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**Celebration
Banquet
for Education
Foundation of
Albert Lea**

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011
Wedgewood Cove
\$35 per person

- Honoring 2011 Distinguished Alumni
- Celebrating 11 years of Foundation accomplishments
- Promoting new programs

More information will be coming in August

A Community

Commitment

To Children

*A report to the community, friends, and supporters
of the Education Foundation of Albert Lea*

ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame offers details for second annual celebration

Two coaches and eight athletes will join last year's recipients in the Albert Lea High School Athletic Hall of Fame at festivities slated for July 8, 2011.

The Banquet will begin with a social hour and silent auction from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Wedgewood Cove Golf Club in Albert Lea. The meal will be served at 7 p.m. followed by induction activities.

The Guest Speaker will be Craig Dahl, an ALHS standout athlete from the Class of 1971, who went on to be NCAA Division I Head Hockey Coach for St. Cloud State University for 19 years before retiring in 2005 to enter private business.

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person and should be purchased by check sent to the ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame, c/o Education Foundation of Albert Lea, P.O. Box 828, Albert Lea, MN, 56007. Saturday, July 9 will feature a four-person best shot (scramble) golf tournament with prizes and food beginning at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$90.

The ALHS Athletic Hall of Fame committee has announced this year's inductees:

- **Traci Bergo** was a 1982 graduate of Albert Lea High School who broke many school and Big Nine Conference girls' swimming records.
- **Donna (Boom) Turner**, a 1995 graduate of Albert Lea High School, was one of the top girls' golfers in school history winning the Class AA state tournament in 1994.
- **Jeff Brooke**, an Albert Lea High School graduate in 1962, was state champion heavyweight wrestler in 1961. He was also a key leader on football and track teams.
- **Craig Dahl** was a 1971 graduate of Albert Lea High School where he was a stand-out football and hockey player and hurdler.
- **Pete Veldman** was a three-sport athlete at Albert Lea High School. He graduated in 1951, when as a senior he won the state wrestling heavyweight championship.
- **Rich Wendorff** was a 1976 ALHS graduate. He was a star basketball player as the Big Nine Conference scoring champion and was also a three-sport athlete.
- **Paul Ehrhard** coached the Albert Lea wrestling program from 1957 to 1977 during which he coached 15 state champions, 45 state place winners, and 75 state qualifiers as well as leading his teams to three state championships, 10 Big Nine Conference championships, 10 Region 1 championships, and 17 District 2 championships.
- **Lois Fagerquist** coached varsity volleyball, softball, basketball, track and field, gymnastics and cheer teams over 15 years at Albert Lea High School. As volleyball coach her teams won nine out of a possible ten Big Nine championships and were Region 1AA champions in 1983.
- **Roger Neist**, an Albert Lea High School graduate in 1966, was state-champion gymnast in 1965, placing first in state in the parallel bars and second in the horizontal bar and all-around.
- **Rich Oliphant** graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1961. He led the Tiger football team to its first Big Nine title since 1934.



Foundation kicks off 'Teacher Grant Program'

The Education Foundation of Albert Lea is pleased to announce a new fund to be used in support of teachers in Albert Lea Area Schools. Known as the "Grants to Teachers Program," this fund of the Education Foundation of Albert Lea will consider applications for funding of projects and/or materials that benefit students of the Albert Lea Area Schools. Funding for this program is provided through the General Endowment Fund of the Education Foundation of Albert Lea. Teachers will be encouraged to apply for up to \$250 to support some project within their classroom.

Application Criteria:

1. Need; 2. Number of students benefited by the materials/programs; 3. Cost; 4. No funds will be granted for furniture, room dividers, or other materials typically funded by the school district; 5. No funds will be granted for salary or fringe benefits for district employees; 6. No funds will be granted for student activity and/or rental fees that would otherwise be paid for by parents.

Application and Selection Procedure:

1. Applications are available at www.efal-us.org, the Foundation website; 2. Teachers will submit applications electronically to the Foundation's email at edfound.al@gmail.com; 3. Applications must be made no later than Sept. 15 for fall grants and Jan. 15 for spring grants; 4. The Education Foundation Teacher Grant Committee will review all applications and make final grant recommendations. All money does not have to be granted if there are not enough applications meeting criteria; 5. Recipients of the grants will be notified within two weeks by letter.

Distribution of Funds:

Distribution of funds will be done through the Foundation.



First teacher grant helps autism students go swimming

The first approved teacher grant was awarded to Jane Hanson, K-6 physical education specialist. Hanson worked with students in the Success Room at Lakeview Elementary. This is a self-contained classroom for students with autism. Hanson had been reading about techniques offering success in physical education and found that swimming was studied to be successful. She pursued the idea of a swimming field trip for these 11 students with her principal. Getting the go-ahead, Hanson and their classroom teachers, parents, and paras spent a week with pre-trip activities, such as teaching the students to wear life jackets. A high school student volunteered to life guard for the participants at the high school pool. Students had a great time so Hanson began researching additional funds for more field trips. The Foundation determined bussing costs would be an excellent example of the teacher grant program.



Latest donations show growing strength of Foundation

WALL OF RECOGNITION

A master list of all donors who have made contributions this year will be printed in the fall newsletter.

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Donor(s)</u>	<u>MEMORIALS</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Donor(s)</u>
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Alumni Legacy projects add enhancements for ALHS

In response to the tremendously successful projects of the reunion classes undertaken by the Classes of 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1959, (see Foundation website for details of these projects), administrators of Albert Lea Area Schools have collected ideas for other alumni classes interested in a Legacy project along with their reunion plans. These projects are in no specific order:

- Senior citizen drop off area on east side of the high school. The class of 1959 started this project but additional handicapped parking close to the new drop off area would be helpful. There is also need to finalize the entrance by making it a handicapped/covered entrance. Any ideas will be considered and the cost researched.
- Additional landscaping at the corner of Hammer Road and Bridge Street. \$2,000 to \$5,000
- Arboretum—a place where trees, shrubs, etc. are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes. The idea is to have it located West of the tennis courts. It would be a place for all grade levels and the community to visit and learn more about native plantings to Minnesota. Several year project. \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year.
- Theatre storage—a loft built on the side of the stage. \$3,000
- Stage Improvement in auditorium. \$20,000
- Prop storage—a loft built in the theatre work room. \$5,000
- Finish the swimming pool locker room, currently being used for storage, that was originally designed to be used as a pool locker room. \$80,000
- Southwest Tennis Courts need resurfacing. \$50,000
- Hammer Field Baseball fields all need reworking. \$10,000 per field
- Hammer Field—new aluminum bleachers. \$80,000
- Southwest needs a new PA system and clocks. \$20,000
- Any project will be considered but all projects must be approved by the School Board before implementation.

Please contact the district administration at 507-379-4800 or a Foundation board member if you have questions about these projects or other ideas.



Foundation awards 3 students from Student Achievement fund

Albert Lea Area Learning Center staff and students continued their PAWS program for the fourth year. Three students successfully met the year’s award criteria. Each received Chamber Bucks for \$50. One student sent this thank you: Dear Ms. Aas and Education Foundation—“I want to thank you for the recognition you give to students who succeed in school. The program you guys [sponsor] will definitely encourage kids to do well in school. This is a very good-hearted thing that you guys do to help kids. Again, I thank you.”



Additional gifts continue to increase capacity to help students

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