



2025 YEAR END REPORT

DELTON KELLOGG
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

DELTON KELLOGG EDUCATION 2026 FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARD



Back Row (L/R): Mary Collier (Vice Chair), Wy Smith, Jerry McCoy, Blake Newcastle (YAC Representative), Jan Hartough

Front Row (L/R): Annie Halle (BCF), Doreen Stanton (Treasurer), Marsha Bassett (Chair), Allie Steele

Not pictured: Dr. Jeremy Wright (DK Superintendent) and Luke Froncheck

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL SPRING GALA!

Please join **Delton Kellogg Education Foundation (DKEF)** and the **Delton Area Rotary Club** for an evening of inspiration, community, and celebration at our Annual Spring Gala.

Date: Wednesday, April 16th

Location: *The new Summer Cottage at the Gilmore Car Museum*

We are honored to welcome **Joe Dittmar**, a nationally recognized speaker and survivor of the 9/11 attacks, who will share his incredible story of resilience and hope from the 105th floor of the World Trade Center.

Enjoy a memorable evening supporting education and community service in Delton.

**Space is limited
Please register
using the QR
Code below.**





Creating a Legacy:

THE LASTING IMPACT OF MARY COLLIER AND DAN JESKA

When it comes to making a difference in the lives of young people, few examples shine brighter than those of Mary Collier and Dan Jeska. Their dedication to education and community service has left an enduring legacy at Delton Kellogg Schools, where both have deep and personal roots.

Dan Jeska, a 1970 graduate of Delton Kellogg High School, established the Mark Jeska Memorial Scholarship in honor of his brother Mark, who passed away unexpectedly in his senior year in 1971. Mark's passion for band and yearbook inspired Dan to support students who share those same creative interests. Through this scholarship, Dan ensures that Mark's spirit of involvement and enthusiasm continues to uplift future generations.

Mary Collier, a former English teacher at Delton Kellogg High School (1988–2011) and a lifelong educator, founded the Mary Collier BardFan Scholarship. Inspired by her own experiences growing up in poverty-stricken Appalachia, Mary's scholarship encourages students to pursue their education and think deeply—both academically and personally. Her signature question, "*Which Shakespeare character are you most like, and why?*", reflects her lifelong love of literature and her belief in the power of self-reflection.

Together, Mary and Dan are more than just donors—they are role models for giving back. Their scholarships exemplify how personal passions,

experiences, and memories can become powerful forces for good. They remind us that generosity doesn't have to be grand to be meaningful and each one represents an investment in a student's future.

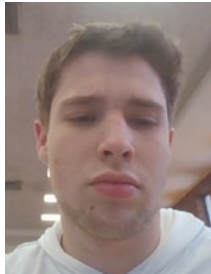
As Mary and Dan put it, they hope to inspire others to create their own scholarships, whether in honor of a loved one or in celebration of an interest—be it auto shop, foreign language, creative writing, volunteerism, or leadership. Their message is simple yet profound: *think about what would have inspired or helped you when you were young and then pass that forward.*

In their volunteer work and community involvement, Mary and Dan embody compassion and commitment. Their example encourages us all—no matter our age or means—to look out for others, stand up for the underrepresented, and give back to the community that shaped us.

Their legacy is a call to action: everyone has the power to make a difference.

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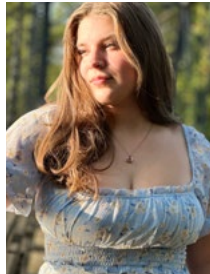
2025 SCHOLARSHIPS



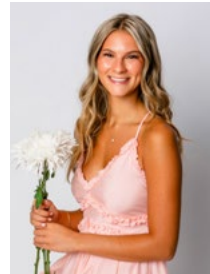
Kyle Morgan
Barbara Colleen Hooten
(Hastings)



Trinitee Crowe
Kate Kwasny Memorial



Jordan Lynch
Kate Kwasny Memorial



Tori Morris
McCullough Family DK



Paige Davis
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation



Lexi Johnson
DKHS Fine Art
Scholarship



Lucy Lester
Delton Kellogg Education
Foundation
George and Doris Leonard
Kate Kwasny Memorial



Myles Hatton
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation
George and Doris
Leonard



Isabel White
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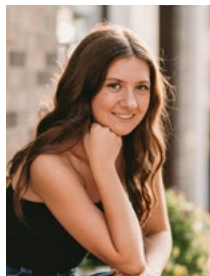
Alison Adams
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation
Mark Jeska Memorial



Brooke Harsevoort
Delton Rotary
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Donald Humphreys
Memorial
George and Doris Leonard
W. William and Linda
Blackmore



Madelynn Palmer
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation
George and Doris
Leonard
Gun Lake Women's Club



Kylie Main
Delton Rotary
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation
W. William and Linda
Blackmore



John Sinclair
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation
George and Doris
Leonard
W. William and Linda
Blackmore



Emily Baker
Barbara Colleen Hooten
Delton Kellogg Education
Foundation
Kate Kwasny Memorial
Southside Pediatrics
Wyatt M Cook Memorial

In 2025 the Delton Kellogg Education Foundation awarded
62 scholarships totaling \$125,000.



Natalie Wolthuis
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation



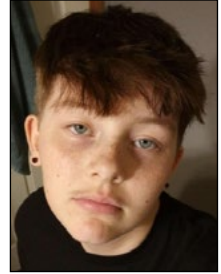
Jillian Leclercq
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation



Kelsey Seagle
Delton Kellogg
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Teagan Hamlin
Delton Kellogg
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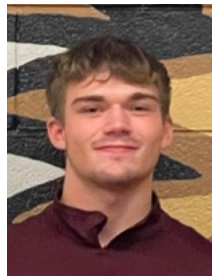
Summer Miller
Delton Kellogg
Determined Student



Eric Belka
Delton Kellogg Education
Foundation
Gun Lake Women's Club



Alyssa Larson
Chamberlin Skilled
Trades
Delton Kellogg
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Mark Jeska Memorial



Austyn Lipscomb
DK Trade and
Certification
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation



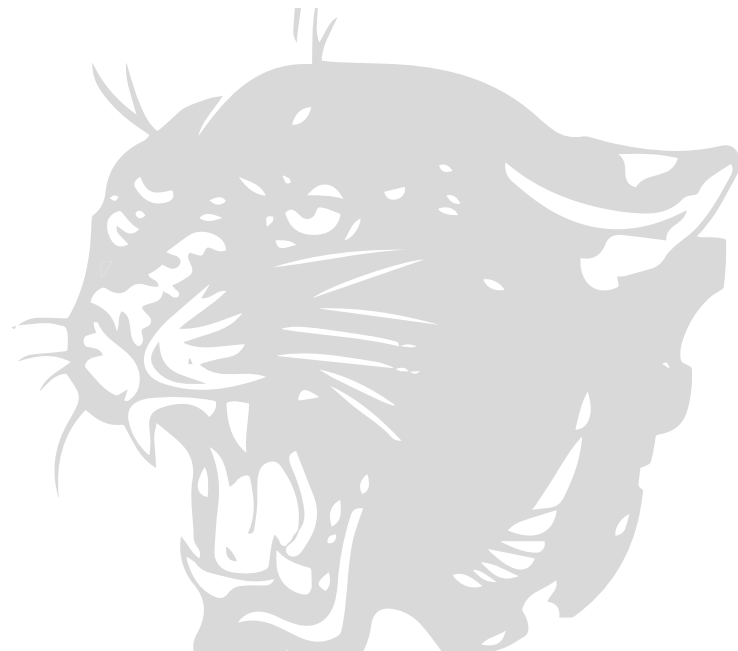
Madison Calgaro
Delton Rotary
Delton Kellogg
Education Foundation
John and Lillian Arnold
W. William and Linda
Blackmore



Johannah Houtkooper
Delton Kellogg Education
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George and Doris Leonard
W. William and Linda
Blackmore
Williams Memorial



Claire Wesolowski
Delton Kellogg
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John and Gladys
Chamberlain
Mary Collier BardFan
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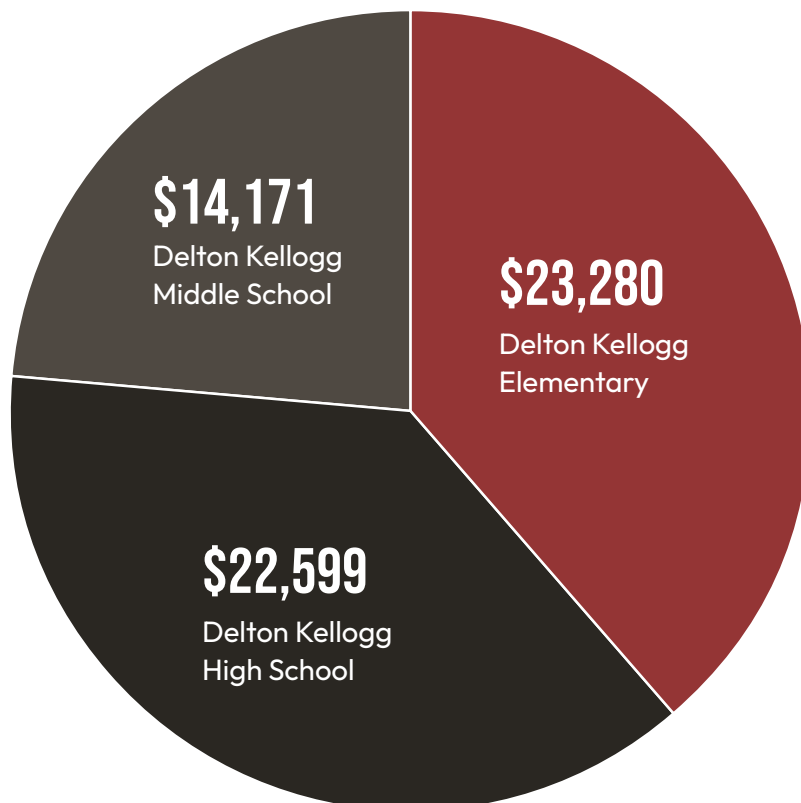
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| **NET ASSETS** \$5,505,328

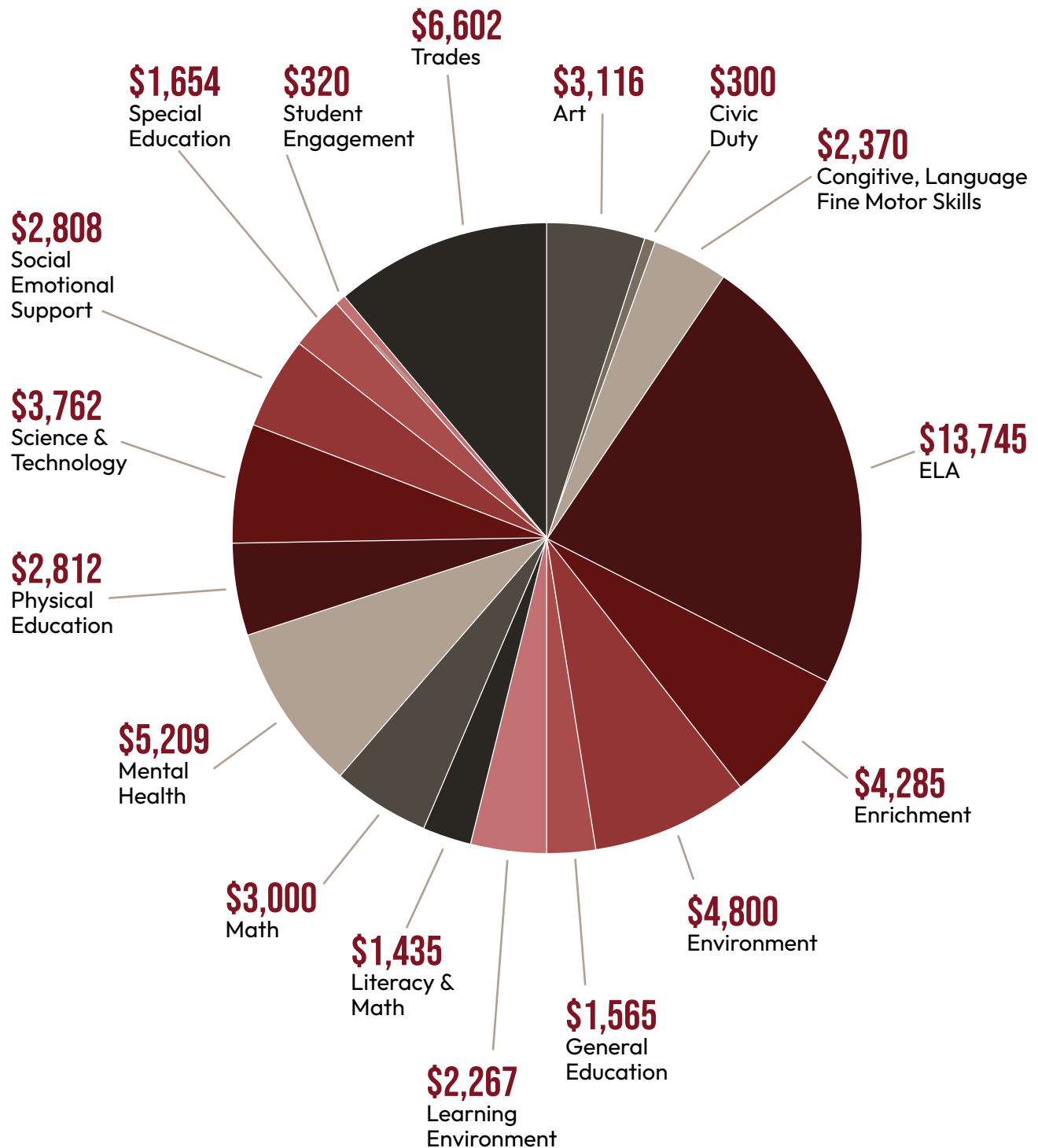
| **GRANTING** \$60,050

During the 2024 – 25 school year, the Delton Kellogg Education Foundation and the Delton Kellogg Educational Enrichment Fund supported Delton Kellogg Schools with \$60,050 in grant dollars for important educational initiatives. The Annual DKEF Gala raised over \$20,000 in contributions to support post-secondary scholarships and classroom grants for Delton Kellogg students.

LOCATION



EDUCATIONAL FOCUS AREA





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