have been used to support academic experiences that are consistent with the mission of the EFP.

The EFP also receives donations in honor of someone who has passed away. A bequest on behalf of a longtime elementary teacher, Judith K. Irish Anderson, was made in 1996. At the request of Ms. Anderson, this donation and subsequent giving made in her honor have been used for projects that involve environmental studies and the arts. This thoughtful bequest helped broaden the scope of the Foundation in making grants to support science and mathematics as well.

The EFP occasionally receives donations with a distinct purpose for their use. In 2008, the John Struve Memorial Fund (a separate fund within the EFP's holdings) was established in memory of John Struve, a Pendleton High School graduate and avid supporter of high school sports. The original donation of \$10,000, coupled with numerous subsequent deposits, has been used to promote participation in sports among students who may not have been able to due to financial limitations. Items such as equipment, uniforms, insurance, training, and other sports-related fees are covered at the request of the athletic department and guidance counselors and upon review by EFP.

The EFP Board is dedicated to its mission of providing funds through private contributions to complement the needs of the school district beyond those resources normally provided by public funds. In an effort to sustain giving for generations to come, the Board is equally committed to responsible financial management of the endowment, which has grown to about \$180,000. The Board works with investment professionals and meets regularly to discuss financial performance. In 2009, the Board agreed to start an endowment in the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) with \$50,000 of EFP's assets. This was done with the help and expertise of the OCF. The Board feels confident that alignment with this reputable organization will be wise for the long-term return and sustainability of the EFP's assets.

Plan Now to Make a Difference Tomorrow!

We work hard to achieve our goals in life, and many of us support our community through generous gifts to the Education Foundation of Pendleton (EFP) and other institutions during our lives. These gifts, of all sizes, are crucial in supporting our students in these ever more difficult financial times. Thank you for your support! Although sometimes overlooked, supporting your charitable interests through a deferred gift or through an estate plan can provide significant benefits, as well as help create a lasting legacy.

The EFP, in partnership with the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF), offers a wide variety of deferred gift plans, including charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts. These gift plans provide an income stream to the donors or others they name for their lifetime, or a fixed term, or a combination of both. After the term of the trust ends, the residual amount in the trust is distributed to the EFP.

A gift to the EFP by bequest from your will or living trust can be made in a wide variety of ways. For example, you may provide a stated dollar amount, a specific asset, the residue of your estate after all other beneficiaries are considered, or name the EFP as a contingent beneficiary.

Charitable bequests can reduce the value of your estate, often providing tax savings, while beneficiary designations from retirement plans, for example, pass tax-free to the EFP.

Gift planning can be complex, and often includes a review of the tax treatment on various types of assets, so the EFP does recommend that donors plan their gifts in consultation with their financial and legal advisors. As our partner in philanthropy, OCF is available to provide independent charitable gift advice to help you meet your charitable goals. Please let the EFP know if you would like to receive more information regarding deferred and estate giving by contacting EFP President Kari Dallas at 541-276-3331. We hope you will consider including the Education Foundation of Pendleton in your estate plan!



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Dear Education Foundation:

On behalf of the Pendleton School District I extend a heartfelt thank you for an amazing twenty-five years of support to the students we have all pledged to serve. For a quarter century the Education Foundation of Pendleton has helped to provide Pendleton students educational opportunities that have genuinely set our district apart from most others.

Since 1985 our students and staff have benefitted from literally hundreds of curriculum enhancements, educational programs, student assemblies, and professional development activities. These critical supplemental events and activities are only possible through funds distributed by the foundation.

In the last six years the Education Foundation of Pendleton has provided funding in the amount of \$55,209 for qualified grants. On average, the Pendleton School District has recently been awarded \$9,000 to \$10,000 on an annual basis. Again, these funds have provided our students with a more meaningful, comprehensive educational program than is allowed through the tax-supported budget.

As schools systems across the nation continue to struggle with an unpredictable and unstable economy, supplemental resources are clearly at a premium. Our district understands how fortunate we are to have consistent support from your organization.

The community of Pendleton has always been supportive of our schools. Perhaps the greatest example of this support is the long lasting and continuing work of the fine people associated with the Education Foundation of Pendleton.

Again, thank you so much for caring about our students and supporting our programs.

Sincerely,

Jon A. Peterson, Superintendent
Pendleton School District



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