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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Westby Norse Fund is to have a positive influence on our students and broader community by financially supporting the education goals and career aspirations of WAHS graduating seniors.

ROBERT BOTHE JOINS WHS AS PRINCIPAL



Brooklyn, Kara, Robert and Breyer Bothe

As a dairy farm kid from Eden, Wisconsin, I knew I wanted to raise my family in a small-medium sized school district, rich in agriculture, hard work, and educational opportunities. After teaching and coaching for 16 years in Hillsboro, my family made the transition to Clintonville, Wisconsin where I became the Athletic/Activities Director for two years. When the Westby Area School District high school principal position opened, we knew immediately this would be a chance for us to raise our children in just the right sized community and school, closer to Kara's hometown and workplace in Hillsboro. We are excited to be back in Vernon County and excited to begin writing our new chapters in our life experiences as Norsemen. We are very thankful for the opportunity to work, play, and learn in a hard working and well educated community.

NORSE FUND BOARD MEMBERS - 2019



Bottom left, Andrea Jothan, Steve Nelson, Julie Nelson, Kari Bye, Top left, Craig Johnson, Roger Harris, Christy Tainter, Craig Hoven, Sara Olson, and Scott Haakenson

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

Each year the Norse Fund distributes this newsletter via direct mail to every residence in the Westby School District and alumni, approximately 10 years after they graduate from high school. This process is very expensive and keeping our database current is very hard. The board is considering distributing the newsletter electronically through email and social media. ***Please friend the Norse Fund on Facebook and send us your email so you don't miss future newsletters.***

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BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS MIKE FENCL

It has been a privilege to serve on the Norse Fund Board for the past six years and the last year as President. As I complete my second term, I want to let you know about the quality of people I have had the honor to work with the past six years. The people that make up the Norse Fund are some of the most selfless and generous people I have ever met. They are dedicated to conserving and growing this scholarship fund that provides thousands of dollars a year for graduating seniors at Westby Area High School. As stewards of a fund that has reached over a million dollars in assets, it is their mission to serve as guardians of a precious resource.

The Norse Fund is all about the future, the future leaders of our community, state, and world. Providing them with the opportunity to advance their education and expand their horizons is what this organization is all about. It is a grave responsibility, but these people take it very seriously. Each one of them strives to make the best decisions in order to assure the Norse Fund will continue to provide opportunities for our young people. None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors who have entrusted their hard earned dollars to the Norse Fund. Whether it be through a scholarship or simply donations to the fund on a personal basis, it all makes the Norse Fund a very special organization. I encourage you to continue to support the Norse Fund and if you would like to learn more about it, please contact a member of the board.

Special Thank You to Mr. Owen Bekkum

Each year the Norse Fund receives donations from many individuals in many generous amounts. This year we would like to thank Mr. Owen Bekkum for his overwhelming generosity. Mr. Bekkum has always been a great supporter of the Norse Fund, but this year he has donated over \$200,000 to the fund. We would like to acknowledge Mr. Bekkum and give him our very special, "Thank You", from all of us. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Norse Fund Scholarship Update

**The class of 2018 was awarded
62 Norse Fund Scholarships
Totaling \$78,200.00**

<u>Class of</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1988	4 Scholarships	\$2,500
1989	6 Scholarships	\$3,500
1990	9 Scholarships	\$5,000
1991	8 Scholarships	\$7,500
1992	12 Scholarships	\$8,500
1993	11 Scholarships	\$10,300
1994	12 Scholarships	\$14,382
1995	20 Scholarships	\$28,475
1996	21 Scholarships	\$60,100
1997	21 Scholarships	\$30,630
1998	23 Scholarships	\$42,000
1999	22 Scholarships	\$35,800
2000	27 Scholarships	\$43,200
2001	29 Scholarships	\$52,300
2002	30 Scholarships	\$54,100
2003	32 Scholarships	\$53,600
2004	35 Scholarship	\$56,100
2005	36 Scholarships	\$56,600
2006	42 Scholarships	\$59,600
2007	47 Scholarships	\$63,100
2008	42 Scholarships	\$63,600
2009	39 Scholarships	\$62,500
2010	36 Scholarships	\$60,300
2011	39 Scholarships	\$64,450
2012	38 Scholarships	\$63,300
2013	42 Scholarships	\$67,050
2014	45 Scholarships	\$68,050
2015	51 Scholarships	\$67,750
2016	53 Scholarships	\$78,150
2017	54 Scholarships	\$78,150
2018	62 Scholarships	\$83,500

**Grand Total All Years -
948 Scholarships - \$1,444,087**

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Comments from Past Norse Fund Award Recipients

My dream of continuing my education after High School is moving forward, thanks to your thoughtful, educational scholarship. Since being named one of the recipients of the Waylon and Milton Holtet Scholarship, my dream is becoming a reality at Western Technical College. The \$1,700 award is allowing me to acquire expertise that will serve the dental and photography community following graduation.

Thank you personally for your generosity: Without scholarship patrons willing to support those attending a short program of education, students such as myself would be unable to pursue their academic dreams.

I have just begun, as of June 11th, my undergraduate career as a freshman at Western Technical College and can already note that my academics are off to a great start. My plans at this stage are to complete a major in the Dental Assisting and a minor in Photography/Web Design. I am enjoying the wonderful atmosphere here at Western and I can't quite put into words how grateful I am for your support and consideration.

Once again, thank you for your compassionate, considerate ways and the Waylon and Milton Holtet Scholarship. I am committed to my education and my current educational fields, and one step closer to becoming a Dental Assistant and Photographer, thanks to your continued generosity and the Norse Fund - Waylon and Milton Holtet Scholarship
Sincerely,
Taylor Berra

*Westby Norse Fund Board,
I can't thank you enough for awarding me with the Vernon Memorial Healthcare/ Dr. P.T. Bland Scholarship. I am excited to take on a new level of education and this scholarship will help me greatly as I work to achieve my goals at Winona State University!*
Sincerely,
Julianne Call

Dear Norse Fund Board Scholarship,

I am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship. Your generosity is the reason I'm able to pursue my dream career and to be the first one in my family to attend college. This fall, I will be going to UW-Madison to major in Psychology and Kinesiology. With my degrees, I aspire to help people and possibly even go to grad school. This wouldn't be possible without this scholarship.

Thank you so much.

*Sincerely,
Megan Davidson*

Dear Westby Norse Fund,

Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Flugstad Family Scholarship. The money from this scholarship will help me pay for my tuition at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse where I plan on majoring in Radiation Therapy. Thank you again!
Sincerely,

Kenzie Von Ruden

The Benefits of your Donation

Your donation to the Westby Norse Fund will result in the following benefits:

- * Help provide scholarships to students to further their education.*
- * You or your estate may receive significant tax deductions from these donations.*

For more information concerning the Norse Fund or how you can make a donation, contact:

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There are Four Different Ways to Contribute to the Norse Fund

UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Most of our funds are received by donations made by friends of the Norse Fund with no restrictions made on how their contribution is to be used. This type of donation allows the Board to use the monies received in any way that benefits the Norse Fund.

TIME-RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

These types of contributions are a form of restricted funds that the donor wants the Norse Fund to hold and award over time. Time-restricted contributions have to be at a minimum of \$1,000, but can be for larger amounts. The Board holds these funds and awards a minimum of \$500 each year to one or more students.

FLOW-THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS

Flow-through contributions are funds that are \$500 or more that the donor wants to be awarded to one or more students. These types of contributions have to be communicated to the Board by March 1st and funds have to be received by May 1st, to be awarded at the Spring Award Presentation. Minimum amounts are generally \$500, but other amounts may be considered.

PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Permanently restricted contributions are also called, endowed contributions. This is where a donor contributes a larger sum of monies that is invested to yield an amount that is annually awarded to one or more students. From time to time, the policies on permanently restricted minimum contributions and yields have changed. This policy changes as investment yield changes, but once the Board accepts a sum of monies and sets a yield rate, that obligation (scholarship) does not change. Presently, the minimum permanently restricted contribution is \$12,500 at a yield of approximately 4 percent, which equals a minimum award of \$500 to a student.

In summary, if you have an interest in one of these types of contributions, or if you have an idea that you want the Norse Fund to consider, please contact Craig Johnson at (608) 212-6891 or Erik Hoven at (608) 792-4997. Forms are available on our website at www.norsefund.org.

Thank you for all your past interest in the Norse Fund, and whether your contribution is a current contribution or a request in your estate, the Norse Fund will work with you to try to accomplish your goals.

Westby Norse Fund Inc. Donation Form

Donor's Name: _____

Donor's Address: _____

Donor's City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Type (Please check appropriate donation type):

General Donation _____ Memorial _____ Honorarium _____

If Memorial or Honorarium - please state individual or group being recognized: _____

Please return this form with your contribution to:

Westby Norse Fund, Inc.

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NORSE FUND CONTRIBUTORS October 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018

\$0 to \$49

Amazon Smile
Ammerman, Marian
Anderson, David & Susan
Berg, Debra
Clements, Richard
Fencl, Michael & Marla
Flugstad, Robert & Sandra
Fontanini, Kathryn & David
Harris, Roger & Donna
Humfeld, Roger & Joyce
Jacobson, Dennis & Gloria
Johnson, Gordon & Jerilynn
Kammel, Clarice
Kotek, Daniel & Terri
Kurth, Ann
Larson, Larry & Nila
Lorenz, Glenn & Carol
Nelson, Robert
Olson, Corrine
Pedretti, Jana & Ed
Rude, Brian & Karen
Sorenson, David & Carol
Stritmater, Patricia
Tainter, Matthew & Christy

Temp, Joyce & Marvin
Wedwick, Brad & Annette
Widner, Dale & Eileen

\$50 to \$99

Bland, Robert & Cheryl
Bye, Bruce & Kari
DelMedico, James & Laurie
Hellwig, Glen & Wendy
Hennessy, K.P. & Darlene
Holte, Russel & Linda
Larson, J. A
Moilien, Ronald & Patricia
Nordstrom, Bruce
Olson, Allen & Alene
Schye, Patricia & Jon
Schye, Paul
Stoehr-Schedivy, Margaret
Vold-Brudos, Sandra

\$100 to \$249

Anderson, Charles & Nancy
Anderson, Kathleen
Berg, David
Bye, Joseph

Class of 1968
Class of 1973
Coulee Mobile Clinic
Dodge, Susan
Eng, Richard & Audrey
Erickson, Randall
Fish, Carolyn
Flugstad, Dean & Donna
Garthus, Nels
Haakenson, Scott
Jefson, Fred
Johnson, Lester & Phylis
Johnson, Rodney & Wendy
La Due, Dorothy
Meyer, Alan & Mary
Munsch, James & Phylis
Premier Co-op
Sorenson, Daniel
Veum, Cedric & Margaret

\$250 to \$499

Bakken, Katherine
Class of 1962

\$500 to \$999

Barstad, Betty
Bjerkos, Ryan
Midtlien, Howard & Joanne
Parr, Yvonne
Sons of Norway
Vernon Communications
Cooperative
WCCU

\$1,000 to \$2,499

Flugstad, Erik
Kerska, Robert
Mockrud Family Trust
Olson, Rod & Martha

\$2,500 to \$9,999

Bergtold, James & Harolynn

Over \$10,000

Bekkum, Owen
Christianson, Robert & Mary
Onshus, James & Amy Lou

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM CONTRIBUTIONS October 1, 2017 to October 31, 2018

In Memory of

Cal Anderson
Wayne Bakken
Ned Barstad
Naomi Flugstad Bekkum
Ron Bjerke
Robert Bjerkos
Gary Buros
Dave DeVault
Irv Engen
Chub Erickson
Kenton Evenstad

Gary Fish
Ann Garthus
Darla Hansen
Suzanne Hanson
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Stig Meyer
Lyle & Mary Nottestad
James & Amy Lou Onshus
Hubert Parr
Steve Pederson
Roger Peterson

Mike Raasch
Blaine Rudrud
Katrina Schlaver
Paul Schultz
Rosalie Schye
Sydney Sherry
Grant Stromstad
Donna Sveum
Rena Theige
Dean Warren
Karen Zielke

In Honor of

Christianson Science & Technology Scholarship
Class of 1962
Class of 1968
Class of 1973
Edward & Anna Kerska Scholarship

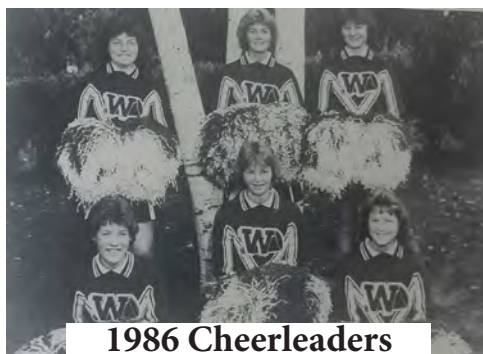
Elmo & Margaret Gulsvig Scholarship
Flugstad Family Scholarship
Howard & Joanne Midtlien Scholarship
Rodney & Martha Olson Scholarship

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NORSE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2018

Dorothy A. Bekkum Memorial Miranda DelMedico
 Dorothy A. Bekkum Memorial Sydney Sherry
 Howard & Lorene Johnson Sharice Elbert
 Howard & Lorene Johnson Jessica Marshall
 Christianson Science & Technology Emily Olson
 Christianson Science & Technology Bradley Vielhber
 Richard W. Perkins Scholarship Kiarra Keenlance
 Richard W. Perkins Scholarship Haley Olson
 Elmo & Margaret Gulsvig..... Kenzie Von Ruden
 Bryan LeJeune Memorial Samantha Gunderson
 John & Estelle Pedace Jack Lipski
 Alyce & Orrin Chestelson Memorial..... Michaela Grabowski
 Alyce & Orrin Chestelson Memorial..... Alex Helgeson
 David J. Larson Memorial Emily Olson
 Vernon Memorial Health Care/PT Bland..... Julianne Call
 Jonathan Hoff Memorial Scholarship Lexi Crume
 Anthony Olson Memorial Megan Davidson
 Anthony Olson Memorial Ariana Valle
 Theodore R. Thompson Memorial..... Michaela Grabowski
 Theodore R. Thompson Memorial..... Carter Bergdahl
 Theodore R. Thompson Memorial..... Roman Hebel
 Theodore R. Thompson Memorial..... Elena Schmidt
 Steve Erickson Memorial..... Jack Lipski
 Veum Family/Alice & Kermit Veum..... Ellie Bechtel
 Veum Family/Alice & Kermit Veum..... Brenna Manske
 Naomi Schoville Memorial Roman Hebel
 Helen Hagen Memorial Miranda DelMedico
 Edward & Anna Kerska Scholarship..... Miranda DelMedico
 Edward & Anna Kerska Scholarship..... Kenzie Von Ruden
 Bertha Dahl Memorial..... Amy Teadt

Dale Nestingen..... Heaven Saunders
 Clifford Sorensen Memorial Connor Johnson
 Verdell & LaVonne Engh Scholarship Sharice Elbert
 Grace & Red Nelson Memorial Sharice Elbert
 Flugstad Family..... Haley Olson
 Flugstad Family..... Kenzie Von Ruden
 Howard & Joanne Midtlien..... Kenzie Von Ruden
 Rod & Martha Olson..... Alex Helgeson
 Rod & Martha Olson..... Gavin Mellem
 William Running..... Eva Gajewski
 William Running..... Elena Schmidt
 Waylon & Milton Holtet Jada Berra
 Waylon & Milton Holtet Taylor Berra
 Waylon & Milton Holtet Grant Dayton
 Waylon & Milton Holtet Erek Devine
 Western Wis Video Production..... Erek Devine
 Sons of Norway Scholarship Ryla Vatland
 James & Amy Lou Onshus Scholarship..... Julianne Call
 James & Amy Lou Onshus Scholarship..... Erek Devine
 James & Amy Lou Onshus Scholarship..... Miranda DelMedico
 James & Amy Lou Onshus Scholarship..... Ryla Vatland
 James & Amy Lou Onshus Scholarship..... Kiarra Keenlance
 Norse Fund Board Scholarship..... Julianne Call
 Norse Fund Board Scholarship..... Megan Davidson
 Norse Fund Board Scholarship..... Michaela Grabowski
 Norse Fund Board Scholarship..... Eva Gajewski
 Norse Fund Board Scholarship..... Alex Helgeson
 Norse Fund Board Scholarship..... Ariana Valle
 Norse Fund Board - Robert Bland Elena Schmidt
 Norse Fund Board - Cedric Veum Miranda DelMedico



1986 Cheerleaders



2003 Jazz Choir



1954 Tumbling Squad



1960 Lettermans Club

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Comments from Steve Michaels - WAS District Administrator

I'm Steve Michaels and this is my first year as the *District Administrator for the Westby Area School District*. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Music education from UW-Stevens Point, my Masters in Music Education from the VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, and my certificates in Principalship, Director of Instruction, and Superintendent from Viterbo University. For 20 years, I worked in the School District of La Crosse as a teacher, district-level supervisor and principal. Prior to moving to Westby, I was involved in the creation of our region's first year round school and started the area's first community school. My three elementary-aged children attend Westby Elementary School and my wife, Deb, is taking a year off from teaching to transition our children into our new community. We love the outdoors including, camping, gardening, hunting, and

fishing. As musicians, my wife and I enjoy all types of arts activities. We felt welcomed by the school and community upon moving. We are impressed by the way our school staff supports one another as was evidenced by the compassionate actions of staff during this summer's floods. We are proud to be part of the Westby Area School District.

I have three big goals for the district:

- 1. Tell our story*
- 2. Develop a strategic plan for the next 5-10 years*
- 3. Become a destination district (for both students and staff)*

For those of you who have been here for a while, it's easy to lose sight of some of the incredible things that we take for granted. Many of the amazing things that happen for kids quickly seem to become "just regular things we do here." Great classroom projects, celebrations for teacher/coach awards, field trips, school wide celebrations, guest presenters, club activities, service projects, and more...these are things we need to be flooding our community with on a regular basis. The purpose in having a strategic plan is that it would give a direction for our district in a few priority areas. This would help buildings devise plans that fit into the district's "big picture." In this way, we can align our efforts and resources throughout the district. With the help of consultants, I'm going to be seeking staff, parent, and community input and participation in this process as we go through this year. I believe the Westby Area School District will be a destination district for students and staff. This goes far deeper than compensation. We need to explore new instructional delivery models that could include a wider variety of transcribed or dual-credit courses, blended learning opportunities, and more hands-on experiences. In this era of school funding, one of the only ways to generate money is by attracting students to open enroll in our schools. In my "first year plan" that I shared with our board, I outline an approach that has been successful for me in previous roles...Listen, Learn, then Lead. I plan on spending lots of time listening to staff ideas, lots of time reflecting on what I hear, and lots of time learning about what is important to the people I'm serving.



Newsletter Mailing Lists

To increase distribution and decrease mailing costs, the Norse Fund has changed the way we distribute the newsletter. First, we are sending it via e-mail to those who have email addresses. Second, we now deliver bulk to all residences within the school district instead of the past practice of delivering only to alumni by First Class Mail. Third, our computers randomly choose only one alumni at an address to eliminate duplicates. In light of the positives, it takes away using the postal service feature to give back changed addresses for those living within the school district. If you have updated addresses, or email addresses for children or alumni, please drop us a note at mailbox@norsefund.org or visit our website at www.norsefund.org. We will continue to keep our database as current as possible as a resource for your upcoming reunions.

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Graduates with Missing Addresses

We would like to hear from you. Instead of printing the entire list of graduates with missing addresses, please see our website for a complete listing and fill in the missing information.

Step One

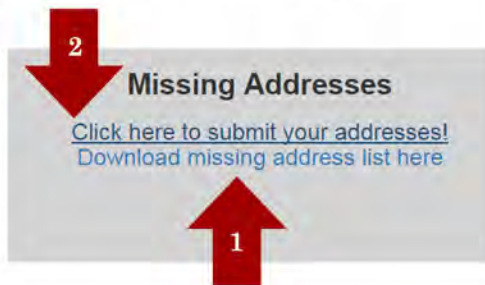
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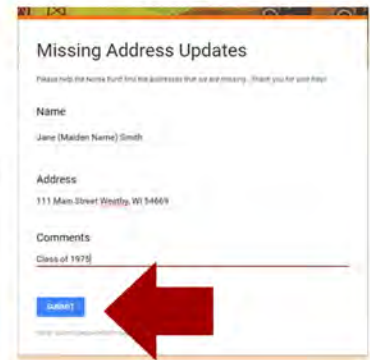
Check the missing addresses list to see if you can help the Norse Fund!

Next, select 'Click here to submit your addresses!' to add any missing addresses!



Step Three

Complete the Missing Address Form and hit Submit!



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