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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.

# 2019 Bardeen Teacher

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.

Ukuleles, aeroponic garden systems and conferences furthering our educators with tools to support our most vulnerable students, was all a part of Bardeen requests the VCSF awarded. Over \$22,000.00 was awarded to the following 2019 Bardeen Teacher Grants.

**Kellie (Wallen) Hillsburg** – Received two tablets with Wi-Fi capability to link to an interactive projector purchased by the Sunset Lake PTSO.

**April Zapata** – Wiggle discs and cushions will offer Ms. Zapata's young learners alternative seating options. Wiggle discs have been proven to increase attention and focus in the classroom setting.

**Laura Chang** – Providing lodging and mileage reimbursement to attend the Gerstacker Fellowship monthly professional development program throughout the current school year.

**Mike Barwegen** – Vertical aeroponic Tower Garden system with extension kit for Tobey Elementary. The Tower Garden will be implemented as a part of Tobey's ongoing character education initiative. The project will integrate science into their literacy program, by tying the book *The Carrot Seed*, written by Ruth Krauss, which tells the story of a young character that learns "patience" as he waits for his carrot seed to sprout.

**Amy Dunn** – Chris Laaksonen and JoEllen Pollack, VMS teachers, attended a National PBIS Leadership Forum: Supporting Our Most Vulnerable Children Youth conference in Chicago.

**Ravenna Kahler and Patty Heintzelman** – A classroom set of ukuleles will be used to teach all 5th grade elementary students basic strumming, tuning and 3-4 chords during their eight week ukulele unit.

**Kurt Phelps** – Glute Ham Benches for the VHS Weight Room. The benches will allow for a greater range of motion, strengthens the posterior chain for overall muscular improvement, equating to decreased risk of injury.

**Jill Tibbets** – Renovation of the computer lab into a new reading room at Tobey. Items to be purchased include: paint, shelving, book bins and baskets, along with inviting seating.

**Callie Baker and Kristen Roberts** - Barnes and Noble gift cards were given to Indian Lake 5th grade classrooms to purchase new and exciting books for their classroom set of Nooks.

**Sarah Phillips** – partial funding was provided to implement a new Interactive Projector.

**Stephanie Dunham** - to attend a Check-In/Check-Out training, a Behavior Intervention program already implemented at Indian Lake Elementary designed to assist student in maintia.

**Amy Dunn and Matt VanDussen** - Amy Dunn and Matt VanDussen attended the Solution Tree Workshop this fall. The workshop expounded on the Middle School's initiation of a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), an academic intervention tool to quickly identify students with performance and learning needs.

**Troy Smith** – Funding for a Green Screen Studio at VHS. A green screen allows advanced videographers the ability to "key-out" their background with anything they select and create award-winning special effect movies.

**Sawyer Duncan and Angie Getsinger** – Each elementary building will have access to a Jump Sport trampoline. The trampolines will offer students a way to burn off excess energy and will also be used as an incentive for students working towards rewards/goals. The trampolines will also offer an effective tool to regulate mood and social-emotional health.

**Kristina Newhouse** – Whiteboard horseshoe table to be used when working with small groups in her Sunset Lake 1st grade classroom. The table has been a great tool for the students to be able to have a large space to write on and for me to understand their thinking.

**Rick Place and Don Puckett** – E-Sports Club receiving gaming equipment which will be available to all participants, with the emphasis to provide all participants an opportunity to a cha who may not have equipment at home.

**Krista Ragotzy** – Blick Masterstroke acrylic and oil paint brushes for her high school art classes.

**Ruth Hook** – Eight Indian Lake teachers to attend National PBIS Forum specifically focused on Tier 2 and 3, which concentrations on developing strategies for students who are at risk for developing more serious problem behaviors and provide them with individualized support to improve behavioral and academic outcomes.

**Jori Machiela** – Flexible/choice seating options for her Indian Lake Elementary 3rd grade classroom.

**Rachel King** – AIM Higher club members to attend the Peace Jam, 2 day youth leadership conference in the spring of 2020. Students will learn the work of a Nobel Peace Laureate, directly from the Laureate. The conference features an emphasis on the development and implementation of service project though their community.

# Incentive Grant Recipients

**Anthony Lindeman** – Two digital single lens reflex cameras to be used to enhance the high school art program offerings. Students will have a unique experience of using technology to capture their artwork digitally.

**Jill Christiansen** – Camp stools, Michigan nature books, and plant markers were items approved for the Outdoor Education Center classes.

**Angela Spahnak** – A Surface Pro 6 and Arch Mouse will allow Mrs. Spahnak, Elementary Interventionist, to work more effectively with her students.

**Amy Lawrence** – Nine Wobble chairs were granted to Mrs. Lawrence’s middle school classroom for “active seating” options.

## 2018-2019 Scholarship Recipients



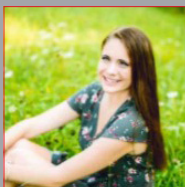
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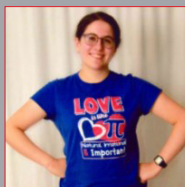
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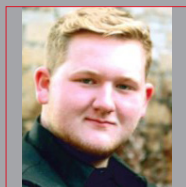
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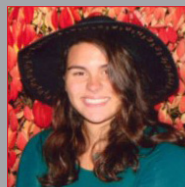
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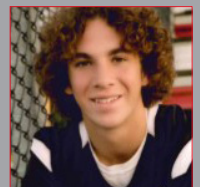
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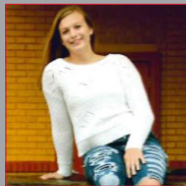
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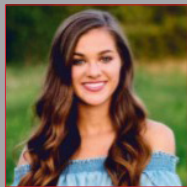
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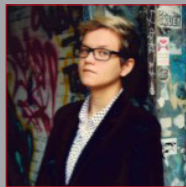
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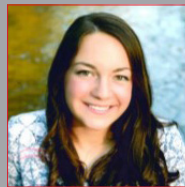
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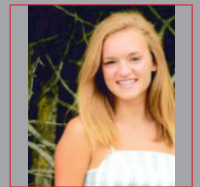
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## 2018 - 2019 Curiosity Grants

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:**

**Mrs. Law's 4th grade class** - \$250.00 to purchase LEGO's to form a LEGO Club at Indian Lake Elem.

**Sunset Lake Garden Club** - \$300.00 towards garden tools, plants and supplies.

**Mrs. Phelps 4th grade class** - Awarded \$187.14 to purchase a Qball throwable wireless microphone.

**Mrs. Laaksonen's 6th grade class** - Awarded \$187.14 to purchase a Qball throwable wireless microphone.

**Mrs. Barton's 5th grade class** - \$250.00 to purchase books for their classroom library.

**Mrs. Wilson** - \$199.00 to purchase GooseChase, an on-line virtual scavenger hunt tool that fosters collaboration with teams of educators and/or students.

**Mr. Barwegen** - \$428.15 to partially fund Tobey's Tower Garden.

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**Operating Grants & Contributions:**

Annual fund drive..... \$14,306  
Student Curiosity Grant ..... \$3,000  
Bardeen Teacher Incentive Grant ... \$10,000  
Fundraisers-net ..... \$8,162  
Other Grants & Contributions..... \$48,220  
Scholarship contributions ..... \$4,500  
**Total.....\$88,188**

**Grants Awarded:**

Bardeen teacher incentive grants... \$10,000  
Student curiosity grants.....\$250  
Student scholarships.....\$32,500  
Other grants.....\$36,190  
**Total.....\$78,940**

**Total Operating Expenses:..\$17,398**

**General Endowment Funds:**

Vicksburg Community Schools Endowment

VCSF Legacy Fund  
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**Endowment Balance**

**July 1, 2018..... \$2,390,071**

**Contributions Received ....\$82,389**

**Grant Distributions ..... (-\$45,417)**

**Investment Return .....\$63,573**

**Endowment Balance**

**June 30, 2019.....\$2,490,616**

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