



ROYAL OAK FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION
dba: ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

In 2025 the Foundation continued to fund initiatives with district-wide impact. The Foundation continues to promote our mission to the students and staff within Royal Oak and will continue to have our name within the greater community of Royal Oak. The following are the highlights of this year’s accomplishments:

What Did We Support This Year?

- **MLK Day of Service 2025** – the Foundation continues to support this community event with Royal Oak and Berkley Schools and cities. (In 2026, additional partnership with Clawson schools and city)
- **Welcome back staff event for the 25/26 school year**, provided staff with “swag” items with the ROSF logo. We had items remaining from the 23/24 purchase, but did purchase stickers and pens this year with our logo to distribute at the Staff Welcome back in August 2025, we have additional supply to use for distribution during the next school year or at other events that may arise.
- **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. Note that scholarships are offered to students at Royal Oak High School and Churchill High School Students:

Royal Oak Schools Foundation Daniel Champagne Memorial Scholarship		
Julia	Malone	University of Michigan
Kathryn	Macey	Wellesley College
Royal Oak Schools Foundation Scholarship		
Maddox	Podmokly	Western Michigan University
Jaiden	Magat	Michigan State University
Sophia	Regan	Michigan State University
Dakota	Kelly	Michigan Technical University

- **2025 Project** –This project was a carry over from the calendar year 2024. 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 once again was able to support up to \$2,000 for U_Matter 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.royaloakschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=455185&pageId=2437687>

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 23, 2025 - 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.

Membership

Leadership:

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

2025 Trustees: Deb Anderson, Jeannie Dolson, David Dursum, Betty Ann Garlak, Stan Harris, Christine Hartwig, Anita Heap, Barbara Lloyd, Sherry Toggweiler, Maryanne VanHaitsma, Janet Von Eberstein, Kurt Von Eberstein, Elizabeth Wickey

Ex-Officio Members: Mary Beth Fitzpatrick(Jan-June)/Dr. John Tafelski (July-Dec), Dr. Joseph Youanes, and Patrick Wolynski

The Foundation thanked MaryBeth for her years of service to Royal Oak Schools and her commitment to partnership with the Royal Oak Schools Foundation during her tenure in Royal Oak.

Community Relations

- The Foundation maintains a website www.royalockschoolsfoundation.org and Facebook page
- The Foundation, represented by Betty Ann Garlak has taken an 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 website, and pre

Financial

Community Foundation Endowment News & Activity

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan Account for 2025 (Q4-2025) is Endowment fund - \$42,684.70. 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 12/31/25 is \$637,535.69

Previous balance reported: 12/31/24 was \$577,328.71

OUR Credit Union 12/31/25 money market - \$554.01, Checking - \$8,940.10, Savings - \$19,380.31

Account 990 2024 Filed by Elizabeth Wickey, Treasurer



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ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

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.