



# WEST FARGO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

## Foundation *Connections*



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#### Our Mission

Create exemplary futures for West Fargo Public Schools students, by enhancing the district's capacity for all students to achieve 21st Century Skills.

#### Our Vision

To boldly advance the education of West Fargo Public Schools students by providing progressive opportunities for learning above and beyond the basic curriculum. These actions will be achieved by respecting West Fargo heritage, building on the West Fargo Alumni legacy, and inspiring the future by noble pursuits. Through these endeavors and supporting West Fargo teachers, parents and administration, the West Fargo Education Foundation will strive to empower students with the capacity for success.

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### A Message from the WF Educational Foundation Board

Welcome to **Foundation Connections** from the West Fargo Educational Foundation. The aim of this publication is to keep you informed of new initiatives and updates concerning the West Fargo Educational Foundation and its partnership with West Fargo Public Schools.

The West Fargo Educational Foundation has a long history in the West Fargo Public Schools with its inception in the early 1980s. However, it was dormant until 2013 when a group of school board members and committed alumni approached district leadership about reinvigorating it. We have reawakened the foundation in order to support an outstanding school district, of which we are all proud, to achieve even greater things for our students, our staff and the community.

The WF Educational Foundation Board continues to work on initiatives in alignment with school district needs and the foundation's purposes. A few of these initiatives include the West Fargo High School Hall of Fame event and the Mini-Grant Program for Teachers. Although the board is proud of the successes achieved thus far, we are striving to continue our forward progress by developing new initiatives and programs, seeking collaborations with other educational agencies, and procuring grants and development money to ensure our students have access to and are challenged with 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning opportunities that extend beyond the regular classroom experience.

We hope you find **Foundation Connections** a valuable resource in staying connected with the West Fargo Educational Foundation. We welcome your time, suggestions, ideas, and feedback, and hope you are as excited as we are to support our students and our school district.

Thank you for your support!

**West Fargo Educational Foundation Board**

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### 2016/2017 Mini-Grants Awarded

The mini-grant program was created to augment and complement school district efforts to provide students with quality 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning opportunities by building teachers' capacity to plan and facilitate such experiences. The Foundation awards competitive grants to WFPS staff and schools for innovative educational projects not funded by district, state, or federal money. A panel of district employees and West Fargo Educational Foundation board members review and select the grant recipients. The maximum award for each grant is \$500, with a total of \$5000 dispersed to grant recipients.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

**Darcy Kranda** for *Spring into Summer-Early Literacy Family Activity*

**Dennis Healy** for *The Drone Unit*

**Chad Anderson** for *Drones-21<sup>st</sup> Century Aerodynamics*

**Ethan Ehlert** for *OSMO Kits*

**Stephanie Shea** for *Little Red Reading Bus*

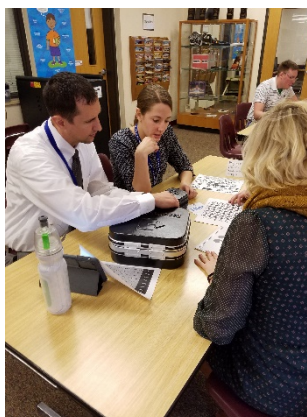
**Dave Gravdahl** for *Drone Club*

**Brian Peterson** for *Maker Space Activities*

**Heidi Gieser** for *Breakout Boxes*

**Joseph Paulus** for *Worry Woo Kit*

**Dawn Beil** for *Day of Compassion*



### 2016 West Fargo High School Hall of Fame Inductees

**Tony Grindberg** *Outstanding Alumni*

**Kathlyn Scott** *Outstanding Faculty*

**1993 Boys Football Championship Team** *Outstanding Team*

**1993 Girls Basketball Championship Team** *Outstanding Team*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

West Fargo Public Schools  
Teacher of the Year

**Sandra Evenson**  
Cheney Middle School

West Fargo Public Schools  
Classified Staff of the Year

**Tonya Vetter**  
West Fargo High School

