

# WATERLOO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

monthly newsletter

## Have you purchased your ticket?



Our Sparking Academic Excellence Breakfast celebrates the **progress happening across all 19 schools** and reinforces our *shared commitment* to preparing students for college, career, and life.

This year, we're excited to welcome **Bryan Earnest** as our keynote speaker!

Join us:

**April 30, 2026**

**7 AM - 8:30 AM**

Waterloo Convention Center

Tickets are only on sale for two more weeks!

[Purchase Yours Today](#)

## New Equipment for Agriscience Pathway

The agriscience pathway at the Waterloo Career Center is BOOMING! Thanks to a private donation, **we recently purchased a tractor** for students to experience even more in-depth hands-on learning.

How is this purchase **growing academic opportunities** at the WCC? Agriscience instructor Hunter Hamilton shared:

"With this tractor, our students will now be able to get a unique experience of **learning how to operate farm equipment** and complete other essential farm tasks safely."



## Welcome Tavis and Abby!



## In Case You Missed It: \$7,898 Awarded



Congrats to our March educator and student grant recipients:

- **Annalee Hollingsworth**, West High
- **Braelynn Hagarty**, East High
- **Bri Brown**, Irving Elementary
- **Emily Moore**, Hoover Middle School
- **Mackensie Schmitt**, Bunger Middle School
- **Meigan Leary**, Central Middle School
- **Nicole Kelchen**, George Washington Carver Academy
- **Paul Wallace**, West High
- **Tabatha Frizell**, Lincoln Elementary
- **Tiffany Ross**, Kittrell Pre-School
- **Tinley Rindels**, Bunger Middle School
- **Tracey Simon**, Orange Elementary

## Grant Highlight: Handwriting Skills Enhancements

In November, we awarded Sarah Laube at Kingsley Elementary a grant to purchase a digital handwriting platform to provide better access to the core handwriting curriculum for her students with disabilities.

The experience has helped students prepare for success in that they are planting seeds of independence and self-efficacy. They are ready to take on new tasks that are more challenging, rather than just checking a box and moving on. They're engaged, interested, and committed to their own success.

