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**VISION STATEMENT** - We will be a premier school foundation serving as a driving force by investing for a significant impact to help distinguish the Vicksburg Community Schools’ educational experience.

**Mission Statement** - The Foundation helps financially energize the Vicksburg Community Schools to achieve its objectives and needs beyond traditional educational funding.

# 2021 Bardeen Teacher Incentive Grant Recipients

This Teacher Incentive Grant Program, named in honor of the late Max Bardeen, has been supporting special teacher training, high tech equipment and unique innovative programs at Vicksburg Community Schools since 1986. The Vicksburg Foundation donates \$10,000 each year to the Vicksburg Community Schools Foundation to support this special program.

## **The following Bardeen Grants were awarded in April 2022:**

**Mr. Rosier and Mr. Bennett** - 2 new surface computers for our HS and MS band programs

**Mrs. Bond** - flexible seating for her 2nd grade classroom which includes wobble seats, balance balls, and standing desks.

**Mrs. Christiansen** - native plants for the Outdoor Education Center

**Mrs. Kahler and Mrs. Heintzelman** - ipads to help them bring music to the students

**MS science teachers** - handheld GPS devices to help students with mapping skills

**Mrs. Ragotzy** - supplies to help AP art students have a larger exhibit for their finished pieces

**Mr. Smith** - music software to help his HS students create their own copyright free music to use.

**Mrs. Taplin** - creation of a classroom library for her BK classroom at Sunset lake including books, comfortable seating, and shelving.

**Mr. Duncan** - bikes to teach students how to ride.

**Mr. Smith and Mrs. Forsythe** - classroom set of headphones with mics to allow students to work in groups during class.

**Mrs. Fleming** - books to be used with her students during speech therapy at Indian Lake

**Mrs. Stauffer and Mrs. Bacalia** - A computer program and heart rate monitor called mightier biofeedback which allows them to assist special education students back to class quicker.

**Mrs. Guerrero** - school subscription to breakout EDU which allows students to participate in learning online.

## 2020 - 2021 Curiosity Grants

In 1993, the Vicksburg Community Schools. Foundation Trustees developed a program that would allow students from any grade level, to apply for a special grant that would support innovation. Grants are generally approved for up to \$250; however the committee does consider and has funded grants in larger amounts.

### **With support from the Vicksburg Foundation, the following grants were awarded this year:**

**Indian Lake 4th grade students with mentor Mrs. Haring** - Flocabulary annual subscription.

**Indian Lake 5th grade students with mentor Mrs. Hook** - books about diversity and cultural differences.

**Jackson Bowles with mentor Chrisi Bowles** - peer to peer study club for AP students.

**Mrs. Jamerson and Mrs. Martens classrooms** - building of the "hill of hope" which is a sledding hill on the playground.

**Student lighthouse team at Sunset Lake with mentor Mrs. Malito** - Earth day project that purchased a tree sapling for each student and staff member to take home and plant.

# 2020-2021 Scholarship Recipients



**Olivia Grinnell**  
The Appell Family  
Scholarship  
\$2,500



**Chloe Stevens**  
Lloyd (Todd) Cantwell  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$500



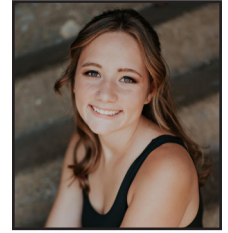
**Andrew Reno**  
Gordon and Dorothy Daniels  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$3,000



**Sydnee Pierce**  
John W. Fritz Memorial Scholarship  
\$500  
Mason Heikes Memorial Scholarship  
\$500



**Sawyer Barton**  
Brennan Hamilton  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$2,000



**Kylie Anthony**  
Louise W. Maher  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$1,500



**Brady Brown**  
Louise W. Maher  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$1,500



**Avalee Goodman**  
Letha Munn  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$500



**Morgan Haddix**  
The Oswalt Family Farm/Trades  
Scholarship  
\$1,000



**Hannah Vallier**  
Louise Reed  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$2,000



**Payton Lewis**  
David Reisterer  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$2,750



**Jacob Conklin**  
David Reisterer  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$2,750



**Sean Kelly**  
David Reisterer  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$1,000



**Lydia O'Roark**  
Jeremy Smith  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$1,000



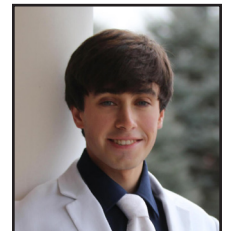
**Aysa Sackett**  
Jeremy Smith  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$1,000



**Brianna Hamilton**  
Peter Tindall  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$1,000



**Frances Howard**  
Patrick & Lynn Vallier  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$500



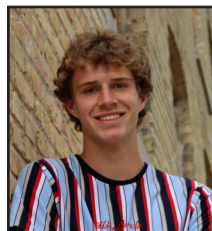
**Dominick Hosner**  
Vicksburg Community Schools  
Foundation Scholarship  
\$1,000



**Zachary Myers**  
Vicksburg Community Schools  
Foundation Scholarship  
\$1,000



**Nicholas Simmons**  
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Foundation Scholarship  
\$1,000



**Levi Thomas**  
Vicksburg Foundation  
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\$2,500



**Elijah Bombich**  
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\$2,500



**Joseph Loriso**  
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\$2,500



**Noah Green**  
Vicksburg Foundation  
Scholarship  
\$2,500



**Chloe Hatridge**  
Vicksburg Foundation  
Scholarship  
\$2,500



**Megan Holmes**  
Vicksburg Foundation  
Scholarship  
\$2,500



**Aidyn Knedgen**  
Walter Harris  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$500



**Jon-Paul Fritz**  
Stanley Weinberg  
Memorial Scholarship  
\$1,250

## Not Pictured

### Rotary Academic Scholarship

Kyle Campbell - \$ 1,000  
Cheyenne Lehmkuhl - \$ 1,000  
Anna Christiansen - \$ 1,000  
Anna Deal - \$ 1,000  
Toby Stock - \$ 1,000

### Rotary Trade Scholarship

Cooper Reitenour - \$ 1,000

### Peter Tindall Memorial Scholarship

Eliot Pierce \$ 1,000

**Century Club Donors  
\$100 per year**

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\$200 per year**

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\$500 per year**

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Ralph Hayward Insurance  
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Stewart Sutherland  
Vicksburg Auto Body  
Vicksburg Family Dentistry

**Operating Grants & Contributions:**

Annual fund drive..... \$13,421  
Student Curiosity Grant ..... \$3,000  
Bardeen Teacher Incentive Grant .... \$10,00  
Fundraisers-net ..... \$1,672  
Other Grants & Contributions..... \$2,085  
**Total.....\$31,678**

**Grants Awarded:**

Bardeen teacher incentive grants... \$38,600  
Student curiosity grants..... \$6,000  
Student scholarships..... \$43,750  
Other grants..... \$6,498  
**Total.....\$94,848**

**Total Operating Expenses:.. \$31,992****General Endowment Funds:**

Vicksburg Community Schools Endowment  
VCSF Legacy Fund

Ellen & Joseph Cashion Memorial Fund  
Reisterer Family Fund

**Designated Purpose Funds:**

Bardeen Teacher Incentive Fund  
Lewis M. Maher Memorial Fund  
Patricia Reeves Exemplars of Service Fund

**Scholarship Funds:**

VCSF Scholarship Fund  
Patrick and Lynn Vallier Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
Louise Reed Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Stanley Weinberg Farms Scholarship Fund  
Letha Munn Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Vicksburg Foundation Scholarship Fund  
Ana Resseguie Barnes Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
Gordon & Dorothy Daniels Memorial  
Scholarship Fund

Jeremy Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Lloyd Cantwell Memorial Scholarship Fund  
John W. Fritz Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Appell Family Scholarship Fund  
Peter Tindall Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Brennan Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Fund  
David T. Reisterer Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Endowment Balance**

**July 1, 2020 ..... \$2,384,301**

**Contributions Received .... \$18,800**

**Grant Distributions ..... (-\$53,976)**

**Investment Return ..... \$777,544**

**Endowment Balance**

**June 30, 2021 ..... \$3,126,669**

**Endowments held by Kalamazoo  
Community Foundation**

**Donations may be made online at [www.vicksburgcommunityschoolsfoundation.org/donate](http://www.vicksburgcommunityschoolsfoundation.org/donate)**

**Financial Information** - The continued growth of our School Foundation is the result of the strong support of the greater Vicksburg community. To learn more about ways to contribute to the Foundation's growth, please contact the Foundation office at 269-321-1006 or visit [www.vicksburgschools.org/vcs-Don foundation/make-a-contribution/](http://www.vicksburgschools.org/vcs-Don%20foundation/make-a-contribution/).