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Viking Voyage to Excellence



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VIKING VOYAGE TO EXCELLENCE ENDOWMENT FUND CAMPAIGN

Sails Through First Year for the Geneva Academic Foundation

GENEVA, Illinois, 7/21/14—Monday, July 21st, the Viking Voyage to Excellence campaign for the Endowment Fund of the Geneva Academic Foundation (GAF) is celebrating its first year anniversary. The initial donation was received July 5th, 2013. Since then, the fund has generated donation pledges of nearly \$124,000. \$95,000 of this amount has already been received.

55 Geneva families and individuals have donated to the new Viking Voyage to Excellence campaign so far. The GAF's new campaign was introduced last year to continue to raise money for the Endowment Fund which began in the 1990's. Donations provide the Endowment Fund with a sustainable and consistent funding source, despite future economic conditions, to continue to fulfill annual grant requests from Geneva schools and teachers for their students. It is a three-year campaign endeavoring to raise \$1,000,000.

Jeff Vekony, Endowment Fund Chair said, "Creating this campaign has been a labor of love and has been very successful." He added, "Although the first donation arrived in July of 2013, the beautiful Viking Voyage to Excellence donor ship display was officially unveiled on May 13, 2013." The 7' x 10' ship is on permanent display—prominently placed at Geneva High School. The maple and walnut ship was designed by local artist and Geneva High School art teacher Al Ochsner and built by local craftsman Tom Kohorst.

The GAF, and its Endowment Fund, are a vital partners with the Geneva School District. Our fund will help us continue to support, in perpetuity, our students and schools by purchasing items that are not supported by tax dollars and enhance the overall educational experience of Geneva students. Every donation to the Endowment Fund over \$300.00 results in being honored with a corresponding emblem on the Viking Voyage to Excellence Ship. To see a complete list of contributors, and their respective donations, please visit www.gafgeneva.org.

Over \$1,100,000.00 in grants have been funded since the inception of the GAF.

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The Geneva Academic Foundation (GAF) is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization.

About the Geneva Academic Foundation

GAF is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization formed in 1987 by a group of parents to fund grants to teachers, schools or organizations. The grants must enhance the educational experience of students in the Geneva Community School District #304. In addition, GAF awards 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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