

The Foundation

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Weaver, Young families establish new scholarship endowment

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship for Harrisonville High School seniors pursuing college degrees in public service or governance. The \$1,000 scholarship – named The Weaver and Young Families Memorial Scholarship Award in Public Service and Governance – will be awarded each year to a senior who demonstrates citizenship, leadership, and commitment to the community. The scholarship honors the memory of two HHS graduates, and their husbands, whose lives demonstrated those ideals of service and citizenship.

The Weaver and Young families established the scholarship through an endowment with the Foundation. The Foundation will name the scholarship's first recipient at the 2021 Senior Excellence in Academics Ceremony.

Candidates must have a 3.6 GPA; provide two to three letters of recommendation and write an essay to explain the importance of public service and good governance, describe a current challenge, share an example of positive impact, profile a public servant's career, or summarize his or her own public service or governance goals. Students planning to earn a two- or four-year degree may apply. Examples of public service or governance fields of study include public safety, health care, education, social services, nonprofit work, and political science. Access scholarship information and the application on the Foundation website at www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation. Applications are due April 9.

How the Scholarship Originated

Two best friends from Harrisonville High, and their husbands, lived as examples of the sense of service this scholarship intends to support. Eldine Atkinson Weaver and Virginia Gwathmey Young seemed inseparable from childhood, and by the time they entered HHS, they had a connection that lasted all their lives. Their loved ones say it sometimes seems to endure beyond. This scholarship seeks to help make that influence a reality for others.

Eldine Weaver

Eldine Bernard was born in Kansas City, Kansas, and adopted by her great-uncle in Harrisonville, John Franklin Atkinson, after her mother died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. She graduated Harrisonville High School in 1934 and attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg. Eldine began managing the A.C. Mercantile Co. on the courthouse square when Atkinson retired.

Eldine was active in several Cass County service organizations, including the library board, historical society, Red Cross, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, The Order of the Eastern Star, and DAR. After retiring from the A.C., she served as the Shamrock Hills Golf Club's board

president and as site director for the Mid-America Regional Council Senior Citizens Nutrition Program. Eldine also drove the delivery van for Meals on Wheels and led the altar guild at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Jim Weaver

Eldine's husband, James Earl Weaver, a valedictorian of Archie High School and noted local athlete, joined her in running the store after he returned from combat in the Pacific with the Marine Corps in World War II. Jim Weaver and his friends built the municipal golf course for Harrisonville after their return. Jim took part with the American Legion and the VFW in other service projects for Harrisonville, and he served as senior warden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Jim later designed and built Shamrock Hills Golf Course in Lee's Summit.

Virginia Young

Virginia Gwathmey was born in Webb City and graduated from Harrisonville High School and Stephens College. Her father owned the Gwathmey Foundry in Harrisonville, one of the largest metal fabrication facilities of its kind. Virginia worked in New York City for companies that became the Associated Press and served there as assistant to the first stenographic court reporter for the state of New York.

In 1943, Virginia became one of the first women to serve as a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps. On duty in Arlington, Virginia, she met and married another young Marine officer, Jack Young. Virginia continued her studies after World War II and received a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in public administration from George Washington University.

Virginia served as deputy county executive and acting county executive of Prince William County, Virginia, during the county's explosive growth as a suburb of Washington, D.C. Prior to those positions, Virginia worked in the planning department of the city of Alexandria. The preservation of historic Old Town Alexandria is a lasting legacy of her work. Virginia was considered an expert in local land use and zoning. As a volunteer, she served as president of the Virginia chapter of the League of Women Voters, and she was active in the pastoral care ministry of The Falls Church (Episcopal).

Jack Young

Virginia's husband, Jack Young, served as director of management analysis for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration during its early years and America's first voyages into space. He was loaned to the Peace Corps at the inception of that program, and he served as the organization's first associate director for management. Then, he returned to NASA as deputy director.

Jack's previous administrative service included the Office of Defense Mobilization, Executive Office of the President; the Civil Defense Administration; the National Security Resources Board; the President's Task Force on Cost Reduction; a series of positions with the Bureau of the Budget; the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and the Department of Energy.

Jack received a doctoral degree in public administration from American University, and after leaving government service, Dr. Young worked as a professor in American University's School of Public Affairs. He published extensively on executive and financial management.

The Examples They Set

Eldine Weaver and Virginia Young's accomplishments and qualifications might seem normal today. In their time, however, such careers were less accessible to women, and in that sense, these women were extraordinary. Including people from all walks of life in public service is one goal of the scholarship established in their names.

What was normal in their generation was the sense of service we see in their careers and their husbands' careers. Supporting that sense of service in our own time, raising the priority of citizenship — with the awareness and responsibilities that citizenship demands — is another goal of the scholarship.

About the Foundation

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to support and enhance all educational programs and activities of the Harrisonville School District. The Foundation's programming includes teacher grants, district grants, advanced degree teacher reimbursement, scholarships, the Excellence in Academics program, and the HHS Distinguished Wall of Fame.

The Foundation manages 13 endowments established by families in memory of loved ones. These endowments yield nearly \$27,000 in annual scholarships for seniors and \$2,000 in annual teacher grants.

For more information on the Foundation and supporting students and teachers, contact executive director Jill Filer at (816) 380-2727, ext. 1224 or jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org.



The Weavers



The Youngs

Alum donates to high school math, Cass Career Center ag departments to honor former teachers

The Harrisonville High School math department and the Cass Career Center agriculture program have each received grants thanks to a contribution made by an HHS alumnus in honor of high school teachers who impacted his life.

Harold Huff, HHS class of 1969, provided a \$5,000 gift to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation earlier this year. He made the donation in honor of former Harrisonville teachers George McCleave, HHS math, and Bill Day and Stanley Gardner, CCC agriculture. The Foundation matched Huff's donation, so the math and agriculture programs each received grants for \$4.857 and \$4.259 respectively.

The HHS math department will use its funds to update technology. It will purchase a classroom set of TI-Nspire calculators and the Nspire Navigator system. With this system, teachers have real-time perspective about what students are doing on their graphing calculators and how well they are understanding the material. Using the navigator system, teachers can also preload questions onto

students' calculators. This will save time and resources and allow teachers to conduct assessments and provide feedback immediately.

The CCC agriculture department will use the funds it received to purchase 10 binocular microscopes to use in lab settings. Students enrolled in courses including Veterinary/Equine Science, Advanced Plant Science and Advanced Livestock will use the microscopes. The department will also purchase an industry-standard kennel system, which will move animal sciences coursework from theory to hands-on practice. Students will be able to learn animal handling, feeding and watering practices and sanitation procedures.

During high school, Huff was involved in FFA all four years and held "all the offices there were." He earned the State FFA Degree and the DEKALB Award. He was also involved in student council, choir and journalism, and he served as senior class president.

He earned his bachelor's in agriculture with an emphasis in chemistry and his master's in mechanized agriculture with an emphasis in waste management from the University of Missouri. He worked at the USDA before returning to Mizzou to conduct research.

As the head of Mizzou's Food Engineering Lab, Huff partnered with biological engineering and food science professor Fu-Hung Hsieh to develop and patent a plant-based meat alternative. The soy-based chicken product they developed became the launching point for Beyond Meat, which licensed the technology from Mizzou.

Huff has also authored or co-authored more than 100 journal articles and been featured in Time magazine.

He retired from Mizzou after serving 27 years as a senior research specialist. He currently lives in Ashland, Missouri.

Pictured below:

Foundation treasurer Susan Lockard, HHS math department chair Josh Bebout, HHS principal Mark Wiegers, and Foundation trustee Bing Schimmelpfenning.

Foundation treasurer Susan Lockard, CCC director Jeanette Flanner, CCC agriculture instructors Marshall Streit and Jason Dieckhoff, and Foundation trustee Bing Schimmelpfenning



Smith family creates endowment to continue scholarship in perpetuity

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation is pleased to announce the newly created Allison W. Smith Memorial Scholarship Endowment. The endowment will provide a \$2,000 scholarship award each year to a senior female student-athlete who strives for excellence in academics and sportsmanship and who demonstrates passion to engage in the world through leadership or innovative ideas to make the global or local community better for others.



The Foundation has awarded The Allison W. Smith Memorial Scholarship since 2015 through annual contributions. A recent gift from the Smith Family endowed the scholarship, so it will be awarded in perpetuity.

To be eligible for the scholarship, candidates must maintain a GPA of 3.6 or higher and intend to pursue a bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year college or university. The selection process includes an application, essay, letters of recommendation and an interview. Access more information and the application on the Foundation website at www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation. Applications are due April 9.

Allison W. Smith

Allison W. Smith was described as a fearless, confident, respectful and gracious individual who identified early in life her passion for learning and her desire to use her talents, skills and intelligence to improve life for others. Allison was a person who set goals and achieved them. She was a scholar and an athlete, a leader and a devoted friend with a humble spirit. She lit up the lives of others with her warmth, caring and infectious energy and good cheer. She lived intentionally, asking probing questions, and was determined to make a positive difference in the world and her community. She lost her life tragically in a car accident on Feb. 12, 2015, when an oncoming vehicle crossed the center line and hit her vehicle.

Allison attended Harrisonville Schools until her sophomore year. While an HHS student, she participated in cross country and basketball her freshman year and earned the Horizon Award and a varsity letter in basketball. In student government, she served as president of her freshman class. She played snare drum and marimba in the Harrisonville High School band and participated in theatre. She received the Excellence in Academics Award. Pursuing a college preparatory curriculum, Smith applied and was accepted at the Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City in 1999 as a sophomore. She graduated from Pembroke Hill in 2002.

At Pembroke Hill, Smith earned five varsity letters: two in cross country and three in track. She participated in field hockey, basketball, cross country and track and distinguished herself in athletics as the 2000 Missouri State 5K Champion in only her second season of running. She was also a school record holder in the 5K, two-time All-State runner and All-Metro first team in cross country. She won the 3200 Missouri State Title in Track in 2001 and 2002. Nationally, Allison was the overall champion at the AAU Junior Championships in December 2001 in the 5K event. She was recognized as the KC Star All-Metro Cross Country Girl's Runner of the Year in 2000.

At Pembroke Hill, she was a two-time recipient of the Raider Award for Team Leadership, which recognized her commitment, dedication, desire and positive contributions in track and cross country and her having earned the respect of teammates and coaches. She was also the KC Star Scholar Athlete Special Mention in 2002.

Academically, Smith was recognized on the Headmaster's Distinctive Achievement List and the High Honor Roll. She received the Cecil P. Coad History Award. At Pembroke Hill, she was vice president of student government and a member of Madriqal Singers, and she participated in Common Ground.

Smith was selected as one of 25 high school seniors from the Kansas City area to participate in AWARE, a mentoring program of the International Relations Council of Kansas City.

Allison received the President's Student Service Challenge Award for 100 hours of community service in one year as a junior. She participated in two homebuilding projects for Habitat for Humanity in 2001 in San Francisco and Santo Domingo, Ecuador. She attended the national Student Leadership Conference on International Diplomacy in summer 2002 and also volunteered at Kids Across America, St. Luke's Hospital and Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Dinner programs during high school.

Allison attended Dartmouth College and graduated in 2006. She earned a bachelor's degree in environmental policy at Dartmouth where she was on the varsity cross country and track teams and was an enthusiastic member of the Dartmouth Outing Club. She earned a master's degree in environmental law at Vermont Law School in 2007.

An accomplished marathoner and triathlete, Allison loved the outdoors and was also an avid hiker, biker and swimmer. She completed the Boston Marathon in 2011 and qualified for the New York Marathon. At the time of her death, she had nearly completed an MBA at Babson College. The degree was awarded posthumously in May of 2015.

Allison worked as an analyst for the New England States Committee on Electricity, which represents the collective interests of the six New England states. She cared deeply about the long-term climate implications of energy choices and focused on forward-looking clean energy issues such as solar power.

Allison was recognized in April 2015 at the New England Women in Energy and the Environment Award Gala, which celebrates the accomplishments of women leaders in the fields of energy and environment who have achieved professional excellence within their areas of specialty and have actively paved the way to success for other women in similar or related professional areas. This recognition, called The Rising Star Award, is awarded annually by NEWIEE.

Past recipients of the annual Allison W. Smith Memorial Scholarship include Melissa Watson, Kristen Koch, Baylee Streit, Lanie Carl, Haley Holden and Arden Middaugh.

Foundation to induct Carmichael, Moreland into Wall of Fame

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation will induct two Harrisonville High School graduates into the HHS Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame in 2021.

Danny Carmichael, class of 1978, has a distinguished record of service to his community. Beginning in his high school years, Carmichael served as a volunteer firefighter, and he continued serving for 21 years. He rose in rank from a junior fireman to a lieutenant. He also volunteered for 10 years as an EMT/paramedic and 15 years with the Emergency Management Agency, which was previously known as Civil Defense, where he served as president of the all-volunteer group.

In 1985, Carmichael graduated from the police academy and joined the Cass County Sheriff's Department. He served as a reserve deputy sheriff for 10 years. He also served as a major case squad investigator for the Metropolitan Chief's and Sheriff's Association. He is a TIPS Hotline advisory board member for Metropolitan Crime Commission Crime Stoppers and an executive board member for the FBI Kansas City Citizens Academy Alumni Association.

Carmichael was elected Cass County coroner in 1983 and served in that position for 16 years. His peers recognized him as a district director in the Missouri Coroners and Medical Examiners Association.

Carmichael has served on the Cass Regional Medical Center Foundation including time as the board president and been elected as a trustee for Cass Regional Medical Center. For the Harrisonville Board of Parks and Recreation, he served as a board member and chairman. Additionally, he was instrumental in creating and placing the Koren/Vietnam Memorial in Harrisonville.

Carmichael earned a mortuary science degree from the Kansas City Kansas Community College and a fire science degree from Penn Valley Community College.

Carmichael lives in Raymore with his wife, Theresa.

Taylor Moreland graduated in 2009 from Harrisonville High School. Following high school, Moreland earned a degree in agribusiness management from the University of Missouri. He owns Moreland Seed and Soil LLC and Agrispray Drones.

Moreland married his wife, Ally, and in 2017, they had their son Brody, who was born with spina bifida. As Brody grew, Moreland saw his son struggle to move around the house and decided to do something. Moreland and his wife engineered a device called "The Frog," which helps Brody crawl and interact with his environment.

Moreland did not stop at helping his own son, however. He started a GoFundMe campaign to begin manufacturing and distributing "The Frog" to other children whose families may not be able to afford such a device. To date, the Frog Mobility Project has manufactured and shipped more than 300 Frogs to 12 countries around the world. The devices are all manufactured, assembled and shipped from the Morelands' workshop and office.

The International Patient Innovation Organization recognized Moreland as one of four 2019 Patient Innovation Award recipients. He and his family have been featured on national news including World News Tonight and Good Morning America.

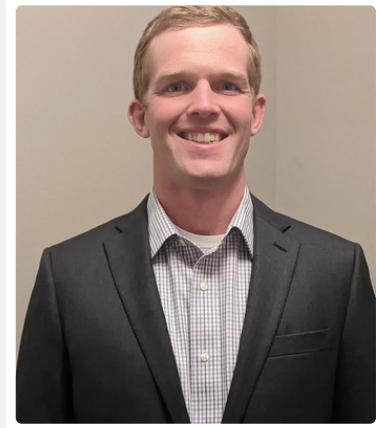
As Brody has grown, so has Moreland's innovation with his newest device called the Go Bro. It serves as a mini wheelchair and became available for shipping in December. More than 20 GoBros have been shipped to children.

The Moreland family now includes 18-month-old Brett; they live in Centralia, Missouri.

The 2021 Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame induction ceremony will take place this fall as part of a home football game.

Inductees are selected based on their significant contributions to their communities or fields of work. Nominations are accepted continuously. Each year's submission deadline for consideration is Oct. 31.

For more information, contact the Harrisonville Public School Foundation at 380-2727, ext. 1224.



Senior scholarship applications now available

The Foundation oversees the distribution of several scholarships to seniors at Harrisonville High School and Cass Career Center. The scholarship application period is open now through April 9.

The online application, as well as descriptions of each scholarship, can be found on the Foundation website - <https://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/Page/62>.

Major Saver sales down for year

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation and Harrisonville School District recently wrapped up the student-sales portion of the annual Major Saver fundraiser. This year's sales were done differently - all sales were conducted online due to the pandemic. This resulted in a decrease in proceeds from previous years of approximately \$10,000.

The proceeds from the sales will still be split equally between the Foundation and the participating schools.

The overall proceeds totaled \$5,992.50. Harrisonville Early Childhood Center earned \$581.25; Harrisonville Elementary received \$1,575; and McEwen Elementary earned \$783.75.

The 2021 participating businesses include: Price Chopper, Dick's Sporting Goods, Casey's, Mantis Pest Solutions, Apple Barrel (in Sapp Brothers), Mazzio's, The Garage, Brewbakers, Dunkin' Donuts (in Sapp Brothers), Sonic, Captain D's, Dairy Queen, El Maguey, Daylight Donuts, Shivers, The Ville Nutrition, Butler Music, Plowboys Barbeque, Best Burrito, Extreme Grand Prix Indoor Family Fun Center, and Mod Pizza.

The Foundation will use its portion to fund its programming which includes the Excellence in Academics program, teacher grants, and Advanced Degree Teacher Initiatives.

Those who missed the student sale can still purchase cards online at www.majorsaver.com/cards. The Foundation and schools will continue to receive proceeds.



Harrisonville Elementary
School



McEowen Elementary
School

Foundation presents Advanced Degree Reimbursements

The Foundation's Advanced Degree Teacher Initiative Program provides partial reimbursement to teachers seeking a master's degree or higher in a non-administrative field. Following each semester - summer, fall, and spring - teachers may apply to receive partial reimbursement for up to six hours of courses. During the most recent distribution period, the Foundation presented \$1,000. Since 2008 when the program began, the Foundation has presented more than \$36,000.

Alumni News & Notes



Published Author

Eric Bohl, Class of 1999, published his first book, *Fracture Republic*, in January 2020. Read more about Eric & his work at www.ericbohlbooks.com.



Award-winning Camera Operator

Jonathan Pope, Class of 2001, is a camera operator who has had the opportunity to cover sports across the country. Most recently, he covered Super Bowl LV at Raymond James Stadium. He's also won an Emmy for his coverage at the 2019 Masters,



Children's Author

Charlotte Matthews, Class of 2001, has written and illustrated her first children's book, *Wonder Up*. The book is being offered online through Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Staying Connected with Harrisonville Schools

We encourage our alumni to stay connected to Harrisonville and HHS. We have several ways you can do that....

- Follow our district Facebook page - www.facebook.com/HarrisonvilleSchools and high school Facebook page - www.facebook.com/HarrisonvilleHighSchool.
- Subscribe to the district's twice monthly e-newsletter, Key News. Go to <https://harrisonville.parentlink.net/> & click on Sign Up at the bottom of the page next to "Want to keep up with the latest news and updates from **HARRISONVILLE SCHOOLS?**"

Please share this newsletter with your fellow Wildcat alumni

Calling all Harrisonville High School Alumni! Please forward this newsletter and encourage your classmates & friends to complete the Alumni Contact Form to help us create a full and complete listing of HHS alumni.

[Click here for Alumni Contact Form](#)

Also, we invite you to "like" both the [Harrisonville Public School Foundation](#) and [Harrisonville High School Alumni](#) Facebook pages.

The Foundation Facebook page provides regular updates on Foundation activities including photos of our work in action and opportunities for you to support the work of the Foundation.

The Alumni page is the "go to" place to get information on alumni events and opportunities, connect with classmates, and share reunion information. To submit information for the alumni page, email jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org.



Wildcat spirit signs available to purchase

Show your Wildcat spirit by purchasing a yard sign sporting your favorite activity. Maybe it's soccer, baseball, choir, tennis ... whatever! Or, maybe you'd like it to say alumni, [#WildcatFamily](#), your last name or Class of 19?? (up to 15 characters).

The yard signs (sign/stake/hardware) are \$55 each, and each individual personalized plaque is \$10.

Orders will be placed on the 15th of each month. Payment is required before we will finalize your order. Buyers will be notified via email that their sign and/or plaque is ready to pick up at the district administrative office, 503 S. Lexington.

Place an order here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEjlu1dTZ-a118KJVe6YoB56oJDes6mmWd61F-G81GU0pWCQ/viewform>.

<https://harrisonvillepublicschoolfoundation.networkforgood.com/events/7753-show-your-wildcat-spirit>

If you would rather not pay the small transaction fee, then you may mail or drop off your check made payable to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation to:

Harrisonville Public School Foundation
503 S. Lexington
Harrisonville, MO 64701

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In 2020 that support has included...

- A new 10-passenger van that staff and students use for event and activity trips
- District, teacher & classroom grants totaling more than \$31,000
- Scholarships to graduating seniors in the amount of \$43,000


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