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GAF DEDICATES NEW WALKWAY OF "HONOR BRICKS"

GENEVA, Illinois 5/18/16- Geneva Mayor Kevin Burns, Geneva School District 304 Superintendent Dr. Kent Mutchler, Geneva High School Principal Tom Rogers, and Judy Carroll and Laura Rush of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce joined current and founding members of the Geneva Academic Foundation in dedicating a beautiful walkway/patio area on May 18th at Geneva High School which is now named Viking Plaza. The walkway/patio features over 150 engraved bricks honoring Geneva District 304 current students, teachers, alumni and community members. The ceremony marks the first installation bricks for the "Honor Bricks" campaign, an initiative to raise funds for programs that enhance the educational experience for Geneva students.

Geneva Academic Foundation President Jeff Vekony said "We are very excited about kicking off the new "Honor Bricks" fundraising program. Our plan is to create a long-term fundraising method for the GAF and a way to honor Geneva students, alumni, teachers, family members and all other in the community that their families and friends would like to recognize. Not only will this be a long-term fundraiser, but the engraved bricks will be to honor these people in a permanent way for many years to come."

Valley Maintenance and Landscape of Maple Park and Lawnboyz Landscaping of St. Charles spent nearly 200 hours installing the bricks.

Valley Maintenance and Landscape owner Christopher Daily a 2006 graduate of GHS said his family "would like to thank GHS and the Geneva Academic Foundation for giving us the opportunity to be part of the Honor Bricks project. It is always great to be able to back to a community that is so close to our hearts."

Chad Markuson of Lawnboyz Landscaping started mowing lawns in his Geneva neighborhood while in 4th grade and he now has a crew of 25 people. He said that "it is an honor and a privilege to give back to the school in which we grew up."

A second installation of bricks is planned for October 2016. Bricks are available for purchase the GAF website at <http://gafhonorbricks.donationbricks.com> Prices per engraved brick range from \$50 to \$250.

About the Geneva Academic Foundation

GAF is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 volunteer organization formed in 1987 by a group of parents to raise money to fund grants for teachers, schools, or scholastic organizations. The grants must enhance the educational experience of students District 304 of the Geneva Community School System. Each year, the GAF also two \$1,000 college scholarships to Geneva High School seniors. Visit us on the web at www.gafgeneva.org, like us on Facebook at GAF-Geneva Academic Foundation or follow us on Twitter @ GAFGeneva

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