

# WATERLOO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

## monthly newsletter

### Four Students Awarded Grants

Congrats to our May student grant recipients:

- **Claire Vandersee**, Precollege Summer Theater Program
- **De'Ariya Quinn**, Intensive Law & Trial
- **Kade Morgan**, Belin-Blank Summer Institute
- **Kara Oberheu**, Musical Theater at SummerTUTTI

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[Learn more about these prestigious student experiences!](#)

### Grant Highlight: Cardboard Cutting Power Tools



A grant we funded this school year put **cardboard cutting power tools** in the hands of our middle schoolers at George Washington Carver Academy and Bunger Middle School!

This grant is creating the **perfect opportunity** for students to prepare for the future by giving them **early, hands-on experience in a variety of career fields.**

[See these tools in action](#)

### Recognizing our 2025 Diamond Sponsors

We couldn't do what we do without our community investors. **Thank you for your support!**

**Amperage Marketing + Fundraising** is a long-time supporter of the Waterloo Schools Foundation. They not only provide in-kind marketing services but also are our strategic partner in creating our marketing plan and campaigns throughout the year!

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**Farmers State Bank** has supported the Waterloo Schools Foundation since 2014, and currently houses the WSF's office in their Hive Coworking space.

Not only has FSB been a monetary supporter throughout the years, but they helped us reach our \$3 million milestone this spring!

**GreenState Credit Union** has supported the Waterloo Schools Foundation since 2013.

They were the first ever organization to participate in our Annual Sponsorship program AND to have a multi-year commitment with us.



### District Initiative: Coaches Academy



Coaches Academy provides professional development for WCSD coaches and students. Thanks to an **ongoing partnership with the Young Family Foundation**, we have supported this initiative since 2019.

This year's theme is 'Be Uncommon Leadership' - a type of leadership involving inspiring and serving others and **leading with a unique perspective** to make a difference.

This month, student athletes heard from **UNI Women's Volleyball Assistant Coach Kim Davis** and recent UNI Volleyball graduates. They shared their stories and expanded on uncommon leadership, what that looks like, and the pillars of the UNI Volleyball program.

### Celebrating Living Our Values Awards

The WCSD proudly recognizes outstanding employees monthly who embody one of their core values: **Collaboration, Unity, Well-Being, and Excellence.**

The WSF sponsors these awards by providing each winner a gift card to a local business.

[See May's Rockstars](#)

