

The Foundation

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Major Saver sales underway benefiting Foundation, schools

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation is once again offering Major Saver cards for sale through students in grades K-5. Those interested in a card can purchase from a student or you can simply go to www.majorsaver.com/cards and include the student's name in the designated area. All cards purchased online will be mailed directly to the customer.

K-5 students will sell the \$15 Buy One, Get One Free offer cards until Tuesday, January 18. Proceeds from the sales of the discount cards directly support the participating schools and the activities of the Harrisonville Public School Foundation. Since 2002, we've raised \$157,000 benefitting our students and schools.

The 2022 participating businesses include: Mazzio's, Best Burrito, Apple Barrel, Sonic, Dunkin' Donuts, Suzy Q's, MOD pizza, Dairy Queen, Brick House Coffee, The Ville Nutrition, The Garage, El Maguey, Butler Music, Plowboys BBQ, Shiver's, Brewbakers, Daylight Donuts, Dick's Sporting Goods, Family Center, Price Chopper and Charlie Hustle.

In addition to the Harrisonville card, customers may purchase Major Saver cards from any participating communities and the sale will be credited to Harrisonville Schools and to the student that the buyer is supporting.

Major Saver cards make great gifts for employees, new customers, and current clients. For more information, contact the Harrisonville Public School Foundation at 380-2727, ext. 1224.

The Foundation will use its portion to fund programming including teacher and district grants, the Excellence in Academics program including the Bill Mills Leaving a Legacy grants, Advanced Degree Teacher Reimbursement, and student scholarships. The elementary schools have used the funding for technology, playground equipment, books, and more.

Foundation surprises teachers with shopping spree

In early December, the Foundation surprised district teachers with a one-time \$50 shopping spree to purchase items needed for their classrooms or items to enrich their students' experience. Teachers submitted their orders before winter break, the Foundation purchased the items using Amazon Smile (so we earned a little back), and the orders were sorted and delivered the week after winter break.

Overall, teachers received \$6,500 in items for their classrooms.



Foundation trustees
sorting the purchases



Preschool students
enjoying new items



First graders excited
about new games



Items ready for pick-up
at Harrisonville
Elementary



McEowen music students
using new dry erase
boards & markers

Gaddie, Sweitzer to be inducted into Alumni Wall of Fame



HHS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI WALL OF FAME 2022

GEORGE T. SWEITZER, JR.

Class of 1939

DR. JULIE GADDIE

Class of 1991

Friday, February 18, 2022
Public Reception, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
HHS Library

Induction will take place between
at halftime of the boys' varsity
basketball game



Foundation presents fall classroom grants

Teachers and students in the Harrisonville School District recently received more than \$6,000 in grants from the Harrisonville Public School Foundation.

Throughout the 20 years of the teacher grant program, more than \$120,000 has been presented to teachers. The goal of the program is to enhance the education of Harrisonville students by encouraging and recognizing new educational approaches and concepts that are not currently funded by the district.

Teacher grants were awarded to the following:

- Michelle Lloyd, HHS Life Careers for a small freezer and refrigerator with ice maker for the Royal Roast Coffee Shop at HHS.
- David May, Cass Career Center EMT for a rope rescue haul system to train students on techniques for patient removal in various situations.
- Amy Wilson, HHS Life Skills for start-up funds to open a school store to help teach business and life skills.
- Wendy Courter, Kelli Neal and McKenzie Quinn, McEowen fifth grade teachers for sensory items such as wobble stools and fidget items to meet the needs of students in order to keep them in the classroom learning.
- Caitlin Jimenez and Samantha Powers, McEowen fourth grade teachers for a subscription to GimKit for McEowen. This website offers the ability for students to practice any content selected by the teacher in a game-type format.

- Laura Magerkurth, speech-language pathologist at HES for flexible seating to increase students' focus in her classroom.
- Audra Bross, Harrisonville Early Childhood Center kindergarten teacher for a light table and accessories to enhance learning in her classroom.
- Pam Ackerman, elementary special education teacher for under the desk elliptical bikes and alternative seating to help with student engagement in the classroom.
- Crystal Nofsinger, Harrisonville Elementary School Life Skills. For lightweight hoses and watering equipment to maintain the Giving Grove orchard at the school.

Three HHS students to attend leadership conference

Three Harrisonville High School students will participate in a leadership conference this summer thanks to funding from the Harrisonville Public School Foundation. Sophomores Mason Mitchell, Dayton Hoffman, and Brooklyn Rhoney will attend the Hugh O'Brian State Leadership Seminar. The students were selected by the HHS staff for this opportunity.

The Leadership Seminar is "designed to help high school sophomores recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethics leaders in their home, school, workplace and community."



Foundation announces new scholarship

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation will begin presenting a new scholarship for Harrisonville High School seniors pursuing college degrees in engineering or business in May 2022. The \$750 scholarship — named The Joseph Hardin Gwathmey and Laura May Gwathmey Memorial Scholarship Award for Engineering or Business — will be awarded each year to a senior who demonstrates school and community involvement, a commitment to honesty and gratitude, a sense of curiosity and an innovative spirit, and a dedication to inclusivity and respect for others.

The Gwathmey family established the scholarship through an endowment with the Foundation. The Foundation will name the scholarship's first recipient at the 2022 Senior Excellence in Academics Ceremony.

Candidates must have a 3.6 GPA; provide three letters of recommendation' and write an essay to describe the reasons you are interested in studying engineering and/or business, describe a situation where your leadership skills successfully helped to work through issues and advance a project for your school and/or community, or describe the how your volunteer activities have impacted your life. Access scholarship information and the application on the Foundation website at www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation. Applications are due April 8.

[Read more about Joseph Hardin Gwathmey and Laura May Gwathmey here.](#)



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>.

You can pay online; there's a small transaction fee:

<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

All proceeds benefit the Foundation's programming including teacher grants, district grants and student scholarships.



Shopping Online? Support the Harrisonville Public School Foundation while you shop!

It's simple...three easy steps!

1. Go to smile.amazon.com.
2. Choose the Harrisonville Public School Foundation as your charity of choice.
3. Bookmark smile.amazon.com, & use it instead of amazon.com each time you shop.

For each eligible purchase, **the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5% to us** (with no extra cost to you). On AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com.

Your contributions will help us support our students and teachers by providing funding to enhance educational programs and activities in the district.

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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For more information, go to
[www.harrisonvilleschools.org/
foundation](https://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation) or call
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