



ROYAL OAK FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION
dba: ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
2024 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2024 the Foundation continued to fund initiatives with district-wide impact. The following are the highlights of this year’s accomplishments:

What Did We Support This Year?

- **MLK Day of Service 2024** – the Foundation continues to support this community event with Royal Oak and Berkley Schools and cities.
- **Welcome back staff event for the 24/25 school year**, provided staff with “swag” items with the ROSF logo. We had purchased enough items in the 23/24 school year to have a plentiful supply to accommodate the new school year.
- **Scholarships** – Six \$500 scholarships were provided to Royal Oak High School graduating seniors. These are offered in coordination with the 8 annual PTSA \$500 scholarships:

| Royal Oak Schools Foundation Daniel Champagne Memorial Scholarship | | |
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| Name | | School |
| Lilliana | Heline | Tulane University |
| Naomi | Mowers | University of Michigan |
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| Royal Oak Schools Foundation Scholarship | | |
| Name | | School |
| Sarah | Barnett | University of Michigan |
| Anna | Schroeder | University of Michigan |
| Emily | Chafetz | University of Michigan |
| Evelyn | Bossenberger | Michigan State University |

- **2024 Project** – The Foundation approved \$20,000 to support the Royal Oak High School weight room for the purchase of new equipment for space that will be utilized by all sports teams and gym classes.
- **UMatter Week at Royal Oak High School** - The Foundation was able to support up to \$2,000 for UMatter week at the High School that supported mental health.
- **Jumpstart Instrumental Music Program** - \$10,600 providing all fifth-grade students an opportunity to try and receive a head start on playing an instrument in Band or Orchestra in 6th grade at Royal Oak Middle School.
<https://www.royalockschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=455185&pageId=2437687>

City/Community Grant

- The Foundation applied for, and was awarded, a city community grant of \$36,000 to focus on career focused education and career readiness opportunities for all students in all grades. This grant supported ongoing work of the Royal Oak School District.

Current Committees

Fundraising Committee includes the Annual Golf Outing and the Friends of the Foundation

Budget Committee

Endowment Committee – comprised of trustees and business members

Nominating committee

Project Committee

Fundraising

- RO Schools Foundation's annual golf outing June 24, 2024 - Metamora Golf & Country Club. We are grateful for the continued support of golfers, sponsors, and volunteers. Profit this year was a bit over \$20,000 from the event.
- Gross Donations in 2024 were \$1,015

Membership

Leadership:

- Maryanne VanHaitsma, President
- Anita Heap, Vice-President
- Emmy Wickey, Treasurer
- Jeanne Dolson, Recording Secretary
- Christine Hartwig, Corresponding Secretary

2024 Trustees: Deb Anderson, Jeannie Dolson, David Dursum, Betty Ann Garlak, Stan Harris, Christine Hartwig, Anita Heap, Lynn Johnson, Barbara Lloyd, Sherry Toggweiler, Maryanne VanHaitsma, Janet Von Eberstein, Kurt Von Eberstein, Elizabeth Wickey

Ex-Officio Members: Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, Dr. Joseph Youanes, and Patrick Wolynski

Community Relations

- The Foundation maintains a website www.royaloakschoolsfoundation.org and Facebook page
- The Foundation, represented by Betty Ann Garlak has taken a more active role in the Inter Club Council supporting other charities in the community.
- The Foundation continues to be a presence in the community via social media, the newly awarded grant, and volunteer opportunities.

Financial

Community Foundation Endowment News & Activity

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan Account for 2024 to date is Endowment fund - \$39,138.17. The Grant programs and financial guidance for non-profits in the CFSEM are for the whole Southeastern Michigan area. Improvements to Detroit waterfront, the Woodward Corridor, and the needs of impoverished populations is an indirect benefit to employment, aesthetic environment for live, work, and play within our communities.

Royal Oak Schools Foundation Self-Managed Endowment

Our Investment Account with LPL to 12/31/24 is \$591,871.00

Previous balance reported: 1/1/24 was \$514,325.96

OUR Credit Union 12/31/24 money market - \$554.01, Checking - \$21,533.43, Savings - \$26,569.02

Account 990 2023 Filed by Elizabeth Wickey, Treasurer



Since 1993, Our Mission:

The Royal Oak Schools Foundation is a charitable organization committed to enriching lives through enhanced educational opportunities for the Royal Oak Public School Community.