

Mid-America Education

HALL *of* FAME

Awards & Scholarship Event

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2020



Due to the cancellation, the Foundation will honor the 2020 Hall of Fame Inductees at next year's event so they can be recognized and honored in the proper way. Please save the date for April 24th, 2021! In conclusion of our event, please enjoy this virtual program which recognizes our incredible inductees, sponsors, donors, students, programs, and more.





Message from our Board Chair

Dear Friends of KCKCC Foundation,

It's my honor to serve as the Chair of the KCKCC Foundation. Our work so far in 2020 has been shaped and challenged by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet, I'm happy to report that lemonade was made from the lemons we were served by the pandemic.

Despite the 2020 Hall of Fame cancellation, our Foundation donors and sponsors answered the call and re-committed their financial support of our students through the KCKCC Student Relief Fund. Well over 400 students have applied for assistance so far, and the need only continues to grow.

Foundation donors' support of the Student Relief Fund, combined with our annual scholarship program efforts this spring, has resulted in almost \$300,000 in direct student aid and scholarships for students in the upcoming summer and fall semesters.

Much work lies ahead. The specifics of the longer-term pandemic effects are still unknown, but know that your support has made an immediate, positive impact on our students when they have needed it most.

Thank you all so much for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Mary Ricketts

Wealth-On-Purpose, LLC,
President & CEO

KCKCC Foundation, Board Chair



*Thank you to our
Honorary Chairs*



Left: Shanelle & Mark A Dupree, Sr.

Right: Our honorary co-chairs this year are Matt and Tricia Watkins, picture here with their two daughters Hailey and Sarah.



Alan Hoskins

The Public Information Supervisor at KCKCC for 30 years, Alan Hoskins continued his service to the college after retirement in 2013 as Sports Information Director. Inducted into the KCKCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015, he received the KCKCC Employee of the Year Award in 2009 and the NISOD Excellence Award in 2008. In his role as a public information supervisor, Hoskins' stories on KCKCC events, achievements, Hall of Famers, retirees, athletics and more filled pages of area newspapers and in-house publications "Profiles," "Alumni and Friends" and "On Campus." He also regularly helped organize KCKCC trips abroad for students, faculty and staff, making nearly 40 trips abroad in a 20-year period starting in 1999. A graduate of the University of Iowa with a BA in Journalism, Hoskins worked for newspapers in Muscatine and Ottumwa, Iowa, and The Kansas City Kansan and most recently Tee Time Golf magazine. He is the author of coffee-table size books, "Warpaths," the only history of the Kansas City Chiefs; "The First 25 Years of Wolf Creek Golf Course." Named Iowa Sportswriter of the Year in 1969, he's the only two-time recipient of the O.P. Smith Media Award given by the Greyhound Track Operators.

“The Mid-America Education Hall of Fame, how lucky can one guy get? For seventeen years, I got to know each of the inductees. Talked to them, wrote about them, and so I know firsthand the achievements in education and they were just amazing. So impressive that I have to question whether I deserve such recognition, but then I had polio when I was four years old, and I didn’t think I deserved that either and someone thought I belonged. So, the good lord willing, I will count down the days to April 24th and a thrill of a lifetime.”

—Alan Hoskins
2020 Acceptance Video



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Leavenworth Public Schools Education Foundation



Celebrating 20 years of giving this year, the Leavenworth Public Schools Education Foundation has existed to support the students, staff and faculty of the Leavenworth School District. It serves as an advocacy group for public education, preparing students for future successes and ensuring a strong community. With donations from local businesses, alumni, community members and staff, the Foundation continues to invest in students by using resources for a variety of programs that enhance the teaching and learning environment in Leavenworth, including Bridging the Summer Reading Gap, the LHS Pioneer Mentoring Program, the “Teacher of the Year” Award, Girls on the Run, Great Western Manufacturing Backpack Buddies, and the Horizon Scholar Gala, among many others. The Foundation facilitates the Horizon Kids Before and After School program, which is located at each elementary school in the district, providing families with affordable child care options. In addition, each fall, the Foundation awards more than \$60,000 to support Innovative Teacher Grants, which are used to fund special projects, field trips and equipment purchases that expand beyond the traditional offerings of a classroom. Since it was created 20 years ago, the Foundation has raised more than \$2.5 million.

“What a spring it has been, but the Leavenworth Education Foundation is so honored to have been included in the 2020 Hall of Fame. We are celebrating 20 years of giving this year. We are all about partnerships with our community, and providing extraordinary learning opportunities for our Leavenworth students. We could not do our work alone, so we thank our community for allowing us to do that work, and we also thank the hall of fame for this recognition. It is a great day to be a pioneer.”

—Catey Edwards
*Director of the Leavenworth
Public Schools Education Foundation
2020 Acceptance Video*



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of the Leavenworth Public Schools Education
Foundation, on behalf of the Foundation
Thank You Video





Maxine Drew

A native of Wyandotte County, Drew is currently serving as president of the Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education. Her passion for her community stems from her upbringing, love for education and willingness to work. A product of the KCK School District, she attended Grant Elementary School, Northeast Junior High School and Sumner High School, before attending what was then KCK Junior College. She then earned a bachelor's degree in history from Park University and a master's degree in teaching curriculum and instruction from the University of St. Mary's in Leavenworth. She served as a social studies teacher at West Middle School for more than 35 years, working closely with parents as a family advocate to help set goals for the academic and emotional success of their children and believes that every child should have a right to and be given the opportunity to receive a quality education. Drew was trained in the Behavior Intervention Support Team program and implemented a variety of changes for middle school students while a part of the program. In addition to her dedication to education, she has been involved in other community programs including assisting in providing a safety-net for victims of domestic violence and as a leader in the State of Kansas Kaw Valley District Youth Department.

“Thank you to the Foundation for awarding me with such an honor. The work I have done has always been towards educating students. I appreciate the recognition and will continue to strive to do my best always. Thank you.”

—Maxine Drew
2020 Acceptance Video



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Mary Ann Flunder

Posthumously

A committed leader in the community, Flunder was known for her tireless efforts to help the community she cared deeply about. For the last 50 years of her life, Flunder served on more than 50 boards either locally, statewide or nationally. She spent more than 20 years as a member of the KCKCC Board of Trustees and was the director of the Office of Minority Affairs for the University of Kansas. It was in this role that she was challenged to recruit high caliber minority students in the fields of engineering and health and was instrumental with the creation of the Upward Bound program, which still exists and supports college-bound students from lower socio-economic households. She has received numerous awards including the Outstanding Service Award from the State of Kansas Federation of Democratic Women, the NAACP Humanitarian Award and the Merit Award from Turner House, among others. Her most notable achievement was in 2015 when she was invited to attend the State of the Union Address in Washington D.C during President Barak Obama's term. She continued to be an advocate for education until her death in March 2016 and her contributions to the education community as well as students will have a long-lasting impact.

Her advice for today's student is:

“Follow your interests, no matter what they are, because it's easy going to work when you like what you do.”

In loving memory of
Mary Ann Flunder.



[*Click Here*](#) to Watch a Video Honoring Mary Ann





Pamela M. Louis-Walden

A long-time educator at KCKCC, Louis-Walden has “blessed the KCKCC community with her guidance, commitment and absolute support.” After earning a bachelor of arts in English education from Kansas State University and a master of arts in English literature from Emporia State University, Louis-Walden held positions at the high school level as well as ESU before coming to KCKCC in 1967, where she was a member of the English Department until her retirement in 2002. She was instrumental in the creation of both the ESL and Honors Education programs, was advisor of the Mu Delta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and helped to establish the Henry Louis Center in 2014, which empowers women, families and communities in Nigeria and Liberia through education. Louis-Walden also helped to organize more than 35 trips globally for KCKCC faculty and staff, helping to increase their knowledge of other cultures. She has received numerous awards including the Phi Theta Kappa’s “Giles Most Distinguished Advisor Award,” the Spirit Award from the KCKCC Intercultural Center, the KCKCC Certificate of Appreciation for contributions to education and the Chair Academy’s Outstanding Regional Leadership Award, among many others. Pam was also instrumental in rehoming the Cooper-Foreman Heirloom Garden to the KCKCC Campus. She continues to work tirelessly on its educational value, maintenance, and garden volunteers. She continues to demonstrate a commitment to education through her volunteer efforts and has blessed the community with her guidance, commitment and support.

“I’m very pleased and humbled to have been given this award. This is an honor I never expected. I’d like to thank my nominators, Dr. Stacy Tucker, the Director of Honors Education, and Dr. Ewa Unoke, The president of the Henry Louis Center. Two people with whom I spent many hours in the profession and whom I greatly admire. Thank you too for those in the Foundation, who’ve been working from home during a difficult time. Thank you.”

—Pamela M. Louis-Walden
2020 Acceptance Video



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Past Recipients

1996

The Learning Exchange
Patricia E. Likins
Deb Clough
Dr. Hugh Speer
Dr. Albert Nelson
Betty T. Welsbacher
Alvin L. Brooks

1997

KCP T-19
Dr. Martha Hale
Mildred Lucile Watson, Esq.
Blake Mulvaney
Alton L. Davies
Jan Alderson
Dr. Edward H. Hammond

1998

Genesis School
Dr. William A. Locke
Dr. Marjorie K. Blank
Willis M. Watt, Ph.D.
Richard G. Dawson
Sylvia White Robinson
Phil Witt

1999

Bayer Corp.
John "Buck" O 'Neil
Ronald W. Poplau
Dr. Sheila J. Drake
Carl R. Boyd
Marilyn Meyer

2000

Carter Broadcast Group, Inc.
Dr. Edward Beasley
John Heineman
Mitsuye Conover
Dr. O.L. Plucker
Lydia Gonzales

2001

Boys and Girls Clubs
of Greater Kansas City
The Honorable
Cordell D. Meeks, Jr.
Children's Center for the
Visually Impaired
J. Paul Jewell
Will Shields
KVC Behavioral Health Center
Gail Wortmann

2002

El Centro Inc.
Ewing Marion Kauffman
Dr. Charles J. Carlsen
Fred & JoAnn Ball
J.E. Dunn Construction
Dr. F. Gene Hampton
E. May (Pat) Lindquist

2003

LULAC National Educational
Service Centers, Inc.
Audrey Buford Ferguson
Lisa Zahn Crooks
The Kansas City Star
Corinthian C. Nutter
Saturnina Alvarado

2004

Junior League of
Kansas City, MO
Gloria Alexander Willis
Mary S. Dailey
Paul M. Rutherford, Ph.D.
Bill Reardon
Virginia Krebs
Dr. Jack M. Flint

2005

P.E.O. Sisterhood
Dr. Patricia W. Caruthers
Brett D. Potts
Rev. Ervin Sims, Jr.
Dick Bond
Dr. Raymond L. Daniels
Dr. Bertram Caruthers, Sr.

2006

Barbara Carswell
Patricia Gaunce
James R. Goheen
Dr. Debra Peppers
Clay "Bud" Roberts, Jr.
The Sprint Foundation

2007

Josh Anderson
Sister Mary Janet McGilley, SCL
Andy Tompkins
Richard W. Warren
Hallmark Foundation
Science Pioneers

2008

Audrey F. Ballard
Dale M. Dennis
Keith Lindsey
Carol Marinovich
The Honorable
Vicki Miles-LaGrange
Louis W. Potts
Sumner High School (1905-1978)

2009

Ken Bingman
Jim Gill
R. Crosby Kemper III
Richard K. Rasdall, Jr.
Children's Therapeutic
Learning Center
Lincoln High School

2010

Dr. Thomas R. Burke
Thomas M. Bloch
Jim Dougherty, Ph.D.
Cheryl Brown Henderson
Keil E. Hileman II
Capitol Federal

2011

Curtis Chandler
Patricia Henley Ph.D.
Sister Vickie Perkins, SCL
Max L. Ruhl
Assistance League
of Kansas City
Hope Academy Charter School

2012

Marlin Cooper
George Breidenthal
Albert Frisby
Prep-KC
Dr. Ron Wimmer
20/20 Leadership

2013

Harry McDonald
Dr. Howard Shaw
Greg Graves
Dr. Bob Van Maren
AT&T
2nd Chance Scholarship
Foundation

2015

Dr. Cynthia Lane
Carol Levers
Mila Banks
Dr. Shirley Wendel
Hannah Loftus
Learning Club KCK
Saturday Academy

2016

Anita Reach
Melanie Jackson Scott
Henry Louis
Greater KC Hispanic
Collaborative
Rob Hassig

2017

John "JD" Rios
Barry E. White
Jo-Anne Meditz
Edward Dwight, Jr.

2018

Dr. R. Jayson Strickland
Duane Shaw
Loren Taylor
Dr. Deloris Strickland Pinkard

2019

Michael and Guadalupe Dean
Leon Brady
Rebecca Dukstein
Dr. Jacqueline Vietti



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Students for sharing their
time and talents with us.*

Planned Senior Culinaricians presenters:

Daniela G Enriquez Larios
Christopher Register
Tyler Carey
Simone Hill
Devan Hawkins
Unettia Austin
Marlean Hack
Jada Hall
Silvia Gutierrez
James Preston
Chef Instructor Richard McPeake

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Culinary Arts Program Students
HS, HSJ & NPS students.

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*Congratulations to the
KCKCC Phi Theta Kappa
and Honors Program
graduates!*

*The KCKCC Foundation would like to thank Dr. Stacy Tucker,
Faculty Director of Honors Education, and the PTK Honors
Students for their assistance with the Hall of Fame event.*



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HONOR SOCIETY

“During this unprecedented time, our Hall of Fame sponsors really stepped up and supported the KCKCC Students by agreeing to pass their sponsorship funds along to the KCKCC Student Relief Fund. We could not be more proud of our community partners.”



—Matt Watkins

*Senior Brokerage Associate,
Reece Commercial Real Estate*

*KCKCC Foundation Board Member &
Hall of Fame Event Co-Chair*

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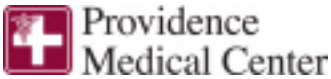


Dr. Melanie & Doug Simpson

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—Sam Allred
Director, Business Development and Marketing




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