



Geneva Academic Foundation

Viking Voyage to Excellence



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GENEVA ACADEMIC FOUNDATION REFERENDUM DONATION

Endowment Fund Accepts Donation of Nearly \$10,000.00

GENEVA, Illinois, 6/5/14—Thursday, June 5th, the Geneva Academic Foundation (GAF) received a \$9,993.79 donation to their Endowment Fund from the Geneva Citizens for Excellent Schools committee. The citizens committee was formed in 1990 to support the Geneva schools in running referendum campaigns.

Through the years, hundreds of Geneva citizens spent countless hours, and made many donations to the committee, to provide the financing for mailings, brochures and outreach projects. The committee's purpose was to educate the community on the need and the benefit of each of the schools' referendum ballot questions.

Tricia Stewart, former Treasurer of the Geneva Citizens for Excellent Schools said, "The committee has remained in existence for over 20 years, but with no immediate need for additional campaign activities, the time has come to dissolve the committee and disburse the funds." Ms. Stewart added, "It is only appropriate that these remaining funds be donated to the Geneva Academic Foundation Endowment Fund. Our donors made contributions to the committee because they believe in the Geneva schools. We honor their commitment to the schools by providing that support to the long-term financial stability of the GAF. We remain truly grateful for all of the volunteers, past and present, who continue to add to the Tradition of Excellence that are the Geneva schools."

The GAF's Viking Voyage to Excellence campaign was introduced to raise money for their Endowment Fund. Donations provide the Endowment Fund with a sustainable and consistent funding source for annual grant request from Geneva schools and teachers.

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

Laura Zuzuly, GAF Chairperson said, “We are truly honored to be the recipient of such a generous gift. The GAF is a vital partner with the Geneva School District. The Geneva Citizens for Excellent Schools’ donation to our Endowment Fund will help us continue to support our teachers 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. The 7’ x 10’ ship is on permanent display and 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.

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

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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