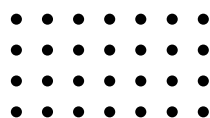




2024-2025 School Year A Year in Review

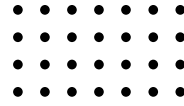


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JENNY ZAHM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jenny has worked for the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation for six years, following her involvement in several PTOs and committees. She has strong community ties and a passion for the role. Jenny and her husband, David, raised their family and run two small businesses here. David coached youth basketball in the area for over a decade. Jenny and their son, Noah, participated in Leadership Johnson County. Jenny's goal is to strengthen connections between our community and Clark-Pleasant schools to create beneficial partnerships.

Tracy is a small business owner in Whiteland who enjoys event planning, creating balloon displays, and designing spiritwear. Her passion for organizing began in high school through volunteer work at a Greek Orthodox church and grew while planning fundraising events for the American Red Cross with her father. Since moving to Indiana from Michigan in 2007, she has become deeply involved in the Whiteland community. Her daughter attends Whiteland Community High School, and her grandchildren are enrolled in Clark-Pleasant elementary schools. Tracy actively supports local schools by serving on PTO boards and as a team mom, and she finds joy in planning events that bring happiness to others.



TRACY NEER
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR



TINA DOLEN
PRESIDENT

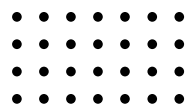
Tina serves as president of the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation and has been a dedicated board member since 2016. She and her husband, David Dolen, are small business owners of Dolen Tool Sales, a Greenwood company with more than 40 years of history. Tina has two daughters who graduated from Whiteland Community High School in 2013 and 2015. Throughout their school years, she was an active volunteer and continued her commitment to service through her work with the Foundation. Tina values the opportunity to give back and has found her experience with the Foundation and its community supporters to be incredibly rewarding.

Wendy, a lifelong Johnson County resident, graduated from Franklin Community High School and Franklin College. With 14 years at the Johnson County Public Library, she manages the Adult Learning Center, offering literacy and English services. Wendy lives in Whiteland with her husband, Jerry, and their two children, who both graduated from Whiteland Community High School and now attend Indiana State University. Active with the Education Foundation since 2020, she is the vice president and serves on the grants committee. Additionally, she is a past board member of Leadership Johnson County and Girls Inc. of Johnson County.



WENDY PREILIS
VICE PRESIDENT

Board of Directors



TANYA PUGH
SECRETARY

Tanya is the dedicated Media Clerk at Whiteland Elementary and a proud parent of three children enrolled in the Clark-Pleasant school district. She has served on the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation for three years and is secretary. She plays an active role in supporting events and community initiatives. Tanya is a board member of Friends of JCPL and has served on Clark-Pleasant PTO boards.

Tracy is the branch manager for Everwise at the Worthsville Road location, having joined in November 2011. She graduated from IU South Bend and is passionate about Johnson County, actively participating as an Aspire Chamber Ambassador and serving on the Business Advocacy Council and Education Industry Collaborative. She is the treasurer of the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation. Outside of work, Tracy enjoys vacations with her partner, particularly those that allow her to fish in various settings.



TRACY McCARTY
TREASURER



LESLIE BEESON
MEMBER

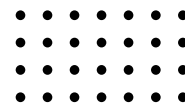
Leslie Beeson joined the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation in 2023, bringing experience from her co-ownership of Beeson Mechanical Service, Bees Construction, and Beeson Real Estate. As Whiteland Community High School graduates, Leslie and her husband, Kent, prioritize community support, especially for their three sons in Clark-Pleasant schools. She launched and managed the Greater Whiteland Community Day for five years and has been active in the Whiteland Elementary School PTO. Leslie has contributed to various local initiatives, including supporting youth sports and community programs. Her main goal is to support the community through her role on the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation board.

Michael is a 1991 graduate of Whiteland Community High School and is a lawyer in Greenwood. Michael's law practice, Buss & Benefield, is focused on estate planning, business planning and patent law. Michael is married to Trisha Benefield, and they have three children who attend Clark-Pleasant schools. He started the WROC scholarship his senior year as his Eagle Scout project. Michael is involved with Scouting and is the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 245.



MICHAEL BENEFIELD
MEMBER

Grants Received



ROBOTICS PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT!

Endress + Hauser donated \$10,000 to Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation to further the elementary school robotics programs. The six elementary schools have robotics clubs that compete during the school year. This donation will help the schools purchase updated kits and parts for their robots this year along with club shirts, competition fees, food for students while they are at the competitions and more! We are so thankful for the generosity of our community partners and for the opportunities it creates for our students.



CENTERPOINT SUPPORTS READY TO WORK

The Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation announced that Whiteland Community High School received a \$2,500 grant from Centerpoint Energy Foundation for the Ready to Work program. This initiative aims to empower individuals by collaborating with local high schools, organizations and employers, focusing on soft skills and industry-specific training to help students bridge the skills gap and succeed in the workplace.

THE BRANIGIN FOUNDATION GRANTED \$17,500 FOR TEACHER GRANTS

CPEF, supported by The Branigin Foundation, awarded \$17,500 in educational grants this school year, including \$15,000 in November and additional grants in January. Notable recipients include:

- Amy Norcross: \$1,000 for culinary students' competition trip to Disney World (accepted by Rebecca Lang).
- Warrior Way Incentive Committee: \$550 for a Student Incentive PBIS Store at CPMS (accepted by Maggie Schneider).
- Brittney Mack and the 5th-grade team: \$1,260 for tickets to an Indy Fuel Game for 5th graders.



Grants Given

Happy "THANKS-Giving"! On November 26, CPEF awarded Fall Teacher Grants, making surprise visits to 10 buildings and spreading joy. We appreciate our sponsors, donors and innovative educators. Special thanks to Dr. Edsell for joining us in celebrating our winners. Here are the grant recipients:

- Stethoscopes for Success!, WCHS, Hannah Goeb: \$399.80
- Literacy for a Lifetime, WCHS, Molly Wirt: \$500
- Building Thinking Classrooms, RCES, Lauren Cooper: \$468.19
- Third Grade Mileage Club, BOD, Laura Winscott: \$1,331.44
- Engaging Activities, CES, Mariah Hinderliter: \$800
- Riding into the Future, PCES, LaQueatia Callahan: \$1,000
- Be the CAUSE that EFFECTS early education!, CPELC, Amy Baar: \$800
- Seeing is Believing!, CPMS, Patty Evans: \$579.70
- Game On!, RCES, Andrea Nuhfer: \$326.78
- Transforming Students to Become Mathematicians, WCHS, Shelby Lewis: \$934.65
- Aquaponics and Living Systems, WES, Heather Smarrelli: \$345
- Makerspace Design and Exploration Area, Admin, Nicole Osborne: \$1,000
- Transition Program Coffee Cart, WCHS, Lisa Zobel: \$388.31
- Stories are INSPIRING!, GCES, Olivia Hobbs and Rebekah Groeber: \$1,236
- Graphing Calculators for Students, WCHS, Mike Gillespie: \$1,000
- Virtual Author Visit, CES, Kelly Roy: \$500
- Storybook Sanctuary, WES, Amanda Compton: \$241.16
- Sensory Table for Enhanced Learning, CPELC, Jeana Franklin: \$379
- Books are the Prize, RCES, Sherry Pryor: \$975
- Phonics Fun, RCES, Trisha Ruppert: \$990.33
- Growing Fact Fluency Knowledge, BOD, Emma Ray: \$532.73



Pictured Grants: Reading Detectives, Stethoscopes for Success and Author Visit



New Scholarships

Mike and Donna Esteb McElwain, supports graduates pursuing careers in Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice or Nursing with the Michael L. McElwain and Donna J. (Esteb) Scholarship. Mike graduated from Whiteland Community High School in 1969 and from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He served 43 years with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, retiring as a lieutenant. Donna graduated from Whiteland Community High School in 1971 and from Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) with a major in nursing. She worked more than 40 years as a registered nurse at Riley and St. Vincent hospitals. They wish to give back through this \$1,000 annual scholarship, renewable for four years. The opportunity is available to the Class of 2025, with the first scholarship awarded this May. Donations are welcome.



The Haveman Family Agricultural Scholarship has been announced by Glenn and Becky Haveman, Ohio State University alumni and former owners of Whiteland Orchard. After retiring, they want to support the community by encouraging students to pursue careers in agriculture. The scholarship, managed by the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation, will be awarded to the Class of 2025 and is open to students interested in various agricultural fields, including farming, ag mechanics and education. The Havemans emphasize the importance of sustaining agricultural practices and educating future generations about food production in response to the growing population.

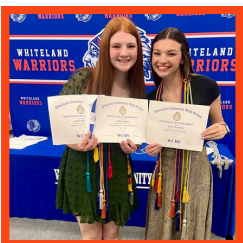


2024-2025 Scholarships Awarded

Pathways to the Future Scholarships: Doub Family Scholarship, Jerry Lasiter Scholarship, Michael L. McElwain & Donna J. (Esteb) Scholarship, Haveman Family Agricultural Scholarship and two general Pathways scholarships

Additional Scholarships:

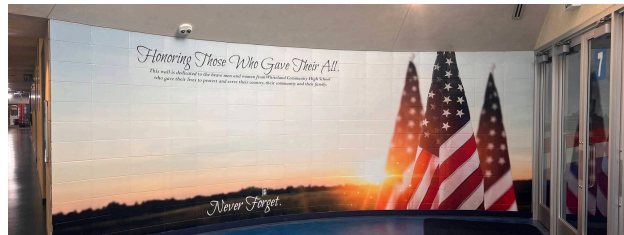
Kevin Starnes Scholarship, Alaina Day Scholarship, Butch Zike Scholarship, Sharon Conner Scholarship, Sharon Conner & Dr. James Shackelford Scholarship, Whiteland Community High School Alumni Scholarship, Whiteland Remembers Our Classmates Scholarship and James Sleighter Endowed Scholarship



Scholarship Payouts: **\$34,000** To be awarded May 19

New Memorial Wall

Exciting news! Our new memorial walls have been installed at the high school. This display honors CPCSC (WCHS and Clark High School) alumni who died in the line of duty. We are adding in pictures and memorabilia in the cabinets. If you have something you want to add to the school display, please contact Jenny Zahm jzahm@cpcsc.k12.in.us.



MAJOR SAVER RAISES RECORD PROFITS

CPEF's Major Saver Card campaign in January transitioned from physical to digital cards, resulting in record profits of \$19,153.00, up from \$6,081.75 last year. Top sellers won a limo ride to a pizza party. A portion of sales supports the individual school PTOs and funds student scholarships and events. Profit breakdown for each PTO is as follows:

- BOD: \$1,669.50
- CES: \$512.10
- GCES: \$1,282.20
- PCES: \$809.10
- WES: \$663.00
- CPELC: \$209.70
- RCES: \$600.30



PACERS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Pacers ticket sales fundraiser, which included support from six district schools. Profits were shared between each participant's PTO of choice and the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation. Jenny attended the check presentation at the Pacers game with other participating schools—and even managed to snap a quick selfie with Boomer. Thank you for supporting CPEF!



Campaigns

RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE!

Recognize Excellence, sponsored by Bailey & Wood, allows you to nominate individuals who excel in their roles. Winners are chosen from all nominations, celebrating those who go above and beyond for students. Pictured below are three of the 10 winners.



Maggie Meier



Anthony Hankins



Amber Clements

2024 PAYROLL DEDUCTION CAMPAIGN

We celebrated the first winners of our Payroll Deduction Campaign for student scholarships. Staff raised more than \$12,000 last year, and this year, they raised more \$15,000. Everyone who donated this year had their names put in a hat to win a gift bag from Teachers Treasures or tickets to the Blue Jeans Ball.

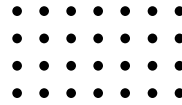


SURPRISE SEPTEMBER RETURNS!

Exciting news! "Surprise September" returns due to popular demand! Each week in September, one lucky staff member at Clark-Pleasant Schools won \$100, sponsored by Andrew Prince, Realtor with Century 21 Scheetz. This initiative shows appreciation for staff and fosters community partnerships. Congratulations to the winners: David Masengale, Bavin Biswas, Jasmeen Kaur and Gloria Lindsey!



Events



Legacy Awards

The Legacy Award honors teachers, staff and administrators who have made a lasting impact on graduating seniors. Students nominate and recognize individuals—from custodians to coaches—by reading heartfelt letters at Legacy Awards Night. It's a meaningful celebration of gratitude and influence.



Fit at the Farm



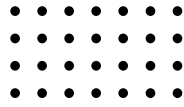
Fit at the Farm took place on October 5, with top finishers recognized across age groups, including Om Gosh and Aidan Pugh. Thanks to title sponsor Corient, additional sponsors, volunteers and donors for making the event a success. Proceeds support Fall Teacher Grants and student scholarships.

Pickleball Challenge

The second annual Pickleball Challenge on September 14, at WCHS raised funds for the Jerry Lasiter Scholarship. Issac Ebeyer won first place; Mike McCullough took second, and Jeff Brinkman finished third. Spanish Honor Society students managed the event; engineering students made the trophies, and Sami Brinkman performed the National Anthem.



Events



Staff Volleyball Tourney Supports Lasiter Scholarship

On February 22, Clark-Pleasant staff held a fun, team-building volleyball tournament to support the Jerry Lasiter Scholarship, raising about \$1,500. Seven teams competed. The High School Team won. The event was organized by WES Principal Bethany Guilfoy and sponsored by Warweg Irrigation and Hurricane Golf Carts.



Harlem Wizards

The Harlem Wizards brought energy to Glenn Ray Gymnasium on November 9, as teachers, staff and alumni took the court in a lively game. With help from Shades of Blue, our high school media students and community support, CPEF raised \$9,835.11. Thank you to everyone who made the night a success!



CandyLand Kids Prom

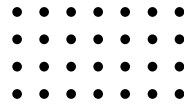
CandyLand Kids Prom on February 22 drew over 1,000 attendees and raised money for CPEF, the elementary school PTOs and the preschool PTO. CPEF thanks to the volunteers, sponsors and community members who made the event a success, including Indy Executive Limo for its generous limo donation.



Money Raised from Events: **\$54,763.91**

- Fit at the Farm
- Kids Prom
- Wizards Game
- Pickleball Tournament
- Staff Volleyball Tournament
- Blue Jeans Ball (Not yet included in the tally, but you can help us increase this number tonight!)

Events

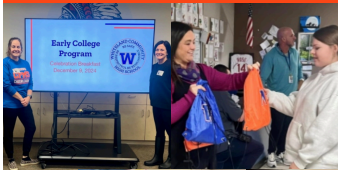


Clark Alumni Banquet

Jenny attended the final Clark Alumni Banquet, a heartfelt farewell to Clark High School, which closed in 1965. This last-ever gathering marked the 60th reunion of the final graduating class, with alumni sharing cherished memories. Special thanks to Barbra Evans and Gerald Lindsey for hosting the event for 30 years and preserving the school's legacy.



Early College Program Breakfast



The Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation sponsored a breakfast on December 15 for Early College students at Whiteland Community High School. This new program allows students to earn an Associate's Degree with their diploma, emphasizing key life skills. Thanks to parent volunteers, the food services team and Burlap 'N Hope for supporting this special event.

Tech Challenge

In January, Michelle Allee and Christa Rinehold led a 12-day Tech Challenge to help staff explore new digital tools and AI resources. Staff enjoyed the fun, practical format and discovered useful applications for both teaching and personal use. The Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation supported the challenge with prizes, making it a rewarding experience for all involved.



Year in Numbers

Grants Awarded to CPEF – \$37,955.44

- \$17,500 – Branigin Foundation for Fall Teacher Grants
- \$10,000 – Endress + Hauser for STEM
- \$5,000 – Johnson County Community Foundation for Robotics
- \$2,500 – CenterPoint for Ready to Work
- \$2,200 – Big Ten Foundation/ Indiana Sports Corp. for Publishing Parties
- \$755.44 – JCREMC for K-5 Alternative School

Major Event Revenue Raised by CPEF – \$54,763.91

- Pickleball Challenge – \$10,928.23
- Kids Prom – \$14,036.82
- Major Saver – \$13,407.10
- Wizards Game – \$9,835.11
- Fit at the Farm – \$4,318.15
- Staff Volleyball Tournament – \$1,811
- Pacer Fundraiser – \$427.50
- Blue Jeans Ball – **Coming Soon!**

Additional Giving to CPEF

- Payroll Contributions – \$15,751.58
- United Way – \$611.13 (56 new participants!)
- Kroger Rewards – \$4,790.12

Grants Paid Out by CPEF – \$30,313.33

- Fall & Bonus Grants – \$16,813.33
- STEM Grants – \$10,000
- Fine Arts – \$1,000
- Katie's Helping Heart – \$1,000
- Youth Leadership – \$1,500

Scholarships Paid Out by CPEF – \$34,000 (To Be Awarded in May)

- Jerry Lasiter Scholarship Fund Raised: \$34,028.22

CPEF Endowment Balance (as of 5/12/25): \$247,896

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