

D219 ALUMNI NEWS



Supporting the Students of Niles Township

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The Education Foundation Changes Its Name To Reflect Expanding Mission



(Left) District 69's Madison School gets a delivery of nutrition bars from The Education Foundation. (Right) Community Schools Resource Coordinator **Sarah Rankin**, volunteer **Rachel Clinkman** and School Nurse **Jennifer Cherko**.



Reorganized in 2007 as the Niles Township High School District 219 Education Foundation for Excellence, the nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization made up of volunteers has changed its name to **The Education Foundation (Supporting the Students of Niles Township)**. The change reflects the fact that the foundation is now beginning to also support elementary and junior high school students throughout the township, which serves all of Lincolnwood, most of Skokie, and parts of Morton Grove and Niles.

"For the past 11 years, we have been helping D219 high school students succeed academically and to expand their educational experiences," said Foundation Chairman **Jeff Burman**. "We realize that, for families who face financial need, their younger students also face some obstacles, so we are reaching out to the elementary districts to let them know that we are ready to help if they would like our assistance."

Some of the ways the foundation is supporting the "sender" schools include:

- Paying for laboratory and other supplies for the summer RISE program, which invites students from Skokie Elementary School District 68 into Niles North High School's STEM labs to conduct research via experiments and engage in scientific inquiry and other hands-on learning opportunities on a variety of topics related to science, technology, engineering and math.
- Providing nutrition bars for students in Skokie/Morton Grove School District 69, where 52 percent of students qualify as low-income.
- Awarding grants to support individual students with academic-related expenses, such as school supplies, and providing assistance to preschool children needing additional enriched academic intervention.

"Rather than wait until students enter high school, we are hoping that the foundation can help students at an earlier age grow academically," Burman said. "We are fortunate to have excellent public schools in Niles Township, but the schools' budgets cannot accommodate every single need. If we can help the schools fill a need for particular students, we want to help. And we are incredibly grateful to all the alumni, residents, parents, school employees and local businesspeople who contribute to the foundation, because they are helping students succeed who will become our future alumni."

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS YEAR'S
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Marcy Lerner Steindler (W'77)



Marcy Lerner Steindler graduated Top 10 in her class from Niles West where she was first chair cellist (sophomore through senior) while also participating in

chorus and other singing groups. Marcy continued playing cello at Northwestern University, from which she received her BA in Music in 1981 and, as an enrollee in the Kellogg Graduate School of Management's "3-2 program," received her Masters degree in 1982. She passed the CPA exam on her first try while beginning her accounting career at Coopers & Lybrand (now PWC) where she reached manager level in the audit department. She joined Mann, Weitz & Associates (MWA), where she was recently named a partner as the head of the firm's nonprofit taxation practice. While working at MWA and helping raise three children, the oldest two having special needs, Marcy began an active role in her community, serving as PTO Treasurer and President in Deerfield District 109, Treasurer of Friends of The Arts at Deerfield High School and serving on the B'nai Tikvah Synagogue Board, including time as VP of Education and VP of Finance, for more than 10 years. Marcy is now the head of the B'nai Tikvah Cultural Arts Committee.

Marcy has put to use the discipline she learned at Niles West while being an outstanding student and musician, and a leader within the music department, taking good care of our family, becoming a highly regarded, respected and successful business professional and making a significant difference in her community.

Gregg Fleisher (N'79)



Gregg Fleisher graduated from Niles North in 1979. Inspired by his favorite statistics teacher, Gregg attended the University of Illinois and earned a Bachelor of

Science in Accounting. Gregg began his career as an auditor and actuary, but found his true passion when he became a high school math teacher. He taught for 14 years and found success teaching AP Calculus. While teaching, Gregg started Advanced Placement Strategies, a non-profit aimed at helping students access and pass AP exams in math, science, and English—with a special focus on serving students farthest from opportunity. His small nonprofit morphed into the National Math and Science Initiative - a large, national non-profit serving over 2 million students to date. Gregg currently serves as the President and CEO of Reasoning Mind, an Ed Tech company that designs interactive, online blended learning programs for elementary math students with the goal of cultivating higher level thinking skills and igniting student interests in math, while preparing them for advanced courses.

Gregg's advice to the class of 2018 is to choose what you love to do—and everything else will work out. He believes that if he continued as an actuary, he would have been set financially, but pursuing what he loved has led to a career that has been fulfilling, impactful, and has provided him with opportunities that he would never have imagined. He is thankful for his experience at Niles North because it put him on a path where he is proud of what he does, and allows him to serve society in a meaningful way.



ALUM'S COMPANY HELPS STUDENTS NAVIGATE PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT WITH SHARK TANK ASSIGNMENT

Mike Elowe (N'84), COO and Vice President of Creative Promotional Products was looking for a way to give back to the community by working with high school students. He and a team worked with **Jean Attig's** Business Strategies and Entrepreneurship class at Niles North where they participated in their own version of *Shark Tank*, the show in which budding entrepreneurs pitch their ideas to industry tycoons, hoping to interest them in investing a stake in their company.

The Creative team consisted of **Dan Granick**, President; **Jeremy Brick**, Vice President of Brand Development; **Jonathan Lee**, Director of Marketing; and Elowe.

"As a group we realized that none of us were aware of this industry when we were making life decisions such as choosing a college or a first job," said Elowe. "We thought, why not try to change that? We wanted to empower the students to be able to make something themselves. We wanted to show them that we all have the ability to participate in the creative development process."

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Students were given the task to create a video for a product, including elements such as the story behind the product, product design, brand name, logo design, pricing strategies, and more. After the students' presentations, Creative offered every student in the class a summer internship to pursue bringing the product to market. Along with that task, students will also explore other opportunities within the company.

"We were impressed with their overall business knowledge, as well as their ability to present their product ideas, defend their concepts and creatively develop the basics of a product development plan," said Elowe. "We were anything but easy on them, and they all stood the test.

The selected concept was a product in the pet industry; the American Pets Products Association estimates sales of pet items to top \$70 billion this year.

Simon Michalski (N'18) said, "Being able to work with Creative is definitely one of the best opportunities for success that I have received during high school. Thanks to Creative I have a much better idea of what I want to do with my future and I think that every student should, at one point before college, get an opportunity like this. It is more helpful than any individual class available."



A NEW FUNDRAISING PASTABILITY NETS \$4,000 FOR FOUNDATION

Last year's Pizza Wars 7 was the last go 'round for the popular Education Foundation event. In its place was a new fundraising pastability, Spaghetti Fest '18.

With oodles of delicious pasta and other tasty Italian dishes provided by the newly opened **Moretti's** in Morton Grove, the event held on January 17, 2018 was jointly sponsored by **the Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles and Skokie Chambers of Commerce**, with space provided by the **Morton Grove Civic Center**.

Other sponsors of the event included **Costco, Culver's, Evanston Subaru in Skokie, Moretti's, the Niles Township Federation of Teachers and Support Staff and Village Inn Pizzeria**. The evening of mingling, networking and great eats raised more than \$4,000 for **The Education Foundation**. **Niles North's Take One Combo** provided the entertainment. All proceeds benefit **The Education Foundation**, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that supports the students of Niles Township.



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

The Niles West Class of 2015, as a class gift, has dedicated a wall in honor of West graduates who have gone on to serve in the United States Armed Forces. The goal is to commemorate past, present, and future graduates for their service, as well as a reminder to current students to be appreciative of those who protect our country. If you know of alumni who have served in any branch of the military, active or reserves, please complete the Wall of Honor form. Go to www.niles219.org/alumni/west and find the Wall of Honor link.

ALUMNI: ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED?

The Education to Careers (ETC) Department at District 219 cultivates partnerships with business and community professionals to develop meaningful and robust career exploration activities for our students that complement rigorous academic coursework and teach the critical skills that life and work demand. Find out how you can get involved by visiting the Education to Careers website: [//sites.google.com/d219.org/educationtocareers](http://sites.google.com/d219.org/educationtocareers) or email Education to Careers Coordinator **Lisa Edelson** at lisede@d219.org.



NILES TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS STUDENTS WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

Niles Township Government presents **The Education Foundation** with \$7,500 to be used to support college scholarships to Oakton Community College for D219 students with financial need. From left: Niles Township Trustee **Bonnie Ognisanti**, Trustee **Tony Lundin**, Township Supervisor **Marilyn Glazer**, Trustee **Donald Gelfund (W'85)**, Education Foundation Director **Alyse Burman**, Director **Jean Hedstrom**, Foundation Chair **Jeff Burman**, Director **Mark Collins** and D219 Staff Liaison **Jim Szczepaniak**.

DONATIONS &

Thank you to the following individuals and groups for their generous contributions to The Education Foundation (January 2017 to May 25, 2018). The Foundation provides education-related support on the basis of financial hardship to the students in Niles Township.

THE LEGACY SOCIETY

School Chest Program / Dance Marathon
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Bob's Discount Furniture
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Dr. Michael and Shelley Korey (N'68 and '67) – In honor of
Niles North 1968 50th Reunion and in memory of Susan
Kamin Moschin (E'63) and Scott Kamin (N'69)
Gayle Mueller-Slack (W'70) – In memory of James R. Slack
(E'61), Robert J. Mueller (W'65) and Pam Goldberg (W'70)
Niles East 1977 Reunion
Karen Zupko (W'68)

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

Steven Glink, Law Offices of Steven E. Glink (E'73)
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Niles North 1977 Reunion
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Niles East 1967 50th Reunion
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50th Reunion
Glenn Solan (E'76)
George Van Dusen
Debbie Burdick (W'71) in memory of Bill Geisman

Donations through Niles North & Niles West
student registration

D219 Fall & Spring Payroll Drives

TRIBUTES

Our Impact

Since 2007, The Education Foundation has granted funds and scholarships totaling more than \$300,000 to assist students. We have funded:

- College scholarships for qualified students.
- Bus transportation to take students on college visits; the majority of these students are the first members of their families to attend college.
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs.
- Sizzling Summer STEM tuition for children in grades K- 8.
- Activity fees and co-curricular expenses.
- Fees for AP tests, ACT preparation classes, transcripts and college applications.
- Individual grants for students with specific needs.

The Education Foundation has also supported students in extreme financial need. We have:

- Purchased computers or graphing calculators for students who cannot otherwise afford to purchase one.
- Provided food assistance, including nutrition bars.
- Through the Principal's Discretionary Fund, the Foundation has funded emergency expenses for students experiencing hardships.

The Education Foundation provided bus transportation for Health Careers students to attend a Health Major presentation at Marquette University. Students enjoyed the Forensic Lab, Cadaver Lab, and Zombie Apocalypse activity. The informative field trip inspired the students to consider careers in the medical profession, as well as to apply to colleges.

Donations up to \$100

Alona Anspach (W'74)
George Baptist, in memory of Babe Baptist
Myra Bauer (E'66), in honor of Matthew Robins
Barbara Chausow
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Cynthia Trawinski (E'75)
Nancy Tuzzolino (W'81)
Nancy Warshawsky (N'70), in memory of brother
Charles Alan Karp

The public may be surprised to know that 33 percent of the students who attend Niles North and Niles West can't afford basic daily necessities, including food. Those same students can't afford the basics to get a good education, like calculators and laptops. There are hundreds of students in Niles Township whose families are in serious financial need. Students who cannot participate in school activities or pay for class expenses. Students at risk of not graduating because they cannot afford fees for required summer school classes. Students who cannot afford a healthy breakfast or a warm winter coat. More than 30% of our students live near or below the federal poverty level. More than 30% of our students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. At present, 50 students in our township are homeless. Despite these impediments, our schools – in partnership with donors – enable students and their families to overcome enormous odds and, through education, aid and your charitable giving, break the cycle of poverty.

***Thank you for your support. All gifts are tax-deductible,
as allowed by the law.***

The Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

***Use the enclosed envelope or visit www.edufoundnt.org to make
a donation.***

SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Reunions

Niles North Class of 1968 50th Reunion

A message from the reunion committee: We would love to hear about the twists and turns and ups and downs of your life since leaving Niles North. We want to celebrate your successes and comfort you for your losses. When we left Niles North we thought that anything was possible. Last year the Cubs proved that this was true. We are looking forward to reconnecting and welcoming you back home. Please email: nilesnorth1968@gmail.com. We can send you more information about the reunion as it becomes available. If you are on Facebook, request to join our "Niles North Class of 1968" group. Reunion co-chairs are **Bob Shaffer** and **Karen Mellow**.

The Education Foundation is the official site for the class of 1968 class gift. Go to www.edufoundnt.org or fill out and mail the envelope in the middle of this newsletter.

Niles West Class of 1968 50th Reunion

Date: Weekend of August 11, 2018
Location: Viper Alley, Lincolnshire, IL
Contact: We need your help in finding our classmates. If you have information for other '68 grads (and their permission to forward it), please contact nileswest50@gmail.com. Or go to the private Facebook Group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NiWeHi68/>. Stay tuned, more to come.

Niles West Class of 1976 60th Birthday Reunion

Date: Friday, September 28, 7-10 p.m.
Game Night at Brunswick Zone in Niles on Milwaukee Ave., with bowling challenge of Niles/Lincolnwood vs. Morton Grove/Skokie! Must pre-reserve bowling package and non-bowlers can come and watch, or play billiards and games!

Date: Saturday, September 29, 6:30-10:30 p.m. 60th Birthday Party: Party room at Hackney's on Lake, Glenview. Pre-reserved dinner and no-host private bar. Contact: **Steven Nagelberg**, snagelberg@cox.net with questions or join Facebook at "Niles West High School Class of 1976" to connect with over classmates and see updates.

Niles East Class of 1978 40th Reunion

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018, 7 p.m.
Location: Bella Via Ristorante, 1899 2nd St., Highland Park, IL
Contact: nileseast78reunion@comcast.net
Hotel Arrangements: We have blocked rooms at these two hotels.

Renaissance North Shore, \$129 per night
933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, IL
800-468-3571 (Ask for Niles East High School 40th Reunion Room Block)

Courtyard Marriott, \$94 per night
1505 Lake Cook Rd., Highland Park, IL
800-321-2211 (Ask for Niles East High School 40th Reunion Room Block)

Niles North Class of 1978 40th Reunion

A message from Class Board president, **Craig Paull**: We are planning the 40th Class Reunion. We have started a group on Facebook called: "Niles North High School Class of 1978." If you are on Facebook, join us there, or e-mail us at nilesnorth1978reunion@gmail.com. The event is July 21, 2018 and we will be creating a poll. Hope you will join us on the 21st and hope to hear from you soon.

Niles North Class Of 1988 30th Reunion

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018, 7 p.m. – midnight
Location: Viper Alley, 275 Parkway Drive, Suite 325, Lincolnshire, IL
Inquiries to **Beth Tokowitz** at greyhound-girl2007@gmail.com. To purchase tickets,

contact **Bob Ellison** at nilesnorth88@gmail.com to make a payment. Or, send a check to: Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest, c/o Bob Ellison, 1001 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301. Include your name and the name of your guest when purchasing your tickets.

The reunion is open to ALL members of the Class of 1988 and their spouses/significant others. We want to reunite with everyone to make this an unforgettable 30th reunion. So call, text, email...get the word out! We invite any teachers who were at Niles North from 1984-1988, please come join us!

REUNION ROUNDUP

Niles East Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th Reunion on June 24, 2017 at Viper Alley, Lincolnshire, IL. Contact **Sandy Arnstein Zeller** at dszeller5@aol.com or **Jill Meltzer LeVine** at jill@levine74.com.

Niles West Class of 1967 celebrated their 50 year reunion on July 16, 2017 at Allgauer's in Northbrook. More details on Classmates.com or Facebook page, search for Niles West High School, Class of 1967.

Niles East Class of 1972 celebrated their 45th Reunion on July 8, 2017 at Happ Inn, Northfield, IL. Contact **Mike Kaplan** mka489561@aol.com; **Jack Goldberg** bagelberg@gmail.com.

Niles West Class of 1976 celebrated their 40th reunion on September 23-25, 2016. See Facebook page under Niles West High School Class of 1976. Contact **Steven Nagelberg**, snagelberg@cox.net.

Niles East Class of 1977 celebrated their 40th Reunion on July 29, 2017 at Ditka's in Arlington Heights, IL. Contact **Layne Oliff**, layneo@maturehealth.com.

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Seen & Heard

Cory Franklin (W'71) was Director of Medical Intensive Care at Cook County Hospital for 25 years. Before retiring, he wrote over 80 medical articles, chapters and abstracts in books and professional journals. He was awarded the Shubin-Weil Award by the Society of Critical Care Medicine in 1999. Since retirement, he has been a frequent freelance contributor to national and international publications and this year will publish his third book.

Howard Zavell (N'85) and his three children (Max, 20; Ben, 17; and Shayna, 13) traveled to Tanzania in December 2017 to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro for charity.

Matthew-Lee Erlbach (W'01) wrote *"The Doppelganger"* which premiered at Step-penwolf Theatre and starred Rainn Willson from *"The Office."* This spring, Erlbach visited Nilés West and spoke to the Advanced Theatre Studio class.

Jennifer Hedstrom (W'05) released her sophomore album,



photo: Maureen Junson Heintz

Prairie. The singer-songwriter's piano-driven pop songs are meditations on the natural world that also explore complicated emotional landscapes.

Corey Lubowich (N'07), part of the YouTube comedy group the Tin Can Brothers, recently concluded a run of *"The Solve It Squad,"* a live show that sold out in Los Angeles and was Off-Broadway. The show was directed by Lubowich.



Tyrone Phillips (N'08), directed *"Red Velvet,"* at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater at Navy Pier which ran earlier this year. Phillips graduated from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana with a degree in theater and created Definition Theater Company with other U of I alumni. "I've been incredibly blessed to get the help of a lot of heavy hitters early in my career," said Phillips. "I want to pass it on. High school theater was where I first found my voice. I want other kids to be able to do that too." Phillips returned to Nilés North last fall to direct *"We The People,"* a project in which almost two dozen students created a piece of performance art about America.

Abdel Nader (N'11) was the 58th overall pick in the 2016 Draft and was signed in 2017 to a four-year deal with the Boston Celtics.



Mason Edelson (N'11) started his restaurant career at the age of eight, cooking meals for family and friends in his parents' kitchen. His interest in food led him to a job in 2009 with Levy Restaurants at their Ravinia concessions. He joined Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises' (LEYE) Wildfire, learning the front-of-house operations, followed by stints at RJ Grunts and RPM Italian. He joined GT Fish & Oyster as Maitre D'. These experiences led him to attain a Hospitality Management degree from Kendall College. He is also an avid fitness professional and instructs sold-out Sculpt classes at CorePower Yoga.

Edelson tapped into his entrepreneurial spirit and in August 2016 opened Graze at Revival Food Hall in Chicago's Loop. He opened a Graze location at Studio 3, with another to open in December 2018.

Edelson invited culinary students from his alma mater to Graze, where the students sampled the menu, and Edelson shared his insights on the hospitality industry as well as what it takes to be an entrepreneur. As a business owner, he said, "Just keep going, there is always a solution and answer. The bigger the risk, the greater the reward!"



Samantha Youseph (N'13) participated in the Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF), an initiative created by the French Government to offer linguistic enrichment for students in France who are studying English. Youseph spent a year as a teaching assistant in France, arranged for by the French Education Ministry. She taught at Lycée René Laënnec, a school in Pont l'Abbé, a small town in Brittany. Recently, she visited **Mme. Elizabeth Hinsiger's** French classes at Nilés North to talk about her TAPIF experiences, as well as the interactions she had while working within the French education system. **Sofia Ballicora (N'13)** participated in TAPIF as well, teaching in middle schools in Armentières and Pérenchies.



Armeen Sayani (W'14) was awarded a 2017-18 President's Medallion from Loyola University, an award given annually to its most outstanding students. President's Medallion recipients are students who excel not only in the classroom, but also in the world, and are dedicated to helping those around them.

Sayani is from Loyola's School of Education. "The various communities that I have been a part of throughout my Loyola experience have transformed me more than I could have ever imagined," she said.



2017 Niles West Hall of Fame Inductees

The 2017 Niles West Hall of Fame inductees were honored on October 6, during the school's Homecoming Festivities. Pictured: Front Row: **Jerry Stern** (Distinguished Service Award), **Marv Klebba** (Baseball Coach), **Steve Rochell** (W'67, Gymnastics), **Howard Labow** (W'73, Fencing), **John Armour** (Track & Field, Cross Country, Football Coach), **Robert Porter Jr.** (W'77, Wrestling), **Laura Friedlander** (W'82, Cross Country), **Bill Pindras** (W'75, Football).

Back Row: **From the 1981 Girls' Cross Country Team: Sue Rosenblum, Robin Telengator, Jenny Weiss, Patty Doles, Julie Christante, Jennie Campbell; Coach Judi Sloan.**

The 2018 Hall of Fame class will include: **George Kontos** (W'03) Baseball; **Alisa Kusolvisitkul** (W'03) Girls' Cross-Country/Girls Track & Field; **Bill Mitz** (W'72) Football, **Blake Lorenz** (W'73) Baseball; **Judy Banathy Flaherty** (W'82) Girls' Basketball; **Robert Casey** (W'74) Boys Soccer/Boys' Track & Field; **Joe Brennan** (Boys & Girls Soccer); **1972 Football Team**; and **Dr. Nicholas Mannos** (Distinguished Service Award).

Inductees will be recognized during Homecoming half-time activities on Friday, October 12, 2018 vs. the Niles North Vikings.

For reunion questions, or more information about The Education Foundation, please contact **Rosamin Bhanpuri** at (847) 626-3959 or rosbha@d219.org.

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Niles North Class of 1977 celebrated their 40th Reunion on September 23, 2017 at Ravinia Green Country Club, 1200 Saunders Road, Riverwoods, IL. For information, **Michele Levinson Lavin**, michlavin@gmail.com.

Niles North Class of 1982 celebrated their 35th Reunion on June 17, 2017 at Half Day Brewing Company in Lincolnshire, IL. For information, please contact **Jill Kominsky Gelb** at jsgelb@aol.com.

Niles West Class of 1986 celebrated their "30ish" reunion on February 25, 2017 at Moretti's, 6727 N. Olmsted Ave., Chicago, IL. Contact **nileswest86reunion@gmail.com**.

Niles West Class of 1987 celebrated their 30th reunion on May 27, 2017 at Westwood Tavern, Schaumburg, IL.

Niles North Class of 1992 celebrated their 25th Reunion on December 22, 2017 at Rock Bottom Brewery in Chicago. For details, go to Facebook page (Niles North Class of 1992).

Niles West Class of 1997 celebrated their 20 year reunion on October 7, 2017, at The Curragh, 6705 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL. Contact **Paula (Pisani) Howard** at paulahoward@me.com for details.

Niles North Class of 2007 celebrated their 10 year Reunion on November 24, 2017, at Moe's Cantina River North, Chicago.