

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Andrea Loppnow
[\(651\) 470-8215](tel:6514708215) or andrealoppnow10@gmail.com
White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation Awards 2020 Glasrud Fellowships

WHITE BEAR LAKE, Minnesota (February 26, 2020) In 2004, Ted Glasrud, a 1933 graduate of White Bear High School, and his family made a generous contribution to the Foundation by establishing the Ted Glasrud Family Endowment. Mr. Glasrud was instrumental in helping to organize and create School District 624 and acted as the first School District 624 School Board Attorney. Ted Glasrud and his wife, Lorraine Glasrud, along with their children Sharon Glasrud, Theodore G. Glasrud, and Debra Lentsch, asked that the Glasrud Family Gift be used to create annual Glasrud Family "Fellowships" for teachers within School District 624. Grants are awarded to teachers for personal professional growth with the hope that these awards will allow teachers to pursue professional development which would otherwise not be possible.

This year's recipients are listed here below with a total of \$24,986.04 awarded.

Amie Pollard and Leah Armstrong (Hugo Elementary School - Speech-Language/Kindergarten), will attend the Schooling the Self Conference (Promoting Self-Compassion, Confidence, Awareness, and Authenticity in Schools) in New York City this spring.

Ann St. Martin (Hugo Elementary - First Grade), will attend the PBL World 2020 Conference in Napa Valley, CA this summer.

Natalie Huffman (Oneka Elementary School - Spanish grades 2 – 5), will travel to Ecuador this summer. As Oneka's Spanish Teacher for 550 students, this opportunity will allow Natalie to immerse herself in the Ecuador culture and have first-hand experience practicing her Spanish skills.

Alli McCann and Cassidy Wegwerth (North Campus - Language Arts 9th and 10th grade), will travel to England this summer to explore the historical context for the works of Shakespeare.

Stacy Brodt (Lakeaires - 5th grade), will travel to Washington DC and Philadelphia this summer to visit the historical sites that are taught within the 5th grade social studies curriculum.

Janet Carlson-Casa De Calvo, (Early Childhood, Birch Lake, Lincoln, Hugo, Oneka, Lakeaires, Matoska, and Sunrise), will attend the Pediatric course for Postural Restoration in Wellesley, MA in the fall.

Ryan Clark (Sunrise Park Middle School - Instructional Coach), will attend an intensive two-day University of Minnesota ScrumMaster course in March.

Todd Weinhold (Sunrise Park Middle School – Orchestra). Todd has been selected to be a guest director of an international honor orchestra at the Korea International School located in Seoul, South Korea.

Amy Johnson and Kelly Neff (Area Learning Center - Social Worker), will attend the School Climate Conference in Temecula Valley, CA this spring. The conference will cover such topics as Bullying/Cyberbullying and Harassment, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Student Leadership and Youth Participation, Student/Parent/Community Engagement, and more.

Kari Thimjon (Vadnais Heights Elementary -Third Grade), will travel to Wellington, New Zealand this summer to visit schools and receive 20 hours of professional development in Wellington to learn more about their world renown literacy programs and their instructional success with readers and writers.

About the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation:

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation (WBLAEF) supports public education with the help of local businesses, alumni, and community members. The Foundation administers teaching grants, scholarships, fellowships for teachers, an Angel Fund for families with special economic needs. For more information about the WBLAEF please visit www.wblaef.org

-END-