

WATERLOO SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

monthly newsletter

Welcome Jill

We are excited to share that Jill has officially joined our team as Operations Coordinator!

A recent Waterloo transplant, Jill brings more than a decade of experience in grants, nonprofit operations, and financial management to the Foundation. We can't wait to see how she will help move our mission forward and further academic excellence.



LAST CHANCE: Meet & Greet with Zach O'Brien

Our Meet and Greet with Zach O'Brien is THIS Wednesday! But don't worry, there is still time to RSVP. We'd love for you to join us to hear about his vision for Waterloo United and learn more about what's ahead for our students.



[RSVP at this link!](#)

Meet Our Board

This summer, we've been highlighting our Board of Directors on Facebook. Click on each member we've highlighted so far to learn more about them!

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Grant Feature: Hoover Fiber Arts Club

Thanks to grant funding, more than 40 middle school students joined the Fiber Arts Club this past school year! Students learned lifelong skills like knitting and crocheting while also building perseverance, creativity, problem-solving, and confidence.

Beginning with simple bookmarks and moving into slippers, hats, scarves, hacky sacks, and even self-designed patterns, students discovered that mistakes are simply part of the learning process.



Grant Feature: Waterloo Career Center

A Waterloo Schools Foundation grant this spring funded a highly detailed human skull specimen, giving students a unique, hands-on look at complex internal structures.

This incredible teaching tool spent the semester on the demonstration table, sparking deep curiosity. This investment is creating what instructor Craig Hemsath calls "durable learning," helping students connect science directly to their own health, like one student who realized, "THAT's what a sinus is. I always wondered what was happening when someone had a sinus infection."

