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The Green Dragon Foundation is a proud supporter of the LAHS FBLA Club. In April 2026 over 40 LAHS students attended the state conference in Hershey, Pa. competing in areas such as finance, human resources and public speaking.

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGES FROM THE GDF & LASD LEADERSHIP



FROM BOARD PRESIDENT BOB KALLIN

The 2025-2026 school year was a tremendous success, thanks to you and our generous donors. The foundation distributed $460,000 to the Lewisburg Area School District in support of the arts, athletics, STEM programs, health and well-being initiatives, and several experiential programs. You can read about how philanthropic support impacted our students and teachers in the pages that follow.

While this report is a review of the past year, our board and advisors are very focused on the future of GDF. Our long-serving—and in fact only—executive director, Ann Glock, is retiring in June 2027. At the helm of GDF since 2009, Ann has been the architect of our success over the last 17 years and will leave behind huge shoes to fill. The search for her successor will begin in late fall so if you have ideas about qualified candidates, please let us know. Thank you. Onward and upward.

FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. VINCENT HOOVER

The Green Dragon Foundation is more than a funding partner. It is a genuine investment in the students and community of the Lewisburg Area School District. In my three years with LASD, I have seen firsthand the difference this foundation makes, and as superintendent I am proud to write this letter in support of GDF.

At Lewisburg Area School District, our mission is for every student to **belong**, **learn**, and **explore**. The Green Dragon Foundation helps take that mission to the next level, giving our students the opportunity to truly thrive. This past year's support touched nearly every corner of our district: upgrades to the wireless micro-phone system in the high school auditorium and at Pawling Athletic Complex; the addition of 3D printers to our MS technology education program; and funding for the high school After School Food Equity Project, a de-escalation workshop, and new weight room equipment. These represent just a portion of GDF's broad and meaningful investment in the LASD.

Your investment allows students to compete at Model UN and TSA State competitions, elevates experiences like the spring musical, and enriches everyday learning through flexible seating, performance risers, and an author visit that brought compassionate learning to life in the classroom. Our student athletes, performers, artists, and leaders all felt the foundation's impact in 2025-2026.

None of this happens without donors who believe in this district and in this community. If you have not yet joined this effort, I encourage you to consider a gift to The Green Dragon Foundation. Together, we can keep opening doors for every LASD student.

I am deeply grateful for this partnership and for all who make it possible.

ABOUT US

The mission of The Green Dragon Foundation is to enhance our student experience, assist our teachers and staff, and enrich our community by raising funds to support the priorities of the Lewisburg Area School District.

2025-2026 IN REVIEW

Thanks to our loyal and dedicated donors and volunteers, the hard work of the Green Dragon Foundation's Board of Directors, and the support of Lewisburg Area School District leadership, faculty, and staff, GDF secured **$589,244** in philanthropic support during the 2025–2026 school year through a combination of cash contributions and committed gifts.

In 2025–2026, GDF provided a total of **$611,421** in support to benefit current and future LASD students. Of that total, **$462,682** was provided directly to the Lewisburg Area School District, including **$459,884** in financial support and **$2,798** in in-kind contributions. An additional **$148,739** was endowed for future programmatic support. These gifts will enhance and enrich educational opportunities for all Lewisburg area students and future generations.

GDF is governed by a 27-member board of directors (including advisors), led by executive director Ann Glock. In 2025-2026, GDF benefited from the work of 48 volunteers who provided 538 hours of service. Volunteers and the essential work they accomplish are key factors that enable GDF to fulfill its mission.

We invite you to join our team! Volunteers are needed for special events, mailings, data entry, and more. To learn more, contact the GDF office at (570) 522-8433 or info@greendragonfoundation.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

GDF's ongoing mission is to raise essential funds to support the Lewisburg Area School District's priorities. Our board of directors continues to work closely with LASD leadership to identify fundraising opportunities. **Among our priorities for the 2026-2027 school year, for example, is soliciting financial support to equip a new fitness lab at Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School.** We continue to offer sponsorship and naming opportunities to support other needed enhancements.

We look forward to continuing our support of the arts, as well as academic and athletic programs that provide Lewisburg area students with meaningful and unique opportunities. Gifts to the Annual Fund offer the greatest flexibility, allowing us to direct resources where they are needed most and ensuring that students of all abilities and grade levels throughout LASD have access to valuable experiences and opportunities. **We are grateful for your continued partnership as we ensure our students have the tools they need to build a bright future.**

For more than 15 years, generous donors to the Green Dragon Foundation have made a meaningful difference in the lives of Lewisburg students. From 2010 through 2026 donor contributions have provided more than $3.3 million in support of academic, athletic, arts, and health & well-being initiatives throughout LASD. The impact represented in this chart is more than a total of dollars—it is a reflection of a community that believes in its students and invests in their future.

Green Dragon Foundation Contributions to The Lewisburg Area School District by Area of Support, 2010-2026 (Total $ 3,398,377)




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2025-2026 THE GREEN DRAGON FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From left to right: (Front) Erin Jablonski, Addy Rummel, Bob Kallin, Ann Glock, Jen Shabahang, Kimberley Drexler, Corey Jusko, Katie Cavanagh. (Back) Andy Felo, Brianna Apfelbaum-Kula, Leslie Temple, Tim Apple, Greg Salzler, Andy Gritzer, Vince Hoover. Not pictured Jimmy Chen, Beth Confer, Maria Fullana-Jornet, Brooks Gronlund, Amit Johal, Ben Ranck, Courtney Remmey, Tim Stackhouse, and Kathy Swope.



WHY I SERVE:

GREG SALZLER

The Green Dragon Foundation is fortunate to rely on the dedication and leadership of its board of directors to help guide the organization's mission and support its fundraising efforts. Board members provide thoughtful governance, strategic direction, and a strong connection to the Lewisburg community, while also helping raise awareness and resources to enhance educational opportunities for students in the Lewisburg Area School District. One such board member is Dr. Greg Salzler who has served the foundation since 2020.

Greg and his wife Liz, both physicians, moved to Lewisburg in 2018 to begin their new positions with Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. Originally from Springville, N.Y., just outside Buffalo, Greg notes that Lewisburg quickly felt like home for their family. Greg and Liz have embraced the community's smalltown feel, which reminds Greg of where he grew up, and they enjoy the benefits of a vibrant college town. "We feel so lucky to have put down roots here," Greg says. Greg and Liz are also proud parents of Zoe (8th grade) and Ben (5th grade), strengthening their family's ties to the community.

Greg first became involved with The Green Dragon Foundation in 2020 as an advisor and later became a director (voting member). He currently serves on the Strategic Initiatives Committee and since 2023 has chaired the Nominating Committee. Through his service on the board and its committees, Greg contributes his time, leadership, and perspective to initiatives that strengthen the Lewisburg Area School District and benefit students across the community.

In reflecting on his time on The GDF Board Greg said, "I initially joined GDF as a way to connect with the community and school district. Not being from here originally, GDF was a great in-road to learn more about our town and schools. **As I've served on GDF, I've truly come to appreciate the benefits it provides to our students and school district.**"

For Greg, serving on The Green Dragon Foundation Board is a meaningful way to give back to the community his family now calls home. **As both a parent and a community member, he is proud to support the schools that play such an important role in his children's education and in the strength of the Lewisburg community.**

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR LEWISBURG STUDENTS

A VARIETY OF WAYS TO DONATE

Financial gifts to The Green Dragon Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, make a difference for current and future Lewisburg Area School District students and generate opportunities for learning and growth that would not otherwise be possible. Below is a list of some of the many ways a gift can be made or planned.

- Outright Gift of Cash
- Matching Gift
- In-Kind Gift
- Outright Gift of Appreciated Securities
- Outright Gift of Real Estate
- IRA Assets
- Bequest
- Gift of Retirement Assets
- Gifts of Insurance Policy Proceeds

A cash gift is a simple and meaningful way to support GDF and is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donations are gratefully accepted online at www.greendragonfoundation.org or through the U.S. mail at:

The Green Dragon Foundation
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STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

GIBSON O'MEALY
CLASS OF 2026



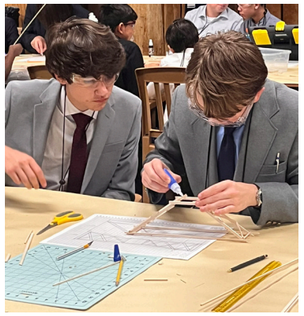
As a 2026 graduate of Lewisburg Area High School, **I can say with confidence that The Green Dragon Foundation's generosity transformed my scholastic journey.** Whether through my leadership in student organizations or my participation in academic contests, GDF's presence was always felt as I made the most of school and extracurricular opportunities.

My term as Student Council President senior year gave me a unique vantage point on how GDF uplifts the student body. **From the iconic LAHS Greenhouse to the game-changing tennis equipment investment, I witnessed tremendous benefits for my peers.** These initiatives in a public high school, driven by dedicated students and staff, have put Lewisburg on the map. Pennsylvania Education Secretary Dr. Carrie Rowe was fascinated by our innovations during her November 2025 visit, which I had the privilege of co-leading. Experiences like these have given me great pride in my alma mater; they would never have been possible without GDF.

Winter and spring were the best times of the school year for dozens of students like me who participated in Model United Nations and FBLA club trips. My involvement strengthened my debating, test-taking, and research skills. For four years, I saw firsthand the foundation's dedication and compassion. If a student faced financial barriers in attending a conference such as the Ivy League Model United Nations Conference, GDF was there to help. Two excellent mentors of mine, club advisors
Mr. Dakota Gessner and Mr. Michael Creeger, frequently expressed how integral GDF was to our students' success at these international competitions.

There truly is a home for everyone at LASD regardless of their passion. I thank the zealous staff for making this a central priority. As I prepare to study political science on the pre-law track at Howard University, I will forever be grateful to LAHS and the foundation for supporting my development as a student and leader.

THE PA EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT (EITC) PROGRAM:
Making a Difference for Students






During the 2025-2026 school year, The Green Dragon Foundation received $104,500 from businesses enrolled in the PA EITC Program. This funding enables educators to develop innovative programs and experiences for students that go beyond their traditional classroom curriculum. These opportunities are described below.

EITC funds enabled students from the LAHS Model United Nations Club to attend the Gannon University Model UN Conference in Erie, Pa., and the Ivy League Model UN Conference (ILMUNC) in Philadelphia. The group that attended the fall conference in Erie included 9th and 10th graders who experienced Model UN for the first time.

Freshman Elliana Rupert expressed her gratitude: "**Thank you so much for this amazing opportunity!** This was my first conference, and I had such a great time. I was able to learn so much and step out of my comfort zone to become a co-sponsor. This is an amazing achievement for my first conference and it was because of the generous donation. **I will continue to do Model UN for the rest of my high school career.**"

Mr. Dakota Gessner, LAHS Social Studies teacher and Model UN advisor, described the impact EITC support has had on his students: "Due to the gracious support through The Green Dragon Foundation, we were able to participate in such a prestigious committee and Model UN Conference hosted by the University of Pennsylvania. In this highly competitive atmosphere one of our students won Best Delegate, a first for our club at ILMUNC! **The funding has allowed our club to grow from a handful of students eight years ago to roughly 30 students, with the opportunity to attend four conferences a year.**"

EITC FUNDED THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

➜ **In September 2026, AP art students enjoyed an "in-house field trip" to learn the skill of stained glass making with a local artist.** English teacher and librarian Ms. Sydney Edwards organized the event to bring more programs into the Learning Commons and extend classroom curriculum. Senior Theo Wilkinson reflected, "It was a very unique experience and cool to try something that is applicable to many different fields, activities, and projects. **I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to try this out!**"

➜ **The district acquired ChompSaws, safe saws for cutting cardboard and other materials for K-12 art students of various abilities.** Junior Delaney McSween described her use of a ChompSaw, saying, "I wanted to make a physical sculpture that uses real world anatomy, specifically using cardboard. I'm enjoying figuring out how to make the different shapes that I need. **I learned more about how to use cardboard more effectively and more about anatomy.**"

➜ **In March 2026, over 60 art students experienced the 2nd annual mobile Raku workshop.** Art teacher Hillary Cree thanked the foundation, saying, **"The Raku workshop has become a beloved tradition and one that students talk about as an impactful high school learning experience**. The students are excited to try out an ancient firing technique and learn about how newer technology paired with it can

make it relevant in today's contemporary art world. We are so appreciative for the opportunity."

➜ **Seventeen Lewisburg area middle and high school students competed in the Technology Student Association (TSA) state conference in April.** Students competed in individual and team events such as engineering design, coding, forensic science, and video game design. These events gave students the opportunity to learn how to work collaboratively to produce a product and how to document their steps in a portfolio. Daniel Morgan, DHEMS Technology Education teacher and TSA advisor, thanked the foundation and said, "We are deeply grateful for GDF's continued investment in creating meaningful, enriching learning experiences. **These moments will leave a lasting impression on our students, shaping how they reflect on their middle school journey at Lewisburg.**"

➜ **Funds will support the purchase of a new wireless microphone sound system for the LAHS auditorium.** The system upgrade, to be installed in the 2026-2027 school year, will benefit students in the fall play and spring musical as well as music technology students.

Thank you to the Pennsylvania businesses and individuals who choose to support Lewisburg students and facilitate these amazing experiences.

NEW ENDOWMENTS ESTABLISHED IN 2025-2026

An endowment is a gift that will provide funding in perpetuity for the Lewisburg Area School District. The principal funds are preserved, while a small percentage of funds—usually 4 percent—is available each year for distribution to LASD. It is a perfect way to establish an enduring legacy in honor or memory of a loved one.

The endowment creates a permanent stream of funding and can be structured to benefit the donor's particular interest. Below are descriptions of several new endowments that were established during the 2025-2026 school year.

If creating an endowment for the benefit of current and future Lewisburg area students meets your philanthropic goals, please contact GDF for more information at (570) 522-8433 or info@greendragonfoundation.org.

THE DR. PATSY J. MARRA ENDOWMENT



The Dr. Patsy J. Marra Endowment was created in March 2026 by Janet Marra in honor of her husband, Pat, whose career was dedicated to serving the students and community of the Lewisburg Area School District. Dr. Marra served the district for 30 years, starting in 1970 as the Coordinator of K-12 Language Arts and Federal Projects Coordinator, later becoming the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and culminating in his role as Assistant Superintendent.

Dr. and Mrs. Marra envision this endowment as a lasting investment in education, ensuring that future generations of students continue to benefit from exceptional learning experiences. Following his retirement in 2000, Dr. Marra remained actively engaged in the Lewisburg community through his involvement in music and civic organizations. **To honor these interests, distributions from the endowment will support elementary and middle school instrumental music programs and the Key Club of the Lewisburg Area High School.**

THE GRIT WITH GRACE ENDOWMENT



Helen "Keis" Keiser devoted her life to physical education and expanding athletic opportunities for girls and women. After graduating from Selinsgrove High School in 1945, she earned physical education degrees from East Stroudsburg State Teachers College and Ithaca College. Over a 39-year teaching career, including 37 years at Lewisburg Area High School, she coached and developed programs in softball, basketball, volleyball, field hockey, bowling, tennis, track & field, and gymnastics.

Known as a "giant" in girls' athletics, Keis helped open the doors of competitive sports to thousands of girls and women throughout the Susquehanna Valley. The programs she helped establish contributed to the growth of girls' sports across Central Pennsylvania and inspired generations of young women to pursue athletics, fitness, and leadership in high school and even college. A fierce competitor herself, she continued competing after retirement, earning numerous state and national senior medals in volleyball, basketball, and badminton, including three gold medals at the National Senior Olympic Games.

In memory of Miss Keiser's remarkable legacy, **The Grit with Grace Endowment was established to provide enduring annual support to benefit the girls' track and girls' tennis programs at LAHS**. The fund will provide opportunities for young women in the spirit of Keis who broke barriers so that generations after her could reach their potential.

THE CATHY S. MOSER ENDOWMENT FOR CIVICS AND CIVILITY



The Cathy S. Moser Endowment for Civics and Civility (Civil Discourse) was established to affirm the essential role of civic education and respectful engagement in preparing students to participate thoughtfully and responsibly in a democratic society. Created by The Green Dragon Foundation Board of Directors, in honor of Mrs. Moser's distinguished service to the Lewisburg Area School District, this endowment reflects both recognition of her lasting contributions and a commitment to the values she championed throughout her career.

The inspiration for the endowment is deeply rooted in Mrs. Moser's lifelong dedication to education—as a parent, teacher of civics and American history, advisor to student organizations, and ultimately as superintendent. Across these roles, she consistently emphasized the importance of fostering informed citizenship, critical thinking, and the ability to engage in civil discourse. **Annual distributions will support programs such as the study of government and current political/economic systems as well as language arts classes, with a focus on speech and writing. The endowment can also support clubs such as Model U.N. and Student Council.**

If you would like to honor Mrs. Moser by donating to this endowment, scan the QR code to make a gift online.

DONOR-NAMED PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS

ENDOWMENT NAME	PROGRAM SUPPORTED IN 2025-2026 (OR AREA OF FOCUS FOR FUTURE SUPPORT)	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED 2025-2026	FAIR MARKET VALUE AS OF JUNE 30, 2026
The Wendell B. Bertram Memorial Endowment	Will support environmental science, conservation, and wildlife programs.	**	$7,181
The Bravman Family Endowment for Math, Technology & Physics	Will support co-curricular and extracurricular activities in math, technology, and physics at the high school and middle school.	**	$9,982
The George Burman Endowment for Financial Competency	Partially funded students to attend the FBLA state-wide conference in Hershey, Pa.	$606	$27,943
The Pat Collins Endowment	Funded the 8th grade hands-on experience at SUN Area Technical Institute.	$2,475	$131,488
The DiRocco Fund for Professional Development	Funded a de-escalation workshop for all LASD staff.	$2,902	$ 42,871
The Miles McKennan Foreman Memorial Endowment	Funded equipment for the high school photojournalism class.	$2,016	$69,764
GDF Endowment for LASD Lacrosse Programs	Will fund a new practice goal for the LAHS lacrosse program in the 2026-2027 school year.	$0	$13,901
The Glock Family Endowment	Provided GDF operational support.	$558	$20,260
The Grit with Grace Endowment	Will provide support for the LAHS girls' track and tennis programs.	**	$10,316
The Brooks Gronlund Endowment	Provided GDF operational support.	$1,493	$46,873
The Nathaniel Hafer '96 and Christopher Hafer '99 Endowment for LAHS Science Curriculum	Will provide support for LAHS science curriculum during the 2026-2027 school year.	$0	$33,853
The William H. and Lillian D. Heiner Endowment for Literacy Mastery	Funded fine motor skills activity bins for all kindergarten classrooms and partially funded an author visit for elementary students.	$3,237	$84,788
The Lois J. Hunter Endowment	Partially funded a new sound system for the Linntown Intermediate music room.	$707	$26,179
The Riya K. and Aamar S. Johal Endowment for the Enrichment of Environmental Sciences	Funded seeds for a hydroponics program in a 4th grade classroom.	$220	$14,253
Uniquely the Same—The Jusko Family Endowment	Partially funded elementary flexible seating and Link Crew at LAHS.	$1,248	$29,653
The P. Joseph Keller Endowment	Partially funded a new wireless microphone system for the LAHS auditorium.	$516	$18,738
The Maryellen (Carter) and Richard L. Keyser Endowment	Partially funded new choral risers for the music program at Linntown.	$4,737	$146,606
The LAHS Class of 1980 Endowment Fund	Partially funded students to attend the FBLA state-wide conference in Hershey, Pa.	$634	$20,322
The Dr. Patsy J. Marra Endowment	Will support elementary and middle school instrumental music programs and the high school Key Club.	**	$21,024
The Cathy S. Moser Endowment for Civics and Civility (Civil Discourse)	Will support the study of government, economics, speech, and writing; the Model UN program; and Student Council.	**	$1,321
The Jamie Stahl Rogers '77 Memorial Endowment	Will support high school field hockey and girls' tennis programs.	**	$5,728
The Shabahang Family Endowment	Partially funded the LAHS spring musical *Sweeney Todd* and the FBLA state conference.	$322	$18,377
The Josephine K. Machamer Steele Endowment	Supported the Linntown collaborative snack cart and LAHS girls' basketball.	$1,160	$68,453
The Margaret Still Endowment	Will support the purchase of two Yuki Ball sets for district-wide physical education classes in the 2026-2027 school year.	**	$26,640
The Strike Up the Band Endowment for the LAHS Instrumental Music Program	Will provide support for LAHS instrumental music activities.	**	$2,500
The Swope Family Endowment	Will support professional development for LASD staff in social and emotional learning.	**	$10,721

** Funds had not yet reached the minimum criteria to begin distributions for 2025-2026

GDF-CREATED PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS

ENDOWMENT NAME	PROGRAM SUPPORTED IN 2025-2026 (OR AREA OF FOCUS FOR FUTURE SUPPORT)	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED 2025-2026	FAIR MARKET VALUE AS OF JUNE 30, 2026
21st Century Learning	Partially funded the purchase of flexible seating for a Linntown classroom.	$454	$13,855
Athletic Programs & Facilities	Supported LAHS boys' soccer team and partially funded new middle school baseball program.	$515	$15,822
Business, Economics & Entrepreneurism	• Partially funded students attending the FBLA state conference. • Funded supplies for the LAHS entrepreneurism class.	$838	$26,351
Educational Programs	Provided recorders for all 3rd grade students. Partially funded: • Flexible seating • FBLA state conference • Kelly author visit	$2,117	$62,667
Health & Well-Being	Provided funding for the high school Link Crew orientation program.	$370	$33,963
Performing & Visual Arts	Partially funded the purchase of: • Linntown choral risers • Sound system for Linntown music room	$1,559	$50,916
STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Programs	Supports STEM programs throughout LASD.	$0	$159,571

*Unused allocations are available to utilize during the 2026-2027 school year.

QUASI-ENDOWMENTS

THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL AS WELL AS THE INCOME MAY BE SPENT AS NEEDED.

ENDOWMENT NAME	PROGRAM SUPPORTED IN 2025-2026 (OR AREA OF FOCUS FOR FUTURE SUPPORT)	AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED 2025-2026	FAIR MARKET VALUE AS OF JUNE 30, 2026
Ensuring Access to the Table (EAT): The Kraus Family Fund for Food Security	Funded LASD's "Snack Pack" and emergency support for SNAP families during government shutdown and partially funded after school equity food vending machine at LAHS.	$13,606	$27,046
The Fund for LASD Football Programs & Facilities	Will support district-wide football programs and/or help to fund the creation of a high school football facility.	**	$8,041
The Brandon S. Kramm Memorial Quasi-Endowment	Funded maintenance equipment for baseball and softball, and other improvements; partially funded the new middle school baseball program.	$12,588	$65,766
Quasi-Endowment for Lifting Up Lewisburg	Helped to meet the immediate needs of individual students, as identified by teachers and counselors across the district.	$7,079	$10,764
Debbie Pigos Memorial Endowment	Will provide support for new marching band members.	**	$5,549
LAHS Tennis Court Quasi-Endowment	Will provide funding for future maintenance needs at the LAHS tennis courts.	**	$5,979

NEW QUASI-ENDOWMENTS

THE DEBBIE PIGOS MEMORIAL MARCHING BAND FUND



The Debbie Pigos Memorial Marching Band Fund was created by Debbie's family and friends in honor of her lasting impact on the high school music program. Debbie was a dedicated member of the Lewisburg Area Music Association and LAMA board and served as marching band chair, where she played an integral role in supporting the program and its students. An accomplished quilter, she brought exceptional care and attention to detail to her role as uniform chair, ensuring that each student was properly fitted and prepared.

Debbie deeply valued each student and recognized that participation in music ensembles fosters personal growth, including promoting well-being, and enhancing time management skills, leadership development, and academic success. Rooted in the belief that every student should have the opportunity to participate in marching band, regardless of financial barriers, the fund will support incoming 8th and 9th grade students who wish to join the high school marching band but may face difficulty covering initial participation costs.

THE LASD TENNIS COURT QUASI-ENDOWMENT

In 2025, The LASD Tennis Court Quasi-Endowment was created to provide support for maintenance needs at the LAHS tennis courts. The LAHS tennis courts were constructed in 2024 to benefit the boys' and girls' high school tennis teams, high school physical education classes, and community tennis players. The endowment ensures that funds are available for regular maintenance including resurfacing and net replacement.



PROJECT IMPACT STORIES



NEW CHORAL RISERS ELEVATE STUDENT VOICES

During the fall of 2025 funding from The Green Dragon Foundation helped facilitate the purchase of new choral risers for 4th and 5th grade Linntown students. When each grade level rehearses, approximately 145 students utilize the risers. The old risers were undersized and difficult to access on an elevated stage.

The purchase of new choral risers has provided 4th and 5th grade chorus students with a safe, stable, and organized space for weekly rehearsals. Unlike the previous setup, which required students to stand in straight lines, the new risers allow for a curved arrangement that is considered best practice in choral education. This curved formation helps students see and hear one another more effectively, improving ensemble balance, blend, and communication. It also allows the director to maintain better visual contact with all singers, resulting in more productive rehearsals and stronger musical performances.

Student Ava Muir described the benefit of the new risers. "I really liked how the new risers are curved," she said. "It makes it easier to blend our sound together and it is also nice to not be sitting on chairs. It made it more realistic to the concert night." Funding was provided by **The Maryellen (Carter) and Richard L Keyser Endowment and the GDF Endowment for Performing & Visual Arts**.

8TH GRADERS DISCOVER SUN TECH

Thanks to funding from **The T. Patrick Collins Endowment**, 8th grade students participated in a day of hands-on learning at SUN Area Technical Institute, where they explored a variety of career pathways and post-secondary opportunities. During their visit, students toured the campus and engaged in authentic, project-based activities across several technical programs. They built toolboxes, wired Ethernet cables, assembled FM radios and Bluetooth speakers, and fabricated precision metalworking models—gaining valuable insight into skilled trades and technical careers through real-world experiences.

The visit left a lasting impact on many students. Ben Lichtenfeld shared, **"The SUN Tech trip was a very good experience. I didn't really know about SUN Tech before the trip, but it opened my eyes to the different opportunities I could have in the future."** Harper Haile



reflected, **"Through this experience, I was able to learn more about the medical field, and the SUN Tech programs were a nice introduction to what options I have during and after high school."** Their experiences demonstrate how early exposure to career and technical education can inspire students to explore new interests and make informed decisions about their future.

SPREADING KINDNESS: AUTHOR INSPIRES YOUNG STUDENTS

In February 2026 **Bryan Skavnak, founder of *Be the Nice Kid***, and an author known for inspiring kindness and positivity, visited Linntown Intermediate and Kelly Elementary for a full-day experience that went far beyond a traditional one-and-done presentation. The visit was funded by **The William H. & Lilliam D. Heiner Endowment for Literacy Mastery, The GDF Endowment for Educational Programs, and a grant from the Charles B. Degenstein Foundation**.

Bryan spent the entire day with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, bringing to life his message of kindness, inclusion, and character in multiple settings throughout the school day. He also conducted smaller, more personal classroom visits, allowing each group time to interact with him directly — sharing stories, answering questions, and reinforcing the Be the Nice Kid values. This multi-tiered approach reflects his school program philosophy of engaging students not just once, but across the day through storytelling, reflection, and encouragement.



Additionally, Bryan joined students for lunch and recess, where he emphasized conversations about kindness and the ways students can make positive impacts daily. Students experienced firsthand how his message is meant to be lived and reflected in actions throughout the day. **Kelly Principal Eric Wetzel said that Bryan's visit left his students "inspired to 'Be the Nice Kid' every day.**"





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FLEXIBLE SEATING IMPROVES ENGAGEMENT FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

In the 2025-2026 school year, distributions **from Uniquely the Same – The Jusko Family Endowment, The GDF Endowment for 21st Century Learning, and the GDF Endowment for Educational Programs** funded flexible seating and desks for three elementary classrooms. Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Ashley Lutze described the need and impact saying, "Over the years, I've seen how much of a difference the right learning environment can make. Adding flexible seating such as surf seats, wobble stools, cushions, and standing desks gives students the freedom to choose a spot where they feel most comfortable and focused, and **that small shift has had a huge impact on their engagement and behaviors**."

Mrs. Merissa Henry thanked the foundation saying, "The flexible seating grant truly changed the feel of our classroom. Having options to move and sit in different ways has helped many [students] focus and regulate their energy. This has led to more meaningful participation and has given the kids a sense of ownership and responsibility. **I am so grateful for The Green Dragon Foundation for making this dream a reality.**"

Mrs. Megan Catherman, a 3rd grade teacher at Kelly Elementary, also observed the impact. "These new seating arrangements have transformed the classroom. [Students] feel empowered to choose the seating that best suits their needs and learning style, leading to significant benefits such as improved focus and engagement. **This freedom of movement helps channel their natural energy positively, resulting in reduced distractions and increased on-task behaviors.**"

NEW LIGHTS ILLUMINATE ATHLETIC FACILITIES

During the 2025-2026 school year lighting was installed at the LAHS turf field and tennis courts, the culmination of two fundraising campaigns. Over the course of several months, **$230,000 was raised for the turf field lights, and $86,000 was secured for the tennis court lights, to assist LASD with the transformation of these athletic spaces**. The foundation is very grateful to the donors whose generosity will benefit student athletes and the Lewisburg community for years to come. We are especially grateful to Abby Gulden-Luthi and John Luthi, whose leadership guided the Fire Up the Lights campaign.

LASD Athletic Director Gregg Wetzel said, "The student athletes at Lewisburg Area High School have enjoyed



playing under the lights. We have six varsity teams that have been impacted: boys and girls lacrosse, boys and girls tennis, and boys and girls soccer. Our teams get very excited when they have a night game on the schedule. Also, playing under the lights gives our school community a chance to come together to watch our sports teams."

PREPARING OUR STUDENTS: FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA)



In April 2026, GDF provided funding to help 43 high school students attend the FBLA state conference in Hershey, Pa. These students qualified by excelling at the regional level. Funding was primarily provided by: **The GDF Endowment for Business, Economics & Entrepreneurism; The George Burman Endowment for Financial Competency; The LAHS Class of 1980 Endowment Fund; and The Quasi-Endowment for Lifting Up Lewisburg.**

FBLA Advisor Mr. Michael Creeger notes that this funding alleviates a financial burden for many of the students and allows them to focus on preparing for the competition. One student commented, **"FBLA is such a great experience for all students to attend! Through competitive events I've learned presentation skills that will last far beyond my high school career."**

STUDENTS DIG INTO AGRICULTURE AT FARM FIELD DAY

In May 2026, Lewisburg kindergarteners experienced agriculture firsthand at LASD's inaugural **Farm Field Day sponsored by Geisinger Health System**. The event was hosted by high school students in the Sustainability Farm-to-Table class and their teacher, Mr. Alex Oliver. The younger students made their way through eight activity stations, including identifying seeds, painting pots, tasting microgreens, and making veggie pizzas. LAHS senior Ellis Reed gave tours of the greenhouse, describing plants and how to care for them. **"Many kids of this generation are inside and online," Reed stated. "Having them come outside to learn about plants, vegetables, and healthy food is good for them."**



The day was not only a learning experience for the younger students but a teaching opportunity for the high schoolers. **"This day gives my students an opportunity to show what they know by teaching it to someone else, which is one of the best ways to demonstrate how well you know something,"** Oliver said. "They prepared all these different stations to teach the kids about different facets of regenerative farming."

A PICTURE OF PROGRESS: NEW CAMERAS HELP LAHS STUDENTS CAPTURE IT ALL

Photojournalism is a very popular class at LAHS. Students are responsible for creating the school yearbook, which entails taking photographs at numerous athletic events, music performances, and many other school activities. This past year, GDF allocated funds from **The Miles McKennan Forman Memorial Endowment** for the purchase of new mirrorless cameras for the LAHS photojournalism class.

Photojournalism teacher Ms. Emaleigh Greb, in her application for funding, noted that "coming into this year, we only had four cameras to distribute among 30 students." With the addition of the new cameras, students were able to photograph more activities. Ms. Greb was also able to give multiple lessons on the types of cameras, allowing





further insight into the differences between DSLR and mirrorless cameras.

Ms. Greb expressed her gratitude. "**I truly cannot overstate how vital the donation to the photojournalism class was," she said. "Without it, our program would have suffered immensely, but now students are able to flourish.** Our ability to cover a variety of events in our school has improved, and students spend more time photographing and are more confident with the cameras."

INVESTING IN LASD ATHLETICS: NEW TOOLS, NEW TEAMS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES



In the 2025-2026 school year, funds from the **The Brandon Kramm Memorial Quasi-Endowment** provided a variety of improvements to LASD athletics. A Rascal Rake was purchased to assist in baseball and softball field maintenance and preparation. Gregg Wetzel, Director of Athletics, said the rake "cuts the field preparation time in half and gives the field a professional look." New home plate and mound covers also added protection to the infield.

The Brandon Kramm Memorial Quasi-Endowment, The GDF Endowment for Athletic Programs, and other restricted donations provided funding for the new middle school baseball team as they started their inaugural season. Items purchased included new uniforms, helmets, and other gear.

TRAINING BENEFITS STAFF AND STUDENTS

In February 2026, **The DiRocco Fund for Professional Development** supported a half-day Safe Crisis Management (SCM) intervention training for all LASD staff. The training focused on understanding the fundamentals of behavior, the stages of escalation, and effective intervention strategies to support students. When staff are equipped with de-escalation strategies, behavioral crises are addressed more effectively and with less disruption to the classroom, benefiting all students.

SPECIAL EVENTS 2025-2026







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DONOR & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION RECEPTION

The Green Dragon Foundation held its annual Donor & Volunteer Recognition Reception on November 9, 2025 to celebrate the service of volunteers and generosity of donors who support the foundation. The afternoon was also an opportunity to honor former LASD Superintendent Cathy Moser, who retired from the district earlier in the year. The foundation leadership thanked Cathy for her dedicated partnership and collaboration over the years.

Awards were presented to many dedicated volunteers. Ten-year service recognition awards were presented to Courtney Beddall, Catherine Kramm, Jeff Kramm, Julie Kramm, Justin Kramm, Karen Nicholson, Polly Patterson, Bill Stackhouse, Nikki Weber, and Eric Wetzel. Five-year recipients were Myra Edginton, Cindy Farmer, Mike O'Connor, and Greg Salzler.

Michelle Lombard was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award. Michelle and her family moved to Lewisburg in 2023 and quickly put down roots in the community. Her weekly projects include updating the donor database, maintaining the foundation's website, and coordinating bulk mailings. Michelle has been a great addition to the GDF office.

Board Vice President Jimmy Chen, Superintendent Vince Hoover, and School Board President Erin Jablonski addressed the attendees, focusing on the collaborative relationship between the foundation and the district. A special presentation was made by Donald H. Eichhorn Principal Michael Sokalzuk, highlighting the foundation's impact at DHEMS. Finally, senior Gibson O'Mealy displayed impressive public speaking skills in describing his experience with GDF-funded opportunities and their positive impact on him and his peers.

LAHS SPRING MUSICAL MATINEE

Several generations came together for a GDF-hosted meet-and-greet for residents of Asbury RiverWoods and the cast, crew, and pit musicians from the LAHS spring musical *Sweeney Todd* on February 25, 2026, following the senior matinee. This annual event is a highlight for both the students and RiverWoods residents. Thank you to Asbury RiverWoods for their support of the spring musical.





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KINDERGARTEN GRILL OUT

On August 13, 2025, The Green Dragon Foundation hosted its annual Kindergarten Grill Out for families of incoming kindergarten students. The event gave new students and their families a chance to meet members of the school community while enjoying a fun evening together. Families gathered at Kelly Elementary, where students explored and enjoyed the school's playground. Kelly Elementary Principal Eric Wetzel and LASD Superintendent Dr. Vincent Hoover welcomed families and provided information on what to expect on the first day of school. A special thank you goes to the LAHS Key Club members who volunteered their time to help make the event a success.







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THE BRANDON KRAMM MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Another successful Brandon Kramm Memorial Golf Tournament was held on June 12, 2026. Despite the hot weather, over 140 golfers participated, adding funds to the Brandon Kramm Memorial Quasi-Endowment. See page 15 to learn about some of the programs that the endowment supported. Thank you to the Kramm family, friends, and sponsors who generously support this event.



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WHAT KIND OF LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE?

Named for the year in which the Lewisburg Area High School was founded, The 1885 Society recognizes individuals and families who have remembered The Green Dragon Foundation in their estate plans through documented planned gifts, including: bequests; life insurance; charitable gift annuities; charitable trusts; and other testamentary gifts.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

If you have already made a planned gift or have included GDF in your will, you are eligible for membership in The 1885 Society. If not, you may become a member simply by notifying us that you have named GDF as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan.

To explore the benefits of a planned gift, please contact The Green Dragon Foundation at (570) 522-8433 or info@greendragonfoundation.org.

DONOR GIVING SOCIETIES AND HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

The Green Dragon Foundation established giving level societies to recognize the dedication and commitment of its donors. We are very grateful for the financial support of the contributors, listed on the next several pages, who have made donations (including in-kind) or annual pledge payments between **July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026**. The total years of giving are in parentheses.

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WHY I GIVE:
SARAH TIEDE



Ten years ago, Sarah Tiede started her new position in Lewisburg as the general music and chorus teacher at the middle school. She recalls, "I remember coming to Lewisburg, seeing the old guitars and thinking, 'Boy, I'm going to have to do a lot of fundraising to replace those.' I asked how to access my budget for that and they said, "Oh, you should ask The Green Dragon Foundation" and a month later I had 30 new guitars!"

Fast forward to 2026 and not only has Sarah requested funding for various programs to benefit the music program but she is a GDF donor through the LASD staff payroll deduction program. "I support GDF because I think it's a wonderful idea and I've never seen anything like it in other districts." In addition to the guitars, Sarah has requested funding for two experiences that brought professional music groups to Lewisburg to conduct workshops and a concert with middle and high school choral students. In particular, a visiting Zulu choir from South Africa introduced students to a new musical style and a culture from across the globe.

Sarah offers an added perspective on how students are impacted by GDF-funded programs. **"I support The Green Dragon Foundation because they truly support us,"** she said. "My own children are going through the district and I know they are personally grateful for the band truck as they both play huge instruments that won't fit on their lap on the bus. They have benefited from many GDF gifts: a hydroponic garden in 4th grade; archery at the middle school; equipment for jazz band; robots in Tech ed; and more."

As a teacher, parent, and donor, Sarah has experienced the foundation's impact from every perspective, reminding us that supporting GDF means investing directly in students and their experiences—today and for generations to come. The foundation is grateful to LASD staff members who invest in Lewisburg students through GDF.

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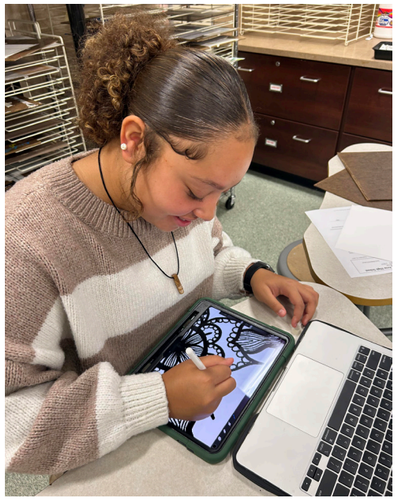
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Ken and Jeanne Hafer created the fund to ensure that all students have the opportunities their sons had for a robust and enriched foundation in the sciences. Both Nate and Chris were inspired by their science courses at LAHS and have gone on to careers in the sciences. They continue to add to the endowment with annual contributions.

Chris said, “Science has been a lifelong passion. The curiosity it instills, the way it teaches you to ask questions and chase answers, has shaped how I see the world. Our family created the endowment because we want to help pass that spark along. **If our gift helps even one student discover the same wonder I found, whether they go on to a lab, a hospital, or simply a life of curiosity, then it’s done exactly what we hoped.**”

Nate is grateful for the opportunity to give back to the school district that helped set him up for success. Reflecting on his LAHS science classes, Nate recalled, “We had many inspiring educators who made the class material exciting. In particular, Mr. Barbour was influential in helping me decide to attend Penn State. We enjoyed field trips and well-equipped labs that provided exciting, hands-on experiences.”

For the Hafer family, giving back is a way to ensure that the same opportunities that shaped Nate and Chris remain available to future generations of Lewisburg students. Through their endowment and continued support, they hope to inspire curiosity, encourage exploration, and provide students with meaningful experiences that can be catalysts for a lifelong interest in science. Their generosity is an investment not only in today’s students, but in the future of the entire Lewisburg community.

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