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## CLASS OF '62 ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The WHS Class of 1962 established the Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund at the WASD Education Foundation.

Members of the Class of 1962 opted to forego future reunions and instead channel their collective efforts toward creating a lasting impact through their alma mater. Using the remaining cash balance of their class funds, the class seeded the scholarship fund and rallied support from classmates to ensure its sustainability. Their dedication and generosity culminated in surpassing their initial fundraising goal, with contributions exceeding \$16,000.

The fund aims to empower deserving students by providing financial assistance to pursue their post-secondary plans. The scholarship will be awarded to two graduating students annually, beginning in 2025.

For more information on how to donate to the fund, contact WASDEF Executive Director Greg Hayes at 570-327-5500 ext. 40602, or by email at [ghayes@wasd.org](mailto:ghayes@wasd.org).



**THE HARLEM WIZARDS** ▲ The January event raised a net total of nearly \$15,000 for WASDEF. Presented by Geisinger, it drew more than 1,000 people to watch district personalities take on the New Jersey-based entertainment basketball squad.

## More Than \$57,000 in Grant Support Funds 20 District Programs, Classroom Projects

Through the work of the district's education foundation, 20 classroom programs and projects have been supported through a combination of grants so far this school year, totaling \$57,405.

**G**rants from WASDEF's Annual and Teacher Mini-Grant funds were approved to support the following programs and projects across the district:

- \$4,000 to the WAMS music department to purchase customized concert uniforms for students to wear during concerts and performances out in the community.
- \$2,800 to WAMS to implement and pilot an e-hall pass system, a digital process to monitor and track students' movement outside the classroom.
- \$2,500 to support the Saturday academic enrichment program at Cochran Primary, administered by CAPP.
- \$2,000 to WAMS science teacher Nick Hessert to support Pennsylvania Trout in the Classroom program.
- \$1,995 to Jackson Primary School teacher Ashley Strattman to purchase a floor decal system to create a "sensory path" for students with sensory needs.
- \$1,800 to WAHS Drama/TV Productions teacher Marie Fox to purchase new teleprompters for the high school's television studio.
- \$1,462 to WAMS art teacher Carrie Bosch to install a student-based community garden in one of the school's courtyards. Bosch also was awarded \$1,440 to expand the school's Unified Arts Gallery.
- \$1,395 to WAMS English teacher Loren Collins to support her students' participation in the National History Day Competition.
- \$1,000 to Jackson Primary School teacher Rebecca Loffredo to purchase flexible seating options for her classroom to help increase focus based on the learning needs of her students.
- \$1,000 to Cochran Primary physical education teacher Stephanie Pardoe to incorporate social-emotional learning and mindfulness workout techniques by partnering with Let's Grow Sports.
- \$940 to Curtin Intermediate teacher and girls volleyball coach Patti Jones to purchase equipment to launch a Mini-Millionaire Volleyball Program for intermediate school level students.
- \$893 to Jackson Primary teacher Rebecca Rockey to install a "Free Little Library" outside of the school.
- \$884 to Jackson Primary Assistant Principal Dr. Denise Clark to purchase equipment to install a 55-gallon tropical fish aquarium for the school's lobby that will be used not only to increase the aesthetics of the space but also serve as a means to help center and regulate emotions for students in need.
- \$500 to Curtin Intermediate teacher Esther Brennan to support the purchase of materials for the building's sensory room.
- \$500 to Cochran Primary teacher Kelsie Buckwalter to purchase sensory items for students in her autistic support classroom.
- \$225 to WAMS counselor Tamra Rook to support the school's participating in the Kickin' It With Cops program.

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**BOARD MEETINGS**

- May 14
- June 11
- July 16
- August 13
- September 10

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. in the board room at the District Service Center unless otherwise advertised.

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**ON THE COVER**

Williamsport Area Middle School student **Nyveii Hillian** performs during the 46th annual All-District Orchestra Concert.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community,

It's hard to believe that we're nearing the end of another school year. At this time, our dedicated team is diligently working towards finalizing the district budget for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. This process is crucial in ensuring that we continue to prioritize the needs of our students while responsibly managing our resources.

I'm also pleased to share that progress is steadily advancing on the renovation and construction project at Lycoming Valley Intermediate School. This significant undertaking underscores our ongoing commitment to providing our students with safe, modern and conducive learning environments. We thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we navigate through the various stages of this project.

As we approach the conclusion of another academic year, I encourage you to mark your calendars and join us for our upcoming spring events and celebrations. These occasions

provide wonderful opportunities for us to come together as a community and celebrate the achievements and talents of our students. We're looking forward to our upcoming commencement, where we will honor the accomplishments of our graduating seniors and bid them farewell as they embark on new journeys as Millionaire alumni.

In the meantime, I hope you take some time with this newsletter to see all the incredible events, accomplishments, recognitions and achievements of our Millionaire community.

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to our school district.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Timothy S. Bowers**  
Superintendent



**SECRETARY OF EDUCATION VISIT** ▲ Secretary of Education Dr. Kahlid Mumin explored WAHS's in-house Career and Technical Education Program, making stops in the Biotechnology, Health Occupations, Commercial Arts, Construction Trades, and Engineering and Robotics classrooms. Getting a chance to interact with students and gaining insight into their post-secondary plans, Dr. Mumin explored the ways WAHS is preparing students for careers beyond high school, particularly through the CTE tract.

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**THREE SENIORS** from Penn College's Construction Management department brought their expertise to Brooke Nenadal's classroom at Curtin Intermediate in March. Working alongside students, the future builders guided fourth- and fifth-graders through a hands-on construction project using popsicle sticks to create bridges. From communication to design to execution, students got a taste of the real-world skills needed in the construction industry.



**SNOW BUSINESS** — Third-grade students at Hepburn-Lycoming Primary performed "On With the Snow"! The students, under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Nelson and her student teacher, Mr. V, put on the show that celebrates all things winter for the peers in February.

**50K — NO WAY!** Wrapping up its ninth annual Socktober in November, Curtin Intermediate reached a milestone: 50,000+ pairs of socks have been collected since the drive first began in 2014 for local agencies.



## 2 WASD Administrators Receive PASBO Awards

Two WASD administrators recently received awards for their leadership in public education.

The Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) selected Business Administrator Wanda Erb to receive a 2024 Gary Reeser Memorial Award, Pennsylvania's top honor for school business officials. Additionally, Maintenance and Facilities Director Dale Crans received the 2024 David L. Nett Regional Chapter Leadership Award.

Both Erb and Crans received their awards during PASBO's 69th Annual Conference at Hershey Lodge in March.

The Gary E. Reeser Memorial Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated professionalism, leadership and innovation in the field of school business management.

Erb joined the WASD administrative team in 2018, bringing with her a wealth of experience gained from 30 years in public education, including her previous role as the business manager of the Northern Tioga School District. In January, she began her term as Vice President of the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), and slated to become President in 2025.

Beyond her contributions to public education, she also serves as an adjunct professor in the Wilkes University School Business Leadership Program.

"Receiving the Gary Reeser Memorial Award is a tremendous honor," Erb said, "and I am deeply grateful for and humbled by the recognition from PASBO, and energized to continue the journey towards excellence in school business

management."

The David L. Nett Regional Chapter Leadership Award is designed to recognize achievements, accomplishments and leadership within PASBO regional chapter officers.

Crans received his award for his leadership in the Susquehanna Valley Association of Plant Managers, in which he's held the presidency for two years and still holds the secretary and treasurer positions.

Crans is in his 35th year in the education field, all of which have been in the facilities track, having held positions of head custodian, maintenance and head of maintenance before taking on his position at WASD.

"I'm honored to receive this award," he said. "I'm committed to keeping up the good work and leading with integrity as we keep our schools running smoothly."

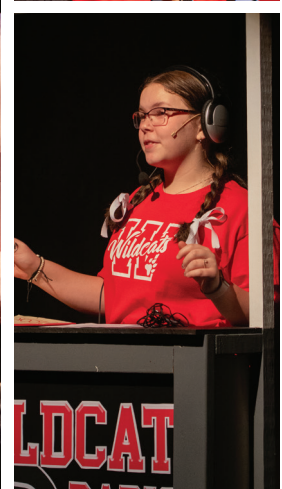
"Congratulations to both Wanda and Dale on their awards," said Superintendent Dr. Timothy S. Bowers. "Their dedication and leadership have been instrumental in advancing our district's goals in their respective roles. This honor not only reflects their individual excellence but also the collective commitment of our entire team to providing the best possible educational environment for our students."

PASBO is a statewide association of 4,000 members, providing professional development, peer-to-peer networking, and showcasing best practices in school business, according to its website.



**A MUSICAL MARCH** Middle and high school students took center stage in March to deliver captivating performances of “High School Musical Jr.” and “Pippin,” respectively.

Amidst a backdrop of enthusiasm and dedication, the young stars showcased their theatrical talent. From intricate choreography to soulful melodies, each production was a testament to the remarkable talent and hard work of our students and staff.





**WELCOME BACK** — A few WAHS alumni, who now attend Penn State, stopped by in March to accept a \$1,000 contribution from the WAHS Student Government Association in their effort to raise funds for PSU's THON event through the university's special interest group Atlas. According to the group, "Atlas was able to be the #1 special interest organization for the third year in a row, raising \$227,754 and THON as a whole raised \$16,955,683."



**425+ STUDENTS IN** grades five through 12 joined together on stage at WAHS in February for the music department's 46th annual All-District Orchestra Concert.

**FUTURE READY** — From police officers to doctors to construction workers to astronauts, students at Jackson Primary donned the career of their dreams one morning in January during the school's Career Day celebration!



## WAHS SADD Club Wins 1st Place in State-wide Suicide Prevention Video Contest for 3rd Consecutive Year

A WAHS video produced to help raise awareness on mental health stigmas and suicide prevention received first place for the third consecutive year in a recent statewide PSA contest conducted by Prevent Suicide PA (PSPA).

The video, created by members of the high school's Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club, earned the top spot in the 60-second category through online votes received from both students and the broader public.

"Every year our remarkable students brainstorm ideas that will make a lasting impact on the well-being of their fellow peers," said Jeremy Steppe, club adviser. "I am always so impressed by their creativity and the level of compassion that our community leaders demonstrate when creating these videos."

The high school's winning video focuses on a series of students who are secretly and silently battling depression and poor mental health.

Those responsible for the video are Steppe and WAHS SADD Club members **Ella Ballard, Colyn Jandrisavitz, Kyra Lichtenfels, Isabella Newcomer,**

**Alonzo Rice** and **Elizabeth Stoica**, with production assistance from Greg Hayes, the district's public relations director.

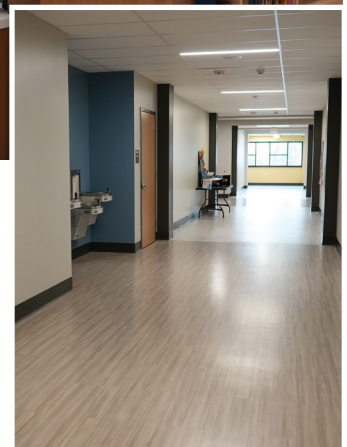
The club will be recognized for their winning production during an on-field ceremony in May at PNC Field during a Pittsburgh Pirates game.

The aim of the annual contest is to empower and give rise to youth voices in the prevention conversation using "new and creative ways to share resources with our communities," according to PSPA.

To watch the video, scan the QR code below.



**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE** ▲ The construction and renovation project at Lycoming Valley Intermediate, which started last spring, is progressing. A section of the building opened to faculty, staff and students this winter. Above, the new library space and, at right, a look at a completed hallway. The project also includes new baseball and softball fields with artificial turf, dugouts and concession stand, which is nearly complete. The project is expected to be completed in December.





## Grant Funding Helps Support Growth of Esports Program at WAMS

With a continued focus on preparing students for industries of the future, Williamsport Area Middle School is building on an esports program where students can put their gaming skills to the test and compete against other esports teams from schools across the state — all thanks to some recent grant funding.

**S**anctioned through the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Esports Association (PIEA), the extra-curricular activity “is rapidly growing in K-12 education as a path for building science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) and social-emotional skills while increasing student engagement and opportunities for student inclusion,” according to Intel. “Today, many colleges and universities have esports intramural teams or offer esports degrees.”

Allowing students to form teams and participate, train and compete in organized gaming competitions and tournaments, the program at WAMS also instructs “students in sportsmanship, teamwork, and safe, ergonomic game-playing techniques and strategies to stay healthy while gaming,” according to teacher Bob Rook, who oversees the program.

The middle school esports program is made up of three components:

- About 20-25 students attend a weekly club to learn about esports opportunities and participate in some gaming.
- Intramural tournaments are held daily during the school’s Millionaire

Block, a period designated for club time, during which the entire student body is eligible to participate.

“Last fall, we had 27 two-player teams compete in a Rocket League tournament,” Rook said. “We are currently in the midst of 32-team two-player team NFL Madden tournament.”

Lastly, the school participates in an after-school esports league in which it competes against other schools across the state. Last fall, its Rocket League team went 3-2 in their five-game season.

To give the program a boost, Rook reached out to the Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation, which facilitated the receipt of a \$17,369 venture grant from the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania through Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donations received from C&N, First National Bank of PA, M&T Bank, High Industries, UPMC Health Plan and Woodlands Bank.

The grant funds allowed Rook and his team to purchase the basic equipment — such as high-powered computers and monitors for gaming, chairs, tables,

controllers, and PIEA-approved games — to outfit an “esports arena” in one of the school’s former computer labs.

“With our new space, we hope to participate in three different leagues: Rocket League, Super Smash Brothers and Overwatch 2 beginning this spring,” Rook said. “Our plan is to expand eligibility to all students in the school to participate in the after-school portion of the program. Much like basketball, football, etc., we hope to have signups, tryouts and practices to try to put our best team or teams forward.”

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**BOB ROOK**

*WAMS Teacher, eSports Coordinator*

# sport shorts



**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS** — On Feb. 25, the Millionaires welcomed back members of the 1984 and 1999 state championship basketball teams to celebrate the 40th and 25th anniversaries of their victory seasons. Thanks to the Williamsport Sun-Gazette for featuring that evening's recognition in the pair of stories at left.



**THE MILLIONAIRE COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD** captured their division and the overall Grand Championship at the State College Competition in February.



**SENIOR WRESTLER MARISSA RUMSEY** was named the Williamsport Sun-Gazette Girls' Wrestler of the Year for the 2023-24 season. Rumsey will wrestle at Lock Haven University next year. After competing over the past few seasons against boy competitors, she was able to finally compete in a girls field as the PIAA sanctioned girls wrestling as a varsity WAHS sport this winter.

## Outstanding Achievement: WAHS Senior Selected to Play in Big 33

WAHS senior **Connor Poole** has been selected to play in the **Big 33 Football Classic** as a kicker. Poole was named to the Pennsylvania roster earlier this winter to participate in the game against Maryland at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, at Cumberland Valley's Chapman Field.

**T**he event is one of the nation's finest scholastic All-Star Football Games that currently showcases Pennsylvania and Maryland's premier football players.

"I am honored and grateful to be selected among the best football players in Pennsylvania and have my talent recognized at the state level," Poole said. "I would like to thank Coach (Mike) Pearson for nominating me for the Big 33 football team. I'm looking forward to competing with the best football players in PA and kicking in such a prestigious game."

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound senior is the ninth Williamsport player to be named to the Big 33 team since 1957, and the first one since Jerah Reeves in 2016, according to available Big 33 rosters. Poole will be the second Williamsport athlete to play as kicker behind former WAHS kicker Matt Mapes in 1995.

Other Millionaires selected to the Big 33 game were Joe Harris in 1957, Lee Fisher in 1958, Gary Brown in 1987, Rick Phoenix in 1988, Matt Neenan in 1990 and Dwayne Blackman in 2002.

Poole, who will play football at Lehigh University

next fall, concluded his final football season last fall as the Millionaires' punter and kicker with four of the 10 longest field goals in Pennsylvania, including three from over 40 yards and one for a new school record of 50 yards.

He's been named by Kohl's as a 2023 All-American Honorable Mention, an All-Eastern PA Football 6A Team Punter and Kicker, and named First Team Division I All-Star for the Wyoming Valley Conference as both a punter and kicker.

Also excelling on the soccer field, he was named the 2023 Sun-Gazette Player of the Year in Boys Soccer and First Team PHAC All-Star as a midfielder.

WASD Athletic Director Sean McCann credits Poole's hard work to develop into one of the top kickers in the state, as well as the country.

"The Williamsport football team, school and community are very proud of Connor for his selection to the Big 33 All-Star game," McCann said. "This is an outstanding accomplishment for him to be recognized with selection to this team, being one of the top 33 football players in Pennsylvania. Throughout his high school career, he was a game changer with our team, helping the Millionaires win games with his kick-offs, punting and field goals."



**BOCCE BALL** ► The unified bocce ball team celebrated the end of its first season in March at the Sons of Italy Lodge 2786, which sponsored the event. The team closed out their inaugural season with 4-2 record.





# WASD SECURES 'BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION' DESIGNATION FOR 22ND YEAR

WASD has once again been recognized as one of the **Best Communities for Music Education** from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

This is the 22nd year that WASD has received the designation, which is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

WASD is among only 975 school districts selected nation-wide.

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, WASD answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs.

"I'm incredibly proud and honored to witness our music program being recognized with this designation for over two decades now," said Superintendent

Dr. Timothy S. Bowers. "It truly reflects the exceptional dedication of our music educators who consistently deliver high-quality instruction. Congratulations to our music department!"

"We are honored to once again receive the designation of being one of the Best Communities for Music Education from The NAMM Foundation," said Kristin Takach, secondary curriculum director. "This recognition highlights our district's unwavering commitment to providing exceptional music education opportunities for all our students. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our educators, administrators and the entire community who support our music programs."



## HEPBURN-LYCOMING PRIMARY TEACHER RECEIVES 2024 PMEA CITATION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Music teacher Lori Nelson was recognized for her lasting contributions to the field of music education.

Nelson received the 2024 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) Citation of Excellence in Teaching Award for District 8 during PMEA's All-State Festival in April in Erie.

Nelson has been teaching for 22 years, with 19 years at WASD, having taught at both the former Lycoming Valley and Curtin Middle schools and Stevens Primary School.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this," Nelson said. "I am thankful to be able to share my passion for teaching with children every day. I love children, watching them grow and encouraging them to be the best version of themselves. Music is the vehicle through which I can do this."

In addition to teaching, she assists with the music ministry at St. Peter's Church and enjoys attending music workshops with the Twin Tiers Orff Association. She also mentors student teachers from area colleges.

"Lori's outstanding dedication and contribution to our school district have rightfully earned her this honor," said Matthew Radspinner, WAHS orchestra teacher and department head. "Her achievement fills us with pride, and I speak on behalf of the entire staff when I say that there is no one more deserving of this recognition."

"I am thrilled to extend my congratulations to Lori on this well-deserved recognition," said Kristin Takach, director of secondary curriculum. "We are proud to have her as part of our team. This award is a testament to her outstanding efforts and the positive impact she has on the lives of our students."



**INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE** ► WAHS Commercial & Advertising Art students designed a custom snowboard in partnership with Gilson, a snowboard manufacturer based in Selinsgrove. After designs were produced by Level 2 and Level 3 students, the Ad Art classes selected their top four, which were put out to the entire student body for their vote. The winning design by senior **Colby Felix** was sent to Gilson for production. During the students' visit there, they toured the facility, gaining valuable insights into the manufacturing process. They also actively contributed to creating the WAHS snowboard. Now complete, the board remains on display in the Commons at WAHS.



## WATCH ▾



**HOPE SQUAD** ▲ WASD joined the 1,600+ schools across the country this year by implementing Hope Squad at both WAMS and WAHS. Hope Squad is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program, dedicated to fostering a community of support and mental wellness among students. Capping off two weeks that celebrated and raised awareness of the program earlier this winter, the district commemorated Feb. 15's Day of Hope by sharing the video above so that the community can learn how the program is empowering students to offer support to their peers and save lives.



**POWER OF PURPOSE** ▲ Experience the heart of the district through the eyes of a few members of the WASD team in this video, each of whom speak on the passion and joy they bring to their roles and what they find so rewarding in their work. If you feel inspired, explore current job openings — including applying for future teaching positions! — by visiting [wasd.org/employment](https://wasd.org/employment).

**IT DOESN'T HAVE TO END HERE!** Want more? Our online presence continues to grow! Keep up-to-date with announcements, photos, news and events happening around the district on a daily basis by following us on social media. Join the conversation and become a part of the WASD online community that has grown to more than 13,100 people!



## YAM JAM ▾



Celebrating all things music and art, YAM JAM returned to Lycoming Valley and Curtin Intermediate schools to kick off a celebration of National Youth Art and Music in Our Schools Month in March. Students and their families were able to enjoy music, art displays and fun activities.

*"It's important to show up so you can do math, because you're going to need math all your life."*

CAMRON FATHERLY  
6TH GRADE  
LYCOMING VALLEY  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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Additionally, WASDEF facilitated securing two grants totaling \$32,069 from the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP):

- \$17,369 to WAMS teacher Bob Rook to support the establishment of a robust eSports league, a growing and recognized official competitive sports among schools and colleges.
- \$8,200 to WAHS principals Tristin Forney and Alicia Differ to expand the school's Franchise Development

Program, which operates in partnership with Alabaster Coffee Roaster + Tea Co. Grant dollars will be used to create an in-house café in the school's library, which will be completely operated by School-to-Work Program students.

- \$6,500 to WAHS art teacher Dr. Andrea McDonough to support artist-in-residence Sara Border to co-design and install a mural in the high school's repurposed lecture hall in the art wing. Funding for these two grants were received from FCFP through Educational

Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program donations from C&N, First National Bank of PA, M&T Bank, and Woodlands Bank.

WASDEF is a recognized nonprofit affiliate of the school district. Led by a 20-member volunteer board of directors, the education foundation facilitates charitable giving and permanent legacies based on individual areas of interest in educational innovation, the arts, athletics and scholarships. For more information, visit [www.wasdeducationfoundation.org](http://www.wasdeducationfoundation.org).

## WAHS ATHLETIC PHOTO RESTORATION PROJECT MADE POSSIBLE WITH WASDEF GRANT SUPPORT

Last fall, WAHS successfully completed the restoration of its framed photos honoring state champion and First Team All-State players and teams displayed in the Commons of the building.

The project, funded by a \$9,985 grant from the Athletic Program Endowment Fund at the WASD Education Foundation, was a collaborative effort between the district's Athletic Department and Albright Studio Photography.

Altogether, 29 pictures underwent restoration, with 10 requiring new frames and glass, and 19 receiving UV-protectant glass and refitting. The photos are now showcased in chronological order, spanning over 50 years of Millionaire history, each featuring new plaques for a consistent style.



According to Athletic Director Sean McCann, the photos hold significant importance as they greet visitors entering the school for athletic events.

"The school and community take a lot of pride in them, as it is a prestigious accomplishment to have your picture hung in the Commons," McCann said. "The new pictures, frames and plaques really enhance the presentation and give these student-athletes the recognition they deserve for their achievements."

"This project has allowed us to continue to honor past athletes, as well as showcase our pride in Millionaire accomplishments," said Associate Principal Alicia Differ.

"The foundation is proud to have played a part in helping to preserve the legacy of the high school's athletic history by supporting this project," said Executive Director Greg Hayes. "We hope that these restored photos continue to serve as a visual source of inspiration for current and future student-athletes."



## 2024 EMPLOYEE GIVING CAMPAIGN RAISES \$8,944

With a matching contribution from Larson Design Group (LDG), the WASD Education Foundation was able to raise \$8,944 through its fourth employee giving campaign this winter.

LDG matched, dollar-for-dollar, district employees' new and increased annual pledges through the foundation's payroll deduction program that totaled \$4,472.

"We are extremely grateful for LDG's continued commitment to this annual campaign," said Executive Director Greg Hayes. "With these matching dollars, we have the opportunity to amplify the impact of every new and increased pledge from participating employees. This collective effort increases the foundation's granting power in channeling these contributions back into our schools to advance educational experiences and opportunities for students."



*"Attendance is important to me because it allows me to gain a step up in my goals for my future."*



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**ABBY MAHON**  
12TH GRADE  
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2023-2024 WASD ATTENDANCE CAMPAIGN