



OAK
HARBOR
EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Oak Harbor Educational Foundation, thank you to the many individuals and businesses who have supported Oak Harbor students through our foundation in 2025. Together, we awarded \$70,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors!

This past year was one of transition for OHEF. In March, we hired a new executive director, Lisa Jones, and in May we welcomed many new board members while offering our heartfelt appreciation to departing founding members. Many thanks to Alerd Johnson, Cathy George, Mike Waller, and Dave Johnson for their years of dedicated service.

Since 1992, OHEF has supported graduating seniors through the administration of scholarships while building and stewarding an endowment that now exceeds \$1.6 million. This work has been a labor of love. Thanks to your continued generosity, we look ahead to 2026 with excitement - anticipating an increase in the number of scholarships available to seniors, providing grant opportunities for teachers and schools, and renewed community engagement through several exciting events.

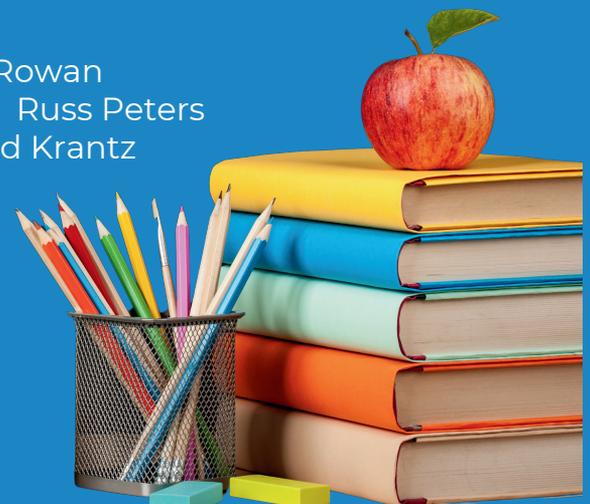
It is an honor to serve alongside the extraordinary OHEF board on behalf of Oak Harbor's students and educators. As we reflect with gratitude on 2025, we also look forward with hope and enthusiasm for the year ahead. Thank you again for your partnership and support.

Emily Couch
Board President

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The mission of Oak Harbor Educational Foundation (OHEF) is to empower Oak Harbor School District's students and educators. We create opportunities for students to thrive, receive scholarships for post-secondary education, and enable teachers and schools to provide supportive and innovative learning experiences.





\$70K in Scholarships!

On June 12, Oak Harbor High School celebrated its annual Senior Scholarship Night. Our local community contributed to more than \$300,000 in scholarships this year, including nearly \$70,000 in scholarships through Oak Harbor Educational Foundation (OHEF).

At \$25K, the Captain Frank Emory Memorial Scholarship is the highest single award amount of any OHEF scholarship. For the first time in over 60 years, Steve Emory traveled to Oak Harbor from Utah to present the scholarship that was created in memory of his father.

Other presenters of OHEF scholarships included Lyn Bankowski on behalf of Island Thrift Scholarships, Barabara and Chris Lindberg for the Coach Eric Lindberg Scholarship, Brian Jones for the JJ Jones Family Scholarship, and representatives from Whidbey Island Roller Derby. OHEF Board President Erica Wasinger, Board Director Emily Couch, and Executive Director Lisa Jones also presented scholarships on behalf of the Foundation.



Knowing that someone believes in my potential encourages me to keep pushing forward, work harder, and make the most of every opportunity.

- Haley Jenkins, Recipient of Island Thrift Scholarship





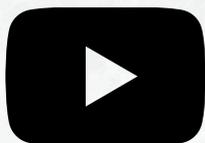
THANK YOU!

For dreaming big with us!

\$30K Raised at OHEF's *Dream Big* Fundraising Gala

In November OHEF hosted our first fundraising gala in over two years with the support of Oak Harbor Property Management, Savi Bank, Whidbey Island Bank, Cook Wealth Management, Whidbey Weekly, Stephanie Smith, Whidbey Royalty, Island Thrift, Greenhouse Florist & Nursery, Tiger Construction, Oak Harbor Public Schools, Whidbey SeaTac Shuttle, Jyothi Bene, Reese Wasinger, Coffee at Dawn, Training as a Team, Varner Candle Co., A Vintage Affair, JJ and Kathy Jones, Lisa Johnson, and the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge.

The program included dinner by Zanini's, silent auction, live auction, musical performance by OHHS students Danika Kloewer and Roland Garrett, update from executive director Lisa Jones, and a keynote presentation from scholarship recipient Calum Mannion and his father, Chris. Calum is using the scholarship he received to study architecture at the University of Southern California.



Watch a Video from Scholarship Recipient Calum Mannion



Thank you for not only supporting my dreams but also believing in me. This scholarship has not only been a tremendous honor but has also filled me with hope for my future.

- Kimora Lynch, Recipient of JJ Jones Family Scholarship



OAK HARBOR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Family FUN RUN FOR EDUCATION

Saturday
May 30
9 AM
Windjammer Park

80'S
THEME!



Introducing OHEF's First Family Fun Run for Education

On May 30, 2026, OHEF will host a 1980's themed fun run at Windjammer Park in downtown Oak Harbor. Break out the leg warmers and headbands and enjoy this fun event designed for the whole family.

Re-Introducing the Oak Harbor Festival of Trees in 2026!

We heard you, Oak Harbor! Mark your calendars for Dec. 4, 2026 because the Oak Harbor Educational Foundation is bringing back a community favorite event - Festival of Trees! We are excited to continue the traditions of this fundraising event in support of our mission.

It's easier than ever to donate to OHEF!

We are now using Zeffy for online donations. With Zeffy, 100% of your online donation goes directly to OHEF. You can choose to donate to support OHEF's mission once, monthly, or annually in just a few clicks.



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